

Commission Proceedings

09-06-2022

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 06, 2022, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Steve Rosencranz, Chairman; Rod Tauck, Vice Chair and Mike Watkins, Member; were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Rosencranz at 9:00 am. There was no public comment.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington, Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry and Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting. The Secure Rural Schools Funding regulation changes were reviewed as well as the amounts currently allocated to Title I, II and III. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to allocate all the funds to Title I. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Jesi left the meeting.

There was a brief review of the Fiscal 2022-23 budget.

Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Shane Mintz, District Administrator and Mike Skillstad, Maintenance Chief, joined the meeting. They are reaching out to the Commissioners regarding weight limits on Highway 323, the reduced speed limit on Highway 212 through Alzada as well as safety issues including road closures during winter storms and the intersection of Highway 323 and 7.

Shane outlined the work that has been done from 2014 to 2022 on highway 323 with approximately 20 million dollars spend on repairs. The South end of Highway 7 had a lift and chip seal last year and is slated for major repair in the next 5 to 8 years.

Dahl Memorial CEO Ryan Tooke, Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry and Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington joined the meeting. Dahl Memorial has seen an increase in patronage leading to the phone system going offline during peak usage. Ryan has contacted Midrivers to find a solution.

Ryan is working with Scott Cromwell of Slate Architecture to get the automatic doors functioning properly. They will be working with Muth Electric to wire outlets in the dayroom to the generator, install additional exit signs and the motion sensor lighting in the Public Health Offices.

Ryan addressed the County hiring a Public Health Officer. Dahl Memorial has no contractual conflict if that applicant is a provider for Dahl but would request that the County and the Public Health Officer respect the schedule and contracted hours required for the position at Dahl Memorial.

Ryan has received a bid for the sidewalk on the Southside of the hospital for \$4,400.00. This project was a requirement of the DPHHS Fire, Life, Safety inspection completed in May of 2022.

As discussed Ryan will provide written copies of the quarterly reports that he presents to the Commission, check into the heating and cooling controls for the residents living areas and call the Town of Ekalaka about shutting off the water to the Old Hospital Building.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

The Commission reviewed and approved the Bridge and Road Safety and accountability Act Funding (BaRSAA).

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Commissioner Tauck made the motion to designate the funds for purchase and application of magnesium chloride that would be applied to several sections of road in the County. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.


Bob Jacobs, County Maintenance joined the meeting to update the commission on repairs for the lawn tractor and the water shut off at the Old Hospital.

Jade Boggs, Insurance Store and Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry joined the meeting for the Property and casualty Insurance renew. The rates increased approximately 4-6% and includes Cyber security coverage.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Steve Rosencranz, Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board

Commission Proceedings

09-08-2022

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday September 08, 2022, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Steve Rosencranz, Chairman; and Rod Tauck, Vice Chair; were present. Mike Watkins, Member; was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Rosencranz at 9:00 am. There was no public comment.

DES Coordinator Georgia Bruski joined with the EMPG grant worth \$21,500.00 that will be matched by the County. This is a Homeland Security/ FEMA Grant used for Disaster and Emergency Services for the County. Commissioner Tauck made the motion to approve the grant application. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was a review of the radio tower insurance coverage needs and fire severity workers compensation report. Georgia left the meeting.

Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry and County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Commissioner Tauck made a motion to approve the BaRSSA funds Resolution # 0902022-01. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion and there was no public comment. The grant funds will be used by the County Road Department for the purchase and application of magnesium chloride for several sections of County road.

There was a call placed to the Brownfield Coalition Coordinator Sheli Isle. She just received the final inspection report of the Old Hospital building from Newfields Cooperation. She emailed the report to the commission and they will review the information and then set up a call to discuss the next steps for demolition or revitalization of the Old Hospital building.

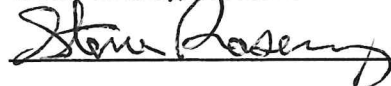
Commissioner Tauck made the motion to approve the 2022-2023 fiscal year final budget Resolution # 09082022-02. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion and the carried.

Commissioner Tauck made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 31, 2022. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.

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Commission Proceedings
09-12-2022

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday September 12, 2022, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Steve Rosencranz, Chairman; and Mike Watkins, Member; were present. Rod Tauck, Vice Chair was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Rosencranz at 9:00 am. There was no public comment.

Deputy Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright gave public comment.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined to discuss the possibility of Willard John Padden, landowner at the Padden Pit using 8,000 yards of gravel from the pit. Willard John would not have to Permit the pit with DEQ as the gravel would be mined under the County permit. The Commission requested that Corbit prepare an agreement between the County and Willard John.

Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry joined the meeting.

Carl received a quote of \$79,650 for the Magnesium chloride that will be used for road stabilization on the Hammond Road from the Brownfield Pit to Highway 212. Carl left the meeting.

Kelly Axteman from Slate Architecture called the commission to request permission to proceed with the extension of the walls in the future room at the New Hospital building. He emailed a quote from Paxton Drywall in the amount of \$6,450.00. This project will extend the walls up to the deck. This would close in the room with walls that reach the ceiling. This is required as part of the inspection from DPHHS fire, Life Safety. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the completion of the walls in the future room at New Hospital building. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There was a call placed to the Ekalaka Town Clerk Mariah Schneider for the yearly update to the Town deer management plan in conjunction with the Fish and Game Department. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to include the Old Airport in the Deer management plan and exclude the current Carter County Airport. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioners signed the year end budget report agreement with Montana State University Extension Agent program. This is a shared program with Fallon County.

Julie Stoddard of the Southeastern Development Corporation called to request that Carter County participate in the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program (SS4A). She is in process of filing the application that includes Rosebud, Powder River, Big Horn, Custer, and Treasure Counties. It would provide 4 years of funding that could be allocated for safety up grades on highway 212 such as passing lanes. There is a match that would be met by the Counties listed in the grant application. The commission agreed to include Carter County in the application.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

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Commissioner Watkins received a call from Dave Garmin who requested gravel on the Road to the Thomas pit. He offered to load and haul it himself. The commission spoke to Carl Knapp, Road and Bridge Supervisor.

The commission called and left a message for Shelli Isle, Brownfield Coalition Coordinator in regard to the Old Hospital building inspection.

Public Health Nurse Kirstie Neilson and Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington joined the meeting. DIS/CLC task order was presented by Kirstie. The first payment of this grant will be November 30, 2022.

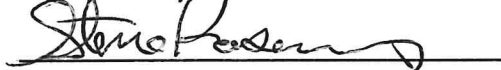
Commissioner Watkins made the motion to sign the Dis/CLC Task Order. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Stefanie presented the PHEP Task Order. Following a review Commissioner Watkins made the motion to sign the PHEP Task Order. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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Carter County Montana



Steve Rosencranz, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

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09-19-2022

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday September 19, 2022, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Steve Rosencranz, Chairman; Rod Tauck, Vice Chair and Mike Watkins, Member; were present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Rosencranz at 9:00 am. There was no public comment.

Carter County Public Health Officer interview. Guests: Health Board President Steve DeFord, Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry, Health Provider Carrie Haar, and Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington. The position would be Permanent part-time at 624 hours a year. Pay would be set at \$500.00 a month. The County provides insurance and would provide an opportunity to attend training. The guests left the meeting.

Commissioner Tauck made the motion to accept the resignation of Carter County Courthouse Custodian Savanaha Ashbrook effective September 30, 2022. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commission joined a virtual (on line) meeting with Greg Benjamin of Stahly Engineering. Greg is working with MACo to complete the Off-System Bridge Study. This will be used to evaluate the current condition of County maintained bridges and develop a strategic plan for future repairs and replacement. There may be federal grant funds available to fund the bridge project.

Public Health Personnel and Department update. Guests included Health Department Manager Stefanie Harrington.

Stefanie presented a follow up to the Work Force Supplemental Funding task order # 2307101-1060. The grant does not have to be used for a new hire. Stefanie is still working with Montana Department of Health and Human Services to learn how the grant may be used. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to sign the Work Force Supplemental Funding Task Order # 2307101-1060. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

DPHHS has released the Maternal Child Health Block Grant task Order # 23-25-5-01-00-60. Stefanie will research what funds can be used for the match on this grant. Commissioner Tauck made the motion to sign the Maternal Child Health Block Grant. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Carter County Public Health Department in conjunction with the Care Van will have a influenza vaccination clinic in Ekalaka at the Museum on October 21, 2022 and they will be set up in Alzada on October 22, 2022.

Public Health will have a booth at the back to school night at the Ekalaka Public School next week.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the correction of Resolution # 0909-82022-02. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the application for the (SS4A) Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant application through The US Department of Transportation. Commissioner Tauck

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seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. This grant will be administrated by Julie Stoddard, through Southeastern Development Corporation.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Bid opening for 25,000 yards of crushed gravel at the Padden Pit. Guests included Rick Fike, Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp and County Attorney Corbit Harrington.

There where bids received from Fike Crushing Inc. \$3.19/ yard and Wyrick Construction \$3.50/ yard. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to award the bid to Fike Crushing Inc. for the amount of \$79,750.00. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carl discussed crushing 10,000 yards at the Padden Pit at the request of the land owner, Willard John Padden. Commissioner Watkins made the motion requesting Attorney Harrington prepare an agreement for the gravel crushing at the Padden gravel pit. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried.

Airport Board Chairman Troy Fruit joined the meeting. There was a call placed to Kent Penney of KLJ Engineering were the group discussed the required public notice of the meetings of Airport Master Plan. The Commission was concerned that the plan had been sent to the FAA before the Commission, airport users and public had an opportunity to weigh in. Kent stated that the previous meetings met the requirements for public notice and that he as scheduled a meeting with the commission On October 03, 2022 at 1:00 pm. to review the AWAS wind study.

Troy brought up issues with mowing and the weeds around the runway lights. Troy would like to reseed grass in some of the areas next to the runway to prevent erosion and make maintenance easier.

The Airport Maintenance position pay and hours was set as part time, 625 hours a year at \$20.67 per hour.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 06th, 08th, and 12th, 2022. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting to discuss road crew personnel hours worked, sick leave and vacation requests. Brian Ballou requesting part-time work. This would be temporary 30 hours a week.

Kurt Hansen, Custer National Forest Service District Ranger joined the meeting for a signature on the in kind weed agreement. Modifications include \$2,000.00 in additional funds to be used to spray Forest roadways. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the modified agreement for the amount of \$12,000.00. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to sign the Inmate Insurance proposal and the Southeast Electric agreement to change the utilities at the old Hospital building from Dahl Memorial to Carter County. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The next meeting will be October 30th, 2022.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Steve Rosencranz, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

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09-30-2022

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday September 30, 2022, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Steve Rosencranz, and Mike Watkins, Member; were present. Chairman; Rod Tauck, Vice Chair joined by phone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Rosencranz at 9:00 am. There was no public comment.

The Commission approved claims in the amount of \$631,900.30 and payroll in the amount of \$251,309.12.

County Maintenance Bob Jacobs joined the meeting with a quote for the repair of the courthouse generator. The generator will not start properly in cold weather. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the quote from T. W. Enterprises in the amount of \$2121.37 for the repair of the generator. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion there was no public comment and the motion carried.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 19, 2022. Commissioner Rosencranz seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting at the request of the Commissioners where she informed them of the current status of the Town Mil levy. The commission called Town Mayor Buck Kratzer for his input on the Ekalaka Public Library insurance and budget. The call ended and Jesi left the meeting.

Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry joined the meeting. The commission requested that Pam submit an ad for the custodial position at the courthouse. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to advertise the position for a 20 hour a week contract for bids for the County custodial position. There was no public comment. The motion carried.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00.

Commissioner Rosencranz did not return after the lunch break. Commissioner Tauck called the meeting to order by Phone.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to hire Carrie Haar N. P. for the Public Health Officer position. The working hours for the position would be approximately 10 hours a month with a salary of \$500.00. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry will draft a letter of employment to Ms. Haar.

Airport Board President Troy Fruit and County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting. There was discussion regarding the airport maintenance position. The airport Board will meet next week to interview the applicant and give the Commissioners their recommendations. Troy left the meeting.

Carter County Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting to request permission to disperse entitlement funds according to mil levies. The commission agreed and signed documentation. Jesi left the meeting.

Ekalaka Library Board Vice-Chair Denise Strickland and Library Director Patricia Kalstrom joined the meeting. They explained the issues with the liability and workers compensation insurance. MMIA

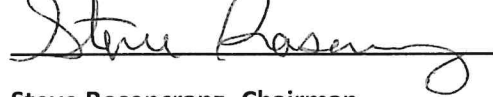
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Insurance has required a change in the Contract between Town of Ekalaka and the Library. There was been problems with receiving current budget and accounts receivable and claims information from the Town. Denise and Pat joined the meeting to make sure that the Commissioners where aware of the issues in light of the funding the County provides the library.

There Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35

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Fund/Account	Amount
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101000 CASH	\$14,527.85
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101000 CASH	\$316,705.20
2130 BRIDGE	
101000 CASH	\$3,068.99
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2160 FAIR	
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2301 SEVERITY	
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2320 CAMP NEEDMORE	
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2392 CDBG	
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2970 COUNTY HEALTH	
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