

Commission Proceedings
01-22-2024

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2024, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck, Chairman, Mike Watkins, Vice Chairman and Pamela Castleberry, member were present.

The meeting was called to order by chairman Rod Tauck.

DES Coordinator- Sheriffs Administrative Assistant Georgia Bruski joined the meeting with information on the BLM Fire Mitigation Grant application is in the amount of \$41,650.00. Georgia will provide the final grant application for signature when she receives it.

Tricia Lovec, Senior Coordinator joined the meeting. Senior housekeeper has resigned, therefor; Tricia placed an ad for a replacement for the 30 hour a month position.

Tricia also has a transportation Grant application near completion. A bus and Toyota van have been approved, but not received by Carter County at this time. Tricia left the meeting.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the MOU with Department of Health and Human Services. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

The commissioners filled out the airport insurance questionnaire, and applications with a call to Airport Board President Troy Fruit. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Airport Insurance renewal with Northwest Insurance Group. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Attorney Harrington left the meeting.

The Commission joined an online Teams meeting with Greg Benjamin and Dax Simek Engineers from Stahly Engineering as well as Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright and Contractor Mark Wright. This meeting was to explore plans to improve hospital employee parking. Stahly will provide a concept layout for approval as of the January 31, 2024 Commissioners meeting.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm

Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the Commission for discussion regarding Resolution 01222024-01 that would fix the 2024 fiscal year Second half property tax to include the 17.1 additional mills not levied as part of the litigation with the Montana Supreme Court and Montana Counties. Jesi left the meeting.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve Resolution 0122204-01 to levy 17.1 total mills for State equalization Aid, high school equalization aid and County Grade School equalization aid as determined by the Montana Department of Revenue. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners joined an on line Zoom meeting with Chad Swanson and Alexandra Nwdike of AV CaptureAll where Chad presented a demonstration of the software that could be used to record the commissioner's meetings. This will become a requirement in 2024 as per Montana House Bill 890. Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to contract for the Basic plan with AV CaptureALL for the purpose of recording and posting Carter County Commissioners meetings. Commissioner Watkins

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seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried. The meeting with Chad and Alexandra ended at 3:48.

There was discussion regarding up coming meetings and appointments. The Commission agreed to meet on January 31, 2024. There will be no meeting January 25, 2024. The meetings for February will be 5th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: 

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Clerk of the Board