

Commission Proceedings

06-30-2023

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met on Friday June 30, 2023, 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.

Tricia Lovec, Senior Coordinator and Judy Wright, Clerk and Recorder joined the meeting. Tricia meals on Wheels driver will be on medical leave. Tricia will look into having one of the senior transport drivers deliver meals while the regular driver is out.

Georgia Bruski, DES Coordinator stepped into the meeting to request a signature Fire mitigation funds. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the signature. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commission approved payroll in the amount of \$254,817.09 and Claims in the amount of \$827,375.38.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright will cancel the claim for Otis elevator. She is in contact with Otis elevator regarding the bill.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the proceedings for June 12, 19, and 22, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting were there was a discussion of legislative updates.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:50 and was called to order at 1:07 pm

Predator Control contracts; The meeting was attended by Predator Board member Jeff Tauck, Carter County landowners and producers as well as Predator Control Contractor Robbie Fix.

The contracts for the 2023- 2024 for were offered to all of the Predator control contractors except Last Howl. Robie Fix was offered a contract for \$23,800.00 last year and \$15,000.00 this year, while the other contractors received an increase in their contracts. He stated that he has more than fulfilled his duties of his contract and has spreadsheets to show the work completed by all of the contractors.

There was discussion regarding the Predator program budget and the FWP funds.

There were comments from the producers; including the lack of communication between the ground trappers and the aerial contractor and the contracts for the trappers were not set at the same amount. There was also a suggestion to contract a hunter in each district who is hired under the exact same contract with the aerial contractor spending the same number of hours in each district. It was suggested that the Predator Board prepare a management plan, similar to the County Weed management plan.

Attorney Harrington suggested that the Predator Board offer the trappers equal contracts for all hunters/ trappers.

The producers requested a follow up meeting with the Predator Board that Jeff and Stacey agreed to schedule at a later date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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Rod Tauck

Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: Judy Wright
Clerk of the Board