

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 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 Chairman; and Mike Watkins, member was present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry presented the Post-Election Audit Reconciliation that was signed and approved by a motion made by Commissioner Tauck. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Watkins. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting. The Commission and Carl conducted two interviews for the position on the Road and Bridge crew. The commission discussed the applications and Commissioner Watkins made the motion to offer the position to Justin Kerr. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Public Health Nurse Trish Loughlin called into the meeting to give the Public Health Department up date. She requested approval to have Fallon County Public Health provide billing for CCPH. They would provide the service for \$30.00 an hour plus half the cost of billing software subscription of approx. \$40.00 a month.

Trish and Kirstie have plans to meet tomorrow to work on the next steps to get CCPH credentialed. Credentialing provides the assurance that the medical provider has all the proper credentials to provide the services so that the billing processes my take place for services provided by Carter County Public Health.

The Health Department provided two influenza Vaccination Clinics, one in Ekalaka and one in Alzada. Both clinics were well attended. Public Health hasn't planned another set of clinics at this time, they do offer vaccinations at the Public Health Office. The meeting with Trish ended.

Commissioner Tauck made the motion to approve the contract with Mid-Rivers Communication for the new phone system. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the Request for Qualification from Stahly Engineering and Associates. Inc. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to accept the RFQ from Stahly Engineering and Associates Inc. pending final agreement of the Contract. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:58 and reconvened at 1:00.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington had previously reviewed the transfer of the Stenseth house and property from previous owners to Carter County. The County Does not find a current contract or agreement between Carter County and Dahl Memorial who currently use the home to house traveling nurses. The metal shop is used to house ambulances and the garage is used for storage. Commissioner Steve Rosencranz called to table the discussion of the Old Stenseth Property to November, 30, 2022.

The Old Hospital building meeting included in person Beth Epley of Eastern plains Economic Development Corporation, Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry. Maggie Belanger of Kansas State

University with the K-TAB program. This program is facilitated through Kansas State University as part of the Brownfields grant program. The group discussed needs for the County and what role the Old Hospital building may play in filling those needs. Maggie and her team are available to facilitate a feasibility study and Community outreach. Beth will reach out with contact information so that a meeting may be scheduled in December.

Commissioner Tauck made the motion to partner with Eastern Pains Economic Development Corporation, Beth Epley and KTAB, Maggie Belanger to move forward with a feasibility study. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. The meeting ended with Maggie and Beth.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the meeting minutes for the November 11, 2022. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Fallon County Disaster and emergency (DES) Coordinator Dale Butori and Carter County DES Coordinator Georgia Bruski joined the meeting. Currently Fallon, Carter, and Wibaux partner through Fallon Co. for 911 dispatch. The three Counties have no plans of joining the Statewide radio program.

Dale would like to see the 3 Counties use their remaining combined 911 state grant funds to upgrade the equipment, including the counsel without using the COVID-19 / LATCF funds. He would also like form a committee with members from each of the participating Counties to plan for future funding for operations and upkeep.

The Webster Road addressing issues were brought to the attention of Carter and Fallon DES through 911. Fallon Co. set address numbers for Webster Road starting with 0 from Highway 7 going toward Mill Iron. Carter County started at Mill Iron with zero going toward Highway 7. This resulted in duplicate address numbers which causes some confusion for dispatch as well as rescue crews. What ever the two Counties do will change 6 address' at the Mill Iron end of the Road. Dale and Georgia left the meeting.

The County received one application for the Courthouse custodial position. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to offer the position to Kristy Bruce. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. The position offers 20 hours a week at the Courthouse. The motion carried unanimously.

Jesi Pierson joined the meeting to inform the Commissioners on the issues that Treasures office has had with Summit National Bank. Jesi has discovered discrepancy in the interest payments on Money Market accounts as well as checking account fees. She will have Clerk and Recorder Pam Castleberry check the figures before she has a conference call with Summit National Bank President. County Attorney Corbit Harrington suggested that the call take place during a regular Commission meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck Vice-Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board