

Commission Proceedings
02-29-2024

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 29, 2024, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck, Chairman and Pamela Castleberry, member were present. Mike Watkins, Vice Chairman was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rod Tauck at 9:00 am.

The commission scheduled a call with Larry Brence, Montana State University Extension Regional Manager, for 11:00 am today.

The Commission approved Payroll in the amount of \$287,070.23 and Claims in the amount of \$211,328.04.

DES Coordinator Georgia Bruski stepped into the office for a signature of the MOU with Eastern Montana Drug Task Force.

Predator Board President David Wolff called into the meeting with questions and information regarding setting up a coyote denning program. The Predator Board will meet in the next 2 weeks to continue the process of setting up the program.

Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

The Commission placed a call to Larry Brence, Montana State University Eastern Regional Manager to discuss the next steps in hiring a full time County Extension Agent in Carter County.

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

Guests to the meeting: Camp Needmore Board members Helen Stevens, and Jeff Venhaus. Amanda Williams Fallon/ Carter Extension service. Amanda has applied for a grant from Grass Lands Federal Credit Union to be used for the repairs at Camp Needmore. She will know if the grant has been received by the end of March 2024. Helen and Jeff outlined the plans for the rehab of Cabin 6 as well as the Pavilions and replacement of the gutters on the main hall. Helen, Jeff and Amanda left the meeting.

County Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting. Department of Motor Vehicles sent a letter to County Treasurers to inform them that the state will no longer provide equipment and support for motor vehicle licensing. Jesi will contact DIS Technologies to see how to proceed with the changeover. Jesi left the meeting.

Attorney Harrington, Road Supervisor Carl Knapp, and Dahl CEO Ryan Tooke joined the meeting to review the hospital employee parking improvement proposal from Stahly Engineering. There was discussion regarding the proposed survey, gravel parking area and additional sidewalk from parking to the building.

Ryan requested permission to have a street light in parking lot area. Ryan will Contact Southeast Electric and Dahl Memorial will pay the cost incurred for new light.

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Brittani Brence, Carter County School District Clerk joined the meeting with information about the 0-5 Child Care Connect Program. It is a child care advocacy program that helps businesses start, maintain, and improve Montana child care programs. The school currently has daycare available with limited space. There is need for a much larger area and program. Brittani asked for support or ideas on how child care needs could be met in the future.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to sign the Interagency MOU with Eastern Montana Drug Task Force for 2025. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to adopt resolution 02292024-01 calling for the election of the question of conducting a local government review and establishing a study commission to do so. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commission Tauck would like to schedule a call with Todd Devlin, Prairie County Commissioner, for more information regarding the Natural Resource Coalition membership.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the Commission proceedings from February 22, 2024. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:25.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: 

**DEPUTY
Clerk of the Board**