

**Commission Proceedings**  
**01-16-2024**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 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.

Bob Jacobs, County Maintenance stepped into the meeting to let the commission know that Precision Mechanical will be here next week to repair the heater in the Attorneys office.

The Commission and Bob discussed the Water shut offs in the old hospital and demo of the Stenseth house.

The Commission agreed to change the next meeting date from Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to Monday January 22, 2024 due to a lack of a quorum.

Commissioner Tauck received word from Don Hotter of Dons Electric, that the components for the hospital generator project will be in hand Mid-February.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright stepped into the meeting to let the commissioners know that she will be out of the office next week as well as several months starting in February.

Fallon-Carter County Extension Agent Amanda Williams joined the meeting to request a change of office hours in the Ekalaka office. She has the option of coming down on Monday as well as using her personal vehicle rather than using Fallon County vehicle. The Commissioners have no preference on the days that Amanda is in the office. She elected to leave the Ekalaka office day as Tuesday and Thursday.

Carter County 4-H Shooting sports Invitational will be hosted in Baker the first week in February. Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

The Commission reviewed several emails regarding information on the legislative requirement to record audio of the Commission proceedings. This will be required by July 2024.

Muggli Construction Quote: Commissioner Watkins made the motion to Contract Muggli Construction to demolish the County owned Stenseth house at 305 Putman St and the wooden garage on Sandy St. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Harrington present the commissioners with a draft of a volunteer form to be used by the County in the event of members of the Community volunteering to assist with County organized activities or duties.

County Custodian Kristy Bruce and her husband Dean Bruce joined the meeting to discuss letter from HR to Kristy. She expressed her grievances and concerns regarding the communication and work expected. The Commission will have Dean sign up as a volunteer when the form is approved. Kristy and Dean left the meeting.

Attorney Harrington provided information on the up coming changes to the process of updating the 911 addressing system. This would include approval forms and an appeals process.

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Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Commissioners Proceedings from January 08, 2024. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously .

The meeting broke for lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting to let the Commission know that she and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman will be attending Elections training the first part of February.

The Commission called AV Capture to inquire about purchasing software used to record the Commissioners meeting. Josh of AV Capture set up an appointment to review the program with the Commissioners at the January 22, 2024 meeting.

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

**Board of County Commissioners**

**Carter County, Montana**

  
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**Rod Tauck, Chairman**

Attest:   
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DEPUTY  
Clerk of the Board