

Commission Proceedings
02-22-2024

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, February 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, and Mike Watkins, Vice Chairman, Pamela Castleberry, member were present.

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

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting with an update on current projects. The crew has installed the brackets for the walk way on highway 7 and Mormon St bridge. They are waiting on parts to finalize the project.

The crew has started to stockpile gravel for the Mormon street and hospital parking area projects. The Road Department requested and was approved to place and ad to request sealed bids on a for sell on a 1995 Western Star Truck.

Mike Moore from Brosz Engineering joined the meeting with information om M-Cept Grant for 2025 and Senate Bill 536.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Kristy Bruce stepped into the meeting to let the Commissioners know of her need to change work hours for the Month of March and April. She will let the office know what days she will be gone.

The commission reviewed correspondence.

Land Use Resource plan / Growth Policy inquiries. Sharon Carroll from Land Planning Growth Policy Committee. Other guests include County Attorney Corbit Harrington, Extension Agent Amanda Williams, Conservation District Board members, Llane Carroll, Wayne Yost, Karen Kreitel District Clerk, Adam Courtney called into the meeting.

There has been discussions with the Conservation District including the Resource Use Plan as part of the Growth Policy. It is not required to be included in the Growth Policy for Counties with populations under 70,000. The Commission recommendations including it as an appendix to the Growth Policy.

The Conservation District requested clarification on who is responsible for updating the Resource plan. They presented appendix D of the current (2006) Resource plan that lists a Committee that included members from the Stock Growers association.

Conservation District Clerk Karen Kreitel and District member Adam Courtney have worked numerous hours on an update. The District Board and Karen do not want the sole responsibility to update the Resource Plan.

Adam would like to have a complete re-write of the Resource Use Plan. It may not be complete by the time the Growth Policy is complete. Amanda Williams and Llane Carroll agreed reach to other Counties that may be updating Resource Plans and Commissioner Castleberry will reach out to Stahly Engineering for funding and assistance with the documents.

Attorney Harrington's summary of Montana Code Annotated (MCA) stated that the Land Planning Board sets the land planning Committee to complete the Growth Policy. There may be a sub-committee set by the Land Planning Board, and approved by the Carter County Commissioners'. This sub committee "The

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Resource Use Plan Committee could be formed by members of Grazing districts, Conservation District stock Growers Association, Extension, and Weed Board or other members of the community.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 and was called to order at 1:00 by Chairman Rod Tauck.

The Commission wrote a letter to Cody Stone, executive Director of Montana Extension Service, and Larry Brence Eastern Region Dept Head accepting the Full time County Extension Agent position for Carter County.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the 2024-2025 State Fuel Tax Certification. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Castelberry made the motion to renew the Stahly Engineering Subdivision Survey Contract. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

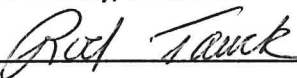
Lisa Rieger and Mel Bertch of the Department of Revenue stepped into the meeting to discuss per capita tax on livestock.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the Proceedings for February 15, 2024. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:  - DEPUTY

Clerk of the Board