

Commission Proceedings 08-14-2023

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August, 14, 2023 in the Carter County Commission Board meeting room of Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck, Chairman, Mike Watkins, Vice-Chair Pamela J. Castleberry, Member, was present.

County Maintenance Bob Jacobs stepped into the meeting with an update on repair of Courthouse lawn sprinklers and a request for vacation.

The meeting was called to order @ 9:00 am.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting.

Ryan Took, Dahl Memorial CEO joined the meeting with a request to have handrails installed at the front entrance of the hospital building. The Commission approved and will cover the cost as they will be a fixture of the property. Ryan left the meeting.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting and DES Coordinator Georgia Bruski joined the meeting. Georgia received a quote in the amount of \$2,150.00 from DIS Technologies for a replacement computer tower to replace the DES desk top that is not working well. The Commission approved the purchase of the replacement desk top computer.

There were discussions regarding this week's road crew schedule, request for road maintenance and updates to the road and gravel crushing budgets.

The Road and Bridge Department received applications for the seasonal mowing positions from Clayton Elmore and Lance Barrere. Carl presented their job applications. There was a motion made by Commissioner Watkins to hire Clayton Elmore and Lance Barrere for a seasonal position mowing for the Carter County Road Department. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carl requested permission to change the County Road Department fence to a 5ft with two rolling gates. The total bid from Bruski Fencing was \$26,000.00. The commissioners approved the changes to the proposed fence.

Carl requested a quote from Direct Electric to hook up the 375 KW PTO powered generator at the Road Department buildings.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the invoice for the evaluation for the new hospital by Don's Electric. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion was approved unanimously.

There was a call placed to ADAAPTA for an update on the Old Hospital building use study. The Commission left a message.

The Commission discussed the activities and turn out of the "Days of 85" County Fair.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright stepped into the meeting to inquire about the funds to be used to pay for the Don's Electric Invoice. The Commission requested the funds be taken from Dahl Capital Improvement fund 4101.

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Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Commission proceedings from August 07, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to accept the proposal from Don's Electric for generator upgrade at the new hospital. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting to discuss the Hospital generator project and the proposals for the project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

Rod Tauck

Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: *Dana Eshelman*
Clerk of the Board *DEPUTY*