

Commission Proceedings 01-31-2024

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 31, 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.

Justice of The Peace Kathy Rosencranz and Deputy Justice of the Peace Reta Melnovesky joined the meeting for Reta's 6-month probation review.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the payroll earnings and benefits for January in the amount of \$284,253.67. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission discussed the possibility of a full time Extension Agent position for Carter County.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the claims for January in the amount of \$146,177.81. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman stepped into the meeting to answer questions on claim for pest control for Camp Needmore. There was also a discussion regarding the rental fees and deposit as well as possible cabin improvements. Dana left the meeting.

Commissioner Watkins called into the meeting by phone.

Engineers Greg Benjamin and Dax Simek from Stahly Engineering, Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting through online Teams Meet. Dahl Memorial CEO Ryan Tooke and Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp, Attorney Harrington joined in person to review the Concept layout of the employee parking area for the new hospital.

There was discussion regarding drainage of the streets around the hospital and the parking area.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 and reconvened at 1:00.

Dahl Memorial CEO Ryan Tooke and Dahl Memorial Board President Georgia Bruski joined the meeting for the official request for a 2-year Special levy in the amount of \$260,000.00.

Georgia left the meeting.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to turn the levy over to the election official to be added to be added to the ballot. There was discussion regarding the request by Commissioner Tauck for accounting for use of the funds. This will be provided by Dahl Memorial. There was some discussion on the language that would be used on the levy to encompass what the funds are used for. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

One of the air handlers at the hospital failed during the cold snap two weeks ago. It has since been repaired, but there is still issues with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system. Ryan left the meeting.

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Public Health Officer/ Public Health Nurse Kirstie Nelson joined the meeting for a signature on a Montana Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) task Order. The Commissioners placed a call to Carter County Sanitarian Rene Gnere for clarification on the task order.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to sign the Contract for services with AV CaptureAll. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the Commission Proceedings for January 16th and 22nd, 2024. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. there was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners agenda for Monday February 05, 2024 was reviewed, the final agenda for that day will be set Friday February 02, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: 

DEPUTY
Clerk of the Board