

Commission Proceedings

11-20-2023

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023, 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 at 9:00 AM by Chairman Rod Tauck.

There was no public comment.

Senior Citizens Coordinator Tricia Lovec requested signatures from the Commission on the Area one (1) Agency on Aging contract.

Commissioner Tauck received word from Bob Jacobs that there has been water leaking in the old hospital building from the water shut offs that do not work. Bob has installed space heaters to keep the pipes, shut-off and meters from freezing.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright stated that Travelers Insurance will come pick up the 1996 Peterbilt truck that was wrecked on Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Judy also spoke about the Cyber-security review in which it was recommended that the County not allow remote access to the server. This prevents any chance of a cyber-attack and speaks to the County policy that does not allow remote work.

Commissioner Castleberry gave an over view of the Stockgrowers meeting that she attended last week were there was a discussion of the Livestock protection funds.

The Commissioners placed a call to Lisa Rieger of the Department of Revenue regarding the taxation of the Snowy River Carbon Capture pipeline. She suggested that the Commission place a call to Doug Roehm.

Doug returned the phone call to let the Commission know that he would look into the taxation of the pipeline. He stated that it will be a Class 15 pipeline and that there will be cost and income will be done by the Department of Revenue, but this will take place several years from now when the pipeline is actually completed.

Commissioner Castleberry left the meeting.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp and Brandon Neary candidate for employment for the road crew, joined the meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding benefits and duties of the position. Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the hire of Brandon Neary. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Brandon left the meeting.

The Commissioners and Carl discussed the replacement of the 1992 Peterbilt truck that was wrecked last week. Carl has located a 2024 Western Star truck. The Commission called Bob Denning of Denning, Downing and Associate for advice on the purchase of a truck.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright presented a letter of employment for Brandon Neary to the Commissioner for signature.

The commission made an emergency decision to purchase the 2024 49x model Western Star, due to the estimated time to order and receive a new truck would be over 18 months. Commissioner Watkins

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made the motion to purchase the 2024 Western Star truck in the amount of \$124,900.00. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

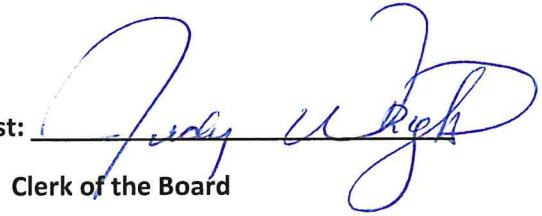
Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:



Clerk of the Board