

**Commission Proceedings
12-21-2023**

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, December 21, 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 by chairman Rod Tauck.

There was no public comment.

Carter County Custodian Kristy Bruce stepped into the meeting to request permission to purchase a vacuum for use downstairs at the courthouse. The commission approved the purchase of a new vacuum.

Amanda Williams Fallon/ Carter Extension Agent joined the meeting to update the Commission on the 4-H and Extension programs.

Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting. Judy and Commissioner Castleberry presented their findings from the Medicine Rocks Road Investigation in which they deemed alteration of the intersection of the Plevna Rd and Medicine Rocks Road provides a safe, unobstructed view of the Plevna Rd. The location of the intersection at section 7 and 18, T3NR58E places the intersection on the ridge providing less chance of snow cover and run off, allowing for easier maintenance by the County Road Department. Therefore, it is the recommendation of Commissioner Castleberry and Surveyor Judy Wright to proceed with the alteration of the new intersection and the abandonment of the former intersection of the Plevna Road.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to accept the findings of the investigation and set the Public Hearing for January 8th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. for public input before the final adoption of the petition. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners sent a letter to adjoining land owners as per MCA 7-14-2604, outlining the findings of the investigation, and the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Watkins moved to sign the Airport layout Plan from KLJ as part of the Airport Master Plan. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to approve the Proceedings from December 11, 2023. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Public Health Officers Trish Loughlin and Kirstie Nelson called into the meeting regarding the placement of the AED's that they received as part of a grant. The Commission granted permission to install one unit in the Carter County Event Center and the seconded unit at the Senior Center.

The commission received an email from Sanitarian Renee Gnerer stating that the State of Montana now requires each County to have a fill in Sanitarian to cover in her absence. Renee has prepared a MOU between Carter County and McCone County. Attorney Harrington will review the MOU before approval by the Commission.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 1:00 pm with Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright, Attorney Corbit Harrington, Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp and Commissioners Tauck, Watkins and Castleberry present. Town of Ekalaka Mayor Buck Krazter and Town Clerk Kamely Harkins joined the

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meeting with a request for assistance with the repair of Mormon Street. The Town is without maintenance personnel and the needed equipment to make improvements to the street.

The group discussed repair and replacement of the Bridge on the South portion of Mormon Street. Bridges over named bodies of water in the County are the County responsibility. The Mormon Street bridge spans the irrigation ditch and would be considered the Towns maintenance responsibility. This may be replaced with a culvert using Town obtained grant funds.

The County has the supplies and equipment on hand to repair and install walkways on the highway 7/ Mormon Street Bridge.

Commissioner Watkins made the motion to repair Mormon street with one lift of gravel from the Loken Pit, approximately 25 loads, with a completion date of July 15, 2024, as per the proposed MOU between the Town of Ekalaka and Carter County. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Buck and Kamely left the meeting.

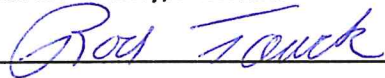
Carol Carey and David Williams of the Carter County Honorable Veterans Memorial Park Project Committee in conjunction with the Carter County Community Foundation, joined the meeting to request a donation to complete the project. They request \$17,500.00 in matching funds to finish the project. Commissioner Castleberry made the motion to approve the donation of \$17,500.00 with the use of PILT funds. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Carol and David left the meeting.

The Commission reviewed agenda items for the December 29, 2024.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board