

Commission Proceedings
05/13/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck, Chairman, Pam Castleberry, Vice Chairman and Dan Dinstel, member were present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to pay mid-month claims in the amount of \$93,344.84. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion there was no public comment and the motion carried.

Tessa Tauck and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting.

The commissioners placed a call to Carter County Public Health manager Stefanie Harrington to request information on the Department of Public Health of Human Services (DPHHS) task order. Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the public health task order number 27-07-1-01-106-0 for the Public Health Work Force Grant for F.Y. 2026-2027. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting where the commissioners and Carl discussed past road use agreements with pipeline companies and providing pre and post use assessment through an engineering firm. They discussed dust control and speed limits on the county roads to be used by the pipeline companies.

Durm Road discussion: There was discussion regarding moving the road to a different location through Padden's at Bryce Padden's request and the need for a petition from free holders and surveys and easements before the road could be moved. The commissioners suggested a public meeting for the Durm Road sometime in the future. There was no decision made to proceed with the Durm Road project. Carl left the meeting.

Carter County Extension Agent Amanda Williams joined the meeting with the County Extension budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, where she requested an increase in salaries and a decrease in purchased services and supplies. She discussed a possible change coming in the Cooperative agreement between MSU and Carter County for a portion of the Extension Agents salary.

Amanda also presented the Camp Needmore budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Along with the budget the board has requested that the funds in the Summit National Bank for the purpose of supporting Camp Needmore be transferred to Carter County as there is no longer a 5013c status associated with the bank accounts.

The Camp Needmore Board is also looking into improvements to Cabin 5, Cabin 1 and the bathhouse. The bathhouse portion of the project could be funded through the tourism grant awarded to Carter County this spring.

Amanda will present more information and a resolution from the Carter County Treasurers office as well as a job description and an advertisement for a part time custodial position for Camp Needmore at the next commissioners meeting.

Amanda provided updates on the upcoming 4-H camp to be held at Camp Needmore the second week in June 2026.

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The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm. and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

The commissioners reviewed the bids for the repair of the museum warehouses 1 and 2, event center and the courthouse cupola. They placed a call to Todd Griffith of Griffith Steel, the lowest bidder with questions about the metal to be used for the cupola and to confirm the gauge of roofing to be used on the other buildings. Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the bid from Griffith Steel Inc. on the condition that contractor having the required Insurance, licensing and specified materials. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Dinstel left the meeting.

Dahl Memorial Healthcare Association update provided by CEO Darrel Messersmith with guests Tessa Tauck, Dahl Memorial Board President Georgia Bruski and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Darrell previously provided a financial report by email for the commission to review. Dahl is continuing to work to provide services in house as much as possible including remote C.T. coverage and PT services.

There was discussion regarding the start date for the roof membrane repair and going out for bid for the repair of the interior damage from the June 2025 storm as soon as possible. The commissioners have contacted Barney's Signs with a request for repair of the letter "C" on the signage on the front of the building. The guest left the meeting.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the commissioner's proceedings for May 6, 2026. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board