

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, September 17, 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 9:00 am. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the September mid- month claims in the amount of \$329,833.90. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Consent Agenda: the request for the EMT's haunted house in the old hospital building was tabled until more information on a contract and insurance can be obtained.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the commission proceedings for September 09, 2026 with corrections. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commission placed a call to Jade Boggs at The Insurance Store requesting information on insurance covering the old hospital's use as a haunted house. The commissioners left a message.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting.

Durm Road Resolution 09172026-01 and response letter to Steven and Annette Ryerson. The commission reviewed the draft resolution to edit the format only. There was discussion about the need for low maintenance signs on the Durm Road. Commissioner Dinstel moved to adopt the Durm Road Resolution 09172026-01. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission received notice from BLM that the appeal to The United States Department of Interior Board of Land Appeals stating that the request for cooperating agency has been deemed moot do to the fact that Denbury Carbon Solutions LLC withdrew the request for a right of way.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 pm as was called to order at 12:58 pm. Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright, Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman and Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget Hearing. Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the 2026-2027 Fiscal year budget, mill levies and accompanying letter to be sent to the Montana Local Government Services. It was noted

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that no public joined the hearing. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright and Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman left the meeting.

The commission and attorney Harrington reviewed the revised building lease agreement between Dahl Memorial Healthcare Association and the Carter County.

There was also a discussion regarding the ambulance storage at Ekalaka Volunteer Fire Department building and lease agreement and the BLM draft EIS for the Bridger Pipeline project.

Work session: The commission will check references for a new phone system with Spectrum.

The commission approved rebidding the hospital interior repair and the courthouse sidewalk for two weeks.

The commissioners agreed to cancel the September 30th commissioners meeting to attend the MACo meeting in Helena September 28th-September 30th. Commissioner Castleberry will come in on the September 30th to sign claims and payroll warrants.

Durm Road stakeholders meeting would be scheduled if there is any questions or a request for a meeting after the stakeholders receive the Durm Road Resolution and letter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

Rod Tauck 10-7-26

Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:

Judy Wright
Clerk of the Board