

Commission Proceedings
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The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 22, 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 9:08 a.m.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the consent agenda including the commissioners' proceedings for April 16, 2026, Alcohol tax designation forms for 2027, revised Alzada encroachment permits, and Letter of support for the Town of Ekalaka sewer treatment grant. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. The motion carried. Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services master contract was tabled.

County Attorney Corbit Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting. Judy stated that she was contacted by the Nexus Group accountants to complete the budget amendment for the 2024-2025 Road Department funds in the amount of \$385,163.94. Judy has posted a notice in the Ekalaka Eagle for the public hearing for the amendment at 1:00 p.m., April 30, 2026. This would be an adjustment for the end of the 2025 fiscal year.

New ambulance building unofficial drawings were presented by Judy for the commissioners for review. There was discussion regarding the drawing and locations that maybe a good fit for the new building.

Cooperative agreement with BLM prepared by County Attorney Corbit Harrington and Attorney Congdon was presented for review. The commissioners provided changes to the document that will be made before sending to the BLM. Commissioner Castleberry moved to have Corbit send the corrected agreement to the BLM. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:52 a.m. and was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Guests included Carter County Museum Executive Director Sabre Moore, Ph.D, Treasurer Jesi Pierson, Attorney Corbit Harrington, and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Commissioner Castleberry spoke to the proposed resolution to transfer 2 million dollars to the museum funds for the renovation and expansion of the museum. There was discussion about transferring the monies from the 4000 funds without a resolution. There are still questions regarding what funds the monies could be transferred from. The commissioners will schedule a call with Nancy Everson, MACo Finance Director at the next commission meeting April 30, 2026. The guests left the meeting.

The commissioners placed a call to Executive Director of Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties, Shelby DeMars. There was no answer.

The commissioners called Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp regarding moving the downspout on the South side of the hospital. The commissioners asked if the job could be done when the sidewalk is put in by Al's Handyman's Service. Carl stated the project would require trenching that would be difficult to dig

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by hand. Carl said he would be available to talk to Alan about the project and that the Road Department has the majority of the items needed to complete it. The call ended with Carl. Corbit left the meeting.

Bob Jacobs, County maintenance joined the meeting at the request of the commissioners to see what his ideas are for shop space as the boiler building and maintenance shop are slated to be removed with the old hospital demolition. The commission plan to move the shop into the ambulance barn. There were several possible ideas for ambulance storage including reaching out to the Ekalaka Volunteer Fire Department to request use of space in the new fire hall. Bob left the meeting.

Virtual and in person public meeting for the Brownfield grant abatement and removal of the old hospital building with Great Northern Development Corporation with representative Karly Lacock, David Sanborn, Granite Peak Environmental. In person guests included Clerk of District Court Tracey Walker, and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. David requested contact information for Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp to provide more information on sources of 1,125 cubic yards of back fill. Karly provided The Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives 2 (ABCA 2) and requested the commissioners approval. Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the ABCA 2 alternative 3 with Granite Peak Environmental and the Brownfields coalition. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. The public meeting ended at 3:30.

The commissioners received a call from Executive Director

of Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties Shelby DeMars to talk about the Bridger Pipeline expansion. The commissioners requested that Shelby head a meeting of the Counties affected by the Bridger Pipeline expansion. The call with Shelby ended.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

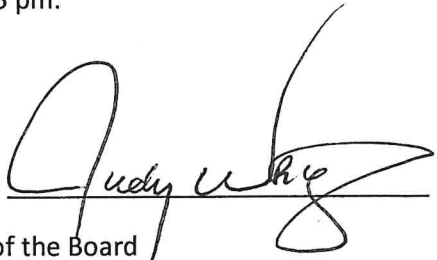
Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:



Clerk of the Board