

Commission Proceedings  
04/30/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, April 30, 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 9:05 a.m.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the payroll in the amount of \$331,887.44 and claims in the amount of \$310,018.43. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Pre-construction hybrid meeting for the Boyes Road shop with Brittany McDunn and Brandon Hill of R & R Taylor Construction LLC., Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright, and Road and Bridge supervisor Carl Knapp. Sub-Contractors for electric, plumbing, and excavation, Greg Benjamin and Hunter Spring of Stahly Engineering. Hunter led the meeting through the primary contacts list, engineer's responsibilities, owner's responsibilities, contractor responsibilities, and miscellaneous items including the contract schedule and start date that will be announced after the electrical power has been installed. The pre conference meeting ended at 11:50 am.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp and the commissioners discussed the Ridge Road and the plan for backfill for the removal of the old hospital buildings.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm. and was called to order at 1:00 pm. Meeting guests included Clerk and Recorder Judy Wight and Attorney Corbit Harrington.

Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Road department budget amendment as required by the auditors to balance the 13<sup>th</sup> month transfers. Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the budget amendment for the Road fund for fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$384,163.94. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commissioners provided a comment on the Bridger Pipeline web page.

The Commissioners placed a phone call to MACo Government Finance officer Nancy Everson. There was no answer. Guests to the meeting included Carter County Museum Executive Director Sabre Moore, Ph.D. and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Sabre provided an update on the museum expansion and renovation project including the container for storage during the expansion project. Sabre left the meeting.

The commissioners placed a call to Justin Zindell of KLJ Engineering with a request for an update regarding the runway extension project. Guests included Airport Board president Troy Fruit, County Attorney Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Justin requested letters from the air ambulance and emergency medical services and the Plu's Flying Services that state the need for a runway extension. There was a discussion regarding the timeline of the runway extension including possible funding options that would help to move forward with the project. Judy and Troy left the meeting.

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Commissioner Dinstel moved to sign the contract for the hospital roof repair with Black Hill's Roofing in the amount of \$222,522.50. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the consent agenda, including the proceedings for 4/22/2026, the health insurance quote from EBMS, and the Southeast Electric application for membership and right of way. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

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

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

*Pamela J. Castleberry* 5-6-2026  
Pamela J. Castleberry Vice-Chair

Attest: *Judy L. Rife*  
Clerk of the Board