

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 31, 2026, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Pam Castleberry, Vice Chairman and Dan Dinstel, member were present. Rod Tauck, Chairman, was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. There was no public comment.

The commission reviewed payroll and claims. Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$355,066.72 and claims in the amount \$108,430.28 pending the approval of warrant number 44580 to RDO for gravel crusher rental. Commissioner Castleberry stepped from the chair and seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Tracey Goerndt with Another Chance Recovery joined the meeting to request a portion of the state alcohol tax funds that Carter County may designate to alcohol recovery services. Another Chance Recovery is providing addiction recovery services for Carter County from her office in Baker and would like to provide classes and or training in Carter County. Tracey has completed all the necessary paperwork to qualify for the funding and would be willing to answer any questions about changing the designation for funds with the state. The commissioners agreed to look into the process and setting up office space in the county. Tracey left the meeting.

The commissioners reviewed a request from an employee to work from home with Human Resources provider Westaff and Deputy Treasurer and Payroll Clerk Cecile Smith Kuehn.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 pm and was called to order at 1:03 pm.

Clerk of District Court / Superintendent of Schools Tracey Walker, Deputy Clerk of District Court / Senior Coordinator Tricia Lovec and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting. There was discussion about changing the Deputy Clerk of Court position to full time. There was discussion regarding filling the Senior Coordinator position if the Deputy Clerk of Courts moves to full time. Commissioner Dinstel made a motion that the current Deputy Clerk of Court and Senior Coordinator hours be reversed. 12 hours/week for the Senior Coordinator and 24 hours/ week for the Deputy Clerk of Courts and advertise for a temporary part-time Senior Coordinator. The current job titles are effective today so that Tracey can train Tricia for the school budget. There will be an advertisement for a 16 hour/ week Senior Coordinator including all titles held by the Senior Coordinator. Commissioner Castleberry stepped from the chair and seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Judy stated that she will adjust the budget to cover the changes made. Tracey and Tricia left the meeting.

The commission received a call from Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp about the RDO Equipment invoice / warrant number 44580 for RDO. They agreed to adjust the charges for hauling the crushing equipment that Carl hauled. RDO will send a corrected invoice.

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Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting to compare the Mid-Rivers and Spectrum phone services.

The commissioners agreed to hold a Public Stakeholders meeting for the Durm Road. The commission will send invitations to the stakeholders by written invitation.

The commission responded to Public Health Officer / Health Nurse Kristie Nelson notice of changes in hours to cover the Public Health office.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

Rod Tauck

Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:

Judy Wright
Clerk of the Board