Commission Proceedings
11/04/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, November 04, 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.

Commissioner Dinstel commented that the final walk through of the Boyes Road Shop will be November 05, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Predator board member Lee LaBree called into the meeting with questions on the next steps of the petitions for increase on the per head fees on sheep and cattle.

Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

The second reading of the County Ordinance banning camping in county right-of-way. Commissioner Dinstel moved to adopt Ordinance O-2026-01 as of the second reading of this ordinance as of November 04, 2026. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion.

Dahl Memorial Healthcare Association CEO Darrell Messersmith and DMHA Board President Georgia Bruski joined the meeting where Darrell provided the quarterly financial update. Darrell also provided information on new services that are being offered and upcoming programs for Dahl Memorial. There was discussion regarding the need for the Ekalaka Airport extension for life flights to assist Dahl Memorial in transfer of patients in need of higher-level emergency medical care.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:53 a.m. and was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Ken Dockweiler, Director Regulatory Compliance & Control Center of Bridger Pipeline, Ekalaka Volunteer Fire Chef Mike Ashbrook, Town Council member Andy Wright and Attorney Harrington joined the meeting to review the roads to be used by the pipeline. There was a review of maps out lining the potential road use including Town of Ekalaka streets.

Georgia Bruski joined the meeting where Ken requested 911 addresses for the pump station and valve spots with the Bridger Pipeline on the Miles City Cut off Road. Georgia will provide 911 addresses for all of the locations needed if Bridger provides the Latitude and longitude for each location. The guests left the meeting.

Jacob Cote with the Department of Commerce Terra Burman, Jamie Shanks of Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation and Sabre Moore PH. D, Carter County Museum Executive Director and County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting. Jacob provided documents on setting up community development plans and benefits agreement, programs and grants including the Department of Commerce Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP).

Carter County Museum Curator of Paleontology Nathan Carroll PH. D and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting.

There was discussion regarding providing a needs assessment by gathering information from public stakeholders' meetings. The funds could be in the form of grants, and endowments.

The Capital improvement plan for the county could be a resource for needs for ideas for projects to fund. The guests left the meeting.

Work Session:

The commissioners placed a call to Attorney Wally Congdon. They left a message.

The commissioners placed a call to Brian Meissner of Black Hills Roofing to confirm start date of membrane roof replacement for the hospital building. Brain stated he would have his crew here to start work the first part of December and finish by December 30, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

Rod Tauck

Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest: Judy Wertz

Clerk of the Board