

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

Public Health Department Community Health Nurse position interview with Janet Greene. Guests included Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington and Health Board member Rona Meyer.

Old hospital abatement and demolition Zoom Meeting with Karly Lacock, Great Northern Development Corporation/ Eastern Montana Brownfields Coalition and Terra Burman, Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation. Commissioner Castleberry moved to reject all bids for the abatement and demo of the old hospital. The project would then be open to bids in January 2027 with completion date in the fall of 2027. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was discussion regarding the expiration date of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) required inspection. The motion carried unanimously. Karly and Terra requested a meeting with the commissioners and Sabre Moore PHD. of the Carter County Museum to discuss the next steps in the Phase I and II inspection through the DEQ of the for the old gas station / mechanic shop on main street that was purchased by the Geological Society. The meeting with Karly and Terra ended and Commissioner Castleberry left the meeting.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp stepped into the meeting to request approval to rent crushing equipment for three (3) months to be used by the County to crush 80,000 tons of gravel at the Brownfield gravel pit. The equipment to be rented would include a stacker, cone and crusher. Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the crushing rental agreement with RDO Equipment Co in the amount of \$161,595.00. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commissioners, Carl and Carter County Treasurer Jesi Pierson reviewed The Secure Rural School (SRS) Title I, II and III funds including what each fund is designated for, the amount the county has and what the county will receive. Jesi left the meeting. The commission placed a call to the US Forest Service Sioux Ranger District and spoke to Meghan Reedy about using the SRS monies to help fund the repair or replacement of the Boxelder Creek Crossing. Meghan stated that the project funds have been reallocated, therefor the project is on hold until federal funds are available. The call ended with Meghan. There was discussion regarding using the SRS funds for dust control on the county roads. Commissioner Dinstel moved to allocate 100% 2027 Fiscal Year SRS funds to Title I. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Carl left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the commissioner proceedings for July 16, 2026. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to table the approval of the Verkada security system invoice for licensing fees until next week and approve the 2027 MSU / Carter County Extension program service agreement and the request for permission for the Bump and Run at the Ekalaka Airport. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Dinstel docu signed an invoice from Karly Lacock for bid specifications for the hospital demo and abatement project for Granite Peak Environmental in the amount of \$6,229.09.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 pm.

Commission Proceedings
07/22/2026

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

Rod Tauck

Rod Tauck Chairman

Attest:

Judy Wright

Clerk of the Board