

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, August, 13 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 public comment via phone from Bill Roadifer requesting the Chimney Rock Road repaired. Bill also questioned what portion of the road is public and should be maintained by the county. The call ended with Bill.

Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman presented the replacement of two warrants for the commission's signatures. Warrant 43675 replaced 43324, warrant 43675 replaced 43857. The original warrants were never presented for payment.

Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve claims in the amount \$336,538.85. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commissioners placed a call to Fallon County Clerk and Reorder with questions about the designation of the representative for the BLM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Bridger pipeline. There was also a call placed to Philip Blundell of BLM with questions regarding who should be the designated representative on the MOU between the County and BLM. There was no answer.

Kurt Hansen Sioux Ranger District Ranger joined the meeting. Kurt and the commissioners discussed the road maintenance agreement between United States Forest Service and Carter County as well as the road easement from Prairie Dale Rd to the forest boundary. They discussed the Boxelder Creek Low water crossing on Snow Creek RD. The Forest Service has committed approximately half of the funding to replace the low water crossing and Carter County would provide a portion of the funding through the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) funding.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:48 am and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Carter County Museum Executive Director Sabre Moore, PhD and Carter County Museum Curator of Paleontology Nathan Carroll, PhD, Jamie Shanks, Community Development Specialist for Eastern Plains Economic Development Corporation, Karly Lacock of Great Northern Development Corporation and Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting. Sabre provided information regarding the purchase by the Carter County Geological Society of the old gas station adjacent to the museum as part of the museum expansion. Karly explained that they have completed the Phase I inspection process for hazardous materials through DEQ. The museum and the Geological Society would like to move forward with the Phase II inspection and remediation including underground fuel tanks. Eastern Montana Brownfields Coalition will provide funding for phase II assessment. The guests left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to sign the BLM MOU with Carter County for MT 910-26-14-Bridger Pipeline page 8 and 10 signed by Chairman Tauck. The representatives will be Commissioner Castleberry and Dinstel. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

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Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the commission proceedings for July 31, 2026 and the seconded pay application for the Boyes Road Shop. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commission placed a call to Ralph Franklin at the Governor's budget Office with a call in from Forest Ranger Kurt Hansen on the call. The purpose of the call was to discuss the appropriate use of Secure Rural School funding for the replacement of the low water Crossing on Boxelder Creek. Ralph stated that the funds would be spend through Carter County as they see fit and along the guidelines of the SRS Title I. There is no National Forest Resource Advisory Committee associated with The Custer Gallatin National Forest/Sioux Ranger District as part of the funding approval process. call with Ralph and Kurt ended.

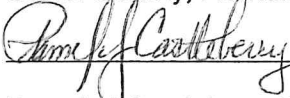
Deputy Clerk and Recorder Dana Eshelman, Carter County Treasurer Jesi Pearson and Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting where Dana presented the information regarding establishing a large tax Payer Reserve Fund through SB117 with Resolution 08132026-02. Commissioner Castleberry moved to adopt Resolution 08132026-02 to establish a large tax payer reserve fund. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Jesi left the meeting.

The commissioners and Attorney Harrington reviewed the petition for the Chimney Rock Road to see the official designated county road. The county would maintain the road up to the Northwest corner of Section 9. The commission will contact Bill Roadifer regarding repair and maintenance of the portion of the Chimney Rock Road that is designated a county road.

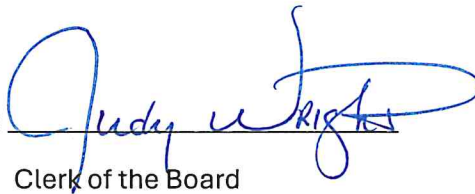
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

 19 Aug 2026
Pamela Castleberry Vice-Chairman

Attest:


Clerk of the Board