

Commission Proceedings
05/29/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, May 29, 2026, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana. Rod Tauck and Dan Dinstel, member were present, Chairman, Pam Castleberry, Vice Chairman, was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 9:11 a.m. There was no public comment.

The commissioners reviewed and signed payroll and claims. Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$308,462.36 and claims in the amount of \$158,301.76. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Bid opening for the 2026-2027 old airport grazing lease: There was 2 bids received. Colt and Kalsey Gardner \$950.00. Dell Dague \$1310.00. Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the bid from Dell Dague in the amount of \$1310.00 for the 2026 grazing lease for one (1) year beginning June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting. The commissioners placed calls to Kalsey Gardner and Dell Dague regarding the lease agreement.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:45 am and was called to order at 1:02 pm.

Ekalaka Airport expansion meeting; online with Justin Zindell of KLJ Engineering. Joining the meeting in person was Airport Board president Troy Fruit, and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. Justin is still in talks with the FAA to qualify for funding for the runway extension. The FAA is requiring 500 flight operations to receive for the funding. Justin requested that Troy attend the June 2nd online meeting to continue talks with FAA to fund the Ekalaka Airport extension. The meeting with Justin ended.

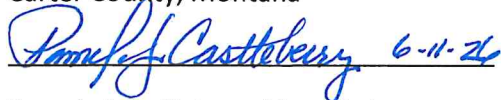
The commissioners and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright discussed the capital improvement budget funding including the museum and the general capital improvement funds.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve Wade Arledge for a 6-year term to the Predator Board and the contract for services with drug and alcohol testing with Sealey & Associates. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.


Commissioner Dinstel moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 pm. Commissioner Tauck seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the meeting was adjourned.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

 6-11-26

Pamela J Castleberry Vice-Chairman

Attest: 
Clerk of the Board