

Commission Proceedings  
01/30/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, January 30, 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 9:07.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting with public comments: Including the heater in the maintenance room needs to be replaced.

Judy clarified her statement made during public comment of the January 07, 2026 commissioners meeting; stating that Frank Nies' inquiring was to why the road in the maps is labeled the way it is, not to close the road going through his propriety. Judy left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel requested a proclamation setting a Thomas "Tom" Larsen Day in Carter County to honor his induction on to the Montana Cowboy Hall of Fame. The Commission discussed the proclamation and requesting information from County attorney Harrington.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the claims on the amount of \$92,521.48 and payroll in the amount of \$312,330.49. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the quote from DIS Technologies for the security system door hardware and card reader in the amount of \$2,598.50. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners reviewed the draft copy of the Digital video surveillance and security policy. The Commissioners approved the changes made to the document by county attorney Harrington. No motion was made.

Chairman Tauck signed a Public Health task order for the WIC program earlier in the week.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve Resolution 0132023-01 authorizing the refund of tax payment for tax overaged from 2024-2025 to the Ringling Ranch \$895.52. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Highway 212 Safety: Guests included Sheriff Kittlemann, Deputy Dawayne Bruce, DES Coordinator/ Sheriff's Officer Administrator Georgia Bruski and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. The Commissioners received a request for a letter of support for changes to highway 212 from Cheyenne Nation Tribal Council member Jason Standing Elk. There was discussion around the need for passing lanes, more patrols by the Montana Highway patrol. Some of the issues include the heavy truck traffic as well as tourist traffic.

The meeting broke for lunch at 12:00 pm and reconvened at 1:05 pm.

The Snowy River co2 sequestration update was tabled until the next commissioners meeting on February 04, 2026.

United States Forest Service (USFS) District Ranger Kurt Hanson joined the meeting to present an update on USFS projects including the upcoming fire management plans in Chalk Buttes. There will be a public meeting at 7 pm. Tuesday, February 10 2026. The Commission and Kurt discussed storm clean up in the

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Ekalaka Hills including Camp Needmore, USFS funding. The Box Elder crossing and Secure Rural School funding. Kurt left the meeting.

Request for travel for the Building Assets and Reducing Risks program (BARR) in California: Guests included County Attorney Administrative Assistant Stacey Ashbrook and Superintendent of Ekalaka Public Schools, James Kapptie. The program is aligned through the County Child Intervention Team (CIT) that the county attorney's office participates in as well as the Ekalaka Public School system (EPS). EPS is sending board members to the conference in California and have requested that Stacey attend the conference to represent the County. Commissioner Castleberry moved to sponsor a trip to the BARR Conference for the Carter County Child Intervention Team representative Stacey Ashbrook. There was discussion regarding what the BARR program does. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The commissioners drafted a letter of support for improved safety on Highway 212 to be sent to Jason Standing Elk of the Cheyenne Tribe Council.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the signature for the RSInet weather data delivery service agreement for the Ekalaka Airport. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The new website update was tabled until the February 04, 2026 meeting.


There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana

  
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Rod Tauck, Chairman

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Clerk of the Board

Fund/Account	Amount
1000 GENERAL	
101000 CASH	8,280.35
2110 ROAD	
101000 CASH	27,944.77
2130 BRIDGE	
101000 CASH	4,307.00
2140 WEED	
101000 CASH	113.15
2160 FAIR	
101000 CASH	260.39
2170 AIRPORT	
101000 CASH	117,015.63
2230 HOSP BLDG	
101000 CASH	630.01
2280 SENIOR CITIZENS	
101000 CASH	1,538.06
2281 SENIOR TRANSPORTATION	
101000 CASH	1,045.06
2290 EXTENSION SERVICE	
101000 CASH	265.22
2300 PUBLIC SAFETY	
101000 CASH	1,529.24
2320 CAMP NEEDMORE	
101000 CASH	95.61
2360 MUSEUM	
101000 CASH	7,655.37
2970 COUNTY HEALTH	
101000 CASH	38.65
2976 IMMUNIZATION	
101000 CASH	2,453.05
2978 TOBACCO GRANT	
101000 CASH	127.98
<b>Total:</b>	<b>173,299.54</b>

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ACH File Listing

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Vendor	ID	Amount	Transaction Code	Bank #	Account #
* ACH Effective Date					
*** 02/13/26 ***					
DSR, INC C/O INTERSTAT	1371	23,120.58	22	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
DAHL MEMORIAL HEALTHCA	296	823.20	22	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
Total for this file		23,943.78			
Grand Total	2	23,943.78			