

Commission Proceedings
01/07/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 07, 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 commissioners received a call from Levi Mitchell of Broadus Montana who offered to provide a quote for the install of security cameras. The commission have yet to receive the revised quote for the cameras and panic buttons from Verkada for the camera systems.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright stepped into the meeting to let the commissioners know that she received a call from Frank John Nies requesting the county close the road through his property. Judy received a report of a damaged car gate on the South end of the Hammond Road as well as an incident of damage to the museum storage building by a delivery truck.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the proceedings for December 18th and 31st. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

County attorney Corbit Harrington and Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting where there was discussion regarding the Interlocal agreement for the FM communication signal between Fallon County and Carter County. This included the review of the petition and boundary map from 1967. Jesi left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel made the motion to approve Resolution 01072026-01 setting travel reimbursement and per diem for lodging and Resolution 01072026-02 designating places as locations for posting public notices. The designated posting locations shall be the entry of the Carter County courthouse, the Carter County website and the Ekalaka Town hall. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

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

There was a zoom meeting with Karly Lacock of Great Northern Development Corporation (GNDC) who introduced the QEP bid winners to oversee the mitigation of the old hospital building. Granite Peak Environmental LLC was the winner of the bidding process. David Sanborn and Christin Hileman of Granite Peak Environment requested information regarding the scope of work for the project, the blueprints and structures slated to be removed. Karly provided a review of the invoicing process and the chain of communication. The Zoom meeting ended with GNDC and Granite Peak Environmental LLC.

Sheriff Neil Kittlemann stepped into the meeting with 2 quotes for the Can Am side by side that he purchased last month. Neil left the meeting.

The commission placed a call to the Fallon County Commissioners to let them know that the Carter County Commission will not be signing the Interlocal agreement for the FM communication signal between Fallon County and Carter County. They wish to receive more information regarding equipment upgrades, signals and the Ekalaka TV club.

Extension Agent Amada Williams and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting for Brandi Johnstone's 1 year employment probational review. Amanda and Judy both recommended removing Brandi from probation. Commissioner Dinstel moved to release Brandi from probation. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck Chairman

Attest:



Clerk of the Board