

Commission Proceedings
02/27/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 27, 2026, in the Carter County Commission Board Meeting Room of the Carter County Courthouse at 214 Park Street in Ekalaka, Montana Pam Castleberry, Vice Chairman and Dan Dinstel, member were present. Rod Tauck, Chairman was absent.

Georgia Bruski stepped into the meeting to discuss funding for equipment and supplies for Alzada Fire Department and to discuss cooperation between Carter County rural fire and Alzada Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Carl Knapp joined the meeting to request an extension of the excavator rental for mining gravel at the Brownfield pit. The pit will only be open until March 10, 2026 due to calving season and sage grouse regulations. Commissioner Dinstel moved to allow the Road Department to spend an additional \$3,000 to rent of the excavator. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried. Carl plans to hire Brosz Engineering to measure the gravel stock pile after it has been crushed. Carl left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$318,004.62 and claims in the amount of \$147,041.18. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the consent agenda: including the commissioner proceedings for February 11th and 19th, 2026 as well as the FAA grant funding AIP017 and AIP018 # 5 for reimbursement. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commission placed a call to Keith Bichell of Montana Department of Transportation regarding the timeline for the installation of the school bus stop signage on Highway 323. Keith assured the commissioners that the signs should be in place in a few weeks.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to sign and return the 2027 State Fuel tax map. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 11:46 am. The meeting was called to order at 1:26 pm with District Ranger Custer Gallatin National Forest Kurt Hansen. Kurt provided a follow up on the Box Elder Crossing funding. Currently the funding for the repair of the crossing is no longer available. The commissioners offered to write letters requesting the Box Elder Creek Crossing project proceed as originally planed.

Kurt stated that they have a crew lined up for the clean up project in the Long Pines and Ekalaka Hills.

The Forest Service is in the process of a draft environmental Assessment for the timber management project for the Chalk Buttes.

There was discussion regarding cooperative agency with the Forest Service. Kurt will meet with commission more often if needed and there will be discussion about cooperative agency at a later date. Kurt left the meeting.

Boyes Road shop bid opening with Greg Benjamin and Hunter Spring engineers for KLJ Engineering, joined by virtual Teams meeting.

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Contractors Mickey Shober with Powder River Construction and Beau Lufborough of Board-by-Board Construction joined in person. The bids are as follows. They will be reviewed by Stahly Engineering before the contract will be awarded next week.

B&B Builders Sidney Mt \$477,400.00

Board by Board construction Miles City, Mt. \$463,415.00

Powder River Construction Gillette Wyo. \$616,797.00

Coreland Construction Sidney Mt. \$445,933.62

T.W. Ridley Billings, Mt. \$ 608,000.00

R & R Taylor Billings, Mt. \$385,967.00.

Stahly Engineering will follow up with a meeting with the commissioners next week to award the bids and the next steps in the build process. The meeting with the Stahly and the contractors ended.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the special predator levy based on the email received from Predator Board President Matt Borchgrevink at the same rate of 75,000 for four (4) years. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The commissioners made note that the next regular meeting will be moved to March 11, 2026.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 pm. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

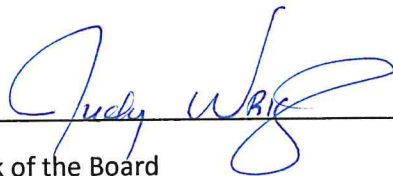
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Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck Chairman

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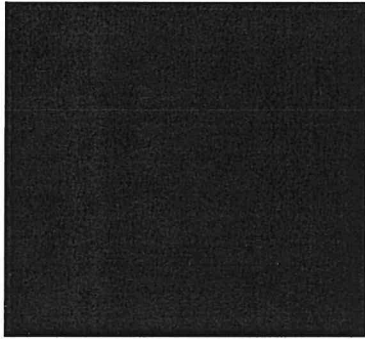


Clerk of the Board

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CARTER COUNTY
ACH File Listing

Vendor	ID	Amount	Transaction Code	Bank #	Account #
* ACH Effective Date					
*** 03/02/26 ***					
BLACK HILLS TRUCK & TR	365	19.99			
DSR, INC C/O INTERSTAT	1371	32,786.72	22		
EKALAKA EAGLE	386	1,496.25	22		
FIX, ROBBIE	445	2,500.00	22		
GODFREY BRAKE SERVICE	492	1,831.82	22		
JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE	1138	2,778.94	22		
RUNNINGS SUPPLY, INC.	1090	116.73	22		
SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	724	1,838.00	22		
SOUTH EAST TRASH REMOV	370	150.00	22		
TREADWAY, LILY	1471	2,280.00	22		
TOWN OF EKALAKA	1267	1,065.77	22		
WESTAFF HR CONSULTING	1105	550.00	22		
MCDONALD, LACY	1247	113.10	22		
ISC COMPANIES	8	53.98	22		



Total for this file 47,581.30

Grand Total 14 47,581.30

Fund/Account	Amount
1000 GENERAL	
101000 CASH	19,900.10
2110 ROAD	
101000 CASH	63,219.24
2130 BRIDGE	
101000 CASH	8,161.66
2140 WEED	
101000 CASH	809.54
2150 PRED ANIMAL	
101000 CASH	12,183.50
2160 FAIR	
101000 CASH	328.24
2170 AIRPORT	
101000 CASH	3,635.37
2230 HOSP BLDG	
101000 CASH	600.40
2245 CONSERVATION DISTRICT	
101000 CASH	23.95
2280 SENIOR CITIZENS	
101000 CASH	3,148.21
2281 SENIOR TRANSPORTATION	
101000 CASH	425.82
2282 FOOD BANK	
101000 CASH	483.07
2290 EXTENSION SERVICE	
101000 CASH	5,183.98
2300 PUBLIC SAFETY	
101000 CASH	5,402.67
2320 CAMP NEEDMORE	
101000 CASH	84.49
2360 MUSEUM	
101000 CASH	3,220.30
2390 LIABILITY INSURANCE	
101000 CASH	1,876.00
2430 JUNK VEHICLE	
101000 CASH	400.00
2865 DNRC VOL FIRE ASSISTANCE	
101000 CASH	14,857.34
2970 COUNTY HEALTH	
101000 CASH	463.44
2973 MCH	
101000 CASH	107.25
2976 IMMUNIZATION	
101000 CASH	24.56
2978 TOBACCO GRANT	
101000 CASH	2,502.05
Total: 147,041.18	