

Commission Proceedings
03/11/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 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.

Consent Agenda: Fair Board appointment and commissioner's proceedings for February 27, 2026.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to appoint Tessa Tauck to the Fair board. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. The vote was Castleberry for, Dinstel for and Tauck abstained from voting. The motion carried with a 2-0 vote.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the commission proceedings for the February 27, 2026 Commissioners proceedings. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Guests to the meeting include Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington and Tessa Tauck. The commissioners placed a call to Karly Lacock of the Great Northern Corporation for the Brownfields grant for the abatement of the old hospital. The increase in the quote is to cover the over sight of the abatement and the demolition by Granite Peak Environmental. Karly has requested written approval from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) before going out for bid for the remediation and demolition of the building. The use of Brownfields funds requires a public meeting that Karly will facilitate. The call ended with Karly. Commissioner Castleberry moved to send an email to Karly Lacock at Great Northern Development corporation regarding moving forward with the bid for qualified environmental professional (QEP) with alternative 3 in the amount of \$558,599 with Granit Peak Environmental. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The commissioner Castleberry is working through the process of writing the request for bids to repair the damage to the buildings including the hospital roof, and interior.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:45 am and called to order at 1:04 pm.

Public Health Officer/ Public Health Nurse Kirstie Nelson, Public Health Department manager Stefanie Harrington and Clerk, Recorder Judy Wright joined where the decision was made to pull the advertisement for the community health nurse from the Ekalaka Eagle. The ad will still be posted on the county website and may be revisited at a later date.

Kirstie and Stefanie requested that the commissioners weigh in on how to cover the fees that are not paid for by insurance, Medicare, Medicare, or uninsured. This could include an insurance filing fee or offices fees to the patients or the county continues to cover the difference. Commissioner Castleberry requested data on patients seen per week and payments being received and suggested leaving things as they are.

The commissioner Dinstel moved to pay the bi-monthly claims for March 22026 in the amount of \$116,675.26. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35.

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Carter County, Montana

Rod Tauck

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Attest: Judy W. King
Clerk of the Board