

Commission Proceedings
03/18/2026

The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 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 9:02 am.

Guests: Senior Coordinator Tricia Lovec and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright.

Public comment: Tricia stepped into the meeting to request permission to loan the Ford passenger van with the wheelchair lift to Fallon County for a few weeks. The commission agreed to allow Fallon County to borrow the van. Judy suggested a contract for lease and insurance coverage by Fallon County. Tricia left the meeting.

Bid opening for bridge I beams: Jim Hendricks \$1,100 and Joe Schmid \$300. Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the bid for the I beam that was advertised in the Ekalaka Eagle from Jim Hendricks in the amount of \$1,100. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion there was no public comment and the motion carried.

Weed Department Administrative Assistant Taylor Kuntz was invited to join the meeting to let the commission know that the MSU Extension applied for and received the grant funds from the Montana Noxious Weed Trust Fund to do a study of Ventenata control in Carter County. Taylor suggested contacting the Carter County Extension Agent Amanda Williams for further updates. Taylor left the meeting.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to sign the Boyes Road shop contract with R & R Taylor Construction and approve the commissioners proceeding for March 04, 2026. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

June 2025 Storm damage quotes with guest Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright who received a quote from Gardner Services from the Fair Board roof repair only to the event center.

Carter County Attorney Corbit Harrington joined the meeting.

Hospital membrane roof replacement bid document specifications were discussed. The commission has concerns that a generally worded request for bid would jeopardize the quality of the materials and workmanship on the project. They discussed the possibility of a request for proposal (RFP) or a request for qualification (RFQ) for the roof replacement.

BLM cooperative agreement update: The commission is waiting for an update of the document under review by attorneys Harrington and Congdon. Attorney Harrington left the meeting.

The commissioners placed a call to Karly Lacock of Great Northern Development Corporation to request a breakdown of the costs for draw downs one and two.

Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright presented a letter to approve Senior Coordinator Tricia Lovec as an authorized signer on the senior services Master Plan.

Commissioner Dinstel electronically signed pay request one and two for abatement of the old hospital.

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The meeting broke for lunch at 11:58 am. and was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Guests included Carter County Museum Executive Director Sabre Moore Ph.D., Museum Curator of Paleontology Nathan Carroll Ph.D., Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright and Attorney Corbit Harrington. The museum has contacted Badlands Electric for a quote to add heat to both warehouses and electrical and heat to the container. This will require an update to the service.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to approve the quote from Badlands Electric for the updates at the museum warehouses and the container in the amount of \$65,206.56. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The museum has also decided to hire an experienced planetarium dome consultant to assist the museum and design team with the Ekalaktic Dome planetarium. Helping Planetariums Succeed with Philip R. Groce provided a Professional Services Agreement for approval that Sabre presented for the commissioners' approval.

Commissioner Castleberry moved to enter into a contract with Helping Planetarium Succeed to design the Ekalaktic Dome. Commissioner Dinstel seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Review of the master contract with the Department of Health and Human Services with guests Carter County Public Health Manager, County Attorney Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright. There were no revisions made. It was decided to continue to work through the document in the next several commissioners' meetings.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Board of County Commissioners

Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck Chairman

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board