

Commission Proceedings
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The Board of Carter County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, April 08, 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.

There was no public comment.

Karlyn Soriano from Granite Peak Environmental Stepped into the meeting to make introductions and collect information before she inspects the old hospital building. Karlyn left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to approve the consent agenda including the Federal Aviation Administration AIP 017-SF 271 and 018 SF 271 outlay 6, the Boyes shop notice to proceed, and the Range Telephone Encroachment permits for the Alzada fiber optic. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

The Commissioners placed a call to Chad Meissner of Black Hills Roofing for a follow up on the hospital roof membrane replacement. Commissioners and Chad discussed the quote for the replacement of the membrane roof including the performance bond, Davis-Bacon wages, and workers compensation insurance. Commissioner Dinstel move to sign the quote from Black Hills Roofing, including the 1.2% performance bond. The bid was \$213,002.50 dated March 17, 2026, with an upgrade to the 80-mill membrane the cost would increase \$9,520 for a total of \$222,522.50. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Commissioner Castleberry left the meeting to walk through the old hospital with Karlyn Soriano of Granite Mountain Environmental.

Carter County Sheriff Neil Kittlemann joined the meeting to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Carter County Sheriff's Department and Immigration and Customs (ICE). Neil has no issues with the agreement that he provided for the commissioner's information. The Commissioners and Neil discussed the training and the funds that would be received by the county and how the Sheriff's Department would budget them. The MOA doesn't require the commissioner's signature, it is a law enforcement agreement that Neil isn't afraid to sign.

The meeting broke for lunch at 11:45 am and was called to order at 1:16 pm. Commissioners' Tauck, Castleberry and Dinstel as well as Attorney Corbit Harrington were present.

Bid opening for Carter County Medical complex employee parking sidewalk: There was one bid received from Alan Moore of Al's Handyman and Tree removal service in the amount of \$10,500. The commissioners placed a call to Alan to ask about the nearest source the concrete and if he is comfortable with his bid. Alan stated that cement plant is open in Baker, Mt and he is comfortable with his bid. The call ended with Alan. Commissioner Dinstel moved to accept the bid from Al's Handyman and Tree Service in the amount of \$10,500 for the hospital parking lot sidewalk. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

Carter County Museum expansion and renovation with Executive Director Sabre Moore Ph.D. and Curator of Paleontology Nathan Carroll Ph.D. Sabre provide information on the Montana Tourism Development Grant awarded for the Carter County Museum project in the amount of \$1,250,000 for an initial two-year period, with a total of \$2,750,000 over 5 years. A portion of the funds will be used public restrooms in

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Ekalaka and the renovations at Camp Needmore. Nate provided information on the installation of electrical services at the museum storage buildings. Corbit, Sabre and Nate left the meeting.

There was a virtual meeting with Hunter Spring of Stahly Engineering with a progress update on the Boyes Road shop build. The dirt work for the building pad was completed by the Carter County Road Department. Road Supervisor Carl Knapp raised the pad up one (1) ft. Hunter changed the plans to match and will send copies of the updated plans to R & R Taylor Construction and the Commissioner's. Southeast Electric will be on site next week to install the service to the building. The meeting with Hunter ended.

Carter County Public Health Manager Stefanie Harrington and Clerk and Recorder Judy Wright joined the meeting to discuss the contract between The Montana Department of Health and Services and Carter County Public Health. Stefanie will send a copy of the document to DIS Technology for review and the document will be discussed at the April 16, 2026 commissioner's meeting. Stefanie left the meeting.

Karlyn Soriano of Granite Peak Environmental stepped into the meeting to talk about the inspection of the old hospital complex. She worked with the Town of Ekalaka and the County maintenance personnel Bob Jacobs to locate all but one water shut off. There were questions regarding keeping the current maintenance shop. The commissioners will talk to Bob about the shop building. Karlyn suggested removing any items for the buildings that the county might want to keep and requested copies of mitigation inspections. Karlyn left the meeting.

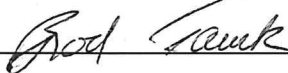
The commissioners placed a call to Montana Department of Revenue Lisa Rieger with questions about the assessment of special mobile heavy equipment tax for American Colloid. Carter County Treasurer Jesi Pierson joined the meeting. Lisa will meet with the commissioners next week with more information about the tax assessment. The call ended with Lisa and Jesi left the meeting.

Commissioner Dinstel moved to sign the cooperating agency agree for with BLM for the Briger pipeline expansion project. Commissioner Castleberry seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

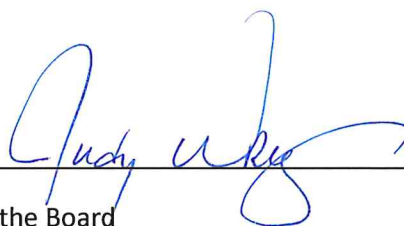
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Carter County, Montana



Rod Tauck, Chairman

Attest:



Clerk of the Board