

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, February 5, 2025 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Tony Martines, Commission Chair
Larry Jensen, Commissioner
Jared Haddock, Commissioner

Also present: Christian Bryner, County Attorney
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Chief Deputy Clerk
Kellie Payne, HR Director
Jeff Woods, Sheriff

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the January 15, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne

Kellie said two County employees have been nominated as the Employees of the Month for February – EMT Dekota Kraushaar, who has been employed for five years and paramedic Joshua Plauche, this is his first year of employment. Their nomination came from Helper Fire Chief, Mark Montoya.

Mark said he wanted to recognize them for going above and beyond what they were expected to do on this day. On December 27, 2024 the Carbon County Ambulance and Helper Fire Department were called to the highway above Skyline Mine near Hwy 31. A car had rolled down a steep embankment with an occupant pinned inside. When they arrived on scene, they discovered that the crash was a considerable distance away and equipment would have to be carried through three feet of snow. Dekota and Josh were the Ambulance crew wading through the snow to access the patient. They were not equipped for the conditions other than their department issued uniforms and they did not have the luxury of what the firefighters were wearing. Their action of duty was to first provide care to the patient. This far superseded their well-being and is an example of how first responders put themselves last. Chief Fitz Peterson would say “Life is Duty” and these two carried that on and carried it well. They were willing to do what they did in extreme conditions in order to do their job. They deserve the recognition. Chief Montoya thanked them for their service.

Commissioner Martines thanked both Dekota and Joshua. What EMT’s and law enforcement do for our community often goes unnoticed. It is good to honor the work that is done. Dekota and Josh were presented with plaques.

3) Super Service Award – Tina Grange

Tina said while in Walmart one day, she was approached by a young lady who asked how she could nominate a person for the Super Service Award and related the following story. Tina recognized a great story and asked this lady to send it to her in an email.

Tina read the nomination from this person: The nomination is for Kathy, Todd and Tanner Richardson who are the best bus drivers ever. They have always gone above and beyond making sure the children feel safe on the bus. They are kind, compassionate and truly care about every child they transport. They deserve the recognition for keeping our kids safe and happy every day. They are a blessing. Other bus drivers have learned from their example. She is forever grateful for their care.

Tina continued by saying that they are presenting three awards today to Todd Richardson, Kathy Richardson and Tanner Richardson from the Carbon County School District. The commissioners thanked the Richardson’s as well.

4) **Review and possible approval of agreement with Blueprint Creation LLC for customer services and leadership training**

Tina said they are excited for the partnership with Blueprint Creation. Last year we brought Brad Anderson in who did customer service training. We are lucky to partner with the Custom Fit program at USUE who helped fund this last year. We did two days of training. Everyone loved the training and wanted Brad to come back.

After reaching out to Brad and Custom Fit, they were approved for funding again this year and will provide half of the cost. Last year the cost was \$7,200 which was split between us and the Custom Fit program. This year Blueprint added a new component. The first day will be the customer service training and the second day will be essential leadership skills. The days scheduled for the training are March 6-7, upon commission approval.

Commissioner Haddock asked how much it will cost and how much is the grant. Tina said last year it was \$7,266. She believes the cost will be less this year because Brad sets up several trainings in the same area. This allows him for more destination marketing and the travel costs are split between all involved. He is going to several counties and more counties are also interested. Tina estimates that it will be cheaper than \$7,266 because the travel costs will be split between several other counties.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agreement with Blueprint Creation LLC for customer services and leadership training. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Consideration and possible approval of Resolution No. 2024-04 appointment to Friends of the Carbon Emery Children's Justice Center board for 2025 – Shelley Wright**

Shelley said we currently have six board members. If the five new applications are approved it would give the board eleven members and their current bylaws allow up to fifteen members. This large board spends a lot of time fund raising. Most of the board members have full time jobs and most of the work is done on their own time. Board members also help with awareness and share what the Children's Justice Center does and how the public can support the Center.

Commissioner Martines said five applications have been received and asked if anyone had a question. Shelley said she has read each application and reviewed them with the current board. She did receive a new application today and will address it in the future.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Resolution #2024-04 appointing Irene Everett, Ricci Camberlango, Brittany Cunningham, Miranda Miller and Casey Wilson to the Friends of Carbon Emery Children's Justice Center board for 2025. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Castle Country Classic presentation**

Ava Crosland said they are here representing the Castle Country Classic Livestock Show. The 2025 show is a jack pot stock show that follows regular State rules. Along with market and showmanship classes, they will also offer beginning showmanship classes for the younger kids. This will get the younger kids involved and start a love of raising and showing livestock.

Ace Thayn said this is the 5th anniversary of the CCCLS and they see growth and improvement every year. This show takes pride in putting more emphases on showmanship. Showmanship relies on dedication and hard work by the kids. Also, for this show they choose young judges that are working on their judging profiles. They have great judges who are up to date on the requirements.

Jaxten Thayn said this is his tenth year showing livestock. He thanked the commission for their support over the last few years. This show is a favorite. He read a poem about kids and the livestock showing industry. The Castle Country Classic Livestock Show would appreciate any support.

Commissioner Martines thanked them for their presentation and for the support from their parents.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,500 for the Castle County Classic Livestock Show. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Consideration and possible approval of donation to East Carbon Community Daze**

Commissioner Martines said this is an annual request from East Carbon City for their annual car show and fair. There are several different sponsor levels. Bronze is \$250 to \$499, silver is \$500 to \$999 and gold is \$1,000 and above. Last year we donated \$1,000.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the East Carbon Community Daze. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Ratification of the purchase of .5 acres from Larry Young's estate for a utility road in the Carbon Industrial Park**

Commissioner Jensen said as we have purchased the Campbell property, it has become evident that we need a second access point. The road that comes off of Ridge Road and goes into Wellington by the steel store is a County road that runs west almost to our property. This would require that we purchase a half acre from Larry Young to access our property. This transaction has already occurred and this is a ratification.

Attorney Bryner was asked if the purchase price needed to be discussed. Attorney Bryner said this was discussed in a closed session and the amount was agreed upon. You can go ahead and ratify the purchase.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to ratify the purchase agreement for .5 acres with Larry Young Estate for a utility road in the Carbon Industrial Park. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible approval of appointment to the Utah Association of Counties Board of Directors for 2025**

Commissioner Martines said Seth has been approached to serve on this board again. Seth said he is happy to serve on the UAC Board. Commissioner Martines said Seth has done a great job representing Carbon County and members of that board have asked that Seth stay on. Seth is a great asset to the community and to the County.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the appointment of Seth Marsing to the Utah Association of Counties Board of Directors for 2025. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

10) **Possible Closed Session to discuss ongoing litigation**

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to go into a closed session.

Attorney Bryner asked that each commissioner be polled by name to go into closed session:

Commissioner Jensen: Yes

Commissioner Haddock: Yes

Commissioner Martines: Yes

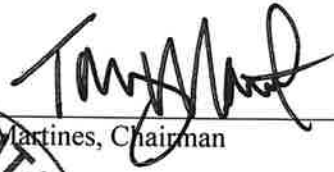
We are now in a closed session.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to come out of the closed session. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

11) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Tony Martinez, Chairman

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

