

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, March 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

Commissioner Martines noted that Agenda Item 6 will be addressed as the second item on the agenda.

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the February 19, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne

Kellie said the March Employee of the Month is Daneil Robison from the Emergency Services Department. She has been with Carbon County since 2016. She was nominated by her co-worker Brandi Davis. Kellie read a statement from Brandi who said Daneil goes above and beyond at all of her jobs. She makes sure everything is running smoothly and in order. She brightens your day and makes work a better place.

Sheriff Wood said no one is more deserving than Daneil. She is thorough, easy to work with and a good employee. She organized the quarter master room and made it functional. She is very much appreciated.

The Commissioners thanked Daneil for her work.

3) Super Service Award – Tina Grange

Tina said the March Super Service Award goes to Terri Barney with Farlaino's Café in Price. Tina read the nomination which said Terri is the heart of Farlaino's with her hugs, smile and funny jokes. She is selfless and deserves all of the accolades. She offers amazing customer service with a quirky attitude. She definitely deserves this award. Terri was presented with her award.

Terri thanked everyone. She likes good honest people and is surrounded by them all the time.

4) Consideration and possible approval of the 2025 Rural County Grant Funding – Shanny Wilson

Shanny said for the last three years, we have received funding from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity through the Rural County Grant. As long as we are doing our part and reporting properly, we receive this funding. Our Economic Development board discusses and reviews each application from local businesses who apply for this funding to pay for equipment, material, for an expansion, etc. For 2025 we will receive \$200,000. We had \$2,000 left over from last year, so the total will be a little over \$200,000 that we are able to distribute this time around.

Twenty-four applications were received and fourteen have been approved. Of the fourteen, six were fully funded. The total ask for this year was a little over \$550,000.

The board has been generous and likes to spread the wealth. They want to give to businesses and projects that make sense and will help the community grow. She is very proud of the work that they do.

Here are a few examples that were funded:

CDE Property Management in Price received \$5,000
DDMK in Helper received \$25,000 to help with a fire suppression system
Flawless Sheeting received \$10,000 to help with an expansion
Helper Saturday Vibes received \$6,000 for various expenses
Kilpatrick Fine Art in Helper received \$18,000 for an HVAC implementation and gravel for parking area
Meaningful Mindz received \$5,000 to help with building upgrades. They now have ten employees.
Ori Enterprises received \$20,000. They have grown and need a laser cutter and have hired ten people
Proline Coating in Wellington, has grown to eleven employees and has outgrown their space
R&A Market received \$15,000 to expand
Recollab is in Kenilworth and will build rooms for rent with a common area
Sign Edge received \$25,000 for a new flatbed digital printer
SEUALG/Eastern Utah Economic Summit funding of \$3,000 for a Carbon County winner
Coyotes Well received \$10,000 to help expand their space in Wellington
West Coast Show Support is doing construction in their basement and were funded \$10,000

Shanny invited the Board Chairman, Layne Miller to the microphone. Layne said they have a great board and it has taken time to figure out how to best do the job. This board has been very diligent in developing a process and making sure that we fund various amounts for large and small businesses. He thanked the commissioners for the opportunity. This project is working well and he appreciates the effort.

Commissioner Jensen said he also sits on this board along with Layne, Zac Konakis, John Richens and Orin Stainbrook. The value of these funds has been significant. This effort by the Governor's office is to send funding to rural counties and let each county find the best places for the grant dollars available. The tax base has increased from these projects so we receive more in property tax value. The number of people employed is well over one hundred now. He thanked Layne and Shanny for the hard work.

Shanny said the one thing the board requires is for each business who receives funding to come in and present to the board and discuss what they have done. It is amazing to see the work being done and the jobs this grant produces. She has a wish for more rural grant money.

Layne said they require several things in order to receive the grant. The one big thing is an improvement to the local economy and area. Shanny said the funding can also go towards work force development and housing projects as long as it's not one single house. Businesses apply online on our web site. They will start advertising the program about mid-summer. There are three sections on the application which includes the scope of the project, impact on the community and what funding is needed. They are asked if it will produce jobs and how will it affect the company and the community. The funding is a 50/50 match. The company will pay for the upfront costs and once completed they submit proof of payment and request the 50%. The County then cuts them a check. Shanny keeps track of the grant and the paperwork.

Layne said once a year, he and Shanny call the successful companies to let them know that they will receive the grant. The businesses are excited to receive the grant and it is a great experience.

Commissioner Martines said upon reviewing the list, it looks like a balanced approach and is thorough. Shanny said the next deadline is December 1, 2025. She will start sending out emails in July and updating the web page. If you are not successful the first time you can apply again.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the 2025 Rural County Grant funding that has been recommended. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Consideration and possible approval of Resolution #2024-04 appointment to Friends of the Carbon Emery Children's Justice Center Board for 2025 – Shelley Wright**

Shelley said we have received an application for the Friends of the Carbon Emery Children's Justice Center Board from Rebecca Driggs. Rebecca is with the Driggs Mortgage Company. They are willing to have her on the board if the commission approves. With this approval they will have a full board.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve Rebecca Driggs to the Friends of Carbon Emery Children's Justice Center board for 2025 under Resolution #2024-04. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Consideration and possible approval of lease agreement for hangar space between Utah State University and Carbon County for Aviation Maintenance Technician Program – Jade Powell**

Jade Powell with the Southeastern Utah Development Agency is operating as the grant administrator for this project between Carbon County and Utah State University. They now have a lease agreement for the new hangar building that is being built to house the maintenance technician program. The airport facility is coming along and the hangar is scheduled to be open mid-May pending any delays. Utah State University is hoping to enroll students by Fall 2025 depending on FAA certification. This hangar will be owned and managed by Carbon County and the lessee of the hangar facility will be Utah State University particularly the Aviation Maintenance Technician program. The lease agreement is for ten years. The County attorneys have contacted both the USU and the EDA attorneys to review the lease agreement so that it is in accordance with their requirements.

Commissioner Martines said he appreciates Jade's help with coordinating the emails and adjustments. This is a 10-year lease agreement. Utah State University will pay a lump sum of \$500,000 to the County. This money will be put into an airport fund and not into the general fund. At the end of the 10-year lease, the money will go towards the purchase of the building. The EDA has made it clear in their contract that if USU wants to buy the building they can, if not then it will go to the County. We have to notify the EDA of what we are going to do moving forward.

Jade said the reason you have to notify the EDA is because of the strings attached for the useful life of the project. This is usually twenty or twenty-five years.

Commissioner Jensen said the building will house the students and instructions and is a significant improvement to the airport. For the most part, the building is being built with grant funds. The money collected with the lease agreement will help to pay for the building upfront.

Jade said the grant money comes from the EDA, Federal, USU and State grant. From memory, 1.3 million is coming from the Economic Development Administration, \$500,000 from USU, 1 million from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity which is broken out into \$600,000 from the Rural Economic Opportunity grant and \$400,000 from Industrial Assistance. There is also a match of \$7,500 from SERDA to do the management.

Commissioner Haddock's made a motion to approve the lease agreement for hangar space between Utah State University and Carbon County for the Aviation Maintenance Technician program. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Review of Department Reports**

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor



