

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, September 3, 2025 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Lyn Hansen, Deputy Attorney
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Chief Deputy Clerk
Kellie Payne, HR Director
Jeff Wood, Sheriff

Commissioner Jensen welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the August 20, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne

Kellie said we have two employees to recognize this month, both from the Children's Justice Center. Katie Hyde has been with us since September 2024 and Kennedy Palacios since November 2024. They were nominated by Director Shelley Wright.

Shelley said she wanted to recognize these two fantastic employees. From day one they have been amazing. They have never complained, they go above and beyond, they look for things to do and they just get things done. They have great attitudes, they welcome the children in and it is so refreshing. She wanted to recognize their hard work, efforts and the love and care they bring to the center. She thanked them both. The commissioners thanked them as well. They were presented with plaques.

3) Super Service Award – Tina Grange

Tina said this gentleman has been recognized all over Facebook and he has now received a couple of nominations for this award.

Daniel Shannon is a valued member of the Price City Parks Department where he helps maintain the city's parks and public spaces. He is known for his care of the large potted plants on Mainstreet and along 100 North. He takes personal responsibility for these plants and shows a true sense of pride in their care. He is dedicated to his work. Daniel is a colorful figure on Mainstreet while driving his old four-wheeler with his watering tank in tow. His presence has become part of the fabric of downtown and residents often stop and talk to him. Daniel makes Mainstreet more welcoming and vibrant. He is a worthy recipient of the August Super Service Award. Tina presented the award to Daniel Shannon of Price City.

Daniel said he really appreciates the support of his coworkers and their help. He tries his best for everyone. His heart is for everyone and he likes working for Price City. He thanked everyone for the award.

4) Introduction of New Miss Carbon County Royalty and request for scholarship funds

Kylie Howes is the director of the Miss Carbon County Scholarship organization. They are a scholarship and service-based pageant program. The organization exists to provide personal and professional opportunities and to promote the candidates voices and talents in the community. They focus on service, scholarships, being a role model, morals and values, goal setting and becoming your best self. They provide positive opportunities for the young women in our community to help them build life skills, improve self-confidence and learn the value of service. She had each of the newly crowned 2026 royalty members introduce themselves.

Minnie Miss Carbon County Brexlyn Lofley said she is looking forward to helping people.

Little Miss Carbon County Lennen Candelaria said she is looking forward to helping the community and getting to know everyone.

Junior Miss Carbon County Leah Haycock said she is looking forward to helping the community. Her service platform is called "Adopt a Grand Friend" and is based on caring for the Senior Citizens in our community. She wants to visit the elementary schools and teach the students how important the older generation is. She wants to make cards for the seniors so they know that the youth are thinking of them. She will visit the nursing homes and share the cards with the residents. She wants them to feel happy and loved.

Miss Teen Carbon County Abby Bryant said she is excited to promote her platform which is "Community Unity" and is about bringing people together through acts of service such as clothing drives, hygiene drives, food drives, community cleanups and community social events. She has already hosted a community clothing drive and exchange. This month she will work with the Food Bank to collect cans of food to give to the Trinity Food Bank. In October she is planning on organizing another clothing exchange with a church group.

Miss Carbon County 2026 is Ivy Beecher. She thanked Kylee Howes and all she does to bring about this opportunity. This opportunity has given Ivy grace and the ability to speak in public. Her platform is called "KIND" or "Kindness in Noticing Differences". The focus is on inclusion and uniting our community. Ivy had the opportunity to interview Commissioner Martines. It was amazing and she was able to post it on Instagram. She loves this organization and is grateful to serve her community this year.

Kylee said she is so excited for the upcoming year and can't wait to see what the new royalty will do with this opportunity. At this time, her board would like to request funds for their scholarship program for the pageants to be held in late summer of 2026. In the past the commissioners have donated \$1,900 to be used towards the college scholarships. They would greatly appreciate the continued support towards the education of the young women in our community.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve \$1,900 for this scholarship fund. Commissioner Martines thanked Kylee for allowing him to be a part of the pageant. He appreciates what the young ladies are doing and their maturity as they grow. He seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5) **Division of Outdoor Recreation to discuss the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) program and other State supported recreation programs for the County - Wade Allinson**

This item was tabled. Wade Allinson was not in attendance.

6) **RC Solar project presentation by rPlus Energies - Antonio Resta**

Commissioner Jensen said this item was asked to be postponed.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to table. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Ratification to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant - Sheriff Wood**

Sheriff Wood said this grant application needs to be ratified because it did not come in time to get approval before it was due. It is a grant we have had before and it's a no match for us. The Sheriff's Office is asking for \$4,500 to pay for necessary training equipment. Part of the annual training requires de-escalation and force on force training. Carbon County does this very well but we need some equipment including helmets with face protection, throat protectors, torso protector vests and the cost adds up. This will give us the proper gear and no match required.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to ratify the application for the Justice Assistance Grant. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Wood said before he sits down he wants to put in a plug for the County Fairgrounds facility and Maintenance crew. This weekend is the Demolition Derby and they are working very hard for this Search and Rescue event and fund raiser. The public needs to be aware of how much goes on behind the scene. They have

been planning for this event for six months. Work has been going on all week. The crews at the County are the best there is and we will be putting on a heck of a show. Commissioner Haddock said the derby is held in order to fund Search and Rescue. Commissioner Jensen said all of the expenses are taken care of with this event and it does not require tax dollars for funding.

8) Review and possible approval of the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement between Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties – Justin Needles

Justin said over the years we have had a long-standing agreement for each county to help each other out. Recently San Juan County had a fire on the La Sal Mountains and their communication supplies were not working. Justin was able to help them and make Star Link work for them. This agreement formalizes some of the things we do to help each other out. When we have problems, they come and help us as well.

Commissioner Martines asked who is going to gather all of the signatures needed on the agreement? Justin said this item is on everyone's commission meeting agenda this week. Tami Gallegos from San Juan County is spearheading the process and she will be gathering the signatures.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement between Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

9) Review and possible approval of 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement between Wasatch Fire District, Spanish Fork City, Carbon County, Helper Fire Depart., Price Fire Depart. and Utah County – Justin Needles

Justin said this agreement is for all areas to handle emergencies along Hwy 6 such as accidents at Soldier Summit which is in Wasatch County but in Carbon County's ambulance area. Sometimes Spanish Fork Fire and Emergency Services gets called out along with Carbon County. This agreement plans who will respond and when in order to prevent everyone being called out. This covers all areas in this multicounty section of the highway. We need to take care of the public the best we can.

Commissioner Haddock made the motion to approve the 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Mutual Aid Agreement between Wasatch Fire District, Spanish Fork City, Carbon County, Helper Fire Department, Price Fire Department and Utah County. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

10) Consideration and possible approval of the Children's Justice Center budget amendment for fiscal Year 2026 – Shelley Wright

Shelley said this is an amendment to increase their budget by approximately \$41,000 for fiscal year 2026 for a total of \$312,899 until June 2026. Commissioner Martines said the budget has been a juggling act over the years and this year even more so. There have been many changes and challenges this year.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the Children's Justice Center budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2026. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

11) Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance No. 587 An Ordinance Establishing a County Data Privacy Program in Compliance with the Utah Government Data Privacy Act (U.C.A. § 63A-19-101, et seq.)

Commissioner Jensen said the State of Utah is asking for this ordinance. They are trying to get a handle on what data is collected and that we are careful who we share the information with. Commissioner Jensen asked Attorney Hansen for additional information.

Attorney Hansen said this ordinance specifically appoints the human resource director as the chief administrative officer.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve Ordinance 587 An Ordinance Establishing a County Data Privacy Program in Compliance with the Utah Government Data Privacy Act. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

12) Resolution No. 2025-04 Authorizing Cross-Appeals of State Tax Commission decisions on Centrally Assessed Property

Commissioner Jensen said this is in regards to three companies that have been centrally assessed. The centrally assessed companies are PacifiCorp Inc., Savoy Energy LLC and Linde Inc. The values placed on these properties seem to be too low and we are going to appeal to the State. This resolution allows for that appeal to be filed. We have an attorney who handles these for us.

Commissioner Martines said some of these companies are multi-jurisdictional and they contest their tax values annually and counties usually do not win. These three are lower than they have ever been. It is unfortunate that we have to do this for companies who hire local people. It has nothing to do with them, it is the decisions made by the top directors for each company.

Commissioner Haddock said we hope the public understands that for every tax dollar we lose in one area it has to be made up in another area. We want everyone to pay their fair share.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 Authorizing the Cross-Appeals of the State Tax Commission's Decisions on Centrally Assessed Properties. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

13) Consideration and possible approval of Lumen Utility Consult Agreement

Seth said this company could reduce what we pay in utilities to Rocky Mountain Power. They do this by looking at our bills for each one of our buildings to see if it is classified correctly as a governmental entity. They can also look at other things that we cannot see. With this agreement if they save us money then they require that we have a contract with them to pay them 50% of the savings for sixty months. The reason Seth has brought this forward, is after looking at our utility bills, they could save us \$500 a month for just one of our buildings. In order for them to look at our other buildings we would have to have a contract in place. It would be a net savings but half of the amount saved would go back to the company.

Commissioner Martines said Barry and the staff, did something similar several years ago and did find some big savings. The only reservation he has is signing a five-year term. Would we be able to look at it annually or would we be locked in for six months? Seth said they would go through each of our bills for each building and see what savings they could get. It would be a one-time contract with a 50% return. Commissioner Haddock said his understanding is we are only paying them 50% of their savings. Attorney Hansen said is it the savings of 50% at the time they do it or is it over five years? Energy rates will change a lot and the savings will differ so what would the savings be throughout the five years?

Seth said he understands that if the current savings is \$600 a month, we pay them \$300. Attorney Hansen said if things change would there no longer a savings after the first year? Seth said he thinks there would still be a savings compared to where we were at and what our current classification is. Attorney Hansen said this makes her nervous because things change over five years. Are there other companies who could get this information without a contract? Seth said there may be but he has looked into this company for six months.

Commissioner Jensen said Barry was looking at multiple buildings with utility issues like heat and air conditioning operating when no one was in the building. Some buildings had been sold. There were also utilities savings by making buildings more efficient. It was a \$150,000 savings that year. This agreement seems different.

Seth said most of those savings were based on usage and number of meters. This would be based on what kind of entity we are classified as through Rocky Mountain Power. There are different rates per megawatt depending on your classification and what type of customer you are. This is where the savings would be. The savings would be based on the classification. The rates may go up but we would still be saving because we would be classified correctly. Commissioner Haddock read part of the agreement. Attorney Hansen said she would want to see how they calculate the savings.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to table the approval of Lumen Utility Consultant Agreement in order to get more information. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

14) Ratification for the contract between the Governor Office of Economic Opportunity and Carbon County for the Rural County Grant

Shanny said we have recently been awarded funding for the Rural County Grant for 2026. This comes from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity. We apply for this funding every year and it is overseen by the Carbon County Economic Development board. This helps with business growth and development. It supports bringing in new businesses and helping current business grow. The public can apply for the funding on the Carbon County economic development web page.

Commissioner Martines said the grant is a 50/50 grant. Shanny said we have received \$200,000 and businesses can apply for up to \$50,000 which is the max. A typical request ranges from \$5,000 to \$25,000. It depends on their project and what they are asking for. The business will pay for the entire project up front, once completed they turn in receipts and invoices and are reimbursed at 50%.

Commissioner Jensen asked Shanny to explain what the board looks for in projects. Shanny said the board looks at what the economic impact will be to the business and to Carbon County. Will it help the business grow and expand? Will it create jobs which is not mandatory, but definitely is in their favor. It goes through a rigorous process including a review, discussion and a scoring system. It is taken seriously and they want to get the funds to those who need them. Commissioner Jensen said most of these projects add value to our tax base.

Commissioner Haddock made motion to ratify the contract between the Governor Office of Economic Opportunity and Carbon County for the Rural County Grant. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

15) Adjourn as the Carbon County Commission and convene as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency

Commissioner Martines made motion to adjourn as the Carbon County Commission and convene as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

16) Public Hearing on Amended Intermountain Industrial Community Reinvestment Project Area Budget – Shanny

Stewart Clayson said this is one of the first projects that we worked on in 2019. We needed to adjust the budget based on some miscommunication with the State Tax Commission. The success of the original incentive given required more investments. The County and all of the taxing entities wanted to honor the original intent of the agreement. The plan has not changed but we need to hold a public hearing in order to redo the budget. Shanny got all of the interlocal agreements submitted and this is the last step.

Commissioner Jensen said this is for Intermountain Electronic's expansion project started in 2019. The original plan was to build a larger building then they ended up building. A home had to be purchased in order to make their full expansion. They built what they could at the time and now they can make it larger and finish their project East of Price.

Seth said to clarify, this does not include anything being built on the Lowdermilk Property. Shanny said that is correct. Commissioner Jensen said they do have this other project going on between here and Helper with a large building being built. This will also add tax value and a lot more jobs. This is a separate project.

Commissioner Jensen opened the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

David Kale came to the microphone to speak but his issues did not have to anything to do with this public hearing. He was asked to visit the commissioners during the week.

Commissioner Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:13 p.m.

17) Adjourn as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency and re-convene as the Carbon County Commission

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to adjourn as the Carbon County Redevelopment Agency and re-convene as the Carbon County Commission. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

18) Adjourn as the Carbon County Board of Commissioners and convene as the Carbon County Board of Equalization

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn as the Carbon County Board of Commissioners and convene as the Carbon County Board of Equalization. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

19) Consideration and possible approval of Assessor initiated adjustments

Keven said these are both assessor-initiated adjustments and adjustments that have been stipulated with the property owners who have appealed. There are 60 or 70 parcels on this list. He asked for any questions.

Commissioner Martines said most looked like simple fixes for the most part. Keven said they are still doing some cleanups with errors that needed to be addressed.

Keven said, concerning the status of where we are at: currently we have 391 total appeals, 164 of these have been completed and approved by the Board of Equalization after today. Of those appeals, 187 properties were appealed by the Assessor's office and 194 were appealed by individual property owners. The Commissioners thanked Keven, Amy and the staff for their hard work on a daily basis in the Assessor's office.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the assessor-initiated adjustment. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

20) Adjourn as Carbon County Board of Equalization and re-convene as Carbon County Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to adjourn as the Carbon County Board of Equalization and re-convene as the Carbon County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

21) Consideration and possible approval of Recovery Day

Commissioner Jensen had Commissioner Haddock read the Recovery Day Proclamation. This proclamation will be attached to the minutes. Recovery Day is Friday, September 5, 2025.

Commissioner Martines made motion to approve the Recovery Day Proclamation. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

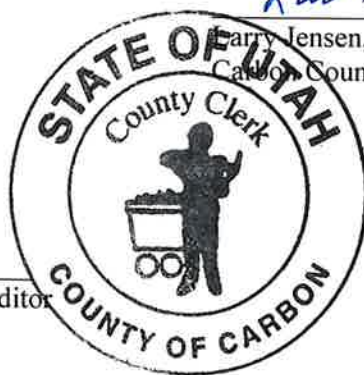
22) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.



Larry Jensen, Commission Chair
Carbon County Commission



ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor