

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, January 7, 2026 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the December 17, 2025 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne

Kellie said the Employee of the Month for our first meeting in 2026 is Bill Heath. Bill started with the County on February 14, 2022 and joined the Ambulance Department as a part time EMT in April 2024. Kellie turned the time over to Marty who had nominated him.

Marty said Bill was nominated because all of his hard work and dedication. His commitment for excellence and his willingness to go above and beyond has made a significant impact in the Ambulance Department. He has helped with the success that they have had. We are proud to recognize him for outstanding contributions to the team.

In 2025, Bill took 69 transports, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ of all the transports this year. He worked multiple holidays and took multiple second calls. He completed the EMT course which involves an excess of 120 hours. The Ambulance is not Bill's primary job. He also works for the Maintenance Department where he is also amazing and works 40 hours a week.

His work for the Ambulance Department goes above and beyond his primary job. Because he works for the County in Maintenance, Marty never has to turn in a ticket for repairs. She just calls Bill and he fixes it. Last summer's power outage, caused the air conditioner in the Ambulance garage to break. It was raining inside the ambulance bay which caused all kinds of issues. Marty made one phone call and Bill was there within three minutes and got the water turned off. He also takes a lot of pride in his patient care and seeks advice on how to make calls run smoother. He also shares his knowledge from his own research for ideas and how to upgrade equipment. We are grateful to have him as part of the Ambulance team.

Bill thanked Marty and everyone for the recognition. It is an honor to be a part of the Ambulance team and the Maintenance team. He enjoys both aspects immensely. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation.

3) Super Service Award – Tina Grange

Tina said the presentation of this award is going into its 5th year. Tina read the Super Service Award nomination. She related a story about the Walmart Fuel Station where a teenage customer was having a hard time. Her gas cap broke and she could not remove it and she already paid for her transaction. She went inside the store to cancel her purchase. The clerk, Tammy cancelled the transaction and then went outside to see if she could help with the gas cap. A man nearby offered his assistance and they were able to get the gas cap removed. The customer then went back inside to pay for the gas but her card then declined. Tamara paid the

\$20 out of her own money to cover the gas. Inconveniences like this can feel overwhelming to a young person. This family is incredibly grateful to Tamara for seeing a teenage girl in need and jumping in to help. This was truly a random act of kindness.

The Super Service Award goes to Tamara Peterson from the Walmart Fuel Station. The person who nominated Tamara is Brittany. Brittany said “it takes a village” and this is exactly what Tammy did that day. Her daughter was having such a bad day and was in tears for what was happening and in tears again for the kindness shown to her. Tammy was there for her and it was incredibly nice. As a mom, she appreciates this kind of kindness.

Tina invited Jenny Petersen to the microphone, she is Tamara’s boss and the Store Manager. Jenny said Tammy is the type of person who remembers her customers every single time. She gets to know them and always asks about them. She thanked Tamara as well.

4) Consideration and possible approval of an Addendum to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Incentive Interlocal Agreement with Gary Patel, Status Hospitality Group

Commissioner Jensen said Gary Patel and his company, Status Hospitality Group, have the intention of building a hotel behind Market Express on 100 North. They had entered into an agreement with Price City, the County and the School District for a tax incentive if they build this facility. They are behind on their schedule and have asked for an extension. All of the taxing entities have agreed to extend the deadline for one year.

Commissioner Jensen said it was also due to unforeseen and unanticipated project development delays involving the surveying and engineering. This is for a one-year extension. Commissioner Martines said this is actually for two new hotels. They will start with one. It will be a good addition to the community.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the addendum to the Development and Tax Increment Financing Incentive Interlocal Agreement with Gary Patel, Status Hospitality Group. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

5) Consideration and possible approval of the 2026 Cooperative Agreement for the Utah State University Extension Services and Carbon County – Steve Price

Steve said the Cooperative Extension system has been around for a long time. It is a combination of the USDA, Utah State University and counties. Every county has an office like ours, that works to help communities we live and serve in. As part of this, the County contributes money to help the Extension Office. For every dollar the County pays, the Extension Office provide 3.5 dollars’ worth of service back into the community.

Commissioner Martines thanked Steve for his office and staff. They do a tremendous job. Some of the services that are offered include winter gardening, post holiday vibrant indoor plants, 4-H Program, meaningful gifts for grandparents, agriculture, health and the list goes on and on. There is so much that their office does throughout the community. It is great to have them here.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the 2026 Cooperative Agreement for the Utah State University Extension Services and Carbon County. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

6) Consideration and possible approval of quote from CivicPlus Archiving Social – Barry Horsley

Barry said this is an unfunded mandate. As a government entity, the communications we have with constituents on social media falls into public records. This product fulfills requirements to archive those conversations and has oversight for each one of those accounts. It covers a list of products that Carbon County currently participates in as far as social media including Facebook, LinkedIn, X, YouTube, Instagram, Pinterest, TikTok, Nextdoor and others. This will facilitate the needs to fulfill the requirement.

Commissioner Martines said with some of the social media it is good to have our voice out there and to share thoughts. The other side are the attacks through the firewall. He asked Barry if protection is incorporated into this. Barry said this does not manage any security for the County network. It does help to protect the County against public threats. Anything put on any County social media site is immediately archived and saved.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the quote from CivicPlus Archiving Social. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Consideration and possible approval of a settlement agreement with Carbon Vape Company, LLC and Dennis Pawelek**

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve a settlement agreement with Carbon Vape Company, LLC and Dennis Pawelek. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried. There was no discussion.

8) **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 Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible approval of Assessor initiated adjustments – Keven Ewell**

Keven said the first section is for five properties who have a common area amongst condominiums. We are already picking up this value in the individual condominiums. This is double taxation that we missed. It is now corrected.

The next two are commercial office buildings. We recommend that we move the value back to last year's amounts. This is the Department of Wildlife building and the Veterans building.

The others are appeals that just occurred. The first one is for Cindy Edwards for parcel #1A-0432-0000. We tried several times to reach Cindy to find out what was going on with this property with no luck. We finally went out and inspected the property and found we had a couple of units duplicated in the records. This has been fixed. The next three are corrections for three apartments with factual errors and these have been corrected.

The last is the purchase of the property by Neal Baker for the old animal shelter. They remeasured this building and entered the correct property characteristics into the program. It was classified as a government building which no longer applies. These have been corrected. The recommended values are on the right-hand side of the page. Keven asked for any questions and said this should be the last appeals for the year 2025.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the Assessor Initiated adjustments. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

10) **Adjourn as the Carbon County Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Carbon County Board of Commissioners**

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

11) **Review and approval of departmental reports**

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

