

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, January 21, 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  
Jeff Wood, Sheriff

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 January 7, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) **PUBLIC HEARING for input regarding the mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs in Carbon County-Melissa Huntington, Executive Director Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, Inc.**

Melissa Huntington said by Utah State statute they are required to come every year and present the needs for services for substance abuse, mental health and services in the jail. They are here to receive comment from the public. As an update to the services they provide, there has been an increase in their jail services and they now have a full running program. It is a mandated service of the local authority. They are doing more than the required obligation. They wrote a grant so that they would have the funds to hire more individuals in order to provide a more comprehensive program. It has been very successful.

They are grateful for the County's support. They have expanded quite a bit over the last five years. All of the new programs have exceeded expectations with the individuals served. They provide much needed services to the community.

Amanda explained how two of their programs work. The 24-hour Crisis Receiving Center is a walk-in center for anyone in crisis, if a family member is concerned about a loved one or if law enforcement has picked someone up and feels that this would be a good setting for them. The facility is always staffed. Individuals can stay for 24 hours and receive services and an evaluation including seeing a physician. The Social Detox is in the same building and the process is the same. Anyone who needs treatment can come in or be brought in with zero refusals except for a few exceptions concerning violence. The Social Detox program offers a longer than 24-hour stay and it can be whatever the person needs to get safely detoxed from their medications and includes a plan for a successful recovery.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to open the public hearing for input regarding mental health and substance abuse disorder treatment needs in Carbon County. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing was opened at 4:36 p.m.

Dane Keele is a therapist and worked for Four Corners for ten years. He has had some amazing experiences. He spoke about a personal experience where there was a recent crisis situation where officers were called. The patient was taken to the hospital but he felt that she would receive better services with a crisis plan from the Receiving Center. It went really well. He likes these programs.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

The public hearing was closed at 4:38 p.m.

Commissioner Jensen said each County in the State of Utah is responsible for their own mental and health services. Many years ago, we contracted with Four Corners Behavioral Health to provide mental health services. Southeastern Utah Health Department provides the health services. Commissioner Jensen has served on both of these boards. What stands out in his mind is the compassion these workers have in both of these facilities. It can be frustrating when a family member cannot be totally cured. You can often stabilize the person but there is always the possibility of a crisis. It is obvious that they do good work. He publicly thanked all of the workers in these facilities.

Commissioner Haddock said he recently spent time in a prevention training conference with this staff. He thanked them for all they do.

3) **Consideration and possible approval of a Carbon County credit card for Megan Camberlango with the Children's Justice Center – Shelley Wright**

Director Shelley Wright asked that Megan Camberlango be issued a credit card for the Children's Justice Center. This would be a second card for them but it will help them when Shelley is out of town and purchases are needed to be made.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve a credit card for Megan Camberlango. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

4) **Consideration and possible approval of Ordinance 591 Initiating the establishment of the Carbon County Data Privacy Program**

Kellie said Ordinance 587 was for the privacy data plan. This Data Privacy program that Kellie, IT and two additional employees started, is currently in the process of being implemented. They now have to have an ordinance in place designating a chief administrative officer, which is the HR director's title, and would also cover the records officer. This second ordinance covers that we have initiated a program for data privacy and have officers in place.

Ordinance 591 has two exhibits. Exhibit A is the internal privacy report form and Exhibit B is the website data privacy statement which is on the website now.

Commissioner Martines asked if this is something started locally or is it a State policy? Kellie said this is a State mandate and they are still working through the process. We are a small group of people trying to do our regular jobs on top of doing the data privacy program. It is something in the works and she is sure there will be a lot of changes. This is the first step.

Commissioner Jensen said various County offices collect information, some that is very sensitive such as on marriage licenses and passport applications. This policy, even though we are already protecting this information, is a written policy proving to the State that we are protecting this information and not collecting unnecessary information. It will help protect employees in the County.

Kellie said along with this, we will also have a retention schedule. Some departments already have a retention schedule but not everything is listed. As we go through this process, we will develop a retention schedule stating how long we will keep records and when and how they can be destroyed.

The State provided zero funding for this project. Commissioner Jensen said we did hire an additional person. Kellie said we hired an administrative assistant for the IT Department who is also helping with the data privacy project along with Kellie and Tess from HR. Everyone is doing dual duties.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve Ordinance 591 Initiating and Establishing the Carbon County Data Privacy Program. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Review and possible approval of Lease modification and renewal with Centracom for Scofield area communications sites**

Barry said we currently have an agreement with Centracom at two locations in the Scofield/Pleasant Valley area. We share a location with them in both Clear Creek and near the old Boy Scout Camp that is now on private land. This agreement will combine both of these agreements into one so that they are both on the same renewal schedule and will further define the details of the agreement. The TV service that is broadcast in the valley comes through the Centracom network at these locations and then we rebroadcast through the free television service. We get this service at no cost and in exchange we give them rack space in the building and tower space.

Commissioner Martines asked if this includes Ford Ridge, Scofield and Clear Creek. Barry said Ford Ridge falls under Emery Telcom's service area. It is a different agreement. Centracom covers the Scofield and Clear Creek areas.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the lease modification and renewal with Centracom for the Scofield area communication sites. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Consideration and possible approval of the Commercial Property Assessment Services Agreement – Amy Schmidt-Peters, Assessor and Keven Ewell, Chief Deputy**

Amy said we are requesting approval for the contract for commercial property assessment services with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC). We asked for bids in October and did not receive any. We were then able to request bids and UAC put together a proposal to have our 932 commercial properties assessed. This will get us back on track with commercial services.

Commissioner Martines said it seems like we are not the only county that struggles to find commercial appraisers. Keven said a lot of the small counties have this problem. We are actually piloting a program for UAC to put a program in place. Hopefully having this in place will benefit other small counties.

Commissioner Martines said in previous years we had contracts that were half fulfilled and not completed. Keven said we have things in place to make sure this gets done. There are benchmarks and deadlines.

Commissioner Haddock asked if they are committed for all 932 properties. Keven said this year they are reviewing the property characteristics for all of the Price commercial properties before the tax roll date. They will spend time this year doing the rest of the parcels throughout the County. Amy said they want to pick up any new improvements that have occurred and do an in-person inspection. They may go with the appraiser to make sure the buildings and types of properties are correct.

Keven said they will do the evaluation as well. They have started working on the land guide and will continue working on it with them.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Commercial Property Assessment Service Agreement with the Utah Association of Counties. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Ratification of agreement with Jones and DeMille Engineering for environmental work for the Rock Crawler trails**

Commissioner Jensen said the State of Utah collects money from ATV and motorcycle registrations. Part of this money is made available in the form of grants that comes back to the counties. We have a rock crawler club in our area that has trails throughout the county. If the environmental assessment work can be done on these trails to verify that no damage is being done to the environment, then the BLM can allow them to legally use them and hold events where visitors can be invited to ride these trails. We received a grant for \$95,000 and that money was used to hire an engineering firm to do the environmental assessment. This agreement is to have Jones and DeMille perform this environmental assessment on these trails.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to ratify the agreement with Jones and DeMille Engineering for the environmental work for the Rock Crawler trails. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

8) Consideration and possible approval of appointing Daniel Luke to represent Carbon County on the Carbon County Economic Development Board – Shanny Wilson, Director

Shanny said they received grant money from the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity to do road work out on Ridge Road. This will be explained at a later time. As they were meeting with the Governor's office and going over how to track the grant, they found that they needed to appoint a new board member to the Carbon County Community Economic Development Board. Right now, Commissioner Jensen has been serving on this board and has been very valuable. Moving forward, they were told by the Governor's office that elected officials can no longer serve on this board. After talking to Commissioner Jensen and the Board Chairman they decided to ask Daniel Luke to be a part of this board because of the work his office will be doing on Ridge Road due to the grant received. This board reviews all of the rural county grant applications that businesses can apply for to help with economic development. This board meets once a month on the third Tuesday.

Commissioner Jensen said the board member has to be an employee of Carbon County. There were issues with elected officials who may have had too much influence on the board.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Daniel Luke to represent Carbon County on the Carbon County Economic Development Board. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

9) view and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

  
Jared Haddock, Commission Chair  
Carbon County Commission

ATTEST:

  
Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

