

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, March 18, 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: None in attendance, County 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 March 4, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) **Carbon County Heart and Character Award**

McKenna Terry said the Carbon County Heart and Character Award is presented to recognize members of our community who show great heart and character and provide opportunities for people to learn and grow including being kind and courteous. She invited Rachelle Blanc to the microphone to present the first award.

Rachelle Blanc works at Active Re-Entry which is the Center for Independent Living. Active Re-Entry is a community-based program dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain self-sufficient, productive lives within their own homes and communities. We proudly provide services to people of all ages and disability. Rachelle is here to honor Executive Director, Terri Yelonek.

Rachelle said she has the privilege to work with Terri Yelonek. Terri supports and cares for her staff and shows general kindness, respect and dedication to the individuals they serve at Active Re-Entry. She often reminds the staff that we are a team and a family. Because of this, Rachelle shared a few words from six of their consumers they serve. Rachelle read each statement all of which stated what good things Terri has done for them. Terri is very much loved and appreciated and deserves this award.

Terri said what an honor this is. She can't tell the commission how lucky she is. She is the luckiest person in the world. She has the best work team and she gets to work with the most amazing people in our communities who are a privilege to meet. She believes that you are only as good as the people you surround yourself with. She thanked everyone for this honor and appreciates it very much.

McKenna then invited Lindsay Ingram and Cody Bunderson to the microphone. Lindsay said she wanted to recognize Cody who shows strengths of many different kinds. He has physical strength but he shows kindness strengths every day. He goes far beyond the strength in his heart, in his compassion and the compassion he brings to lifting others up. Through his work at Fierce MMA Gym, Cody creates something incredibly special. It is more than a gym. It's a place where people go, of all ages, to learn life skills. Cody believes in people and knows that people make mistakes. He believes people need a second chance and he can see their potential. He leads by example and is willing to help someone get back on their feet. He is selfless, his place makes people feel safe and he has a great impact on the community. Cody is a true champion.

Cody thanked all for their kindness. This community means everything to him. It doesn't matter where you come from or what your background is, he believes in helping others. He sees so much good in the community. When you step into his gym or his other businesses in Carbon County he tries to lead by example and puts his best foot forward. He wants to treat others with kindness. He will continue to do all that he can.

3) **Presentation and Congratulations to Janeyl Breinholt – Judge Jon Carpenter**

Judge Jon Carpenter said the Justice Court tries their best to serve the community and provide a place for people to take care of their problems. A lot of this is done by staying up to date with ever-changing technology. The court system has recently implemented significant changes in technology. This has required lots of time and effort to learn. Now they have to do the same job with new software and equipment. Part of the team that brought this about has included Janeyl Breinholt. She has been part of several State committees that have researched the new available technologies.

Judge Carpenter said Janeyl was nominated to the Utah Board of Justice Court Judges for the award of Outstanding Justice Court Employee for her effort to take on the new system and to understand how it works. This award was presented to Janeyl at the Annual Clerk’s Conference on March 5, 2026. Janeyl has done a tremendous job. This is just one part of her job and she has done extremely well. We are lucky to have her and are grateful that she has been recognized.

Janeyl thanked Judge Carpenter and said it’s an honor to work with him. She appreciates her co-workers and all of her friends who are here to support her. Commissioner Haddock thanked Janeyl for all she does.

4) **Consideration and possible approval of \$500 donation to the 2026 Graduation Spectacular – Kara Thayn**

Kara Thayn said she is here representing the Graduation Spectacular committee. She thanked the commissioners for their past support. It is a big undertaking to keep our kids safe on graduation night. They are here asking for help and to request the continuance of funding for this year.

Commissioner Haddock asked how many students were served last year. Kara said over 600 students attended last year and it was held at the Airport. This year it will be held at the Event Center on Fairgrounds Road. It will be a great place and the kids are excited. It has a lot of space and the people who work there are great.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve a \$500 donation to the 2026 Graduation Spectacular. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen asked that they send in an invoice for payment. Commissioner Haddock said every penny of this donation goes to the students.

5) **Consideration and possible approval of the 2026 Rural County Grant funding – Shanny Wilson**

Shanny said Carbon County has received another yearly round of funding from the Rural County grant. This is money we receive from the Governor’s Office. It is a yearly funding opportunity received as long as we do everything that is required. Shanny is the administrator and they have a board who oversees and reviews the applications. It is not hard for the businesses to apply for the funding and the board spends a lot of time deciding where they want to put the dollars. The funding is a 50/50 match. The business requesting the grant pays for everything up front and they turn in receipts for reimbursement once the project is complete. This grant helps businesses grow and expand. The grant contributes \$200,000 and the business contributes \$200,000 which is a pretty big economic impact. This year they have received 34 applications with an ask of a little under \$900,000. They only received \$200,000 from the State and so have approved and funded 17 projects.

Shanny read the list of 17 applicants and what they were awarded.

Positive Pathways	\$ 5,000
Utah Support Advocates for Recovery	\$19,750
Jones and DeMille Engineering	\$25,000
Clark’s Home Fire Safety	\$30,000
Terry Family Chiropractic	\$10,000
Kara Heugly Counseling	\$10,000
Desert Sage Salon	\$10,500
La Pasadita	\$ 7,500
Angels Craving	\$ 7,500
Intermark Steel	\$ 7,500

Sandstone Psychology	\$15,000
Carbon Print and Design	\$12,500
Lariats and Outlaws – Outlaw Cafe	\$10,000
Helper Brewery	\$25,000
AJB Broadcasting	\$ 2,250
Pine Top Medical	\$ 5,000
Skin & Tonic	\$ 2,500

Shanny said there is also a carryover of \$5,000 from last year.

Commissioner Martines said he appreciates the opportunity to help these businesses. He thanked the board as well. Looking at the list, the funding requests were methodical and thought out. It will help a lot of different industries.

Layne Miller said he appreciates the opportunity to work with Shanny, the board and the commissioners. He said we have some great thinkers on the board. Layne makes sure they get through the agenda and without Shanny they would not get anything done. They have been able to help large and small businesses from food trucks to corporations. It has been fun and he appreciates the help from the commissioners.

Commissioner Jensen said the value that comes back to the community is significant. With the expansion of these small businesses, the number of employees hired is over 100. The value of their facilities, their buildings, machinery and equipment has increased. The tax base has increased and helps lighten the tax burden.

Commissioner Haddock said when this grant was managed solely by the State, very few of our local businesses were awarded anything. It has been a tremendous victory to manage the choices locally by those who know these businesses best.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the 2026 Rural County Grant Funding. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

6) Open sealed bids for large truck and trailer tires – Road Department

Seth said two bids were received:

Dinosaur Tire/Les Schwab Tire Center -
Southern Tire Mart -

Commissioner Martines said each bid is for multiple types of tires.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to acknowledge the bids from Dinosaur Tire and Southern Tire Mart and allow Commissioner Jensen and Daniel Luke to review and move forward with the best value for the County. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

7) Open sealed bids for side dump trailer – Road Department

Seth said one bid was received:

Wheeler Machinery For a 2023 Trail King Model TK60SSD Trailer \$54,700
that includes \$1,000 for freight with two options, for used trailers

Commissioner Jensen said the Road Department has a very aged fleet. This type of trailer needs to be replaced. Several pieces of equipment are very worn out.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to acknowledge the two bid options for trailers from Wheeler Machinery and authorizes the Road Department to make a purchase. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

8) Open sealed bids for crew cab flatbed truck – Weed Department

Seth said one bid was received:

Auto Farm 2026 Ram 3500 crew cab, 4x4 long box \$78,725

There is a second price of \$81,945 which may include a flatbed

Commissioner Jensen said the Weed Department's spray truck needs a new motor. It is a twenty plus years old truck. If we want our weeds sprayed, we need a new truck

Commissioner Martines made a motion to accept the bid from Auto Farm and let Commissioner Jensen and Chris Rowley, Supervisor of the Weed Department, review and move forward with the best value. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible approval of Contract No. 191579 Amendment No. 1 between Carbon County Commission and State of Utah, Division of Facilities Construction and Management**

Commissioner Jensen said the Department of Agriculture leases space in our building. This is a renewal of that lease for this office space in the Administration Building. The lease is for seven year and they pay \$1,200 a month. Seth said there is a renewal option going forward for \$1,500.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Contract #191579 Amendment No. 1 between Carbon County Commission and State of Utah, Division of Facilities Construction and Management for the Department of Agriculture office space. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

10) **Review and possible adoption of Ordinance #593, Vacating Cherry Lane Road – Todd Thorne**

Commissioner Jensen said in the Westwood Subdivision there was a short piece of road where the developer did not want to extend that it into another part of the subdivision. They came in sometime in the past wanting to vacate that road and make it a private driveway for two individual building lots. We abandoned this road but failed to complete the Ordinance in order to vacate it legally. This ordinance will guarantee that the owners of the two parcels will have access to the rear part of their property. The legal language will protect these two parcels. This will remove the road from the County's ownership and give it to the property owners.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adopt Ordinance 593, Vacating Cherry Lane. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

11) **Consideration and possible approval of Quit Claim Deed to Terri McKendrick – Todd Thorne**

Commissioner Jensen said this is regarding a small sliver of land deeded to the County to create a cul-de-sac at the end of 600 West and 1300 South. This property is south of the Fairgrounds and was established as a bus turn around. Years ago, the property was surveyed and deeded to the County so we could widen it out and allow for the bus turn around. A cul-de-sac is normally round, but the County asked that it be made square. Now it appears that there is enough room at this location to create an additional building lot that the owner would like to sell. A little sliver of land is being deeded back to Terri McKendrick, the homeowner, in order to make the lot large enough to legally be subdivided.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the quit claim deed to Terri McKendrick and the Norman McKendrick Trust who is also on the deed. This is Terri's father who is deceased. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

12) **Consideration and possible approval of Second Addendum to Seven County Infrastructure Coalition Interlocal Agreement to add Sanpete County and to approve a name change to Rural Utah Infrastructure Coalition as a New Name**

Commissioner Haddock said Sanpete County is an integral part of the Coalition. The seven other county members want to approve that they be a part of the coalition. The second part needing approval is that by adding Sanpete County the name of the coalition needs to change because it now involves eight counties. They would like to change the name to Rural Utah Infrastructure Coalition.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Second Addendum to Seven County Infrastructure Coalition Interlocal Agreement and add Sanpete County and approve to change the name of the coalition to Rural Utah Infrastructure Coalition. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

13) Review and possible participation in National Prescription Opioid litigation

Seth said as part of the ongoing opioid litigation there are many different distributors and companies involved in the suit and the settlement. As a County, we receive funds and this is another group of companies who have settled and will pay each of the Utah counties involved. This is a ratification, we have already signed the agreement with these companies. It came out to about \$30,000 to \$35,000 a year.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to ratify the participation in the National Prescription Opioid Litigation. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

14) Adjourn as Carbon County Board of Commissioners and convene as Carbon County Board of Equalization

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

15) Consideration and possible approval of late BOE appeal #2025-876, parcel #2A-0012-0005 and BOE appeal #902 parcel #1C-0314-0000 – Keven Ewell

Seth said we have received one appeal application that was overlooked and one that was very late.

Seth said one application was filled out and the reason given. They are required by State code to have a specific reason of why they filed late. These reasons include a Medical emergency, a death, property owners' failure to receive the notice, a factual error and extraordinary or unanticipated circumstances. The first application for Richard Monk noted the death of the owner on January 14, 2025.

Patricia Morris filed an application claiming a factual error. Her explanation is that they filed on March 6, 2026 which is past the first deadline. Seth asked Keven to explain.

Keven said you can file a late appeal based on those five reasons up until March 31. The late appeal is still a valid option. For the factual error, this individual said they misunderstood the paperwork and removed the residential exemption from their home. It was an error on their part and now they want to fix it. He is okay with this one.

On the appeal for Richard Monk, the property owner died on January 14, 2025 and the tax notice was sent nine months later and then they appealed ten months later. He will leave it up to the commissioners to decide on whether or not this is a valid reason. Right now, we can accept appeals up to March 31.

Commissioner Haddock recommends that both be approved based on factual errors.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve both applications based on factual error. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Seth said this approval now means that we can review them to see if there is something that needs to be corrected. They will be brought back to a future commission meeting for a final approval.

16) Adjourn as Carbon County Board of Equalization and reconvene as Carbon County Board of Commissioners

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

17) Consideration and possible approval to purchase rifles for S.W.A.T. Team – Sheriff Jeff Wood

Sheriff Wood said this purchase is one that they have needed. They have several rifles that the firing pins have low pressure when firing and other problems. These rifles are used a lot in training and practice. Several guns need to be replaced.

They have looked at five different rifle building companies and they have narrowed it down to two that would be the best for them. They received bids to review. One of these is Culpers and they have experience with them. These guns are a specialty item and Culpers has quality parts and they are assembled in Utah. The Sheriff's Office has received a grant from the Tourism Department to pay for the ten guns that are failing. These guns have not been replaced in over twelve years. They want to be transparent and want the public to know that these guns are a specialty item and that is why they went this route. Sheriff Wood wants approval before moving forward.

Commissioner Martines said practicing is necessary and preparedness is crucial. It has to happen. Sheriff Wood said their S.W.A.T. team gets called out often and they are well trained and prepared. Deputy Peczuh and Deputy Hepworth did all of the leg work on this research and found which ones are the best. These are the rifles the S.W.A.T. team wants and it is the best price. They will be covered by the grant from Tourism and will have money left over that can be used for side arms.


Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the purchase of rifles for the S.W.A.T. team. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

18) Review and approval of departmental reports


Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor




Jared Haddock, Commission Chair
Carbon County Commission