

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, April 1, 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: Christian Bryner, County Attorney  
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary  
Kourtney Cox, Recreation Director  
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 18, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) **Retirement presentation – Rebecca Taylor**

Rebecca asked Brenda Howerton to join her at the microphone. Rebecca said Brenda will be retiring and they wanted to recognize her for her twenty plus years of service at the East Carbon Senior Center. They expressed their appreciation for Brenda who goes above and beyond everything that is required of her. They love and adore her in East Carbon. We appreciate her dedication to the job and her shoes will be hard to fill. She will be greatly missed.

Brenda said she has enjoyed her years of work at the Senior Center and will miss it. She knows that she sometimes caused trouble but she did it for the seniors. She loves them all. She thanked everyone.

Commissioner Haddock said she is a true advocate for the seniors. The staff and the senior citizens from East Carbon have come to support her today.

3) **Recognition by Savannah Wilson**

Savannah Wilson said she resides on Fairgrounds Road and one day she saw a person cleaning weeds along the top of their street. He was there all day long and she wondered who he was. She talked to him and found out that he was working off hours. He has now completed his work on the road as well as his required hours. She wanted to acknowledge him and his great work. Their road now looks phenomenal. His name is James Still and he has been working hard for the community. She presented him with a gift basket.

James said he wasn't expecting recognition for his work. He just treated it like it was his own backyard. He did over 80 hours of work all the way around the block.

Commissioner Haddock thanked them for coming and for the recognition of his work from local citizens.

4) **Price City Youth Council presentation**

Amber Wetzel is here representing the Price City Youth Council. She is proposing a high impact event that means a lot to her. It would be a Paws in the Park Adoption Day. This would bring the community together and give homes to animals in need. Bringing the animals out of the shelter to a central park would attract a lot of people. There would be a higher chance of people connecting to an animal. For every dog that gets adopted there is another one in crisis. She is asking for commission support in order for the community and animals to have a healthy place to be. She is not asking for a donation, only their guidance and support. They will take care of everything and the money raised will help the animal shelter.

Commissioner Haddock asked how they can help. She said they would like to hold an adoption day. She needs permission to use the park and any rules they need to follow so it is safe.

Sheriff Wood said he would like the youth council to submit a written proposal of what they want and expect. He asked that they outline the dynamics of the event. Will it be every month? The animal shelter would have to have dogs and cats ready to go and there is liability to address by taking the animals out of the shelter. He challenges them to put their thoughts in writing and see what they can do to accomplish this goal.

The Youth Council said they would do this. Commissioner Haddock asked the Youth Council to tell the community about themselves.

Natalie Marvidakis is the Price Youth City Council Mayor. She said this program focuses on the teenagers and kids in our community and making sure they have something to do in our town. They focus on community services like volunteering at the food bank, cleaning up the town and other events for all ages. They have a group of councilmembers who help support the group.

5) **Child Abuse Awareness month and 30-year anniversary for the Children's Justice Center – Shelley Wright**

Shelley said April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. The Children's Justice Center and the Family Support Center usually does something small for the community to promote social awareness. This year, because it's their 30-year anniversary, they will be doing something bigger. They will be holding an open house on April 30, from 9 to noon, with an event called "Pancakes for Prevention". They will be serving a free pancake breakfast to the community. They want to see partner agencies attend the event including the commissioners and members from the community. They are proud of their anniversary and are excited for this event.

They have challenged local businesses in Carbon and Emery counties to help bring awareness to this issue by having them decorate their storefronts with pinwheels. They will deliver signs and information to the businesses. Their goal is to turn the community blue. They are accepting family nominations where they can plant pinwheel gardens in front yards in order to paint the community blue and promote the awareness of child abuse prevention.

Child abuse is a serious issue in our community and in our homes. The good news is, it can be prevented. There are three pillars of effective prevention promoting the protective factors: community awareness, education and early intervention and access. Shelley explained each of these items. The five protective factors in a home are: the parent's knowledge of child development, the parent's ability to be resilient when things are tough, the family's connection with the community, the support that families can obtain through resources like the Food Bank and the WIC Program and a child needs to know their emotional competence, they need encouragement from their caretakers. These are the things that they strive to promote with their families.

Community awareness and education involves educating parents on how to parent and what that looks like including awareness projects like the pinwheel campaign. Even though we are rural, all of the supportive agencies' services are very accessible in our community. They encourage families to reach out even if there is not a child abuse issue. It could be for a young family who wants to know more about parenting. This will help to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Shelley shared a list of what can be done at home to prevent child abuse. These are: understanding the child's development stage, having unconditional love for your children, spending time and actively listening to your children, establishing clear and consistent rules, provide a consistent routine and for parents to identify their stress triggers and taking time outs for themselves and not parenting in anger. Shelley said parents can call the center, attend the parenting classes and reach out to family and friends.

These are the things they wanted to promote and talk about. They are welcoming everyone to come and have pancakes on April 30.

6) **Consideration and possible approval to appoint board applicant to Friends of the Carbon/Emery County Children's Justice Center Board**

Commissioner Martines said there is a vacancy on the Friends of the Carbon/Emery County Children's Justice Center board. This application is from Jennifer Colosimo, who works at the hospital and would be a good addition to the board.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve appointing Jennifer Colosimo to the Friends of the Carbon/Emery County Children's Justice Center Board. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

7) Consideration and possible approval to appoint board applicant to fill a remaining term for the Housing Authority Board

Commissioner Martines said anyone volunteering for a County board is appreciated. This application is from Mackenzie Burnett from East Carbon for the Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Haddock and Commissioner Jensen have both worked with Mackenzie in the Eastern Leaders Academy and said she would be a good addition. She has a desire to be involved.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Mackenzie Burnett to fill the remaining term on the Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

8) Consideration and possible approval of adjustment to tippage fees with ECDC Environmental Services, LLC East Carbon (Republic Services)

Chris Gronquist is the operation manager for ECDC Environmental landfill in East Carbon. This amended agreement is for a 4% increase in the tippage fees. The price of fuel keeps going up as well as everything else. He reported that they received 182,000 tons of waste in 2025 which is below the minimum tons of the contract. This agreement is for a 4% increase for a total of \$25.66 per ton for municipal solid waste generated in the County.

Commissioner Jensen said the County landfill can only accept construction waste. All of the household waste that is picked up by City Sanitation, other services or that is brought to the County landfill, has to go to ECDC who has that permit. This is important because ECDC is close and if we had to take it further away the cost would be higher. Chris said the contaminated soil from the recently closed Maverick was taken to ECDC. That 3,000 tons would have been expensive to haul to another place. There is a need for this landfill but it is not cheap to operate.

Commissioner Martines said there was a potential for more waste coming from California but it did not happen. Chris said they are working on another possibility within the State.

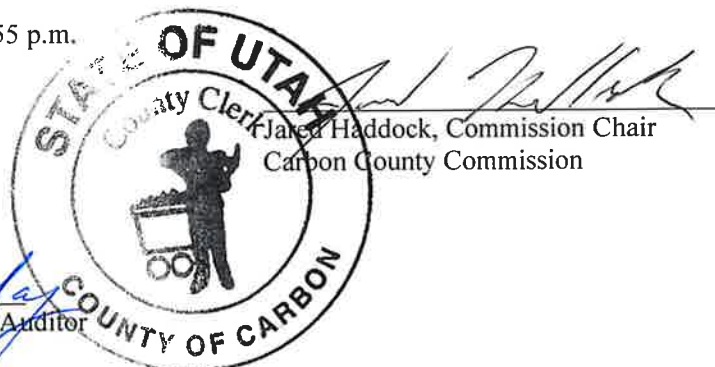
Commissioner Jensen said if a high volume of waste is brought in from anywhere else, then the price from Republic to us goes down. Right now, we are not benefiting from additional contracts.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the amended solid waste disposal agreement between Carbon County and ECDC Environmental LLC (Republic Services). Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

9) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.



ATTEST:

  
Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

