

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, May 6, 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  
Caitlin Giraud, 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 Jensen made a motion to approve the April 15, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

2) **Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne**

Kellie announced that the Employee of the Month is Kristi Wilson who has been employed with CERCUT since November 2018. Multiple people nominated her. Kellie invited the nominators to the microphone.

Zac Wise said Kristi is an incredible hard worker who consistently goes above and beyond in everything she does. She is dependable, a pleasure to work with and has great communication skills. What truly sets her apart is her attitude towards her job. There is no task too big or too small. She never hesitates to step in where needed, and always does so with a can-do attitude. Her work ethic, teamwork, and reliability make a difference every day. They have all shared laughs, hugs, and tears together. She always has a listening ear and is someone you can trust. She is more than deserving of this award.

Kristi thanked them for the award and said that even though their workplace requires a lot of work they never have a dull moment. They all work hard together as a great team and have fun.

3) **Super Service Award – Tina Grange**

Tina read the nomination for Isabelle Vega, who volunteers at the Helper Museum.

Isabelle is instrumental in the museum's operations. She greets guests and shares her extensive knowledge of local history. In addition to her work in the gift shop, she helps with the displays and cleans all four floors. She ensures a welcoming environment for all visitors.

Isabelle expressed her appreciation for the museum and noted that her success is a result of the support from her coworkers and the coordinator. She has gained significant historical knowledge and invites the entire community to visit and experience the Helper Museum.

4) **Consideration and possible adoption of The Proclamation by the Carbon County Commission proclaiming the week of May 31, 2026 to June 6, 2026 as Western Week in Carbon County in support of the Black Diamond Rodeo – Kourtney Cox**

Kourtney introduced two representatives from the Black Diamond Rodeo: Isabelle Jensen, the 2026-2027 Rodeo Queen, and Grace Kelly, the First Attendant.

Isabelle and Grace recently competed for Carbon County Rodeo Queen by demonstrating excellence in horsemanship and communication. Over the coming year, they will attend various rodeos and local events. They will represent the rodeo as well as the people and values of our community.

Queen Isabelle Jensen is excited to give back to the community that has supported her throughout her many years of rodeoing.

Grace Kelly will graduate from high school this year. She has been attending Utah State University Eastern. She is excited to be the First Attendant and give her support to the community.

Kourtney said she researched the origins of the Black Diamond Rodeo. She researched various newspapers from 1937-1961 and was able to piece together the history of the Black Diamond Rodeo. The article was directly tied to a proclamation encouraging people to dress in Western attire during the week of the rodeo. This current proclamation would continue this tradition. Kourtney invited the rodeo group up to join her.

Commissioner Haddock asked Kourtney to read the proclamation. (Proclamation attached to the minutes) The week of May 31, 2026 through June 6, 2026 will be Western Week. Everyone is encouraged to wear Western attire to support the Black Diamond Rodeo.

Commissioner Jensen and Commissioner Martines thanked them for all their efforts.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adopt the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 31, 2026 to June 6, 2026 as Western Week in Carbon County in support of the Black Diamond Rodeo. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Introduction of the new Miss Carbon County Directors and Board Members**

MariLynn Tubbs and Jessie Jewkes will serve as the new Co-Directors of Miss Carbon County. Additionally, the following individuals have been appointed to help:

Taren Powell - Event Coordinator and Hostess Chair  
BrinLee Duncan - Sponsor Liaison  
Madison Keele - Production Coordinator  
Gracie Steele Procarione - Financial Coordinator

MariLynn said the Miss Carbon County organization is a local scholarship & mentorship program that focuses on helping young women develop confidence, leadership skills, and a commitment to strong community service. Through this program the participants will gain valuable experience in public speaking, goal setting, and volunteering with the community. They just joined the Miss Utah Volunteer organization. This organization offers scholarship's, service initiatives, and the ability to compete at a state level while serving the community. The volunteer board gives their time and expertise in organizing the program to ensure success. She thanked the volunteer board and said it would not be possible without them.

The following royalty introduced themselves:

Lennen Canderlaria - Little Miss Carbon County  
Leah Haycock - Jr. Miss Carbon County  
Aiyana Lee - Miss Teen Carbon County 2<sup>nd</sup> Attendant

MariLynn thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

6) **Ratification of the application for the Emergency Watershed Project Grant through the Natural Resources Conservation Service – Justin Needles**

Commissioner Jensen said last year there was flooding in Carbonville and Carbon County engaged with the NRCS. The NRCS budget was cut and it delayed getting the approval needed.

The Federal Government has now authorized \$1,898,138.68. In addition, it will require a match of 25% from Carbon County in the amount of \$551,784.50 for a total of \$2,449,923.18. Upon final approval from the NRCS, Carbon County will engage with Johansen and Tuttle Engineering. Two major portions of the project will take place in Carbonville to help with flooding issues. A contract was signed earlier this week.

Commissioner Martines thanked Commissioner Jensen for taking the initiative to get this resolved.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the ratification of the application for the Emergency Watershed Project Grant through the National Resource Conservation Service. Commissioner Jensen second. Motion carried.

7) **Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance 594, a Change to the Carbon County Zoning District Map from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located on parcel 02-1956-0000 for Kevin Callahan - Todd Thorne**

Todd said this zone change is located on Lower Miller Creek Road. The area will be reduced from two and a half acre lots to one acre lots. This will allow for seven houses. During the public hearing a member of the public commented on the increase in traffic with the additional houses. Todd said they do not see this as a concern since the road is not overutilized now. The Planning Commission gave a positive recommendation for the zone change.

Commissioner Martines asked about the road setback requirement. Todd said it is about thirty feet.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 594 to Change the Carbon County Zoning District Map from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located on Parcel 02-1956-0000 for Kevin Callahan. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Price River Watershed Conservation Presentation – Ryan Jones**

Ryan Jones, Resource Coordinator for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, presented a slide show. The slides showed the work involved with the five Conservation Districts in Southeastern Utah. He introduced Chairman Bill Butcher, Vice Chairman Jake Pressett, Treasurer Jenifer Stansfield and General Members Kale Cotner and Scott Thayn.

Over the past three years they have completed sixteen projects. These projects included the Mudd Creek Musk Project, which removed musk thistle south of Scofield Town, the Prettyman Russian Olive Project in Gordon Creek, and a cloud seeding project to benefit the Price River watershed.

Outreach and education is a big focus and the conservation district rents equipment to local producers at a low cost. In 2024 they were awarded the Conservation District of the Year out of thirty-eight districts. Ryan is happy to help out in any way he can.

The Commissioners thanked Ryan Jones for his time and presentation of these projects

9) **Consideration and possible approval of the real estate purchase contract between Carbon County and Jay Critchlow for tax parcel number 02-1806-0000**

Commissioner Jensen said the efforts over the past nine years will diversify the types of industries that could locate here. Many local companies in the area need railroad services. An area along the existing rail spur to the Savage coal load out is the perfect location.

By purchasing the Critchlow property, it will maximize the number of companies that could locate here. The purchase price for the property is two million dollars and includes 120 shares of Scofield Reservoir water and 120 shares of Carbon Canal water.

Currently, the taxable value of all properties in the county stands at \$2.8 billion. With this companies added value, property taxes on residential homes could be reduced by thirty percent.

Commissioner Martines said Carbon County is open for business and is working to attract industry. The assets within the community have been attracting outside businesses.

Commissioner Jensen said a lot of time and effort has gone into this purchase and it takes a lot of work to make it possible. Water is a huge issue. In this case this property comes with water for the industrial use. These industries will pay good wages.

Commissioner Haddock said this is to promote diversity and provide a variety of jobs for future generations.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the Real Estate Purchase Contract between Carbon County and Jay Critchlow for Parcel #02-1806-0000. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

**10) Consideration and possible approval of the real estate purchase contract between Carbon County and 2C's Properties for tax parcel numbers 02-1812-0000 and 02-1789-0000**

Attorney Lyn Hansen said the parcel number on this item should be corrected from 02-1789-0000 to 02-1798-0000. This change will ensure the record reflects the real estate amendment contract. This parcel is larger and does not include water. It is located north of the property previously discussed.

Commissioner Martines thanked Shanny for her efforts.


Commissioner Jensen said no county money is being borrowed for this project. Careful spending will return a profit. This is a critical investment for the future of Carbon County.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Real Estate Purchase Contract between Carbon County and 2C's Property for parcel #02-1812-0000 and #02-1798-0000. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

  
Jared Haddock, Commission Chair  
Carbon County Commission

ATTEST:

  
Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor



**PROCLAMATION**  
**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CARBON COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026 TO JUNE 6, 2026 AS WESTERN WEEK IN CARBON**  
**COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACK DIAMOND RODEO**

**WHEREAS**, Carbon County has a deep-rooted western heritage that continues to shape its identity, culture, and community pride; and

**WHEREAS**, rodeo has long been a valued tradition in Carbon County, bringing together residents and visitors in celebration of that heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the roots of the Black Diamond Rodeo date back to 1938 with the Robbers Roost Roundup, later evolving into the Black Diamond Stampede in 1951, and continuing today as a premier western event in Carbon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black Diamond Rodeo has grown into a regionally and increasingly statewide recognized event, drawing competitors and spectators from across Utah and neighboring states, while contributing to tourism, local business activity, and community visibility; and

**WHEREAS**, stewardship of the Black Diamond Rodeo has transitioned to Carbon County, establishing it as a county event supported through a unified, countywide effort to preserve tradition, strengthen community engagement, and support local economic development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black Diamond Rodeo continues to expand its reach and impact through professional rodeo affiliations and broadcast opportunities, further positioning Carbon County on a broader stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Black Diamond Rodeo Committee continues to deliver a high-quality event that elevates Carbon County's reputation as a destination for western sports and entertainment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is both fitting and proper to recognize and support events that enhance Carbon County's visibility, economic vitality, and quality of life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Carbon County Commission hereby designates the week of May 31, 2026 through June 6, 2026 as "**Western Week in Carbon County**" in support of the Black Diamond Rodeo; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that, for the first time, Carbon County formally recognizes and encourages a countywide celebration of Western Week, inviting all communities, businesses, and residents to participate in honoring this tradition; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Carbon County Commission encourages:

1. Residents and businesses throughout Carbon County to decorate their homes and storefronts in a western theme;
2. Community members and visitors to celebrate by wearing western attire throughout the week;
3. Broad community participation in events and activities that highlight the heritage and spirit of Carbon County;

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the Carbon County Commission extends its full support to the Black Diamond Rodeo and recognizes its role as a signature county event with growing regional, statewide, and national visibility.

**ADOPTED AND PROCLAIMED** this 10 day of May, 2026, by the Carbon County Commission.

Information to share in Commission Meeting ahead of the Proclamation:

*"As we've spent time looking into the history of the Black Diamond Rodeo, we came across a 1958 proclamation issued by Price City Mayor Henry H. Mills recognizing Western Week in support of the rodeo. That proclamation captured a moment when this event was already an important part of our community.*

*In recognizing that history, and the continued growth and reach of the rodeo today, the Carbon County Commission felt it was important to carry that tradition forward at a countywide level and formally recognize Western Week as part of our shared heritage."*

# PROCLAMATION

## Western Week

### Black Diamond Stampede

Scheduled for Price on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 31, August 1 and 2, under the auspices of the Carbon County's Sheriff's Posse, is the Black Diamond Stampede, an annual event, which brings much recognition and economic benefits to this section, and now,

WHEREAS, our Carbon County Sheriff's Posse has done an outstanding job in securing high class entertainment for this great western event to make it one of the best ever shown here, and,

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this organization be accorded all possible support by the people of the community; it is suggested that everyone who can possibly do so wear western attire to advertise the rodeo, and to show interest in this great western affair.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is my desire as mayor of the City of Price to proclaim the week of July 28 to August 2, as "WESTERN WEEK", and urge that all citizens enter into the spirit of the occasion, to help make the Sampedo an outstanding success.

HENRY H. MILLS, Mayor of Price

1958 Proclamation issued by Price City Mayor, Henry H. Mills