

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, June 17, 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: Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor (Excused)
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

With no corrections noted, Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2026 Commission meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Carbon Care Coalition Presentation

Ashley Justice from the Care Coalition presented the Carbon Heart and Character Award, which recognizes local youth who are dedicated to self-development and making a positive community impact. The award was presented to Aiyanna Lee in recognition of her four years of volunteer work, specifically her efforts speaking to students about anti-bullying and youth suicide prevention. Aiyanna, who is the current Miss Pinnacle Peaks' Teen, shared that her community service initiative is called "Stand Up for Kindness," a message she recently took to the state level at the Miss Utah's Teen competition. She thanked the commission and concluded by reminding attendees to "always choose kindness".

3) 2026 Carbon County Fair & Black Diamond Rodeo Recap - Kourtney Cox

Kourtney Cox delivered a recap of the fair and rodeo, highlighting significant growth in participation, attendance, and sponsorships.

- **Fair Highlights:** Participation in the 5K run increased from 9 runners last year to 27, and the motocross race saw a 65% increase, going from 97 to approximately 160 participants. New attractions included a two-person "dachshund" inflatable fun run, which was highly popular. The animal barn was so well-attended that supplies ran out by noon on Friday. In the fishing competition, 82 of the 100 tagged fish placed in the pond were caught, with one dedicated participant catching 17 of them. The driven by a cause car show raised more than \$700 dollars for domestic violence awareness. Carbon County was also featured on Fox 13 Good Day Utah.
- **Black Diamond Rodeo:** Due to being co-sanctioned with the Mountain States and Wilderness Circuits, contestants traveled from as far away as Texas. Contestant entries increased by 43% (from 105 to over 150) and payouts increased by 41%. Preliminary results showed that the events generated sufficient revenue to cover expenses and continue to make future improvements to the facility.

- **Fair MVP:** The Carbon County maintenance team was presented with the Fair MVP award in recognition of their critical role in ground preparation, troubleshooting, and overall facility operations during the event.

4) Annual Certification of Contribution Rates - URS 07/01/2026-06/30/2027

Kellie Payne the Human Resources Director presented the annual Utah Retirement Systems (URS) contribution rates for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The primary change was an increase in the employer pickup for tier 2 hybrid public safety from 2.59% to 2.75%. Other rates saw a decrease ranging from 0.5% to 1%. Kellie noted that there are currently no changes for first responders. However, EMS is being considered for public safety status under the First Responder Firefighters Fund. They are still working out the process for getting this benefit approved.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to accept the Certification of Contribution rates for the URS calendar year 07/01/2026-06/30/2027.

Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

5) Ratification for consideration and possible approval to apply for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Competitive Grant

Justin Needles the director of Emergency Services and Ambulance requested ratification for a \$53,800 grant application that was submitted to the Bureau of EMS on May 30th. The 100% funded grant, which requires no county match, would be used to replace training mannequins that are over 20 years old.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to ratify and issue approval to apply for the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services Competitive Grant.

Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

6) Consideration and possible approval to apply for the Rural Healthcare Transformation Program (RHTP) Grant

Justin Needles the director of Emergency Services and Ambulance introduced a new 5-year federal program allocating \$12 million annually to rural EMS in Utah. He sought approval to apply for this 100% grant to fund a paramedic training program and to equip all county ambulances with Starlink for connectivity. He noted that the paramedic training requires a four-year retention commitment from the trainees.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Justin Needles to apply for the Rural Healthcare Transformation Program Grant.

Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

7) Review and possible approval of Certified Tax Rates - Seth Marsing

In County Clerk Seth Marsing's absence, Commissioner Jensen explained the need to adjust the county's certified tax rates. Centrally assessed industry values—such as gas fields and coal mines assessed by the state—dropped by \$48 million this year, primarily due to a gas field sale, which

shifted the tax burden slightly. The commissioners repeatedly stressed that this is a state-mandated adjustment to balance the budget and keep taxing entities whole, rather than a county tax increase. The new rates were approved as follows:

- **General Operations:** .002667 (up from .002556)
- **County Assessing and Collecting:** .000422 (up from .000407)
- **Municipal Service Fund:** .002180 (up from .002056)

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the Certified Tax rates.

Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

8) Consideration and possible approval of Tony Martines as Carbon County Commission Chair beginning July 1, 2026

Commissioner Haddock stepped down as chair and made a motion to accept Tony Martines as the Carbon County Commission Chair.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jensen. Motion carried.

9) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5.08 pm

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor




James Haddock, Commission Chair
Carbon County Commission

URS Contribution Rates 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027

Fund 11 - TIER 1 CONTRIBUTORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Member Contributions, Employee Paid	0.00%
Member Contributions, Employer Paid	6.00%
Employer Paid Retirement Contributions	10.96%
Post-Retired Rate/Amortization Cost	0.00%

Fund 15 - TIER 1 NONCONTRIBUTORY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Employer Paid Retirement Contributions 90-01	14.97%	
Post-Retired Rate/Amortization Cost 90-05 & 91-03	3.11%	11.86%

Fund 75 - TIER 1 PUBLIC SFTY NONCTRB DIV A 4% COL

Employer Paid Retirement Contributions 90-03	34.21%
Post-Retired Rate/Amortization Cost 90-06	11.41%

Fund 111 - TIER 2 DB HYBRID LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Member Contributions, Employee Paid 50-05	1.30%
Member Contributions, Employer Paid 50-05	0.00%
Employer Paid Retirement Contributions 50-01	14.95%
401(k) Employer Paid Contributions, Required 50-05	0.00%

Fund 122 - TIER 2 DB HYBRID PUBLIC SAFETY

Member Contributions, Employee Paid 50-10	3.23%
Member Contributions, Employer Paid 50-10	2.75%
Employer Paid Retirement Contributions 50-03	24.85%
401(k) Employer Paid Contributions, Required 50-06	0.00%

Fund 211 - TIER 2 DC PLAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Member Contributions, Employee Paid	0.00%
Member Contributions, Employer Paid	0.00%
Employer Paid Retirement Contributions 50-02 & 50-09	4.95%
401(k) Employer Paid Contributions, Required 50-07	10.00%

Fund 222 - TIER 2 DC PLAN PUBLIC SAFETY

Member Contributions, Employee Paid	0.00%
Member Contributions, Employer Paid	0.00%
Employer Paid Retirement Contributions 50-04	10.85%
401(k) Employer Paid Contributions, Required 50-08	11.41%
*CARBON COUNTY PICK UP	2.75%

include with 401(k) Employer Paid Contributions, required. Needs to reflect Fund 222