

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, July 1, 2026 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Tony Martines, Commission Chair
Larry Jensen, Commissioner
Jared Haddock, Commissioner

Also present: Christian Bryner, County Attorney
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor
Caitlin Giraud, Deputy Clerk
Kellie Payne, HR Director
Adam Cox, Deputy Sheriff

Commissioner Martines welcomed everyone to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance

Pre-Agenda Announcements:

Commissioner Jensen announced the implementation of Stage Two Fire Restrictions across unincorporated areas of the county due to severe drought. Full Fire Restriction order is attached. They also celebrated a regional milestone—Valor Atomics’ salt-based nuclear reactor successfully reaching criticality in neighboring Emery County. Commissioner Haddock said Valor Atomics also announced a partnership with a 30-megawatt data center that will run without any water. Commissioner Martines concluded the pre-agenda section of the meeting with an America 250 address, which emphasized the importance of civic respect and civil dialogue.

1) Approval of minutes:

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the June, 17 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the month - Kellie Payne

Kellie Payne recognized Jennifer Maxfield for her dedicated service. Jennifer has been with the Ambulance Department since December 1996 and will be celebrating 30 years of service this year. Kellie also recognized Destiny Andrews who is an EMT with the Carbon County Ambulance Department. They were nominated by a citizen for providing exceptional care and reassurance to an oxygen-dependent resident during a frightening power outage.

Jennifer Maxfield expressed her gratitude for being nominated by the public and for ultimately receiving this award.

3) Super Service Award - Tina Grange

Tina Grange presented the award to a local resident Chris Polito who is the Pastor of the Gospel Community Church and owner of Polito’s General Contracting, LLC. Chris was honored for quietly funding and organizing a hotel room for a stranded, recently discharged hospital patient who had nowhere else to go.

Chris said he was honored and very humbled to receive the award, although he couldn’t take all the credit he said it truly takes a village.

Commissioner Martines thanked Chris and his family for helping the community.

4) Acceptance of Eagle Scout Project of Trey Benoit

Troop 271 Scout Trey Benoit presented his completed prisoner of war and missing in action (POW/MIA) display box, which features names of Utah's POW/MIAs and explanations of the symbolic items inside. Trey said he has always honored the Military and felt the need to raise community awareness about what it represents.

Resident David Jelian discussed the project's history and urged the county to secure a permanent public location to display it.

5) Legislative Jail Release Agreement (JRA) update for stalking victims - Denna Fausett and Dominique Kiahtipes

Denna Fausett and Dominique Kiahtipes presented a successful legislative modification they spearheaded. The new law closes a critical legal loophole by extending Jail Release Agreements to protect non-domestic stalking victims during the vulnerable period before a case is officially filed in court.

Dominique thanked Denna for being persistent and passionate during the process and for explaining why this is needed not only for the victims in our community but for victims around the State.

Commissioner Haddock and Commissioner Martines expressed their gratitude for the hard work everyone involved put in.

6) Open sealed bids for airport terminal consulting

Seth Marsing said we have 2 bids.

Seth opened qualification proposals from Lochner and Woolpert. The qualifications that were opened did not have amounts associated, they were just proposals. Commissioner Martines noted significant development interest at the airport, including proposals for up to 66 private hangars and future plans for a commercial passenger terminal.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to acknowledge the two firms that submitted the proposals and authorize Commissioner Martines to review them and make a decision.

Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

7) Open sealed bids for Asphalt Preservation Contract 2026

Seth Marsing said we have 5 bids.

Daniel Luke the Director of the Road Department opened the five bids. Daniel said the bids are for the application of 3 different types of crack seal products that the county purchases and provides. These are labor and traffic control prices for the application of the materials. There are 3 materials for each bid and a price per ton for each.

1. Bonneville Asphalt headquartered in Orem Utah
2. Superior Asphalt headquartered in Magna Utah
3. Morgan Pavement headquartered in Clearfield Utah
4. M&M Asphalt Services headquartered in West Jordan Utah
5. Paradigm Asphalt Experts headquartered in Hurricane Utah

The Commissioners agreed Daniel did not have to read all 15 prices they would acknowledge the complete bid packages.

Daniel explained that supplemental contracting keeps the county on track to seal all 250 miles of paved county roads within 5 years.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to acknowledge the 5 bids and authorized Commissioner Jensen and Daniel Luke to review them.

Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

8) Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance #595 a change to the Carbon County Zoning District map from MG to RR-1 located on parcel 02-2270-0004 for Larry Thomas – Todd Thorne

Todd said the Planning Commission held a meeting in June where the board unanimously approved rezoning a parcel on Upper Miller Creek Road from Mining and Grazing (MG) to Residential 1-Acre (RR-1) for Larry Thomas's two-lot subdivision. He also noted that fire hydrants have been installed and the project has septic approval.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance #595 a change to the Carbon County Zoning District map from mining and grazing to RR-1 located on parcel 02-2270-0004 for Larry Thomas.

Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

9) Consideration and possible approval of the Economic Services Agreement with Utah Regional Growth Association (UTRGA) - Shanny Wilson

Shanny Wilson the Director of Economic Development said there has been a cooperation name change to Utah Regional Growth Association. This is a long-standing agreement with Stuart Clayson and Patrick Mullen. She is proposing a change from an annual flat fee to an hourly rate. Shanny and the Commissioners noted this change will save the County substantial money as development tasks transition internally.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the Economic Services Agreement with Utah Regional Growth Association (UTRGA)

Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

10) Consideration and possible approval of the Children's Justice Center Contract between Carbon County and the Utah Attorney General's Office - Shelley Wright

Director of the Children's Justice Center Shelley Wright said the funding they will receive for fiscal year 2027 contract secures an increased funding allocation of \$303,399.00 for staff salaries. She noted that the Mental Health therapy program requires specific trauma therapy training and a certain hourly rate, which the Children's Justice Center will support. In addition, the change will require the Children's Justice Center to include the Attorney General's office logo on its letterhead.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Children's Justice Center contract between Carbon County and the Utah Attorney General's Office pending legal review from the Carbon County Attorney's office.

Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried,

11) Consideration and possible approval of the updated FY27 Court Security Contract - Sheriff Wood

Carbon County Attorney Christian Byrner said they receive an annual cost-of-living adjustment for the Court Security Contract. Upon his review he said it contains the State of Utah's standard terms and

conditions and provides \$147,210.36 in state reimbursement to help support bailiffs and security at the district court. He noted he did not have any concerns with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the updated fiscal year 2027 Court Security Contract. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

12) Review and approval of Departmental reports

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.



ATTEST:

Seth Marsing
Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor



SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

JOEL FERRY
Commissioner

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

JAMIE BARNES
State Forester-Director

ORDER # SECLO2651

Fire Restriction Order (Stage 2)

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in **Carbon** County, Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the Director of State Parks, has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires. Therefore, pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the **following acts are prohibited** in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using **any fire**, campfire, or stove fire*. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves and includes use at homes and in developed camping and picnic grounds.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
3. Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets.
4. Cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

Area Description: All unincorporated state and private lands within **Carbon** County, Utah.

All of this order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. *Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shut-off valves **are permitted** when used in an area at least **three** feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.
2. Persons with a permit or waiver issued by the Division, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability if a fire does occur.
3. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. These restrictions will be enforced by county law enforcement.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., 26th day of June, 2026

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (Jun 25, 2026 08:46:47 MDT)

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (Jun 25, 2026 16:55:51 MDT)

Jamie Barnes, State Forester



UTAH INTERAGENCY FIRE

Statewide Interagency News Release



**Forestry, Fire
& State Lands**



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RELEASE DATE: June 25, 2026

Fire Restrictions Expanded Across Utah as Stage 2 Takes Effect in Additional Areas

UTAH — Due to extreme fire danger, persistent hot and dry weather, and an increase in statewide fire activity, interagency fire officials are implementing Stage 2 Fire Restrictions beginning June 26, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. These restrictions apply to all state and unincorporated private lands in Utah, as well as multiple federal jurisdictions.

Note: Incorporated cities and towns are exempt from this order. Please check with local fire departments or county fire wardens for local regulations.

Affected Jurisdictions & Restriction Levels

State of Utah

- All state land and all unincorporated private lands in all 29 counties. (Includes Trust Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife Management Areas).

U.S. Forest Service

- Stage 2: Dixie and Fishlake National Forests.
- Stage 1: Manti-La Sal south zone; Stansbury and Vernon Management Areas (Tooele County).
- None: Ashley National Forest, Manti-La Sal National Forest northern zone, and Uinta-Wasatch-Cache lands east of I-15.

Bureau of Land Management

- All BLM-managed public lands in Utah.

National Park Service

- Arches, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, and Zion National Parks; Cedar Breaks, Dinosaur, Hovenweep, and Natural Bridges National Monuments; Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

Restriction Guidelines

Applies to private residences in unincorporated state & private lands, and in agency-developed campgrounds.

What is PROHIBITED in Stage 2:

- **Open Fires:** Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire, campfire, or stove fire. This includes charcoal grills, coal/wood stoves, and tent stoves—even in developed fire rings at campgrounds and at homes on unincorporated state lands.
- **Smoking:** Prohibited in nature. (Allowed only inside enclosed vehicles/trailers/buildings, at developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area paved or cleared of flammable vegetation).
- **Fireworks & Targets:** Discharging or using fireworks, tracer ammunition, exploding targets, or other pyrotechnic devices.
- **Spark-Emitting Tools:** Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas with dry vegetation.
- **Off-Road/Equipment:** Operating motorcycles, chainsaws, ATVs, or other small internal combustion engines without an approved and functional spark arrestor.

What is ALLOWED in Stage 2:

Note: A pressurized water system must be in place on unincorporated state and private lands, including campgrounds.

- **Pressurized Fuel Devices:** Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid, or gas (stoves, grills, or lanterns) that include shutoff valves when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.
- **Permitted Activities:** Actions conducted under a valid permit or waiver issued by the official land agency at designated locations.
- **Official Duties:** Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting service in the performance of an official duty.

Why the Restrictions?

"With Stage 2 fire restrictions now in place across much of Utah, we need compliance to prevent further disaster," said Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer for the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. "Our three largest fires this year have all been human-caused, burning more than 134,000 acres. Please honor these restrictions, use your Fire Sense, and help keep our communities safe."

"While we cannot control the weather, we can control the sparks that come from us," urged Chris Delaney, Fire Chief, Great Basin Geographic Area, U.S. Wildland Fire Service. "Extremely dry conditions and drought have already led to thousands of acres burned because of human-caused fires, leaving our resources stretched tight. With a long fire season still ahead of us, we need everyone to make responsible choices. The absolute best way to support our

frontline firefighters is to prevent the next fire."

The Cost of Restitution

To protect communities and natural resources, law enforcement officers are strictly enforcing the following penalties for those who ignore current fire bans:

- **State and Unincorporated Private Lands:**
 - Violations are classified as a Class B Misdemeanor. Offenders face up to six months in jail and fines of up to \$1,000 per incident, plus additional court surcharges.
- **Federal Public Lands**
 - (USFS): Violating restrictions on federal lands is a federal Class B Misdemeanor. Penalties include up to six months in federal prison and steep fines—up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations.
 - (BLM): Violating fire restrictions is a Class A Misdemeanor and, provided the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.
 - (NPS): Violation of these restrictions is punishable by a fine of up to \$5,000

Beyond criminal penalties, anyone whose actions cause a wildfire may be held financially responsible for the full cost of suppression, property damage, and natural resource rehabilitation. Those costs can quickly add up to millions of dollars.

Stay Informed & Promote Fire Safety

Fire restrictions can vary among different agencies, and these rules do not apply in incorporated cities. Always verify current restrictions with the relevant land management agency before your visit.

- **Maps & Restrictions:** UtahFireInfo.gov
- **Wildfire Updates:** Follow on social media at @UtahWildfire
- **Fire Prevention:** Local, state, and federal fire officials urge everyone to practice "Fire Sense" to prevent unwanted wildfires. Learn more about this interagency campaign at UtahFireSense.org.

Agency Media Contacts:

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FIRE RESTRICTIONS



ALLOWED WITH CAUTION, UNDER STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS



Propane Stoves



Gas Grills



Propane Fire Pits



Blackstones/Griddles



Pellet Stoves



Any device that has a shut-off valve



APPLIES TO PRIVATE RESIDENCES ON UNINCORPORATED STATE & PRIVATE LANDS WITH A PRESSURIZED WATER SYSTEM AND IN AGENCY DEVELOPED CAMPGROUNDS



WHAT'S NOT ALLOWED UNDER STAGE 2 RESTRICTIONS

NO OPEN FIRES OR CHARCOAL GRILLS

includes barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves



OR



DISCHARGING OR USING ANY FIREWORKS



OPERATING ENGINES WITHOUT A SPARK ARRESTOR OR PARKING ON DRY GRASS

- Chainsaws
- ATVs
- Motorcycles
- Other small engines



DUMPING CHARCOAL BRIQUETTES OR HOT ASHES



SMOKING IN DRY VEGETATION

Except inside a vehicle, building, developed recreation site, or an area free of dry vegetation.



USE OF TRACER AMMO OR OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES INCLUDING EXPLODING TARGETS



CUTTING, WELDING, OR GRINDING METAL IN DRY VEGETATION

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Restrictions may vary by agency and location.



Prevention is our First Response to Wildfire

AGENCY EXCEPTIONS



MAPS

RESTRICTION ORDERS



Scan for details!

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