

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, September 2, 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  
Jeff Wood, Sheriff

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

### **Unscheduled Pre-Agenda Updates**

Before starting the official agenda, the meeting opened with two community announcements:

**Fire Restrictions Update:** Commissioner Haddock reported that due to recent moisture in the air, the state is expected to lift local fire restrictions on Friday, although this is not yet official.

**Valor Atomics Open House:** Harry Hansen from Valor Atomics announced a public open house on September 10th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at their facilities in Orangeville Utah. Additionally, a town hall event dedicated specifically to Carbon County is planned for late September or early October.

### **1) Approval of Minutes**

A correction was noted on the unscheduled public update to clarify that the Price River Water Improvement District Treatment Facility for waste water use remains in the planning stages rather than already being built.

Upon the correction Commissioner Jensen Made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2026 Commission meeting. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

### **2) Super Service Award**

Tina Grange presented the award to Erik Rasmussen of Spectrum Paint, who received multiple community nominations highlighting his color-matching expertise, customer service, and friendliness.

Erik thanked everyone and was grateful to receive the award.

### **3) Introduction of new Miss Carbon County Royalty and request for scholarship funds**

MariLynn Tubbs introduced herself as one of the Directors for the Miss Carbon County Volunteer Organization. She explained that the organization is a scholarship and service-based pageant program. This program exists to provide personal and professional opportunities for young women to promote their voices and talent in their community. The organization focuses on service, scholarships, being a role model, morals and values, setting goals and becoming your best self.

The newly crowned 2027 royalty introduced themselves and their service platforms.

Burcklee Brady Miss Carbon County Volunteer. She has been Jr. Miss Carbon County, Teen Carbon County, Little Miss Carbon County, and now Miss Carbon County. Her platform will be focusing on social media safety based on her own childhood experiences. She thanked the commission for all their support.

Tenzley Brower Mini Miss Carbon County.

Maylee Metelko Miss Carbon County Teen Volunteer. Her Platform titled "Creating our Happy Community" (an acronym for Healthy, Appreciative, Positive, Peaceful, and You are enough). She thanked the commission for all their support.

Alexis Hawley Little Miss Carbon County Volunteer. Her goal is to make everyone she meets feel great about themselves.

Paisley Jenkins Junior Miss Carbon County Volunteer. Although she was unable to introduce herself in person she shared via video her service project is Chemo Care Kits. She plans to donate chemo care kits to Primary Children's Hospital. She chose this project because multiple family members have experienced cancer, and she wanted to find a way to help others. She thanked the commissioners for their support.

MariLynn requested the allotted \$1,900 in scholarship funds for 2027. Additionally, she asked the commission for an extra \$2,250 to cover state pageant entry fees, which range from \$250 to \$750 per participant.

Commissioner Martines stated that \$1,900 was the approved amount in the budget. He said they could review for any additional funds to donate during the upcoming budget review.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to extend the \$1,900, pending a review of the upcoming annual budget to determine if additional funds can be donated to the Miss Carbon County Royalty. Commissioner Jensen Seconded. Motion carried.

#### **4) Consideration and possible approval of a new board member to the Community Economic Development (CED) Advisory Board**

Commissioner Martines said they received one application for the Community Economic Development Advisory Board.

Commissioner Jensen explained that the State of Utah provides a \$200,000 grant to each county, following an application process, to support the growth of existing local businesses. To distribute these funds, the State requires a board of directors to screen applications and award the grant money based on the economic value the business will bring to the county. The businesses that apply have to pay in full for the expansion then the board has the ability to reimburse half of the expenses.

The board was scheduled to replace Oran Stainbrook, who resigned. However, the application submitted by Korrin Olson was formally rejected because her background did not meet the state-mandated criteria for a "private sector representative" (the board requires representatives from

five specific sectors, and the remaining open seat must be private-sector specific). The county will continue its search for a replacement.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to reject Korrin Olson's application to serve on the board and to continue the application process to find a private sector representative for the board. Commissioner Haddock Seconded. Motion carried.

**5) Ratification of the State Homeland Security Partnership Grant – Justin Needles**

Justin Needles the director of Emergency Services and Ambulance said the State Homeland Security Partnership Grant helps support the local hazmat team, command post maintenance, and emergency management.

The application that was submitted requested a \$120,000 grant from the State Division of Emergency Management. It is a 100% grant requiring no county match.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to ratify the State Homeland Security Partnership Grant Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion Carried.

**6) Consideration and possible approval to apply for the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant – Justin Needles**

Justin Needles the director of Emergency Services and Ambulance said the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant has helped sustain the wages of the county emergency management staff for years. He is requesting to apply for \$50,000. This is a 50/50 matching grant, with the county's match met by the emergency manager's existing salary.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve to apply for the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

**7) Adjourn as Carbon County Board of Commissioners and convene as Carbon County Board of Equalization**

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

**8) Consideration and possible approval of changes to property values recommended by the Assessors department**

Chief Deputy Assessor Keven Ewell from the Assessor's Department presented a batch of nine property value appeals. The batch consisted of seven stipulations for value, one residential exemption, and one withdrawal.

Commissioner Haddock asked why Parcel 02-0141-0008 withdrew its appeal. Kevin explained that the landowner had attempted to apply a linear scale price-per-acre calculation, comparing their 2.8-acre parcel directly with neighboring 14-acre parcel. Assessor staff conducted an independent appraisal, demonstrating that land values do not scale linearly and that the parcel was actually valued below market rate. Upon review of this appraisal, the applicant formally withdrew the appeal.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve this batch of appeals as they have been presented.

Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

**9) Adjourn as Carbon County Board of Equalization and convene as Carbon County Board of Commissioners**

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

**10) Consideration and possible approval to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant – Sheriff Wood**

Sheriff Jeff Wood requested approval to apply for the Federal Justice Assistance Grant. The county is eligible to receive \$7,500 with no local matching funds required. The Sheriff explained that while these funds have historically supported the K9 program, the department is currently pursuing the purchase of an underwater drone to aid Search and Rescue operations.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Justice Assistance Grant application. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

**11) Review and approval of Departmental Reports**

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.



Tony Martines, Commission Chair  
Carbon County Commission

ATTEST:



Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

