

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, September 16, 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
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.

1) Approval of minutes

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the September 2, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the month - Kellie Payne

Kellie Payne, Director of Human Resources, presented the nominations for the September Employee of the Month. The Board recognized seasonal employees Easton Grundy and Ember Dalton for their service within the Fairgrounds and Maintenance departments.

The presentation detailed the significant contributions of both employees during the summer season, specifically citing their exemplary performance during the county surplus auction. They were commended for their dependability and positive impact on team morale.

Ember thanked everyone for the opportunity to receive the award and complimented her coworkers on their hard work; they are a great team.

Easton mentioned that he was very excited to receive the award, noting that he has never worked somewhere where his hard work was recognized like this. He also wanted to personally thank Zac Wise for all the support in helping him get the job.

3) Carbon Care Coalition presentation

This item was tabled to the next commission meeting because no coalition representative was present.

4) Consideration and possible approval of donation request for Veterans Day Celebration – Diane Lodeserto

Diane Lodeserto (USU Eastern Aviation Program Coordinator) and Logan Walters (Airport Manager) appeared before the Board to request a donation for a community event.

A "Hangar Hop" dance, styled after 1940s-era traditions, is scheduled for November 14th at the county airport. The event is designed to honor local veterans and will feature a live band, food vendors and World War II era aircraft on display.

Commissioner Martines commented on the success of the USU Eastern partnership, noting that the airport serves as the "backbone" for several regional initiatives. He specifically highlighted current discussions regarding electric aircraft infrastructure and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) designation for fire suppression. The airport currently supports approximately 100 students across flight, maintenance, and management programs.

Diane and Logan requested a \$1,000 donation to ensure the event remains free for the public and veterans.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the \$1,000 donation request for Veterans Day Celebration. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

5) Open sealed Request for Proposals - Survey Monument Location Project - Todd Thorne

Commissioner Jensen mentioned that the State offers a funding program to help counties reestablish or verify missing or uncertain survey markers. In response, a request for proposal has been issued to surveyors to submit proposals for this work. Commissioner Jensen mentioned that Cody Ware handles most of the survey work for Carbon County. He also noted that Cody is an independent contractor and does not work directly for the county.

Seth Marsing opened three proposals.

1. **Ensign Engineering:** Proposal documentation no cost enclosed.
2. **Red Sands Geomatics Surveyors:** Proposal documentation no cost enclosed.
3. **Johansen & Tuttle:** Proposed total cost of \$32,000 for 40 section corners (\$800/corner).

Commissioner Jensen made motion to include Cody Ware and Todd Thorne to review the submitted proposals to decide for the county. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

6) Review & Possible approval of Soren Digital LLC Scope of Work for a New Standalone Tourism Website – Tina Grange

Shanny Wilson presented a scope of work for the county's tourism marketing efforts.

The agreement with Soren Digital LLC provides for the transition of the tourism website from the general county server umbrella to a standalone platform to increase management efficiency and visibility.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Soren Digital, LLC Standalone Tourism Website Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

7) Consideration and possible approval of the Subgrant Agreement between Utah Association of Family Support Centers, Inc and Carbon County Family Support Center - Shelley Wright

Shelley Wright presented a subgrant agreement between the Utah Association of Family Support Centers, Inc. and the Carbon County Family Support Center. Shelley mentioned that in previous

years, a memorandum of understanding (MOU) was used to receive funding. However, the State of Utah now requires the association to have a formal agreement in place with all subgrantees. The agreement secures \$124,827 for fiscal year 2026-2027 to fund the local crisis nursery. Shelley noted that a quarterly compliance tracker is now required for data and training verification.

Shelley reported that while funding is secure through June 30th of next year, the center is monitoring potential legislative cuts in the upcoming session related to Medicaid funding.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the Subgrant Agreement between Utah Association of Family Support Center, Inc and Carbon County Family Support Center. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Jensen addressed a vacancy on the Community Economic Development (CED) Advisory Board following the resignation of Oran Stainbrook.

Four applications were received. Korrin Olson was disqualified based on statutory requirements for private industry representation. The eligible candidates were Valorie Marietti, Emily Wood, and Brady Tubbs. The Board discussed the qualifications of the applicants, noting their respective backgrounds in local industry and broadcasting.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to appoint Valorie Marietti as the new member of the Community Economic Development Advisory Board. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

9) Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance 596, a request to change a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from R-1-20K to C-1 located on parcel 02-0840-0000 for Ali Sharif – Todd Thorne

Todd Thorne presented a proposal to rezone parcel 02-0840-0000 in Carbonville from R-1-20K to C-1 to construct a commercial building.

Todd noted the parcel's proximity to an industrial zone. It was emphasized that development must respect the railroad right-of-way on the west and a gas line easement on the east. Todd said the Planning Commission provided a positive recommendation.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the adoption of Ordinance 596, a request to change a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from R-1-20K to C-1 located on parcel 02-0840-0000. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

10) Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance 597, a request to change a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located on parcel 02-2292-0001 for Alick Rhodes – Todd Thorne

Todd Thorne presented a proposal to rezone parcel 02-2292-0001 in Miller Creek from RR-2.5 to RR-1 to allow the property owner to divide 2.5 acres into 1-acre residential lots for family members. Todd said the Planning Commission provided a positive recommendation.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve Ordinance 597, a request to change a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located on parcel 02-2292-0001 for Alick Rhodes. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

11) Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance 598, a request to change a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located on parcel 02-2245-0000 for Circle K Construction – Todd Thorne

Todd Thorne presented a proposal to rezone of parcel 02-2245-0000 in the North Creek subdivision (south of upper Miller Creek Road) from RR-2.5 to RR-1 to accommodate 1-acre lot frontages. Todd said the Planning Commission provided a positive recommendation.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to adopt Ordinance 598, a request to change a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from RR-2.5 to RR-1 located on parcel 02-2245-0000 for Circle K Construction. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

12) Adjourn as the 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.

13) Consideration and possible approval of changes to property values recommended by the Assessors department – Keven Ewell

Chief Deputy Assessor Keven Ewell presented property value recommendations to the Board.

The list comprised 21 properties involving stipulations or adjustments, including a county-acquired parcel reduced to zero value and residential exemptions for homes under construction. Keven cited Utah Statute 59-2-10-1004(8)(h)(i), which dictates that appeals where the requested value difference is less than 5% of the market value shall be dismissed. Keven also reported 261 appeals this year, a sharp decrease from over 800 the previous year. He attributed this to more reasonable market valuations and the Clerk's office's efforts in dismissing appeals that lacked necessary information.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the presented batch of Board of Equalization recommendations provided by the assessor's office. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

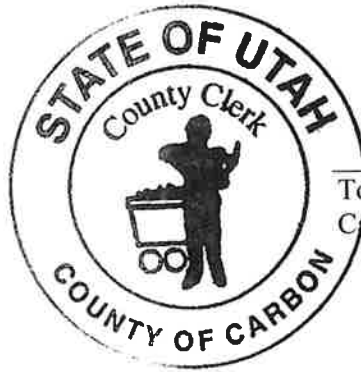
14) Adjourn as the Carbon County Board of Equalization and convene as Carbon County Board of Commissioners

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.

15) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.



Tony Martinez

Tony Martinez, Commission Chair
Carbon County Commission

ATTEST:

Seth Marsing
Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

