

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, October 7, 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: Tristian Thomas, Deputy Attorney
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor
Caitlin Giraud, Deputy Clerk
Kellie Payne, HR Director
Adam Cox, Deputy

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

1) Approval of minutes

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the September 16, 2026 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the month - Kellie Payne

Kellie Payne introduced Jack Clark of Carbon County Ambulance as the October Employee of the Month. Jack has been with Carbon County Ambulance since July of 2013 (full-time since July of 2023). Dave Varner read the nomination. He was commended for extraordinary dedication, having completed 86 transports in 2025 and participated in 260 calls and 71 transports out of 1,500 total department calls so far this year, while also covering extra shifts for community events.

Jack was honored to receive the award and complimented his coworkers on how well everyone works together.

3) Super Service Award - Tina Grange

Tina Grange presented the Super Service Award to Delia Marquez, recognizing her 41 years of dedicated service (since 1984) and exceptional customer care at McDonald's in Price.

Delia was surprised to be the recipient of the award, with her family's help, she was under the impression she was there to watch someone else in her family receive it. She thanked everyone and said she loved working at McDonald's.

4) Review and possible approval of the agreement with Visa U.S.A. Inc – Tina Grange

Tina Grange presented a 2027 agreement with Visa U.S.A. Inc. (formerly Visa View) through the Utah Office of Tourism. The program provides visitor spending analytics to guide local tourism funding decisions. The total cost is \$9,600, with the Utah Office of Tourism paying 50% or up to \$5,000 and Carbon County covering the remaining \$4,600.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agreement with Visa U.S.A Inc. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

5) Review and possible approval of the 2027 Co-Op Marketing Grant Agreement – Tina Grange

Tina Grange detailed the 1:1 matching grant award of \$143,300 from the Utah Office of Tourism Marketing Performance Fund (TMPF) for Carbon Corridor promotional activities in 2027 (50% upfront, 50% upon closing in March 2028). Marketing efforts will focus on local history, culture, outdoor recreation, 9 Mile Canyon, dark skies, website development, SEO/AI integration, and digital ad campaigns.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the 2027 Co-Op Marketing Grant Agreement. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

6) Review and possible approval of the agreement with Toilets To Go of Utah, LLC – Tina Grange

Tina Grange presented an updated service agreement for county-managed vault toilets at Cottonwood Glen Picnic Area in 9 Mile Canyon and the top of Woodhill. Rates increased from \$256 to \$330/month per location (the first rate increase in over 10 years) to cover weekly cleaning, stocking, and annual pumping.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agreement with Toilets to Go of Utah, LLC. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

7) Update on Carbon County's Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Shanny Wilson

Economic Development Director Shanny Wilson reported on the \$2.85 million HUD grant originally secured in 2024 through Representative Curtis's office. After navigating federal regulatory restrictions regarding land purchases, HUD approved reallocating the \$2.85 million directly to road infrastructure construction connecting Ridge Road to the county industrial park.

The Commissioners thanked Shanny for all her work.

8) Ratification of the 2027 Rural County Grant award from the Governor's Office of Economic Development – Shanny Wilson

Ratification of a \$200,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED) to support local business growth, expansion, and infrastructure. The grant requires a 50% local business match, creating a total local impact of \$400,000 annually. Applications for local businesses remain open through December 1, 2026. Businesses are encouraged to apply. They can do so by visiting the carbon.utah.gov website, navigating to Departments, then Economic Development, where a link to the grant guidelines will be available for review.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the Ratification of the 2027 Rural County Grant Award from the Governor's Office of Economic Development. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

9) Consideration and possible approval of State of Utah Contract, Division of Outdoor Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation (OHVR) Grant (FY27, Quarter 1) for the Carbon County Motocross Track Continued Improvements Project

Kourtney Cox requested approval for an OHVR Grant of approximately \$230,000 for Carbon County Motocross track upgrades. The project requires a 25% match (\$46,000 in-kind labor/hauling and \$10,000 cash match) with a completion deadline at the end of 2028. Planned improvements include acquiring red sand from the Hanksville Pit, topsoil, drainage culverts, pee-wee track starting gates, a tractor lease, and dust control materials.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the State of Utah Contract, Division of Outdoor Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant for Fiscal year 2027. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

10) Consideration and possible approval of Addendum to Rodeo Contract Agreement between Carbon County and All In Pro Rodeo LLC

Kourtney Cox presented an addendum for Year 3 (2027) of the rodeo contract to add Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) Breakaway roping. The addendum clarifies that additional stock/calf costs for the breakaway events are paid entirely by the stock contractor, incurring no additional expenses for Carbon County.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the Addendum to the Rodeo Contract Agreement between Carbon County and All in Pro Rodeo LLC. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

11) Consideration and possible approval to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program grant - Sheriff Wood

Adam Cox requested approval to apply for a 50% non-competitive matching grant to purchase 10 bulletproof vests for new hires and replace expired vests. Previous vest costs averaged \$1,788 per vest, and staff will seek competitive bids to minimize costs.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the Sheriff's Department to apply for the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program grant. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

12) Adjourn as Carbon County Board of Commissioners and convene as Carbon County Board of Equalization

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn as Carbon County Board of Commissioners and convene as the Carbon County Board of Equalization. Commissioner Haddock 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 35 recommended or stipulated property value adjustments, removing hearing #2026-044 from consideration.

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to approve the changes to property values recommended by the assessor's department with the exclusion of hearing #2026-044. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

• **Individual Late Appeal Determinations:**

Hearing 2026-195: Denied (submitted via email after deadline without late appeal paperwork).

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to deny late appeal 2026-195. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing 2026-198: Approved (accepted due to verified factual error).

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to accept late appeal 2026-198 for factual error. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing 2026-199: Denied (late filing for primary residential exemption)

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to deny late appeal 2026-199. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing 2026-200: Denied (missed deadline; misunderstanding of deadline date).

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to deny late appeal 2026-200. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing 2026-201: Denied (the property owner said they did not receive the tax notice, but the notice was not returned).

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to deny late appeal 2026-201. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing 2026-202: Approved (accepted to correct factual error regarding basement completion percentage).

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve late appeal 2026-202. Commissioner Haddock seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing 2026-203: (contains three parcels ending in: 0049, 0000, 0028): Denied (missed filing deadline).

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to deny late appeal 2026-203 containing three parcels ending in 0049, 0000 and 0028. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

14) 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.

15) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Haddock made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.



Tony Martinez, Commission Chair
Carbon County Commission

ATTEST:



Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor



