

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Larry Jensen, Commission Chair
Tony Martines, Commissioner
Casey Hopes, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Marsing, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Jeremy Humes, Attorney
Cletus Steele, Deputy Sheriff
Rose Barnes, Human Resources

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Jensen welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:31 p.m.

1) **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the October 2, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

Lori asked about the September 18, 2019 minutes. Commissioner Jensen questioned if Christian had reviewed them. Attorney Humes said that Christian left him a note stating that the minutes can be approved pending his changes.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

2) **Miss Carbon County's Outstanding Teen, Skylynn Basso and Miss Carbon County, Lily Vigil**

Lily Vigil is Miss Carbon County and Skylynn Basso is Miss Carbon County Outstanding Teen. Lily and Skylynn read a statement explaining the history of Miss Carbon County and its connection to the Miss America and Miss Outstanding Teen Scholarship Organization.

Skylynn's platform is #McKenzie Strong and is bringing awareness to chronic illnesses. McKenzie suffers from multiple chronic illnesses which affects her day to day life. Skylynn held a mud run in September to raise funds for McKenzie. She thanked the participants and sponsors.

Lily's social impact initiative is called "A Second Chance" movement, addressing opioid epidemic awareness. We are facing this severe issue in Carbon County. She is planning on bringing awareness to the problem by being an advocate for those who are struggling with addiction and educating the public on the use of Narcan to stop an overdose.

Skylynn said Carbon County has been supportive of these organizations in the past. They are asking for financial assistance as they represent Carbon County in the Miss Outstanding Teen and Miss Utah pageants. The entrance fee for Utah's Miss Outstanding Teen is \$400 and the fee for the Miss Utah competition is \$1,815. They also asked for support for their scholarship fund which is based on donations from the community. They thanked the commissioners for their time and support.

Commissioner Jensen thanked them for their presentation. He asked Commissioner Hopes about the amounts that were funded last year. Commissioner Hopes said last year the County funded \$1,500 for Miss Carbon County and \$400 for Miss Outstanding Teen. In 2017 it was \$1,000 and in 2018 and 2019 it was up to \$1,500. Their competitions are in February and June of 2020.

Commissioner Hopes said they will look at the numbers and see what they can budget for. The commissioners expressed their appreciation for the program. Commissioner Jensen said they will try and help them out and thanked them for representing Carbon County.

3) **Presentation and consideration of sponsorship of "The County Seat" – Chad Booth and Derek Dowsett**

Chad is here to talk about the television program "The County Seat". Chad said some counties have concerns about the value of the program.

"The County Seat" was never designed to be a popular show. For it to be highly watched it would have to be about unsavory things that happen within County government. Nothing would be discussed except gossip. The people who watch the show regularly see the important connection. The show is available across the State and he receives positive responses from the people in rural Utah.

He also gets positive comments from Salt Lake County. He explained that the people who watch the show, are the people who move conversations in communities. These are the people who are engaged and are supportive. "The County Seat" has twenty-two minutes and thirty seconds of conversation on a single topic each week dealing with County government. These are issues that affect all of the counties.

Only two counties have a link to "The County Seat" on their web page. Your IT Department can easily add it and it contains a ten-year history. The show is on YouTube and other websites. It is well distributed.

The conversations that take place on the show would take four visits to a radio program that lasts six to eight minutes. If converted to a newspaper, it would take up six pages. This is a better way to discuss complex issues like jail funding, centrally assessed taxes and elections.

Chad said that as the Commissioners read the sponsorship on the last page, to pay attention to the last sentence. They are offering other options as sponsors. He is asking that a decision be made early in order to pull others along who are sitting on the fence. They have enjoyed working with Carbon County.

Commissioner Jensen said he has reviewed Chad's email. Commissioner Hopes said he appreciates what they do and he uses "The County Seat" as a tool and refers people to the program to explain the different functions of county government.

Chad said they produce good content for rural communities and counties who do not have a voice. They provide a big platform but it could be bigger. He appreciates the commissioners time and hope they will support the program and Season 10.

4) **Consideration and possible approval of a County credit card for the 4-H Program Coordinator – Delayna Barr**

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve a credit card for Delayna Barr. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Consideration and possible approval of insurance renewal – Seth Marsing**

Seth said he and Rose met with the insurance broker who presented the proposed yearly renewal with PEHP.

Seth reviewed the items. The dental, vision and life renewal has no increase. The Medical renewal is an 8.5% increase for a total of \$142,507 over the year. It is important to know that, the renewals with PEHP have been great in the past. This year we have had more medical visits which has increased the renewal. An 8% renewal is average and normal for these days.

Our short term disability was changed to a thirteen-week duration which is a few weeks shorter. This will save us \$8,734 annually and our long term disability will change to a 90-day elimination, which is ten days longer and an increase of \$2,429 annually.

The total savings between these two items is \$6,305. The increase is the medical that was previously mentioned.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the insurance renewal. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Consideration and possible approval of Violence Against Women grant application -Jeremy**

County Attorney Jeremy Humes said this is the third year for this grant. The first year we received \$45,000, and last year we received \$52,000. This application will ask for \$80 to \$85 thousand partly based on the number of Violence Against Women cases they are seeing. The funding provides a portion of Dominique's salary, benefits and training for prosecuting these types of cases and training local law enforcement agencies. They want to continue that effort along with adding investigation time and training. They are asking that the application be approved so that they can move forward. This is 75% federal funding with a 25% local match. The local match is money already being spent on salary, benefits and supplies.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the Violence Against Women grant application. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Review and possible approval of amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation and Sub-recipient Contract agreement for Carbon County Senior Center**

Commissioner Hopes said there was a slight increase of \$1,537 in the amended agreement for the Senior Center.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the amendment for the Interlocal Cooperation and Sub-Recipient Contract agreement for the Carbon County Senior Center. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Consideration and possible approval of Project application and Grant application and Grant Agreement for State Aid for Carbon County Airport runway and apron rehabilitation**

Commissioner Hopes said this is a project where we have approved the grant application through the federal government. The federal government gives the money to the Utah Department of Transportation. We need an agreement with UDOT to receive the money. The project is for runway and apron rehabilitation completion at the airport.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the project application, grant application and grant agreement for state aid for Carbon County Airport runway and apron rehabilitation. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible approval of Cooperative Agency Agreement with Aeronautical Operations Division of UDOT**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the Cooperative Agency Agreement with the Aeronautical Operations Division of UDOT. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

10) **Consideration and possible approval of a bequest of real property from Debra Western to Carbon County**

Commissioner Jensen said this piece of property is in East Carbon and the property owner owes back taxes. They have no intent of paying the taxes and want to deed the property to the County.

Jeremy said the owner has already recorded the deed to the County and Attorney Christian Bryner expressed no concerns.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to the bequest of real property from Debra Western. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

11) **Consideration and possible adoption of Ordinance 523, amending a portion of the Carbon County Zoning District Map from R-1-8K to C-2 located near 700 E. Riverside Drive for Marser Properties – Spencer Loveless**

Commissioner Jensen said this was presented in Planning and Zoning and they recommended approving this zone change.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve amending a portion of the Carbon County zoning map from 4-1-8k to C-2 and adopting Ordinance 523. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

12) **Consideration and approval of legal representation agreement with Smith Hartvigsen for preparation of documents necessary for creation and maintenance of Community Reinvestment plan**

Commissioner Jensen said this is for the Graphite Solar Company solar farm being constructed north of Wellington. Commissioner Hopes said the solar company asked that a project area be created in this calendar year because the federal funding available drops between this year and next year. They would like to complete the project this year. There are companies that can create the documents timely. The solar company asked us to use Smith Hartvigsen and they will be paid by the solar company. There is no cost to the County but they will be a contractor to the County. The payment will be made through the reinvestment area.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the legal representation agreement with Smith Hartvigsen for the preparation of documents necessary for creation and maintenance of Community Reinvestment plan. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

13) **Review and possible adoption of Resolution 2019-05, designating the Enterprise Zone and Recycling Zone in the unincorporated areas of the County**

Commissioner Jensen said Rita Vigor asked that this be tabled. She needs to rework it and she is at a conference this week.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to table until the next commission meeting. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

14) **PUBLIC HEARING to receive public comment on possible exchange of old 7th District Court Building and Detective's Building with Southeastern Utah Health District Building**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to go into public hearing. Commissioner Martines seconded.

The public hearing began at 5:10 p.m.

Paul Martinez is the owner of property adjacent to this property. He said in the course of the new 7th District Court Building being built, there have been a few issues.

Dr. Martinez read a prepared statement stating: intermittent infringement violations of Price City codes, the existing fence being removed or brought into compliance, drainage on the west side be modified so that runoff avoids the Martinez property, sidewalk repair or replacement in front of the old detective building which is the property owner's responsibility, water runs through the broken cement and runs onto his property and into his basement and in the winter ice forms and is hazardous and has caused a law suit in the past. Money was appropriated for this project through the building of the new courthouse but it was overlooked or not completed due to cost overruns. It has to be worked out again between the buyer and the seller.

Commissioner Hopes said they did visit the site. Commissioner Jensen said the issues can be resolved.

Brady Bradford, is the director of Southeastern Utah Health Department. He said his office has grown and they are still expanding. They are offering more services and can no longer contain their own workforce in their current building. They explored the options of building a new building or a remodel. If this option is accepted they would have the opportunity to remodel this building and have the needed space to house their current programs as well as direct services and agreements with other State agencies that may move down. This is a good way to conserve resources and their board has given approval for this transaction.

Commissioner Jensen said most counties in the State provide a building for the health department. Brayden said there are two areas who are multi county where they own their own building.

Commissioner Jensen said there is an obligation to help provide space for them and in an attempt to keep the costs down, this is the option. The idea is that the Health Department would remodel the old 7th District Court Building and the old Planning and Zoning building and the County would trade for the building across the street to the west, where they are currently located.

Paul Martines said he is in favor of this project and it is a win win project for Price City, the County and the Health Department. His issues are not big in the grand scheme of things.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen closed the public hearing at 5:18 p.m.

15) **Consideration and possible approval of exchange of the old 7th District Court Building, located at 149 East 100 South, Price, Utah with building owned by Southeastern Utah Health Department, located at 28 South 100 East, Price, Utah.**

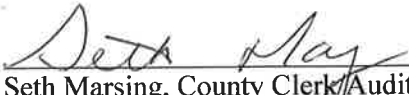
Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the exchange of the old 7th District Court building located at 149 East 100 South and the Detectives Building with the building currently owned by the Southeastern Utah Health Department located at 28 South 100 East, Price Utah. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen said this will be a good thing especially for the employees of the Health Department and the public who need access to that building. Commissioner Martines said they will address Dr. Martinez's issues and thanked him.

16) **Review and approval of department reports**

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hopes seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

