

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, October 5, 2022 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: Lyn Hansen, Deputy Attorney
Kourtney Cox, Deputy HR
Seth Marsing, Clerk Auditor
Geni Hawk, Commission Secretary
Lori Perez, Chief Deputy Clerk
Jeff Wood, Sheriff

Commissioner Jensen welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:30 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the September 7, 2022 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

2) Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne

Kourtney Cox said the Employee of the Month is Brandee Davis. Brandee has been employed since July 2021 and works as a quartermaster for the Emergency Services Department. She was nominated by a co-worker who said Brandee is diligent and gets things done. When she says she is going to do something, she does it very well and timely. They want to recognize Brandee's efforts and her willingness to understand and appreciate the roles of the other departments in the county. Her over-communication skill is a quality that benefits the work place and makes for an enjoyable work environment.

Brandee said the over-communication part is true. She makes sure that everyone understands what she is saying and why she needs it and what she is doing. She is very thankful and appreciative for the award.

Sheriff Wood said Brandee is a huge asset to the Sheriff's Office because she is also the evidence tech as well. She spends a lot of time in the evidence locker. She has a Can Do attitude and she is easy to get along with.

3) Open sealed bids for Trench Roller - Carbon County Road Department

Seth said two bids were received.

A-1 Rentals	2022 multi-quip 1575 remote compactor	\$32,300
Mountain States Equipment, Grand Junction	2022 RTSC3 Trench Roller	\$39,960

Commissioner Hopes asked if either one meets the specifications. Daniel said he is not familiar with one model quoted and will have to review the specifications. We will also need to verify a warranty, one lists a five-year warranty and the other one does not have any warranty information.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to turn the bids over for review and clarification from the vendors, acknowledging that A-1 Rentals is the low bid. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

4) Open sealed bids for Cab & Chassis Truck - Carbon County Road Department

Seth said one bid was received.

Price Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep and Ram	2023 3500 Regular Cab Chassis 4x4	\$61,945
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Commissioner Martines made a motion to acknowledge the bid and have Daniel review the criteria to make sure that it is what he wants. If it meets the criteria, then to move forward to purchase the vehicle. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Jensen said the Road Department has had several purchases this year. If we want our roads fixed, we need equipment that works. We have a very aged fleet and we will have more purchases next year.

5) **Review and possible approval for 2023 Marketing Agreement with Utah.com – Tina Grange**

Shanny Wilson said Utah.com provides marketing materials such as ads and leads for visitors. The grant we received will pay for some of this.

Commissioner Martines said some of the TRT (Transient Room Tax) money we receive has to be used outside the area to promote Carbon County and attract more people to visit. This will also bring in more revenue. It is nice to see people come and stay in the hotels, buy meals at the restaurants and purchase gas.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the 2023 Marketing Agreement with Utah.com. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Review and possible approval for contract with Zartico to collect visitation data. Funding through the 2022 Co-op Marketing Grant**

Shanny said Zartico is a destination operating system. It will help the Tourism office promote local destinations. It does all sorts of tracking as far as geolocation data, spending data, event data, and where visitors and residents are going within Carbon County. It is user friendly and we can pick and choose what we want them to showcase and report on. We can look up that information which will help us decide where we want to put the marketing dollars. The program lets us know how we are performing against ourselves and against other destinations. Their pricing is comparable to some of the other companies we reviewed.

Commissioner Hopes said this was tabled at the last commission meeting. Upon receiving council and further study, there is value to this. But we have to make sure we use it. Commissioner Hopes spent time training with the founder and CEO. They can take event data and show where people are going, where they are spending their money and spending time as they are coming in and out of the community. You can then take that data and target the areas where the visitors are spending time. It also shows how the locals are interacting with the visitors as far as traffic patterns and where congestion might happen. It gives us the ability to plan for different events in different ways and do it properly. We need to use all of their tools. They will do most of the data processing for us.

Commissioner Martines said this will be good for residents and local businesses. The first mountain bike race was during a softball tournament and a golf tournament. There were some restaurants who ran out of food. They had not anticipated the amount of people visiting. With this type of tracking we will have the information needed to be ready.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the contract with Zartico to collect visitation data. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hopes said they are going to review the data back to 2019 to see what has happened in our community and to track the visitation patterns. The service will be helpful right from the beginning.

Commissioner Jensen thanked Commissioner Hopes, Shanny and Tina and everyone who has spent time improving the tourism effort. Our tourism tax dollars are increasing because they do a terrific job.

7) **Carbon Medical Service Association introduction and opioid settlement discussion – Carolyn Abeyta**

Carolyn Abeyta, CEO, said she wanted to stress that they have applied for opioid settlement funds and want the commission to know more about Carbon Medical. She has been with Carbon Medical for twenty-one years. When they started they had eleven employees and now they have seventy. During their last study in 2019, they had forty-two employees. At that time their economic impact to the area was 9.4 million dollars. They are a significant employer in Carbon County. Carbon Medical offers medical services; all seven providers are MAT Certified

(Medication Assisted Treatment) for addiction treatments. With this degree these providers can prescribe medications for addiction treatment.

In the beginning they had one contracted part time therapist and now they have five full time therapists. When a person with an addiction comes in, they are required to see a provider and a therapist. Carbon Medical has a pharmacy in Sunnyside and in Helper. Russell Scow is the pharmacy director in Sunnyside and Mike Smith is the pharmacist in Helper. These pharmacies are outside retail and can be used by everyone. Carbon Medical can offer X-Ray, full lab services, dental, vaccines, and they test for Hep C and HIV. They are a full care facility.

They receive grant money from Health Resources and Services Administration. This allows them to serve patients on a sliding fee scale if they qualify based on income and family size. This helps our lower income patients. They also see Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance patients. The grant money received is only 34% of their budget. They work with Four Corners Mental and Behavioral Services and work closely with Southeastern Utah Health Department. Dr. Cam Williams has been the medical director since 2013. Dr. Doug Perkins sees patients in Helper and Sunnyside. Kourtney Atwood is a DNP and medication addiction treatment coordinator. She sets up the referred patient into their program. Dane Keil is the Behavioral Health Director and there are four other therapists under him. Haven Halk is a nurse practitioner and is the Price Clinic Director, this clinic was opened in June. Dr. Jordan Kofoed is the Dental Director and the dentist in Sunnyside. Lisa Clark is the Chief Operation Officer she keeps everyone on track with their data and information. Judith Kemple is a pharmacy tech in Sunnyside and Helper and Amanda Paiz who is a member of the voluntary board. The board consists of eleven members.

Dr. Cameron Williams said he retired from the emergency room in 2013 and went to work seeing patients at the East Carbon clinic. When Dr. Perkins came on, Cameron retired again but came back to do the administrative work. He admires and is proud to work with this crew. He hopes that some of the opioid settlement money can help support the medical assisted treatment from addiction in the community through whatever mechanism we support in this effort. Dr. Williams is also the jail physician for the county and works closely with the Sheriff. They are trying to have better alignment with care at the jail. The process is under review and changes will be happening over the next two months.

Commissioner Jensen said we received word today that some of the money being received by the State will be set aside specifically for treatments in the jails. Dr. Williams said this could change the correctional budget.

Dr. Kofoed said he is the dentist in Sunnyside and has been here since March. He is new to the area and is impressed with the staff at Carbon Medical. He does not participate in the addiction treatment but he has seen it in his patients. Treatment changes their lives and gets them back on track. Improving their teeth can add to their confidence and wellbeing.

Dane Keil is the Behavioral Health Specialist. He serves people with addictions along with the rest of his team including Daniel Gibson, Gypsy Everett, Danette Moynier, Evan Edwards and David King. This last week they saw 163 people. During Covid, they grew from one to five therapist and a court specialist. He is happy to be here.

Kourtney Atwood has been a nurse practitioner at Carbon Medical for five years. She has a personal and professional interest in opioid addiction. She did her doctoral defense on opioid overdose awareness and primary care. They treat 120 to 150 patients for a variety of addictions. They have an open mind and can accommodate a variety of patients with addiction issues. She is excited to get treatment into the jail. This money will get the patients the help they need to reduce recidivism at the jail.

Haven Halk said she is a nurse practitioner at the Price Clinic. She does medication treatments along with Kourtney. She is also the resident pain specialist. We know that the addiction crisis began with chronic pain that was poorly managed. Chronic pain is increasing in the U.S. and is up 10% since 2018. They address pain differently with self-management tools, dealing with stress, better sleep and better nutrition. They approach pain comprehensively.

Amanda Paiz thanked the Commissioners for allowing Carbon Medical to come and speak. She is not clinical but over the last twenty years she has watched the opioid and substance use disorders grow and feeling like we were living in a community on the verge of collapse. She commended the county officials and the other area agencies for the grass root effort to clean up the problem and do what we can to help these individuals. This does give us

hope for the future. It is exciting to see how the new funds will be utilized and the additional growth and improvement we are going to see to help the people we know and love who have been ravaged by this disease.

Lisa Clark said she has been impacted by opioid addiction. Her sister-in-law died from an opioid overdose. It can happen to you directly or indirectly. When Russell Scow started, he jumped right in and took the Medicated Assistance Treatment program along with other providers. These people have become a resource. Russell is a huge asset. She has been with Carbon Medical for twenty-one years. The growth has been huge for our community and each provider is committed to the issue being discussed. They are looking at bringing on a mental health nurse practitioner and expanding to impact the opioid addicted patients that they want to help.

Carolyn said they are looking to expand and will need a larger building. This money could be used for this building and for transportation services for patients.

Commissioner Jensen thanked them for coming and for providing a valuable service to the community to those most at risk. Commissioner Hopes said he has worked with Haven and Amanda and others as they started the Care Coalition and the Carbon Emery Opioid Coalition. They have been at the table from the beginning trying to address this issue.

Commissioner Jensen said we have not received the money yet, it was supposed to be here in July. They signed paperwork last week and hopefully this will facilitate the process.

8) **Ratification and possible approval to amend the ongoing agreement between the State Health & Human Services and the Carbon Family Support Center**

Shelley Wright said this is our agreement for the ongoing contract with the state. This is amending the contract to start on July 1 and ending on June 30. It needed to be signed before today so this is a ratification. These funds are for the crisis nursery.

Commissioner Martines said a lot of the operations Carbon Family Support Center does are funded by grants and Shelley has to keep track of each grant. He thanked Shelley for her effort.

Shelley said they really focus on child abuse prevention services. They do this in several different ways. They provide crisis care for families in crisis. It could be a medical crisis, domestic violence situation, a parent needing a break etc. They provide an overnight crisis care for families who do not have other supports in the community. They care for the children while the adults are getting help. They also provide parent education classes and do home visits for new moms.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to ratify the agreement between the State Health & Human Services and Carbon County Family Support Center. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible approval of the subcontract agreement with the Family Support Centers of Utah and Carbon County**

Shelley said this is new funding. The Family Support Centers of Utah approached the legislature for more funding. The legislature agreed to put them in their budget ongoing. In order to do this, they had to subcontract with the Family Support Centers of Utah who will contract with the Department of Health and Human Services to support the current crisis nursery care services. These are additional funds to keep the program going and hopefully to grow the program.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the subcontract agreement with the Family Support Centers of Utah and Carbon County. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

10) **Ratification of the mutual confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement between Carbon County, Price City, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition and SCS**

Commissioner Jensen said they are working with a company wanting to come to Carbon County. The process of what this company does is confidential. We have decided to sign a non-disclosure agreement with them so we do

not disclose any of their process. This could be a big boost to the county if they come. We are working hard with them and want to encourage investors by showing that our government and community are supportive.

Commissioner Martines said this would be south in the county and could possibly employ a couple of hundred workers to build and about a hundred after. This company is an established company and they have operations on both coasts. They are excited about coming here.

Commissioner Jensen said one thing they will use is a fairly large amount of coal. This will help keep the coal mines opened.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to ratify the mutual confidentiality and non-disclosure agreement between Carbon County, Price City, Seven County Infrastructure Coalition and SCS. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

11) Consideration and possible approval of Lexis Plus Subscription agreement for County Attorney's office

Attorney Hansen said Lexis Nexis is an online database that is essential for computer assisted legal research. It replaces a law library and is used by the attorney's office to stay in compliance with the law. This is an established monthly subscription and is ongoing.

Commissioner Hopes said this year it is \$60 a month more than last year. Plus, there will be a \$20 increase each year after this year for four years. Attorney Hansen said it is a four-year agreement that automatically renews each year.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to approve the Lexis Plus Subscription Agreement for the Carbon County Attorney's office. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

12) Consideration and possible approval of ECDC Environmental, LCL request for a rate increase

Commissioner Hopes said every year we visit with Republic Services for the disposal of our waste in Carbon County. All of our municipal waste goes to ECDC also known as Republic Services in East Carbon. There are two things at play, the overall amount and an amount based on the waste streams that they bring in from other communities which sets a tier level. In this case we are talking about the percentage increase to each one of these tiers for the waste that is handled by ECDC.

They have requested a 6.5% increase but we don't have to agree to this. An increase will have a direct impact to all of the resident's garbage cans and on each dumpster at businesses. The increased cost would be passed to the consumer by City Sanitation plus to the dumpsters rented by the county at the landfill and Scofield. Obviously the cost of fuel and maintenance has gone up.

Commissioner Martines said last year there was a tier increase plus a rate increase. Commissioner Hopes said in 2021, because of the pandemic, most of the construction and California waste stream was significantly decreased. We ended up jumping from a middle tier to the high tier. We currently pay the highest tier and we had a 3% increase, they had asked for a 6% increase.

Commissioner Hopes believes they are doing better so there is a chance we may go back down to a more moderate tier. Commissioner Jensen asked if City Sanitation has estimated an amount that would affect the home owner. It probably would not be a lot of money because the garbage can at your home is relatively light.

Commissioner Martines said we are all feeling the pain of inflation and he understands why Republic Services wants an increase. But it would be tough to give them the 6.5%. He is more amenable to a 2% increase.

Commissioner Hopes said he thinks this is fair and if they do not agree than we can start negotiations at that point.

Commissioner Martines made a motion to counter offer the 6.5% increase to a 2% increase. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

13) Consideration and possible approval to file a new opioid complaint against McKinsey and Company

Attorney Hansen said McKinsey and Company is a local consulting firm hired by Purdue Pharma to try and increase the sale of opioids. There are now complaints filed against McKinsey and Company for their part in the opioid crisis. The document before you is necessary to protect our rights in case of future settlements so we will be included. Commissioner Martines asked if this information is for the entire state? Last time certain counties and cities were trying to go in a different direction. Does this have the same parameters as the last one? Attorney Hansen said in general they tried to consolidate as much as possible. She would assume it is comparable to the others ones that came through.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve to file a new opioid claim against McKinsey and Company. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

14) Ratification of Utah Subdivision Agreement to Establish Utah Attorney Fee and Expense Fund

Commissioner Jensen recommends that this be tabled, it is not quite ready. Attorney Hansen said it is still in draft form.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to table. Commissioner Martines seconded. Motion carried.

15) Review and approval of departmental reports

Commissioner Martines made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor

