

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held Wednesday, March 15, 2023 in the Commission Room of the Administration Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Lyn Hansen, Attorney  
Kellie Payne, HR  
Seth Marsing, Clerk Auditor  
Lori Perez, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Jeff Wood, Sheriff

**1) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the March 1, 2023 Commission Meeting minutes. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Martines said due to the amount of moisture we have been getting, there has been an interest in how to get sandbags in case of flooding. Commissioner Jensen said the county is encouraging people with known problems around their homes, to take care of those now before any flooding happens. We have material available at the fairgrounds to fill bags. We encourage those who need sandbags, to go to Sutherlands, CJ's or Howa's to purchase bags and then go to the Fairgrounds and fill those bags with the available used road mix. We also need to be made aware of imminent flooding in the county so we can take care of those problems with other options. If you know you have had problems in the past, get ready for it before the problem arises and you have water in your basement.

Commissioner Martines said the sand station is at the Fairgrounds, past the motocross track towards the maintenance sheds at the south end of the property. Please call if you have any questions.

**2) Employee of the Month – Kellie Payne**

Kellie said this month we have a Department of the Month, the Maintenance Department. They are responsible for our buildings and grounds maintenance. Barry Horsley, Jayden Tonc, Jeremy Robison and Bill Heath came to the microphone. Barry said these three gentlemen have been instrumental over the last few months with dealing with multiple snow issues, even though they have been short staffed. They have stepped up to help other departments including taking the snow cat to Star Point to repair a TV a translator which is not typically a maintenance department responsibility and was a treacherous job. They have also been instrumental in helping save the county money by helping to reduce the cost of utilities. They do a great job for the county.

Bill thanked Barry for the support and leadership that he provides that allows them to do the job they do.

Commissioner Martines thanked them for all they do and for thinking outside the box especially with the snow removal and drying out the softball fields. The commissioners appreciate the extra efforts.

**3) Presentation of the Super Service Award – Tina Grange**

Tina presented Autumn Blackner, owner of Party Express, with the Super Service Award. Autumn goes the extra mile to make sure you have everything you need. Tina said Autumn is amazing and helped Tina with items for her son's party and delivered items right to the restaurant. She is very accommodating.

Autumn thanked everyone for the kind words and for allowing her store to be part of the community. She appreciates everything Tina does.

4) **Review and possible approval of agreement with photographer Jeff Barrett**

Shanny said they have spoken to Jeff a couple of times about covering big events because of available funding. Jeff is very accommodating and has a lot of great experience. He works at the college and Shanny has seen his work and it is impressive. They have held a couple of meetings and discussed the SPX Geo Tour, which has been moved from April to June 3 due to the weather. He will also do the Bridal Event and the Scofield Jeep Tour which filled up very quickly. There will also be the National Rifle League 22 Shoot at North Springs Shooting Range.

Tina said these photographs will be used for future marketing efforts and will be paid by the 2021 grant which had left over money. We want to use this funding to highlight the big events held in the area for future marketing.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the agreement with Jeff Barrett for photography work for county events. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

5) **State of Utah's Weed and Mosquito Supervisor of the Year – Chris Rowley**

Commissioner Jensen said the State of Utah has requirements for counties to control noxious weeds. The state gives us a list of the noxious weeds and it is the county's responsibility to control them. Chris Rowley has been the Supervisor of the Weed and Mosquito Department for many years and recently the State Weed Control Association awarded Chris with the Outstanding Lead Supervisor for the State of Utah.

The commission wanted to acknowledge and highlight his efforts and say thank you. Chris has an impossible job chasing weeds and dealing with complaints. Commissioner Jensen presented Chris with a plaque and a certificate. We appreciate Chris for all he does.

6) **Open Sealed Bids for medium full size Four Wheel Drive SUV – Sheriff's Office**

Seth said no bids were received.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to acknowledge that no bids were received and turn it over to Sheriff Wood and allow him to go out and look for possible vehicles with the correct package. Sheriff Wood said he will look and report back. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

7) **Open Sealed Bids for Parcel #02-1828-0027**

Seth said three bids were received and a fourth bid was received late.

Commissioner Jensen said this is for the old weed and mosquito facility located at the Four Mile Hill Industrial Complex.

David La Vergne	\$112,500
On Call Restoration	\$143,500
Southeast Holding, Mark Morley	\$245,000

Commissioner Jensen said this property appraised for \$250,000 three years ago. The one bid is pretty close to the appraised value.

Commissioner Martines acknowledge the three bids that were opened and the one that was late. He asked Attorney Hansen on how to proceed. Commissioner Hopes said he is okay to sell the parcel for the \$245,000 because it is close enough to the appraised value unless the other commissioners are uncomfortable with that. Commissioner Jensen said he agrees. Commissioner Martines asked if there were any stipulations on what the new owner would do with the property? Commissioner Jensen said there was not any stipulations.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to acknowledge all of the bids and start negotiations to award the bid to Mark Morley. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Ratification of Economic Development Service Agreement by and between Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments and Carbon County**

Commissioner Jensen said this is an agreement between us and the Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments. They assist us with attracting companies to locate here with incentives and tax increment financing. This agreement allows them to continue to help us work through those details and to help Shanny with these efforts.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to ratify the Economic Development Service Agreement between Southeastern Utah Association of Local Governments and Carbon County. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Consideration and possible appointment of board applicants to Friends of Carbon/Emery Counties Children's Justice Centers and Family Support Center**

Commissioner Martines said we have received five applications for the nine vacancies on this board. They are all good applicants. Shelley said she has gone through the applications and they all look promising. They are excited for a new year.

Commissioner Martines said we have new bylaws for the new board. He asked if five is a good start for this board. Shelley said the number of board members will depend on the direction the board goes in their fund raising efforts. They may choose different activities than in the past. Some of these people have never been a board member. She is excited to listen to some fresh ideas.

Commissioner Hopes asked about the two applicants with the same last name, he doesn't know if they are related. Shelley said she doesn't know either. She recognizes one of them but not the other one. She does not know if the notice was sent to Emery County in order to recruit board members from there. She believes this should be a goal of the new board in order to serve Emery County better.

Commissioner Martines said there is a capacity for nine on the board so if we had two or three members from Emery County, it would be helpful. Attorney Hansen said there is a sixth application that has been submitted.

Commissioner Jensen said as we begin appointing these board members, it is a good idea to stagger their terms so everyone does not leave at the end of the three years. There is value in offsetting these appointments so that they do not all need to be replaced at the same time. Attorney Hansen said offsetting is very helpful. This could be something they discuss when they meet and decide how they want to offset the terms.

Commissioner Martines asked if they could appoint them to different terms now. Attorney Hansen said yes, you could do it that way. You can appoint a couple to a two-year term, and some to a three-year term. Shelley said you do not want to lose all of them all at once.

Shelley asked about recruiting additional members, do we need to come back to a commission meeting or can we approve additional members now. Commissioner Martines said they would need to come back to a commission meeting.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to appoint Kellie Payne and Kourtney Cox to a two-year term each, Rose Barnes, Alexis Sandoval and Alycia Sandoval each to a three term. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Attorney Hansen asked about the sixth application that came in from Laura Milchak, do you want to appoint her at this time? Commissioner Hopes said we should review the application first and see what other applications come in as well. Commissioner Jensen amended his motion to include advertising in Emery County for other board members and revisit this again during the second meeting in April (April 19).

Motion carried.

**10) Ratification of National Opioid Settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens**

Commissioner Hopes said this is part of the continued litigation for the opioid crisis that is happening in the country. Most of these are the distributors of the opioid and not the producers. This came across Commissioner Hopes desk a couple of weeks ago and he worked with the attorney's office to review it and sign it. It is similar in nature to the previous national agreements we have signed but with these litigants for a settlement.

Commissioner Martines said the settlement dollars can only be used similarly to the previous opioid funds received for recovery efforts, prevention and treatment.

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to ratify the national Opioid Settlement with Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart and Walgreens. Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

**11) Consideration and possible approval for a Carbon County credit card for Kirk Sherman, new Safety Supervisor**

Commissioner Martines said Kirk Sherman is our new safety supervisor for the county and will need a credit card in his name.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve a credit card for Kirk Sherman. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

**12) Consideration and possible approval of Bureau of Land Management Weed Control Contract**

Commissioner Jensen said this is an annual contract with the BLM. We partner with them one day a week during the summer along with the Forest Service, Division of Wildlife, Emery County and private land owners to go out and spray noxious weeds. This contract with the BLM pays the county \$7,000 to do some of that work for them. This helps with our weed effort.

Commissioner Hopes said this is a large group of people working together to spray some really bad areas of noxious weeds.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the agreement with the Bureau of Land Management for the Weed Control contract. Commissioner Jensen seconded. Motion carried.

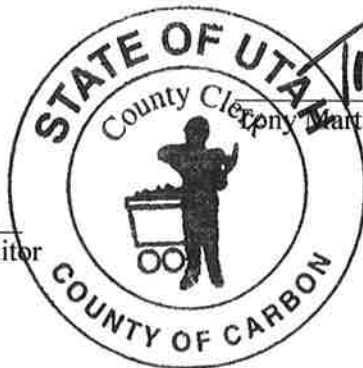
**13) Review and approval of departmental reports**

Commissioner Jensen made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Seth Marsing, County Clerk/Auditor



  
Tony Martines, Chairman