

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held June 3, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

Those present: Casey Hopes, Commission Chair
Jae Potter, Commissioner
Jake Mellor, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Sandy Lehman, Commission Secretary
Jeff Wood, Sheriff
Christian Bryner, Attorney
Rose Barnes, HR
Rex Sacco, Public Lands
Dave Levanger, Planning & Zoning
Jason Llewelyn, Emergency Services
Doris Johnston, Planning & Zoning

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

Commissioner Hopes welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4: 32 p.m.

Commissioner Hopes welcomed Mayor Powell from Wellington, Mayor Piccolo from Price, Mayor Parsons from East Carbon City and Mayor Chavez from Helper to the meeting.

1) Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the May 18, 2015 Work Meeting minutes. Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Mellor made a motion to approve the May 20, 2015 Work Meeting minutes. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

2) Carbon County Employee of the Month Recognition – Rose Barnes

Rose recognized Doris Johnston as the employee of the month. She was recently hired full time and has stepped up to the plate in her new position. Rex Sacco said she spent a lot of time working on the Public Land Initiative and worked closely with him. She was dedicated to the project and very accurate. Dave Levanger also commended Doris for stepping right into the new job and from the beginning has been a great employee. They congratulated her and thanked her.

3) Discussion and possible motion to approve funding for Emergency Response Services in the County

Commissioner Hopes explained that the Wellington Fire Department has asked for additional funding for responding to County emergencies which is initially how this discussion began. The Commission feels that if they give Wellington more funding then they should also give the other municipal areas more funding.

Commissioner Potter asked for comments from the mayors. Mayor Powell feels that everyone understands that this involves safety. Wellington needs additional help due to increased costs, the increase of gas truck traffic and the costs of extrications in automobile accidents.

Commissioner Hopes said this is a give and take situation where the County provides ambulance service and sheriff support, plus additional funding when needed. The Commission recognizes that the fire departments are struggling. Mayor Powell said they are asking for help in order to keep providing fire and emergency service for the County areas.

Commissioner Potter said in the last work meeting there were goals to be met. He discussed training, the protocol to respond to emergencies by the fire truck and is that necessary. Records need to be accurate and reports done timely in order to take advantage of funds and grants available. The City Fire Departments are important to the County, a fire district is a possibility in the future but the County is not looking to run a fire

district but rather to provide better training and equipment on a County level. The sheriff, jail and ambulance are valuable on a County wide basis. We need to work together as a whole and what is decided needs to be fair.

Mayor Powell asked if a work meeting could be held with all the mayors in attendance in order to keep communication open and work to a common consensus. She has been in contact with other cities in the State to see their ratio between city and county call outs.

Commissioner Hopes is interested in the comments from the other cities. He discussed sending smaller vehicles out on medical calls in order to save money so that funds can be used on other projects. Commissioner Potter wants the emergency service workers to make the decisions for protocol decisions, keeping in mind safety and the appropriate service required for the call.

Solutions for the issues include training, grants and a master calendar for training. We are making great strides towards these goals. A Google calendar is already up and running. Contact Jason's office to add to and make changes to the calendar. Mayor Powell would like to see the mayors involved in the decision making.

Mayor Piccolo believes that liabilities can be avoided by having a contract in place. Not only for Price City's liability but the County's as well. He asked that they slow down and fill in the blanks. Price City has 22 firemen and 75% of their calls are County related. They have 700 calls a year; they are busy but are committed to the safety of the residents in the County and are willing to help. His Fire Chief does outreach in the community and passes down equipment when possible. He suggested a coalition to seek funding that does not have to be a chartered organization. Once explored then it could gauge how a service district could perform and produce. He asked that the Commission take this a small bite at a time to solve the problems. He admires their vision but recognizes that all could use additional funding.

Commissioner Hopes said the direction he would like to see is approval of funding pending a final contract that would be signed by both the individual city and the County. Any additional funding from the County would be contingent on working through the agreements and finalizing them. This would allow the cities to add the funding to their budgets.

Commissioner Potter suggested taking the base contracts and adding an additional \$10,000 onto each contract. Using a set rate, similar to Wild Land Fire, an additional \$5,000 could be requested for reimbursement for emergency responses within the County. In addition, the County could act as the billing agent for extrications and billable services and everything collected would be returned back to the cities. A critical point is being able to bill within 24 hours of the incident. This is a starting point and additional meetings need to be held to keep negotiating. With the different budgeting cycles these changes would need to be in the January 2016 budget and effective at that time.

Commissioner Mellor asked if Emergency Services or the Clerk/Auditor's office would do the billing. Also is it necessary for someone from the County to respond to the scene on every call in order to assist with the billing.

Jason explained that currently the County does not respond to every call, it depends on the call. If it's a city fire then only the city fire department responds unless additional help is needed. If it's an ambulance then the County is responding. The County and Price City recently responded to a fire in Kenilworth because it was a possible arson. Additional work and conversations need to happen.

Being the billing agent is not hard; it is already done for Hazmat calls. It is already in place and just needs to be fine-tuned.

The discussion continued concerning how the contracts would work, how Hazmat billing and reimbursements are handled. Both Commissioner's Mellor and Hopes are in favor of the \$10,000 and Commissioner Hopes likes the \$5,000 which is value based and will help with writing reports and for the cities to recoup costs when responding to a County call.

Christian explained that this involves contemplating a cap of up to \$5,000 based on traditional State contract billing for wild fires. This would need to include statutory language to recoup actual costs. Jason emailed

the statute which included miles driven, equipment used and employees who responded. Don and Jason have done the research for the statewide average and local costs. Christian would need to include a table of costs and the reimbursement amounts could change each year. He and Jason could prepare a draft and send it to the cities for review. Commissioner Potter said we could organize a coalition for further discussion.

Mayor Chavez asked for a firm date to begin negotiation. Commissioner Potter would like to hold a meeting within the next 60 days or by the first of August. Commissioner Hopes said that would allow the attorney time to write a first draft, send it to the cities and have their attorneys look at it and then meet in August to discuss the various point.

Commissioner Potter made a motion of a \$10,000 increase in the 2016 budget added to the current base contracts with the cities for emergency services with the ability for the cities to bill the County accordingly based on the State Wildland Fire contracts, in regards to equipment and material with a \$5,000 cap. This would allow for a potential of a \$15,000 increase overall for 2016. Also the County would be willing to act as the billing agent for billable items from the cities for reimbursement based on monies received from the insurance companies at no additional cost to the cities, if they so choose. Part of this motion is also in recognition of the services being provided from both sides and should include training, reports being filed timely and protocol for call outs. Commissioner Mellor seconded.

Warren Madsen from ETV 10 News asked how a salaried employee is paid before the insurance company is billed for reimbursements. Jason said you would pay the additional amount to their salary which is based on a prorated amount and benefits are also added in. Volunteers would be paid at a standard rate similar to when they are hired to fight wild land fires. Commissioner Hopes said those volunteers are not paid by the city but would be paid directly.

Motion carried.

4) **Consideration and possible approval of 2015/2016 Bookmobile Agreement**

Commissioner Potter said this is the same contract that we enter into each year and it is for \$95,271.00 and is \$3,000 less than the prior year.

A discussion continued asking if this service is still needed. The Bookmobile goes to East Carbon, Wellington, Helper and Price and to the public schools during the school year. Christian explained that it goes to his neighborhood and almost everyone uses the Bookmobile. They also offer interlibrary loan book requests.

Commissioner Mellor made a motion to accept the 2015/2016 Bookmobile Agreement. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

5) **Approval of Grant Applications and Amendment to Policy – Sheriff Wood, Jason Llewelyn**

a) **Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant**

The COPS Grant would fund the salary and benefits for 2.5 full time positions in the Sheriff's office based on our population and FBI data. It will fully fund a police officer for a four year period. At the end of this period we can reapply for the grant and should be renewed but is not guaranteed. Generally this grant requires a 25% match which is in kind services including uniforms, duty belt, gun, vehicles, the lighting on the vehicle and so there should be none or very little out of pocket expense to the County. The deadline is in two weeks.

There are no recognized strings attached to this grant and it will be used for drug tracker officers in less high risk positions.

Commissioner Mellor made a motion to accept the COPS Grant. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

b) Police Worn Body Camera Grant

The DOJ is hoping to get more cops with a live camera and audio recordings on every call. Each device costs \$1,300. They will use this grant and a 50% match to leverage another \$10,000 to purchase seventeen body cams that will cost \$21,000. There are no strings attached other than you have to have a policy in place that addresses civil rights issues. Jason Llewelyn is currently waiting for the Sheriff to sign off on the policy and adding it to the Policies and Procedure manual prior to receiving the funds. The deadline for this grant is June 16. Christian would like to review the policy in conjunction with approving this grant.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the Body Camera Grant subject to the review of the Sheriff's new body camera policy. Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

c) Amend County Sheriff Policy & Procedures concerning Body Camera

This was included in the discussion for Item b. Sheriff Wood will amend his policy and have the County attorney review it.

d) Possible approval of Predisaster Mitigation Grant

Commissioner Potter made a motion to table this. Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

6) Award of Airport Planning Services

This service is reviewed every few years to make sure we are getting the services we need. Two statements of qualifications were received from ADG and Jviation

Commissioner Potter said we need this in place to qualify for FAA grants and for the Master Plan. The funding comes out of \$150,000 that is allocated per year to the airport from the State of Utah. We have \$300,000 that can be put towards this from the FAA grants that we will receive. The challenge is to review these qualifications and make a recommendation in the form of a motion to move forward. Both Christian and Curtis have reviewed this. Both companies are qualified.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve for contracting with Jviation to do the master planning on the Carbon County Airport. Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

7) Continued discussion concerning barrel racing events and indoor arena at County Fairgrounds – Kathy D'Ambrosio

Kathy presented a mission statement and a rough draft of their budget. They have four barrel racing events scheduled including State Finals in October. She invited Carbon County to get on board and help fund the events, especially the State Final. They currently have \$3,800 and have received good support locally. These events can impact the community and help the local economy. They need to have good awards in order to bring people here and to bring them back to these events.

They are still interested in developing an indoor arena and would like to schedule a work meeting.

A question was brought up concerning whether an ambulance needs to be at the event or just on call. Kathy said at other events the ambulance is on call but not actually at the event. The events can run for three days and to 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to waive the fees for the Fairground and sponsor \$1,000 for the events. The Commission would like the money be used for out of the area advertising in accordance with the Office of Tourism. Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Consideration and possible approval of Range Creek Contract with the University of Utah – Frank Ori**

Frank said this is the same contract as in the past. Commissioner Hopes asked if we offer groups coming in to see Range Creek the option to also go up Nine Mile. Frank said they do have tours scheduled where both areas are visited with a stay overnight in Price. The limit for Range Creek is 26 people and two guides per tour group; Nine Mile's groups are unlimited. They also do tours into the San Rafael Swell. The dates scheduled for Range Creek are June 27, July 12, Sept. 12, Sept. 26 and Oct. 10. The fee to tour the canyon is \$150.00 per day which is paid out of what is charged to the participants.

Christian reviewed the contract and made a couple of changes including changing Steve Christensen's name to Frank Ori's.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the Range Creek Contract with the University of Utah with the changes. Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

9) **Review and approval of 2015 Tax Sale results – Seth Oveson**

Seth explained that the tax sale was held on May 21st per statute and county ordinance for properties that were five years delinquent in paying property tax. Seven properties were sold at the auction. In the sale the County recovers administration fees and the past due tax. All additional funds are remitted to the State Unclaimed Property Tax Division. All sales are pending on Commission approval.

Commissioner Hopes said a great deal of work done by the Assessor's and Treasurer's offices to track down the delinquent payments and many were redeemed. The Commissioners thanked all those for their efforts.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the tax sale, Commissioner Mellor seconded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners rotated the Commission Chair from Commissioner Hopes to Commissioner Mellor to begin July 1.

Commissioner Potter noted that the Community Impact Board will be holding their meetings and retreat in our facilities next week. They will be visiting Nine Mile on Wednesday, and hold their meetings at the Senior Center on Thursday and Friday. This is a great opportunity to expose this group to what we can offer in our area.

10) **Review and approval of County Warrant Edit Reports**

Commissioner Mellor made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor



