

Minutes of the Commission Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held August 5, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

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

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor  
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk  
Sandy Lehman, Commission Secretary  
Jeff Wood, Sheriff  
Christian Bryner, Attorney  
Rose Barnes, HR  
Debby Kobe, Senior Center  
Karen Dolan, Four Corners  
Jason Llewelyn, Emergency Services  
Barry Horsley, IT

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

Commissioner Mellor welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting began at 4:37 p.m.

**1) Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2015 Commission Meeting with the following correction; on Item 16 page 6 paragraph 5, should read "and knows what and how to build", Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the July 1, 2015 Commission Meeting minutes, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the July 13, 2015 Work Meeting minutes, Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**2) Presentation of Retirement Plaque to Mikel Johnson**

Mike was not present.

**3) Carbon County Employee of the Month Recognition – Rose Barnes**

Rose Barnes and Daniel Campbell presented Steve Jensen, from the Road Department as employee of the month. Daniel explained that on July 1 while chipping in Miller Creek the fuel pump went out on a chip spreader. When a new fuel pump could not be found locally, Steve pulled a fuel pump out of his own truck, installed it and kept the equipment running for the rest of the week. By doing this the crew was quickly up and running again and the tanker of oil was not wasted. He went above and beyond his responsibilities and his effort was greatly appreciated.

The Commissioners thanked him for his service and said this was a good example of team work making a difference in our County.

**4) Review and possible approval of Inter-Local Cooperation and Sub-recipient Contract Agreement for Senior Center – Debby Kobe**

Debby Kobe said this is a standard annual contract; the only difference is a reduction of money of \$2,753. Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the Inter-Local Cooperation and Sub-recipient contract, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

**5) Review and possible approval of contract from the Dept. of Human Services on "Partnership for Success" Prevention Services – Karen Dolan of Four Corners Community Behavioral Health Inc.**

Karen Dolan presented the Partnership for Success grant which is a prevention grant to build infrastructure primarily to prevent underage drinking, decreasing prescription drug abuse and marijuana use. This involves

all three counties who are deciding what to focus on and which infrastructure and prevention programs to develop.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the Partnership for Success contract. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

6) **Request to bid on temporary employment services – Labor Finders**

Karen and Steve Hillam have been operating Labor Finders for seven years. They have not had the opportunity to bid on temporary employees for the County and wanted to make sure the Commission is aware of their company and what they offer.

Commissioner Potter asked if they had information to present to the County Human Resource Department and for the Commissioners to review. Steve said they have packets for each Commissioner and can give one to HR. Commissioner Potter suggested that they visit all the departments so that everyone is aware of what they have available. Karen explained that they also offer drug testing and background checks.

7) **Review and possible approval of PDM Grant and Benefit Cost Analysis – J. Llewelyn**

Seven months ago, Jason Llewelyn was asked to look into the Pre disaster Mitigation Grant. His department has submitted a notice of intent to the State of Utah two months ago with the intension of applying for a 1.5 million dollar grant to be used for assisting in the clean-up of debris along the waterways and sewer pipelines that run from where the wells start to the treatment facility in Wellington. Final paperwork is due on Monday at 5:00 p.m. and they need approval from the Commission in order to submit the application to Christian for final approval before submitting. Jason is still waiting for numbers to come back from the consulting company who are doing the benefit cost analysis.

Jason explained that our GIS Department and Gary Harwood from Helper City have been a huge help to gather the needed information. They have been on the ground doing the work for a week. The counties and cities participating will be required to match \$325,000. A historical study has to be done and will take time to complete. Match money will need to be applied by February or March of 2016.

Commissioner Potter said that we will be coming into a new budget year and could consider this but if that match is not available then the grant goes away. The County is anticipating the awarding of the grant in November or December and can then accept it or not. Commissioner Hopes asked if the County can do the work involved or do they have to hire a contractor. Jason said once the award has come down then we will have to come back with documentation to prove the in kind match. Helper City's water project could qualify for the match because it is along the same pipeline. As long as the match money is locally generated and is not federal money it can be used as the match. Multiple agencies can come together and assist the County with the match. Jason mentioned a list of agencies who could participate.

Commissioner Potter suggested that we get this information out to these agencies now so that it can be budgeted. Jason said when they get this completed on Monday they would like permission to send it out to the cities and start doing the ground work to bring them on board.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve pending legal review and final approval on Monday. Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

8) **Discussion concerning County road right of way encroachment in Ballpark Subdivision – Jeff Spainhower**

This has been canceled from the agenda.

9) **Decision on Soccer Complex location**

Commissioner Hopes asked that this be put on the agenda because of the hours spent discussing the location and possible partners. Even though he believes that the Durrant field is the best location, the need is immediate; Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approach the Special Service District for funding for a soccer complex at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Potter said there is a need and he feels we are missing out on a great opportunity to partner with the College who are willing to provide maintenance and money for the project. We could be embracing

and supporting the University which has far reaching affects on all of our lives. He pointed out that ongoing maintenance will cost \$40,000 a year in material and labor and will include purchasing a new mower. If we walk away from the College we will lose \$600,000 in maintenance benefits that the College would be providing. Commissioner Potter appreciates the motion and does not want to second it, but he will second it because the kids need it and it is an opportunity to move forward at this time, but it is with great regret.

Motion carried.

**10) Consideration and possible approval of a resolution to authorize the placing on the November 2015 ballot an opinion question pursuant to Utah House Bill 362, asking whether or not Carbon County should be authorized to impose a quarter of one percent (0.25% or the equivalent of 1 cent for every \$4 spent) sales and use tax (except on sales of food and food ingredients) for the specific purpose of transportation improvements such as roads, trails, sidewalks, maintenance and safety features, with the revenues divided among the county, towns and cities.**

Commissioner Potter said letters of support from the cities have been received requesting that this be put on the November ballot. When this was passed in the legislature, it set in motion an opportunity to approve such tax, we know that there is going to be an increased tax on gasoline but also the fact that this is an optional county tax. We know that many of the large counties in northern Utah want this on the ballot and it will benefit us because of the way the tax is distributed. It benefits the cities and the County directly as far as our roads are concerned. It is not a tax that can be used for anything else other than transportation. It will benefit our road department. It has been interesting being a member of the CIB board and holding that seat for Carbon County. The CIB has become the preferred provider for municipalities and roads over the last six months. He doesn't know how many millions of dollars of mineral money has been spent on improving roads and that kind of infrastructure. He wishes the State legislature would come up with a different program to fund B and C roads because as it is currently funded they will never keep up with the need.

Commissioner Hopes said this is a vote of the people and if the people want this the funding will go strictly to roads. City and county budgets will remain the same and this will be in addition to their budgets for road maintenance and construction. The Commission has received letters of support from Price City, Wellington and Helper asking that it be put on the ballot. It is not just the County requesting the optional tax but it's up to the people to make the decision.

Commissioner Mellor said this is an optional tax, if it is approved but not found to be in the best interest of the people in Carbon County, the Commission can choose not to implement the tax.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the resolution to put this tax issue on the ballot for the November election Commissioner Hopes seconded. The Resolution number is 2015-04. Motion carried.

**11) Release of Bond of Bill Barrett Corporation**

Christian said Bill Barrett posted a bond when they began working on and making their own roads. They did a performance bond in conjunction with the encroachment permit. Enervest LLC has succeeded Bill Barrett and has posted their own bond. There is no need for two bonds and Bill Barrett has asked that their bond be released.

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the release of the Bill Barrett Bond, Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

**12) Consideration and possible approval of contract with Simplifile for online document recording with Recorder's Office – Barry Horsley**

Barry said the legislature now requires the counties to offer on line recordings to title companies and other people in order to record documents in the recorders office via an online service. There is no cost to the County for the on line company Simplifile. Simplifile collects their own fees and transfer the documents to us electronically.

Commissioner Potter made a motion to approve the contract with Simplifile, Commissioner Hopes seconded. Motion carried.

**13) Consideration and possible approval of Predator Control Contract for FY2016**

Commissioner Hopes said this is a standard contract and it is the same as the last three years. Commissioner Hopes made a motion to approve the Predator Control Contract for 2016, Commissioner Potter seconded and said that it's a \$14,000 annual contract with \$7,000 being reimbursed from the State. Commissioner Hopes amended the motion, Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

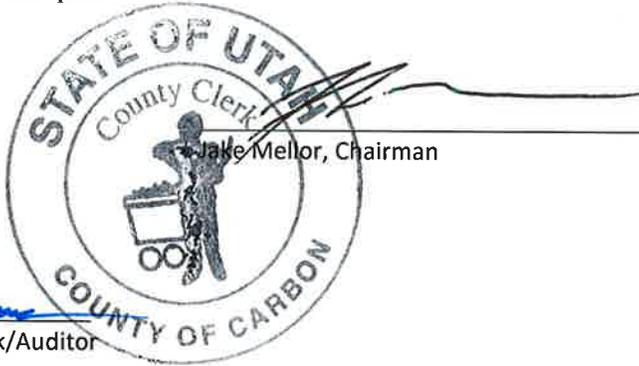
**14) Review and Approval of Departmental Reports**

Commissioner Hopes made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Potter seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor



Jake Mellor, Chairman