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way 6 project.

The council meeting was a place where the Utah Department of Transportation and the state agency's engineers intended to answer some questions about the road improvements planned for the entire U.S. 6 corridor.

But the heart of the discussion at the Helper meeting concerned the overpass project slated for construction next spring.

The meeting room at the Helper auditorium was packed with people wanting to learn what was going on or residents who wanted to comment on the project.

A presentation by Bob Jacobs

the presentation, UDOT supervising engineer for U.S. 6 in Utah Mike Miles answered questions about the state transportation agency's plans.

The UDOT engineer was immediately quizzed by residents who oppose the overpass project.

"As far as UDOT is concerned, the intersection of Highway 6 and Helper's Main Street is the largest concern we have on this section of highway," stated Miles, in connection with



Mike Miles, UDOT project engineer

muticantly exceeded the estimates, Miles indicated the plan was being re-evaluated by two teams of experts to determine what UDOT engineers may have overlooked.

"We have one firm looking at our plans that has never

seen the project before so we can get an independent opinion," explained Miles. "And we also have another team of our own engineers going over it as well. But

intersection for the long term." But not all citizens of Helper were convinced.

"It seems to me that the Red Narrows area is the worst part of the highway," said Helper resident Walt Borla. "If you put a stoplight in the Helper intersection, it would solve the problem of crossing and that way most of the money could be spent on that dangerous section of road instead."

Miles never wavered, but he conceded that there were other bad situations on the highway.

"There is no doubt that the Red Narrows is a bad section of road, but for that matter so is the section in the mouth of Spanish Fork Canyon from Covered Bridge Road to Moark Junction (where old U.S. 89 (Continued on page 6A)

scriptions have to be supplied with the notice."

The panels in the county government include the Carbon Special Transportation and Service District, the Carbon Water Conservancy District, the weed board, the fairgrounds board, the Scofield Special Service District and a number of other entities.

"The point is that some people have complained that they haven't had the chance to be on various boards. So if we pass this measure, no one can be upset about it anymore," explained Burge. "This will give everyone the chance to apply."

When the discussion ended the measure passed unanimously by the commissioners.

In an unrelated business matter, the commission decided to

# Groups rally to support coal miners picket line

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The strike against the Co-op coal mine in Emery County recently took on a different look when a number of groups from various parts of the state sent representatives to the picket line to support the workers' agenda.

The Catholic Church along with Mormons for Equality and Social Justice as well as many other groups and organizations spent time on the picket line two Saturdays ago.

George Neckel with Utah Jobs with Justice, in conjunction with Jim Stevenson of United Mine Workers of America, organized picket line help and a rally to show support for the efforts of the miners from the Co-op Mine.

The reason for the strike is in dispute between mine managers and the miners and those who support them.

The miners indicate the strike began when a worker complained to the CW Mining management concerning unsafe conditions in the mine. They claim that two other miners had been disciplined for the same

reason the week before.

A walkout started when other workers left the coal production operation in support of the miner making the complaints.

However, the company claims that, on Sept. 14, a CW Mining Company employee purportedly falsified a safety/inspection checklist. When the matter came to management's attention, the employee was given a written warning.

When the individual reportedly refused to acknowledge the written warning, the employee was given a three-day suspension with the intent to discharge for just cause with the right to appeal.

According to the company, another employee became upset and called all employees off shift to protest.

Officials claim that some of the employees refused to participate in the protest. The employees refusing to join the effort were reportedly threatened by the workers who were protesting and the company called the Emery County Sheriff's Office to keep order.

The employees were then (Continued on page 3A)



## Cleaning snow treatments, mire off motor vehicles challenges Carbon

Sonny Olsen wipes down a pickup truck at the Chevron carwash in west Price. Snow treatments and slushy puddles on the road can create dirty vehicles during the snowy months, forcing visit the carwash for a quick clean before l

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Many people not affiliated with extraction industries joined the miners who are picketing the Co-Op Mine operation in Emery County on Dec. 13. A rally was later held at Canyon View Junior High.

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## Groups rally, support coal miners picket line:

(Continued from page 1A) asked to return to work or go home, according to the company. The only individual fired was the one who reportedly falsified the safety/inspection checklist.

Miners claim they were all fired. But the company maintains the miners quit because they did not come back to work.

Immediately after the disruption, the miners turned to the United Mine Workers of America for support. The miners also received assistance from other labor unions. On Dec. 13, a bus carrying supporters and food donations arrived at the Huntington Canyon road into Bear Canyon.

Mike Dalpiaz, representative from UMWA's national office, was on hand to answer questions and encourage picketers.

At 2 p.m., most people left the picket line and reassembled at Canyon View Junior High for a rally.

Roy Fernandez and Dalpiaz from the UMWA along with

Francisco Picado representing the Co-Op miners began the rally.

"Our international president, Cecil Roberts sends his regards and best wishes," noted Dalpiaz. "This began three months ago. These miners asked the UMWA to help. We stood up then, we stand up now and will continue to stand up until these miners get what they deserve."

Dalpiaz said the mine is more than 50 years old and workers have encouraged the owners to improve the conditions, but that nothing has happened.

"We have a staff of organizers who will work continuously until this matter is settled," stated Dalpiaz. "These miners have generated a lot of support from not only the other coal miners, but many labor unions around the country. Some even from outside of the United States."

The National Labor Relations Board is reviewing the situation and the deliberation process had been moved from Denver, Colo., to Washington, D.C.,

explained Dalpiaz. The union expects to receive some word from the NLRB very soon.

Other speakers voiced support for the miners, reading letters from other groups and offering words of encouragement.

Pam Juliano, a representative from the United Way in Price, informed the miners about how to access available programs.

The company denies the claims of abusing of workers and ignoring safety violations. Officials claim the policies and procedures in the mine are very clear.

In a letter to the *Sun Advocate* in October, mine personnel manager Charles Reynolds stated the "... company endeavors to maintain a safe workplace" and "...an employee may be disciplined for breaking safety rules, but never for reporting unsafe conditions or refusing to work in them."

Reynolds indicated that facility is regularly inspected by the United States Mine Safety and Health Administration.

## NRCS funding programs conservation in Castle V

In recent years, conservation has become big business for local farmers and merchants.

The 2002 Farm Bill politically and financially supports increased levels of conservation. And the effects of the federal legislation are being felt by the residents of Carbon and Emery counties, according to the National Resource Conservation Service.

Through programs like the environmental quality incentives program (EQIP) and the use of local water projects coordinators, on the ground conservation is having a major impact in Carbon and Emery counties, across Utah and throughout the United States, noted the federal agency.

During 2003, 2,200 acres of irrigated land were treated with a pressurized irrigation system.

As a result, there were 6,500 tons of salt reduced from entering the Colorado River system.

Carbon and Emery County agricultural producers saved nearly 5,000 acre/inches of water from being lost to the local water shed through deep percolation, noted the federal agency.

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