

**COMMISSION WORKSESSION**  
**February 12, 2024**

Minutes of a regularly scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this twelfth day of February 2024. Meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Conference Room, Room 116, of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Executive Director Malcolm Nash and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

**Discussion on Drainage Districts throughout the County:**

Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang and A&D Jensen Contractor Brandon Jensen discussed with the Commission the location of the drainage pipe systems throughout the County. Mr. Jensen reported that he has worked on several different parts of the system when they have needed repair, and indicated that a lot of people are not aware of the groundwater drainage system in several parts of the County. Discussion followed concerning the five drainage districts, with the only active districts being numbers 1 and 4, and that they are located in the Venice and Aurora areas. The Commission discussed possibly trying to find when the districts were established, whether or not they had been disbanded, and what responsibility the County may or may not have with the districts. The Commission thanked Mr. Jensen for the information.

**Review of Senior Meal Program in Sevier County:**

Human Resources Director Craig Blake then discussed with the Commission the information that had been received at the Six County AOG meeting concerning the Senior Meal Program throughout the County. Commissioner Jensen reported that the Six County AOG is the only Association throughout the State that is handling the Meal Program, and in all other parts of the State the Counties are running the program. Currently several of the Counties are willing to run the program with some wanting to leave the program under the Six County AOG. Mr. Blake said he had received job descriptions of the part time workers noting that if it was transferred to the County there would be three locations which would need a Site Lead position, two cooks, and a driver to deliver the meals. The Commissioners discussed some of the items mentioned by Six County AOG for wanting to transfer the program, including additional oversight of the employees, and that Six County would maintain oversight of the grants for the program and the reporting for the grants, both in writing and reporting the grants, as well as providing the nutrition expertise to each of the sites. Commissioner Brown asked we contact other counties throughout the State to see how their programs are run, and that we look into what authority Six County AOG has to transfer the program. Commissioner Jensen and Mr. Nash indicated they would follow up with responses to those questions.

**Progress Report on River Road Project:**

Micklane Farmer and Matthew Lenhart, Jones & DeMille Engineering, discussed with the Commissioners the present proposal for the River Road Project and reviewed the proposed plan. They indicated there would be two projects done at the same time, both the River Road Project and the project to realign 500 W in Annabella to connect the River Road to the Landslide Road. They explained some of the upgrades, and how the bike path would fit into the plan, as well as how the roads would all connect. They indicated they are trying to finish preparations this week to be able to start the bidding process and move forward with the projects.

**Discussion regarding the Monroe Waste Ditch:**

Casey Savage and Kyle Wheeler from NRCS, Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang, and property owner Robert Werry met with the Commissioners concerning the possibility of improving the waste ditch near Monroe, who is responsible, what could or should be done, and the possibility of grants, etc. to do a project to reestablish the waste ditch and fix the diversion area to allow the ditch to operate as it was prior to the flooding last year. They discussed the pros and cons of having the water go to the gravel pit, resupplying the underground aquifer, and the possibility of trying to continue that as much as possible. They discussed several types of grants that may or may not work for the project.

**KTTA Yearly Activities reviewed:**

Michael Parsons, KTTA TV, met with the Commission to review the activities of the past year, and the services they are providing to the County including two new videos of the bike path. They discussed different activities that could be done in the County to promote tourism. They also discussed the possibility of maintaining the current agreement with the County and they will forward that information to Mr. Nash for inclusion on a future Commission Agenda.

**Bucking Chute Bids for Fairground Improvements reviewed:**

Tourism Director Amy Myers and Fairgrounds Caretaker Yvonne Buchanan discussed with the Commission the proposed upgrade to the bucking chutes at the County Fairgrounds. She reviewed the four bids that had been received, noting that they had changed the gates to 8 foot gates rather than the 12 foot gates. Discussion followed concerning the quality of the products, the options that had been presented, and ensuring that they were comparing the same type of equipment. They noted that one bid did include a catwalk along the chutes and upgrades to the gates to ensure safety for both the animals and the riders. Kash Van Tassel joined the discussion from IFA Stores who had provided three different bids from various providers to answer any additional questions prior to making a decision.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.