

COMMISSION MINUTES
February 26, 2024

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-sixth day of February 2024. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Executive Director Malcolm Nash, County Attorney Casey Jewkes, and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

Commission Business:

Commissioner Jensen updated the Commission on the legislation and the things that the legislators are working on as he had attended several meetings.

Commissioner Brown stepped out to take a phone call.

Minutes of February 12th and 20th Commission/Worksession Meetings approved:

Minutes of the February 12th Worksession and Commission Meeting and February 20th Worksession were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Commission Business:

Commissioner Brown then returned to the meeting. He reported that he has been working with the Homeless Committee at the Capital.

Bid Accepted on parcel 4-87-19:

The Commission then opened bids on Parcel 4-87-19 which had been advertised for sale. They received one bid from Jake Bastian for \$500. Commissioner Brown asked if all surrounding property owners had been notified. It was verified that all surrounding property owners had received verification, but only one bid had been received. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to accept the bid of \$500 for parcel 4-87-19 and authorize a deed to be prepared, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Assignment Order with Jones & DeMille Engineering signed:

The Commission then reviewed an Assignment Order between Sevier County and Jones & DeMille Engineering for services to help prepare a 2024 Transportation Master Plan including helping the County prepare maps and arrange for public meetings, etc. It was noted that due to time constraints to get the project going, the agreement had been signed previously by Executive Director Malcolm Nash. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to ratify the Assignment Order with Jones & DeMille Engineering, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Bucking Chute Bid awarded:

The Commission then reviewed bids they had received for upgrades to the bucking chutes at the Fairgrounds. Commissioner Brown noted that they had received some help from IFA in putting the bids together and getting bids from different entities. After review, it was noted that the bid from the manufacturer Priefert due to the quality of the equipment and the patents would give us the best possible product for use at the Fairgrounds for safety and longevity. After discussion

and noting that the bids had been reviewed by the Rodeo Committee, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the bid for \$78,360 for the Priefert bucking chutes, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Request to purchase property denied:

The Commission then reviewed a request from Lucero Miramontes and Erick Bravo to purchase parcels 3-192F-41 and 3-192F-42 currently owned by the County. The Commission reviewed their plan to consolidate properties in that area and develop at a future date. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to deny the request to declare the parcels surplus, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for sale:

The Commission then reviewed a list of items that are no longer being used. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to declare the list of items as surplus and authorize their disposal as listed, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Statement for Support of Sheep Industry signed:

The Commission then discussed a Statement of Support for the Sheep Industry in Sevier County that because of time constraints had been previously signed and sent to Governor Cox, Senators Lee and Romney, and Representative Maloy. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Statement of Support, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Review of Central Utah Counseling Center Independent Audit:

Nathan Straight and Richard Anderson of the Central Utah Counseling Center then reviewed with the Commission their last fiscal year financial statements. Mr. Anderson noted that it was a clean audit with no findings, and that their financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Central Utah Counseling Center. Mr. Straight then discussed with the Commission some of the issues that the legislature is looking at right now to coordinate mental health benefits with medical health benefits. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to accept the audit and thank them for the work that they do, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Memorandum of Agreement sharing Indigent Defense Services signed:

JoHanna Williams met with the Commission to review a Memorandum of Agreement for the Provision of Indigent Defense Services with Sevier, Sanpete and Wayne Counties. Ms. Williams indicated she is the managing attorney for the Indigent Defense Attorneys for Sevier, Wayne, and Sanpete counties, that they are funded separately, but this agreement needed to be signed to allow her to work with all three counties. She says this will actually work better because she will be able to use attorneys from other counties in conflict cases with no additional charge to the County. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for the Provision of Indigent Defense Services, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Changes to Job Description approved:

HR Director Craig Blake then met with the Commission requesting an upgrade to the Job Description of the GIS Technician/Administrative Assistant I, II, III to clean up the description to reflect what they are actually doing. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the job description as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Cora Coates, Assistant to Tourism Director, met with the Commission to review the recommendations from the Travel Council meeting held last week. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.