

COMMISSION MINUTES
March 24, 2025

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fourth day of March 2025. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Ralph Brown, and Greg Jensen 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 reported he had attended the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition Meeting in Price last week, noting that their monthly meeting will be held in Sevier County in April. He updated the Commission on the things they are doing.

He also reported that he has been appointed to the Board of the CDBG Program for the State of Utah and hopes to be able to improve that program throughout the State especially for the residents and the activities they are involved with in Sevier County.

Commissioner Brown reported on the Sportsmen's Expo he had attended to promote the trail system. He said they gave out a lot of information there.

Commissioner Johnson reported on a meeting he had attended a drought meeting with the Department of Agriculture and Food for producers in this area to discuss unique strategies for production of crops and livestock during the drought. He said it provided a lot of information for the producers in this area.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then noted that the CIB Board would be meeting here in Richfield for their meetings and June. He said that there is a responsibility for the hosting County to pay for the bussing services needed for their meetings and reviewed a contract with Le Bus to provide for that service.

Minutes of March 10th Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the March 10th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Linkage Agreement for Mental Health Services approved:

CJC Director Karen Ashby then reviewed with the Commission a Linkage Agreement for Mental Health Assistance for Law Enforcement and first responders. She noted that there was a change of personnel for this agreement and Cindy White would be taking care of this area until they appointed another individual for this area. She noted that the Sheriff uses a different program, but this program is also available to him along with Richfield Police, Salina Police, search and rescue, first responders and EMT's. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Linkage Agreement as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Grant Contract with Division of Water Resources approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Grant Contract with the Division of Water Resources for a grant in the amount of approximately \$15,000 to help the County develop a water resources division in the General Plan. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Grant Contract as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Assignment agreement with Jones & DeMille Engineering approved:

The Commission then reviewed an Assignment Order between Sevier County and Jones & DeMille Engineering to provide the services necessary to develop a water resources plan to be included in the General Plan. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Assignment Order with Jones & DeMille Engineering for the General Plan Water Element, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Public Hearing set for Agriculture Protection Area:

Commissioner Johnson then reviewed a notice for a public hearing on a proposed Agricultural Protection Area to be held on April 14, 2025 at 1:45 p.m. during the regular Commission Meeting.

Parcels to be combined for Tax Sale:

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then reviewed the list of properties on this year's tax sale, and recommended combining some of the parcels to ensure better results for future use. He said there was one parcel that split a building on Main Street in Richfield, and six other parcels in the Elsinore Addition to allow possible viable building lots. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to combine the parcels as follows: Parcels 1-31-5 and 1-31-6, Parcels 3-192A-21 and 3-192A-22, Parcels 3-192C-3 and 3-192C-4, and Parcels 3-192C-5 and 3-192C-6. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, unanimous.

Minimum Property Value removed:

Assessor Terri Hartle then discussed with the Commissioners the minimum value policy that the County has followed for several years, noting that it does not actually follow the State Law as there are some greenbelt properties and are under the \$500 minimum. She recommended taking the \$500 minimum value away and allow the properties to be assessed at their true value. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to remove the \$500 minimum value of property values as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Fair Entertainment Contracts approved:

Tourism Director Amy Myers then reviewed with the Commission two contracts for activities during the County Fair, noting that the County Attorney had reviewed the contracts, made a few changes, and added the County's terms for contracts. She said the contracts will need to be reviewed and approved by the performers due to the changes. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the contracts with the performers after their review and approval, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

CIB Project List Reviewed:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reviewed a list of the projects throughout the County which the R6 Council is putting together. The list does include three County projects the County is involved with. The Commission verified the projects they wanted to include and will return the list to R6 Council for updates.

Resolution 2025-3-1 Updating Fee Schedule adopted:

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2025-3-1 Updating the County Fee Schedule. Discussion followed concerning fees for GRAMA requests, differences between the GRAMA Requests in the Administration Building versus the Sheriff's Office. They determined that this issue can be addressed at a later date. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2025-3-1 Updating the County Fee Schedule after removal of the monthly stall rental designation, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for sale:

The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items that Departments have requested to surplus. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the items as surplus and authorize disposal as listed, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Brooklyn Special Service District Board named:

The Commission then discussed the appointment of Boardmembers for the Brooklyn Special Service District. They recommend appointing Cody Hansen and Tyler Monroe for 2 year terms, and Matt Dyreng and Brent White for 4 year terms. They will look for one more Board member to be added. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to appoint the above individuals for the terms listed to the Brooklyn Special Service District Board, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.