

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

June 9, 2025

Minutes of a scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this ninth day of June 2025. Meeting commenced at 11:30 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, Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present. Others in attendance included: Road Supervisor Bob Watts and Cydne Quitter.

Discussion on D Roads with gates:

The Commission discussed the issues with gates on D Roads that access public lands. Several items were discussed including the possibility of putting new requirements on the D Roads, such as getting approval from the Commission for a gate that is not locked, with a minimum 12 foot gate with some type of indication that they were entering private property and should stay on the roadways until they get to public land, putting cattle guards in lieu of gates, etc. Further discussion followed concerning grandfathering some of the current landowners with gates, but require them to remain unlocked. The Commission noted that these were simply ideas and recommendations at this time, noting that this would not affect private roads, but the public D roads that do not terminate in the private property. They noted that the County would provide the signage to maintain similarity with the signs.

Reminder that a plan is needed for use of Greenbelt Monies:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash indicated the County would need to follow up on the legislation recently passed by the State Legislature, and develop a plan to keep the greenbelt monies in the County to maintain agriculture.

Discussion on limits to dry camping on public and private lands:

Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang and Code Enforcement Officer Trevor Peterson met with the Commission concerning the increase in individuals dry camping on private and public lands. Currently, the County Code allows for temporary camping up to 90 days, but does not provide for enforcement. They indicated that the individuals are basically parking an RV or putting up a tent and basically living there. Discussion followed concerning how to control that, whether to require septic tanks or water, or possibly extending the restrictions from 90 days to 180 days. Mr. Mackelprang said they are currently trying to push these individuals toward the existing camping areas including RV parks. At this time, they are looking for solutions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.