

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

June 23, 2025

Minutes of a scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this twenty-third 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, and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present. Others in attendance included: Shawn Kjar, R6 Regional Economic Development.

Update on proposed Central Utah Agri-Park Project:

Mr. Kjar, R6 Regional Economic Development, gave the Commission an update on the Central Utah Agri-park project they are working on located in the Nephi area to serve the regional area. It will serve the agriculture for our area, and all businesses located there will be related to agriculture. He noted the location has good access to highways, railroad, utilities, water, and power. The Commission thanked him for the information.

Review of Drainage Districts throughout the County:

Taylor White, Meadow Valley Irrigation Company, then reviewed with the Commission the status of drainage districts throughout the County. He noted that the Meadow Valley Irrigation water source comes from a district that is inactive, under the southern part of Richfield City and the airport area. Discussion followed that the districts were established to put drains throughout the area to drain groundwater away from the land so crops could grow better. It was noted that two districts were still active, one in the Venice area and the other in the Aurora area. Discussion followed concerning the challenges of re-establishing the district, or the liability of the drainage pipes as a lot of construction and ownership changes throughout the area which would affect Meadow Valley Irrigation. Mr. White and the County will do some further investigation into re-establishment of the drainage districts. It was noted that the districts are under the County. Mr. White said they would like to maintain the current water they have to continue to irrigate pastures, etc. east of Richfield.

Discussion of easement for power in the Glenwood area:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then discussed some issues with a new home being built southwest of Glenwood, and the issues with the easement for Rocky Mountain Power to get power to the home. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of using road right-of-way easement, or using private property. Rocky Mountain Power does not wish to use the road right-of-way because it is not as wide as they would like it to be, and the landowners of the private property are hesitant to give approval. Mr. Nash will discuss with Rocky Mountain Power about use of the County roadway right-of-way for the power.

Discussion of Gates on Public Roadways:

Road Supervisor Bob Watts, Cydne Quitter, County Attorney Casey Jewkes, Deputy County Attorney Josh Christner, Mike Labrum, representatives of the Rick Larsen estate, and representatives of the Taggart Family met with the Commission concerning roadways on their

private property, and whether or not the roadways could be gated. Discussion followed concerning whether they are D roadways, classified as RS2477, and whether or not the roads need to be opened. It was noted that a few years ago, on one of the parcels, the Sheriff, County Attorney, and owner had reached an agreement on which roads could be gated and which needed to be open. One of the roads had a 50 inch gate installed to maintain access for ATV's, but would prohibit regular vehicle use. Further discussion followed concerning what should be happening on the parcel concerning roadways, that the roadway is public but the private ground is not. If ATVers step off of the roadway, they are on private property.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.