

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

July 14, 2025

Minutes of a scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this fourteenth day of July 2025. Meeting commenced at 11:20 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. Lead Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther, Zoning Administrator Jacon Mackelprang, and Tyler Monroe of the Division of Water Rights were also present.

The Commission reviewed an item that had been brought up during the last quarterly Council of Governments Meeting regarding proof of water for building permits. Mr. Mackelprang reviewed the current process of the County of requiring a water right number or a signature that water is available when someone applies for a building permit for new construction. He asked if the Division of Water Rights could sign the building permits to show that water had been obtained as has been done in the past. Mr. Monroe indicated that due to the current workload of the Division of Water Rights, they did not have the time for the research involved prior to signing. Mr. Monroe said that water rights information is available online, and the County could also require a copy of the change approval from the State Engineer. Discussion followed concerning what the municipalities are currently doing for water and water systems, perhaps requiring either the order of approval or printed proof of the water right, and other possible changes in the building permit process to ensure that water is available for the new buildings. Mr. Monroe again briefly reviewed the process of the Water Rights Division from purchase of water rights, change orders, and approval of the State Engineer. No further action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.