

## **COMMISSION MINUTES**

**July 28, 2025**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-eighth day of July 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. County Attorney Casey Jewkes and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash was excused.

### **Commission Business:**

Commissioner Jensen gave an update on the Monroe Canyon fire indicating that there have been 8 or 9 structures that have been burned, but the firefighters have been working hard to protect as many structures as possible. He said that all those who have lost structures have been notified. He said that they have had a hard time fighting the fire, and are doing mostly structure protection work.

Commissioner Brown shared additional information about the fire. He also reported that he had spoken with Monroe Mayor Johnny Parsons concerning the watershed area, water for their culinary and sprinkler water, and concerns about flooding in the future if there are thunderstorms, etc. after this fire. He reported that the springs where Monroe water comes from have not been harmed or damaged. He then reported that the Fair will be coming soon, and reported on some of the planned activities for the Fair.

Commissioner Johnson then reported on some of the impact the fire has had on the grazers of the area, and also the impact of potential flooding with heavy rainfall. He reported that the July 24<sup>th</sup> activities held in the North Sevier and South Sevier areas were attended very well.

### **Minutes of July 14<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting and Worksession approved:**

Minutes of the July 14<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting and Worksession were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

### **Memorandum of Understanding with R6 for Senior Program approved:**

Doug Kirkham and Sharon Bullard, R6 Regional Council, and Senior Center Supervisor Raydeen Bretz met with the Commission concerning the Senior Nutrition Program that had been transferred from R6 to Sevier County approximately 1 year ago. They indicated that the change has been going very well, the County is doing a good job in working with the Senior Nutrition, and the number of meals being prepared has gone up. Mr. Kirkham reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding with Sevier County for the Senior Nutrition Program and reported that there was a slight decrease in funding from the State, noting they are trying to find other revenues to replace that funding. He noted that some of those revenues would be replaced by the increase of seniors purchasing meals, but there would be a slight decrease in the funding coming from R6 to help with Senior Nutrition. He asked that the County consider this decrease when considering the budget for 2026. They then discussed the current transportation program with the Senior Corporation, which includes North Sevier Senior Center, South Sevier Senior Center,

Richfield Senior Center, and the Richfield Care Center. Discussion followed in looking closer at that program to determine if participation of the Richfield Care Center should be included, or whether it should only be made available to the seniors, noting that the busses are owned and insured by the County and put in place for Seniors, and that the Care Center is a 'for profit' organization. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between R6 Regional Council and Sevier County for the Senior Center Nutrition Program, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Commission accepts recommendation of abatement denials:**

The Commission then reviewed a list of applicants for the Circuit Breaker and Indigent Abatement Program. It was recommended that the people on the list be denied for assistance from the program for this year as they had income that was over the limit. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to deny the abatements as recommended for 2025, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Commission accepts recommended Assessor Adjustments to tax roll:**

Assessor Hartle then reviewed with the Commission a recommended list of Assessor Adjustments to the tax roll with notes indicating the reasonings for her recommendations. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Abatement of penalties and interest approved for Greenbelt rollback tax:**

Assessor Hartle then reviewed with the Commission an issue with a greenbelt rollback on a parcel. The notice had been sent to the previous owners, the new owners had not received the notices, and when they did get notice of the rollback taxes the new owners immediately paid. Assessor Hartle is recommending that the penalties and interest be abated as the new owners had not been notified. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to abate the penalties and interest on the rollback tax on parcel 2-C4-6, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Amendment to State Inmate Housing Contract with State of Utah approved:**

Jail Commander Cory Hutchings then reviewed with the Commission the amended contract with Utah Department of Corrections for State Inmate Jail Housing. He noted some of the changes indicated in the amendment to the contract included changes to purchase of medical supplies, and less of an increase in State Housing costs than the actual cost to the State. After further discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Amendment to Contract #250263 between the Utah Department of Corrections and Sevier County for Housing of State Inmates, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Recommendations for New Hires accepted:**

HR Director Craig Blake then reviewed with the Commission a list of new hires recommended to fill vacant positions in the County. Those recommended included: Megan Terry as a part-time Nutrition Cook 1, Grade 7 at \$18.02 per hour beginning June 25; Kenyon Munk as a full-time Deputy Sheriff Recruit, Grade 15.2 at \$25.51 per hour beginning June 30; Connor Bosshardt as a part-time Weed Control Sprayer, Grade 9 at \$18.76 per hour beginning July 3<sup>rd</sup>; and Landon Leavitt as a full-time Deputy Sheriff Recruit, Grade 16.2 at \$28.02 per hour

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beginning July 30<sup>th</sup>. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the new hires as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.