COMMISSION MINUTES
December 22, 2025

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-second day of December 2025. Meeting commenced at 9:00 a.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, Executive Director Malcolm Nash, and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

Commission business:
Commissioner Johnson reviewed a listing of the districts and boardmembers whose terms were expiring at the end of this year, indicating the Commission needed to discuss with the individuals the possibility of re-appointment or find other individuals to fill those positions.

Minutes of December 8th meetings approved:
Minutes of the December 8th Commission Meeting and Worksession were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider opening the 2025 budget:
At 9:12 a.m. Commissioner Brown moved to recess the regular meeting for an advertised public hearing, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Commissioner Johnson then opened a public hearing to hear comments to consider opening the current budget to make adjustments and provide funds in excess of those provided for. Those present included the Commissioners, County Attorney, Executive Director, Clerk/Auditor, Darren Robinson from Jones & DeMille, and several department heads. Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall provided information that in Fund 18 there was additional work done in the Clear Creek Bank project with revenues coming from state grants and sales tax; Fund 28 needed increased promotion costs with revenues coming from state grants; and Fund 43 will be increased to cover the proposed purchase of land with revenues coming from interest income. There were no further comments from the public.

Regular meeting resumed at 9:14 a.m.

After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the proposed adjustments to the 2025 budget as recommended during the public hearing, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Property Purchase agreement approved:
Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reviewed with the Commission a property agreement with Michael Ginsburg for the purchase of parcels 4-305-5 and 4-295-4. He noted that the properties are in the Flat Canyon areas and are generally used for flood basins that the County has been helping to maintain. He said this would provide the County better access and safety for the County Roads and other properties. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve and ratify the property purchase agreement and move forward with the purchase, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:
The Commission then reviewed a list of items requested to be surplus. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the items as surplus and authorize disposal as indicated on the list, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Agreement with Artists and Attractions LLC for Fair activity approved:
Events Director Jessica Hutchings reviewed with the Commission an agreement with Artists and Attractions LLC for Comedy Cooking with Kids activity at the Fair. Discussion followed concerning permitting and working with the Health Department to ensure the proper permits are obtained. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the agreement, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

State of Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation agreement for funding approved:
The Commission then reviewed an agreement with the State of Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation to help provide funding for the bike path project from Aurora to Salina. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve and ratify the agreement with the State of Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

No decision made on Monroe Canal Company funding request:
The Commission then reviewed an agreement on a request from Monroe Canal Company to help with a project in piping their canal north of Monroe to protect the roads from future flooding. Darin Robinson, Jones & DeMille Engineering, reported that it was a good project, but he was concerned about some of the proposed costs and some of the areas that were being left open. He said that the project had not been completely engineered, and it may be better to have a larger pipe at the start and smaller pipes later on. He said that it would be beneficial to use a larger pipe to move the water from one side of the road to the other, but he was concerned with the area they are planning to leave open for settling and cleaning. Executive Director Malcolm Nash expressed his concerns over the lack of communication as they have been working on the project for the last couple of years, and waiting until the very end of the project to request a quick decision for the County to be involved. Mr. Nash felt that the Commission and the County needed more input into the project. Commissioner Jensen also indicated his concern over piping under the roadway and ensuring that it was engineered correctly prior to installing the pipe. The Commission to no further action as they felt that further discussion was needed.

Sheep Valley Major Subdivision approved:
Trevor Peterson, Building Department, then reviewed with the Commission the proposed Sheep Valley Major Subdivision. He indicated that the Planning Commission had approved the subdivision and recommended its approval to the County Commission, but had been waiting for final approval from the Forest Service on the road access to the subdivision. The Commission reviewed the plats where the property would gain access from a County D Road through the Forest Service. He noted that they had finally received the approval from the Forest Service for the increased traffic in that area. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Sheep Valley Subdivision and authorized the plats to be signed, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Agreement with CIGNA Healthcare for out-of-network medical services approved:
HR Director Craig Blake then reviewed with the Commission an agreement with CIGNA Healthcare that would work with MotivHealth to provide the out-of-network medical services. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to ratify the agreement with CIGNA working under the MotivHealth Plan, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Assessor Adjustments approved:
Assessor Terri Hartle then reviewed with the Commission recommended adjustments to parcels 1-S30-44 and 1-S2-22 indicating they had been purchased by Sevier School District and should be exempt. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to abate the taxes on the two parcels and authorize them to be marked as exempt, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Refunds for Overpayments on taxes approved:
Treasurer Lindsey Hansen then reviewed with the Commission a list of overpayments on taxes, generally double payments from the individual and mortgage company. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the refunds as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Agreement with Reagan Outdoor Advertising approved:
Tourism Director Amy Myers then reviewed with the Commission an agreement with Reagan Outdoor Advertising to rent a billboard south of Salina along I-70 to be used to advertise the Fremont Indian State Park in our area to help draw visitors there and keep them in the valley. Discussion followed concerning use of county dollars to provide advertising for State Parks. Ms. Myers said that the State Parks have very little money to use for advertising, and they use what they make at their location to run the facilities. She said that letting people know that we have a State Park will increase tourism in the area. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement with Reagan Outdoor Advertising, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Additional information needed for Tourism Advisory Board recommendation:
She then reviewed the recommendations from the recent Tourism Advisory Board Meeting, reporting that the Salina City Chamber of Commerce is requesting help for funding on a billboard south of Salina City. She explained that the Board is recommending assistance in the amount of $500 if the County Tourism logo is not used, and the entire amount if they are willing to use the County Tourism logo on the billboard. Discussion followed concerning the use of the County logo, and if they will not allow use of the County logo should the County help. The Commission took no action on this item pending final design of the new billboard.

Amended Interlocal Road Maintenance Agreements approved:
Brodie Bagley, Road Department, reviewed amended Interlocal Road Maintenance Agreements with Salina City and Glenwood Town with maps showing where there would be maintenance assistance. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the amended Interlocal Road Maintenance Agreements, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.