

**COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2026**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twelfth day of January 2026. 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, Executive Director Malcolm Nash, and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

**Commissioner Johnson remains Chairman for 2026:**

Commissioner Johnson indicated that as it was the beginning of the year, that a Chairman would need to be elected. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Brown as the Chairman again this year, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Commission assignments unchanged:**

The Commission then reviewed their list of assignments, indicating they would like to keep them the same. After review, Commissioner Jensen moved to keep the assignments the same, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Commission business:**

Commissioner Jensen then updated the Commission on the last Seven County Infrastructure Coalition meeting. He reported that they are still researching and looking for a port along the west coast to ship coal to, to ensure that the mines remain viable. He said they are considering a port in Washington State.

Commissioner Brown then gave an update on the last CIB meeting he had attended, noting that there was enough money to fully fund the projects that were approved.

**Minutes for December 22<sup>nd</sup> Worksession and Commission Meeting approved:**

Minutes of the December 22<sup>nd</sup> Worksession and Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Payment Approval Report for December approved:**

The Commission then reviewed the list of payment for the month of December. Commissioner Brown moved to approve the list of payments, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Appointments and re-appointments to County districts and Boards:**

The Commission then reviewed the list of Districts and Boards. They noted that Doug Anderson, Board of Adjustment, and Gary Leaming and Tyler Moore, Planning Commission, whose terms had expired, were willing to serve another term on those Boards. The Commission proposed to remove Bob Watts and replace him with Brodie Bagley on the Accident Review Board. They then proposed to appoint Lester Carroll to a vacant 2 year term and replace Rick Larsen with Kelly Johnson on the Austin Special Service District Board. They proposed re-appointing Angie Stubbs, Kim Robinson, Tanner Thompson and Hadley Dowell to the Economic Development Board; and re-appointing Randy Bumgardner, Liz Stevens, Jordan Shumway, and Landon Larson on the Travel Advisory Board, and named Nichole Mancinas as the

representative from the Holiday Inn to finish that term. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the appointments and re-appointments as discussed on the various districts and Board, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Jail Physician Assistant Contract approved:**

Sheriff Curtis met with the Commission and reviewed an agreement for Jail Physician Assistant Bret Hilton. He noted that Mr. Hilton has done a good job and has not had an increase for 10 years, and recommended an increase of \$200 per month to the current fee. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Jail Physician Assistant Agreement, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**New hires approved as recommended:**

HR Director Craig Blake then recommended Jan Moore to replace a part-time Senior Nutrition Cook, Grade 7 at \$18.02 per hour beginning December 29, 2025. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the new hire as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Beer Licenses renewed:**

Beer License renewals for Fish Lake Lodge, Lakeside Resort, and the Top Stop Convenience Store were reviewed and approved by the Sheriff. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the beer license renewals, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**No action on County Privacy Program Policy:**

Attorney Casey Jewkes reviewed with the Commission Sevier County's Privacy Program Policy noting he has reviewed it along with Deputy County Attorney Josh Christner, and there are some things that need to be corrected and changed. No action was taken at this time.

**Engineering Feasibility Study Agreement with Horrocks Engineers LLC signed:**

Executive Director Nash then reviewed a proposed engineering feasibility study with Horrocks Engineers LLC for a possible rail service near Big Rock Candy Mountain. He indicated that the County Attorney had reviewed and made several changes to the agreement. Mr. Nash then said that Horrocks Engineers will be in the area on Thursday to view the area and see if it will be a viable project. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Engineering Services Agreement subject to the site visit on Thursday ensuring the project is viable, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**County Sheriff Office Emergency Operation Plan accepted:**

Sheriff Deputy Bill Taufer then reviewed with the Commission the Sheriff Office Emergency Operation Plan. He reported that the last plan was done in 2016 and was over 300 pages, and it has been condensed down so it is less cumbersome and will be a more useful plan for the County to follow. He reported that they will also need to update the plan annually. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the new Sevier County Sheriff Office Emergency Operation Plan, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Tourism Advisory Board recommendations approved:**

Events Manager Jessica Hutchings then met with the Commission to review the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Board. She showed the Commission the mock-up for the new billboard that they will be placing near Salina. She then updated the Commission on the websites and social media accounts that they are promoting the County with. She also reported the concerns that the County Commission had with the pre-approval of events and how to handle that process so it was not too cumbersome, noting they will be re-working the application to make the process better. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Board, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Public Hearings set for January 26, 2026:**

The Commission then set a date and time for three public hearings to be held on January 26, 2026, beginning at 1:45 p.m. They are as follows: Consider Amending the Sevier County Code Title 7 Traffic Code, Chapter 71 – Recreation Vehicles at 1:45 p.m.; Consider amending the Sevier County Code Title 5 Public Works, Chapters 51 and 52 – Road Department, Construction, Maintenance, and use of County Roads at 1:50 p.m.; and, Consider amending the current budget to allow for the transfer of funds between the Landfill Fund, Class B Road Fund, and the General Fund at 1:55 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.