

COMMISSION MINUTES

January 26, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-sixth 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.

Commission business:

Commissioner Jensen reported on the Utah Association of Counties Day on the Hill last Wednesday, and other activities during the legislative session last week.

Commissioner Brown reported on HB48 and the pushback the legislature is receiving on the increase of cost to property owners with homes in the Wildfire Urban Interface areas. He also reported that Travis Kyhl from R6 was at the legislative meetings regarding the Ag Park being developed in Juab County.

Malcolm Nash updated the Commission on the Economic Development Pitch Competition. He said there were several businesses and individuals who proposed several new ideas for new businesses as well as expansion for current businesses. He said it was well attended and very beneficial.

Minutes of January 12th Worksession and Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the January 12th Worksession and Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Central Valley Road Maintenance Agreement amended:

The Commission then reviewed an amendment to the Central Valley Town Road Maintenance Interlocal Agreement. Road Department Supervisor Brodie Bagley explained that the amendment included maintenance of the newly completed bike path along the highway to Central Valley. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the amended Road Maintenance Agreement with Central Valley Town, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Recommendations for new hires approved:

HR Director Craig Blake recommended hiring the following individuals to fill vacant positions: Lillian Nay as a Full-Time Paramedic, grade 15 at \$25.74 per hour beginning January 19, 2026; Kasie Christensen as a Part-time Nutrition Driver, grade 7 at \$20.02 per hour beginning January 21, 2026; and Austin Pato as a full-time Deputy Sheriff Recruit, Grade 15.2 at \$27.51 per hour, beginning January 26, 2026. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the new hires as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items that departments had recommended be declared surplus. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to

declare the items as surplus and authorize their disposal as indicated, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Vendor Management Agreement for 2026 Sevier County Fair approved:

Events Manager Jessica Hutchings then reviewed a Vendor Management Agreement with Liz Geer to manage vendors during the 2026 Sevier County Fair. She noted that the agreement had been reviewed by the Sevier County Attorney and recommended its approval. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Vendor Management Contract with Liz Geer, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Chairman Johnson noted that there were three public hearings scheduled on the agenda, and recommended that the Commission recess the regular meeting to hold public hearings and then take any action on those items afterwards. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to recess the regular meeting for a public hearing, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider amending County Code Title 7:

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting for a public hearing to consider amending the Sevier County Code Title 7 Traffic Code, Chapter 71 Recreational Vehicles. Micklane Farmer, Jones & DeMille Engineering, provided information that the Code had been adopted in 2011, had certain roads specified for recreational vehicles to operate on, and the proposed amendment would authorize recreational vehicle use on all county roads except the Fishlake Basin. There were no further comments from the public. Public Hearing Closed at 1:50 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider amending County Code Title 5:

At 1:50 p.m., Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting for a public hearing to consider amending the Sevier County Code Title 5 Public Works, adding Chapter 21 Road Department and Chapter 52 Construction, Maintenance, and use of County Roads. Micklane Farmer, Jones & DeMille Engineering, then clarified that these chapters were clarifying the duties of the Road Department and supervisor, as well as procedures involved in construction, maintenance, and use of County roads. He explained that this will also outlines procedures for appealing a decision from the Road Supervisor to the County Commission, and gives additional guidelines to the Planning Commission when considering subdivisions. There being no further comments from the public, public hearing was closed at 1:57 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING to consider amending current budget for transfer of funds:

At 1:57 pm, Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting for a public hearing to consider amending the current budget to allow for the transfer of funds between the Landfill Fund, Class B Road Fund, and the General Fund. Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall said that the Road Department, Fairgrounds, and Landfill are looking at exchanging equipment, and that even though the equipment is already owned by the County, this will allow the for the transfer funds between the Departments as they are in different funds to provide for the value of the equipment in the different funds. Mr. Wall recommended reclassifying the funds from where they had been budgeted to a transfer line item. There be no further comments from the public, the public hearing was closed at 1:59 p.m.

The regular meeting then resumed.

Public Hearing actions taken:

After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-1-1 repealing Title 7 of the Sevier County Code, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

The Commission then reviewed Ordinance 2026-1-2 enacting Title 5 Public Works Chapter 51 and Chapter 52. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Ordinance 2026-1-2 enacting Title 5 Public Works, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

The Commission then considered the request to amend the current budget to allow the transfer of funds between the Landfill Fund, Class B Road Fund, and the General Fund. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to open the current budget and allow the transfer of funds, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Parcel 2-A2D-24 declared surplus:

The Commission then reviewed a request to obtain Parcel 2-A2D-24 owned by the County. It is a small strip owned by the County with not much value to anyone except the surrounding property owner. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare parcel 2-A2D-24 as surplus and offer it to Denton Nielson at the current assessed value as it would be of no benefit to anyone else, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Public Hearing set to consider amending the General Plan:

Chairman Johnson then noted that the Commission will hold a public hearing on February 9, 2026, to consider amending the General Plan to include information on Water Use and Conservation.

Sevier County Privacy Program Policy adopted:

Kade Johnson then reviewed the Sevier County Privacy Program Policy with the Commission. Mr. Johnson said that this is a requirement of the legislature set last year to develop a Privacy Program and appoint a Chief Privacy Officer, which is Malcolm Nash. He said that this will be an ongoing program which will be managed by Mr. Johnson, and overseen by the County Attorney to ensure that it is legal and recognized by the State. The purpose of the program is to ensure that the private data that the County is collecting is appropriately secured, and if data is not required it is not collected. He reported that there are steps in the policy which will require each department to have someone in their office certified as a GRAMA officer who is able to follow the State Code in disbursing information. He said that this is a starting point. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to adopt Sevier County's Privacy Program Policy noting that it will continue to be updated, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.