

COMMISSION MINUTES

February 9, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of February 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 updated the Commission on the issues and people he had been talking with during the legislative meetings.

Commissioner Brown updated the Commission on the work being done in the Austin area, as well as the Elsinore Addition and Brooklyn Tap area for the water update projects. He said they are moving right along and doing well.

Commissioner Johnson reported he had received information and paperwork from the BLM concerning the bike path location between Monroe and Joseph and rights of way and access. He gave the paperwork to the County Attorney for review.

County Attorney Casey Jewkes reported that his secretary will be retiring in a few months, and they are looking at hiring someone to work with her prior to her retirement.

Minutes of January 26th and February 2nd meetings approved:

Minutes of the January 26th Commission meeting and the February 2nd Worksession meetings were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Changes made to the Economic Development Board:

The Commission then reviewed recommended changes to the Economic Development Board by replacing Jed Maxwell, Angie Stubbs, and Hadley Dowell with Scott Hyatt, Jordan Mills and Brent Beach to complete the appropriate terms. After discussion, Commission Jensen moved to approve the changes as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Payment Approval Report for January approved:

The Commission then reviewed and approved the Payment Approval Report for January on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Second Addendum to Seven County Infrastructure Coalition agreement approved:

Commissioner Jensen updated the Commission on changes being made to the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition. He indicated they would like to add Sanpete County to the Coalition as they are a large coal producer, and they would like to change the name to the Rural Utah Infrastructure Coalition. He reviewed a Second Addendum to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement making the changes. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Second Addendum to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement adding Sanpete County

to the Seven County Infrastructure Coalition and approving a new name for the coalition, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Commissioner Jensen moved to recess the regular meeting for a Public Hearing to consider amending the Sevier County General Plan to include information on Water Use and Conservation, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider adding Water Use and Conservation section to General Plan:

At 1:46 p.m., Commissioner Johnson opened the meeting for comments from the public to consider amending the Sevier County General Plan to include information on Water Use and Conservation. Those present included: Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Jensen, Commissioner Brown, Attorney Jewkes, Clerk/Auditor Wall, and Executive Director Malcolm Nash. Executive Director Nash reviewed the recent legislation passed that required the Counties to add a Water Use and Conservation section to their General Plan. He said there has been a lot of work and discussion regarding the proposed changes, noting there are still a few changes to be made. There were no other comments from the public.

At 1:49 p.m. the regular meeting then resumed.

Refunds on Personal Property overpayments approved:

Jessica Nielson, Assessor's Office, recommended refunds to The Clearance Company LLC in the amount of \$97.91 and to Insight Material Handling in the amount of \$389.56 due to changes in their personal property values from a State audit. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the refunds as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items requested to be surplussed. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the items surplus and authorized their disposal as indicated, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Beer License renewal approved:

The Commission then reviewed a beer license renewal request from Rock Candy Mountain Resort. They noted that it had been reviewed and approved by the Sheriff. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the beer license renewal, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Tourism Advisory Board funding recommendations approved:

Tourism Director Amy Myers then reviewed information on the total contributions received in 2025 in the Transient Room Tax funds, as well as where the funds were generated. Discussion followed of tightening up the funds received from AirBNB's. She then reviewed the proposed language changes to the Tourism Advisory Board bylaws to establish a Chairman for the Board and allowing her to oversee the activities for the meetings. The Commission then reviewed the recommendations for funding from the Tourism Advisory Board. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the funding requests as recommended by the Board

with the exception of the changes to the bylaws at this time, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

The Commission then discussed the changes proposed to the bylaws. Discussion followed concerning adding more duties and responsibilities to the Chairman of a volunteer board and requiring more from the volunteers. No action was taken at this time.

Amended Agreement for Indigent Defense Services approved:

Attorney Jewkes then reviewed with the Commission the Amended Agreement for Indigent Defense Services, indicating this would increase the funding for Michael Labrum for the extra work he has been doing as the Managing Public Defender. He indicated that the changes to the services agreement had been approved by the State of Utah who oversee the program at that level. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Amended Agreement for Indigent Defense Services as requested, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.