

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

March 9, 2026

Minutes of a scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this ninth day of March 2026. Meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Conference Room, Room 116, of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Review of KTTA activities:

Michael Parsons, KTTA representative, then updated the Commission and reviewed the activities they have been involved in over the past year, and thanked the Commission for their support. He said they broadcast several events and sports around the County throughout the year. He also discussed an individual doing a documentary about free over the air television in rural America, and getting some additional information from the Commission for the documentary. Mr. Parsons said they may be in the area in May and asked to make arrangements to meet with them. The Commission thanked Mr. Parsons for the work that KTTA is doing.

Discussion of Mineral Rights on County owned Parcels 4-305-5 and 4-295-4:

Brodie Bagley, Road Superintendent, and Rory Moore reported on the mineral rights of the two parcels the County just purchased south of Richfield, Parcels 4-305-5 and 4-295-4. Mr. Moore reported that on the large parcel, the County has 1/16th of the mineral rights, and 100% of the mineral rights on the smaller parcel. He also provided information on who the possible owners are of the other mineral rights on the larger parcel if they need to be contacted. Road Superintendent Bagley is looking at the possibility of using some of the rock on the area for gravel, etc. and is looking to see what the mineral rights of the County are. Mr. Moore indicated that the County should contact the State Oil Gas and Mining Division to see what the procedure would be to do any quarry work on the parcels. The Commission thanked them for the information.

County Outdoor Recreation Plan discussed:

Amy Myers, County Tourism Director, and Brock Jackson, R6 Regional Council, updated the Commission on the Outdoor Recreation Plan, and the funds that may be available. Mr. Jackson said they are working to update the regional Outdoor Recreation Plan for the R6 area, and recommended that the County get some ideas for the types of projects that would fit the program on a list so that it would be easier to apply for the funding in the future. Discussion followed concerning working with other State agencies, and several different projects that could work for the program.

Additional funding needed for EMS Program, possibilities reviewed:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis, EMS Director Mike Willits, and Trent Adams met with the Commission to review possible additional funding sources to help improve the EMS services. Mr. Willits reported that approximately half of the 911 calls that they respond to are basically community service as it does not result in a billable transport to the hospital, so the time they are working is

unbilled. Mr. Willits noted that if LifeFlight takes a patient, that the work done by the EMT's is also unbillable. Discussion followed that they are responding to an increase in the number of calls with many calls coming at the same time requiring EMT's to prioritize calls and respond to one after another, the need for additional EMTS, the difficulty they are having covering all the required shifts in a 24 hour period, and that the need for EMTS is constantly growing. Further discussion followed concerning options for funding including additional State grants, property tax via Special Service District, or a Hospital Sales tax that is available. Their top concerns include the simultaneous calls and the burnout of the EMT's as they do not have as many on-call volunteers due to the time required away from their normal jobs, etc. They currently have crews in Richfield and Salina, but the calls in Monroe are taking a little longer as the Richfield crew is responding. He also noted that they are transporting more patients to other hospitals as well. Additional discussion followed concerning some different staffing options to provide 24 hour service, and adding a hospital sales tax to the ballot for consideration by the voters. The Commission asked if they could prepare information on the amount of funding needed to improve the program, information that could be given to the public, and the approximate amount that would be generated by the hospital tax.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.