

COMMISSION MINUTES

March 9, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of March 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. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, County Attorney Casey Jewkes, and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Jensen reported on the last week of the legislative session and some of the legislators he had been working with on bills concerning rural Utah. He also noted that he had been working with Representative Maloy. He then reported on the Council of Governments meeting held with the new municipal mayors. He noted that there were 7 new mayors elected, and they all attended the meeting. He said they were willing to learn, ask questions, and communicate their needs.

Commissioner Johnson reported he had attended the Lincoln Day dinner and listened to some of the information provided by those who are running for local and State offices.

Commissioner Brown reported on some of the things he had worked on at the legislature this week, as well as projects and upgrades they are doing at the Fairgrounds. He said they are also preparing for the Outdoor Recreation Shows that our Tourism and Events people will be attending this next week.

PILT Payment presented from Division of Wildlife:

Jack Mangus and Kendall Bagley from the Division of Wildlife presented the Commission a check for \$1,410 for 2025 Payment in Lieu tax payment for the County. Discussion followed concerning the programs and work taking place in our County, and gave additional information on rehabilitating the land after the Monroe Fire last year. The Commission expressed appreciation for the work being done, as well as the open dialogue.

Minutes of February 23rd Worksession and Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the February 23rd Worksession and Commission meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Payment Approval Report for February approved:

The Payment Approval Report for the month of February was then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Bid awarded for 5 Shares of Piute Reservoir & Irrigation Water:

The bids were then opened for rent of 5 shares of Piute Reservoir & Irrigation water for the years 2026-2030. One bid was received from Levi Hendrickson for \$52 per acre foot. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to accept and award the bid to Levi Hendrickson, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

No action taken on Parachute Demonstration Agreement with Skydive Nephi LLC:

Events Director Jessica Hutchings then reviewed with the Commission a Parachute Demonstration Agreement with Skydive Nephi LLC for the Rodeo during the Fair. She said this would be a parachute with the flag for one night of the rodeo, and indicated that the Queens would like to do a flag presentation for the other nights similar to last year. Commissioner Brown noted that the County Attorney had reviewed the agreement and added terms. He also noted his concern that the agreement had come to the Commission prior to being considered by the Fair Board. The Commission took no action, but asked that Ms. Hutchings get a recommendation of the Fair Board before returning.

Indigent Burial Funds approved for Bartt Klinger:

County Attorney Casey Jewkes then reviewed a request from Magleby Mortuary for indigent burial funds for Bartt Klinger. He noted that investigators had reviewed the request and found Mr. Klinger was indigent. Attorney Jewkes recommended approving the request. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the indigent burial at our standard fee of \$1,100 to Magleby Mortuary, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

No action taken on Road Maintenance Interlocal Agreement with Richfield City:

The Commission then reviewed a Road Maintenance Interlocal Agreement between Sevier County and Richfield City. Executive Director Nash expressed a few concerns he had about roads in the agreement, and asked about getting some additional information prior to making a decision. The Commission took no action, and asked that the matter be placed on a future agenda.

Indigent Defense Grant Agreement modified:

Attorney Jewkes then reviewed the Grant Agreement Signature Page for the Grant Award Indigent Defense Budget. He reported that after JoHanna Williams left for another position, the State hired a replacement that was a regional director, which modified the Grant Agreement because of the way management was set up. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Grant Agreement Signature Page due to the changes to the Grant Agreement, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Items declare surplus, Authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of surplus personal property items that the County is no longer using. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to declare the items as surplus and authorize their disposal as indicated, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Board of Equalization convened:

Commissioner Jensen then moved to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

At 2:11 p.m., the Board of Equalization convened to consider requests for renewal of the Religious, Educational, Charitable exemptions for 2026. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther then reviewed with the Commission a list of the exemption requests that had been received. She noted that the list was the same as last year except for an additional building for

the Calvary Chapel Sevier Valley, and a vehicle for the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop, LDS. Ms. Crowther also said there was a request for a new exemption from the Mission at Richfield LLC, which after review and discussion with the County Attorney, recommended that they either deny the request or get additional information prior to making a decision. County Attorney Jewkes also indicated that they did not show a real gift to the community, and recommended that they gather additional information. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the list of renewal applicants with the two new items as recommended, and request additional information from the Mission at Richfield, LLC prior to taking action on that one, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous. The Commission requested that a meeting be scheduled with Mission at Richfield LLC as soon as possible.

Regular meeting resumed at 2:23 p.m.

Utah Department of Workforce Services internship agreement approved:

HR Director Craig Blake then reviewed an agreement with Utah Department of Workforce Services for an internship program allowing for reimbursement for participants in the Worksite Learning OJT and EIO Employer program. He noted that we have participated in the past, and the agreement has been reviewed by the County Attorney. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement with Utah Department of Workforce Services as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Public Hearing set to Consider Amending Transportation System Map, Class D Roads:

Commissioner Johnson reviewed the need for a public hearing to consider amending the Sevier County Transportation System Network Map, Class D Road Inventory. The public hearing will be held at 1:50 p.m. on March 23, 2026 in the Commission Chambers.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.