

COMMISSION MINUTES

March 23, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third 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 Brown gave an update on things they are improving at the Fairgrounds, which include a water station and a handicap ramp and platform to make it more accessible. They are also looking at replacing the old pavilion.

Commissioner Johnson then reported he had received a notice from Richfield City on a proposed annexation, the Engberson Annexation. He also noted that the Sevier Valley Hospital had submitted their 2026 Charity Plan and 2025 Charitable Activities to be included with their Charitable Exemption Application.

Minutes of Commission Meeting and Worksessions approved:

Minutes of the March 9th Commission Meeting and March 9th and March 16th Commission Worksession were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Full-time Assistant Fire Warden Funding Agreement approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Full-Time Assistant Fire Warden Funding Agreement they had discussed with the fire-wardens. The agreement would help provide funding for a fulltime assistant fire warden in Sevier County along with office space, with the State participating in funding that position. It was noted that the County Attorney had not had a chance to review the agreement. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement pending final review and approval of the County Attorney, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Interlocal Agreement with Richfield City for Road Maintenance approved:

The Commission then reviewed an Interlocal Agreement between Sevier County and Richfield City for Road Maintenance. This outlines maintenance of a few specific roads around Richfield City. Wesley Bywater, Road Department, reviewed the agreement with the Commission and reported on the Roads the agreement covers. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Tourism Advisory Board By-laws amended:

Tourism Director Amy Myers then met with the Commission to review the recommendations of the Tourism Advisory Board. She said there were no events but reviewed recommended changes to the By-Laws to add a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the changes and upgrades to the by-laws as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Parachute Demonstration Agreement with Skydive Nephi LLC approved:

Jessica Hutchings, Events Director, then reviewed the Parachute Demonstration Agreement with Skydive Nephi LLC that had been presented at the last meeting. Ms. Hutchings reported she had taken the agreement back to the Fair Board and they had agreed to the parachute demonstration one night with the local rodeo drill teams do a flag demonstration the next night. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the parachute agreement, second Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Brown voted nay. Motion carries.

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner Brown then moved to recess the regular meeting for an advertised public hearing, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Public Hearing to Consider amending County Code Chapters 152 and 153:

Commissioner Johnson then opened the meeting for a public hearing to consider amending portions of the Sevier County Code Chapter 152 Streets Sidewalks and Public Places, Chapter 153 Subdivision, and the Design and Construction Standards. Micklane Farmer, Jones & DeMille Engineering, reviewed some of the updates that were required by State Laws for the County to be in compliance with these standards. They noted that the changes had been available for review in the County Clerk's Office and at the Road Department. There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing closed at 1:51 p.m.

Public Hearing to Consider amending Transportation System Class D Road Inventory:

At 1:52 p.m., the Commissioner Johnson opened a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending the Sevier County Transportation System Network map, Class D Road Inventory.

Bo White, resident, read a letter expressing his desire to not change the map. He requested that they not vacate the three small roads 9T-1252, 9T-1251, and 9T-1250 as they would not have access to properties if the roads were vacated. He also expressed his concern for protection, landlocking, and public safety to those areas. He expressed his desire to maintain legal access to the parcels on the other side of the old railroad right of way.

The Commission then reviewed that the amendment is due to the private purchase of the rail road right-of-way properties, noting that there was access from another direction to the parcels listed above, and that these roads, as has been discussed with the County Attorney and Property Ombudsman, are not legitimately D-Roads because they do not meet all of the requirements of D Roads. Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash then reviewed that a few years ago the Class D Road Amendment was added, noting that these roads are quicker access to residents in those areas but are not meant for access by the public as a whole.

Zack Wilson, resident, expressed his concern that access would be removed if the roads were taken from the Class D Road Inventory.

Mr. Curtis, Salt Lake City, and his wife are intending to move back to the area. He said they are working on getting utilities to their parcel so they can build, and they are concerned about ensuring reliable, continuous access to the parcel.

Kirk Meacham then spoke about the issues he has had with surrounding property owners damaging his property and fences while trying to make better access using these ‘new’ roadways. He also addressed the contaminated water, etc. running onto his property as they developed the roadways. Mr. Meacham again noted that the other homeowners do have access from another direction, that these do provide quicker access, but they do cross his property and damage it.

Dave White indicated that they have utilized the access across the railroad tracks for 26 years and he feels that they should stay open.

Bo White also expressed that he had changed the access to his property across Mr. Meacham’s property, and had tried to apologize.

Ephraim Dopp then reported that he wants the roads vacated and does not want the public crossing the roads into his property and into that area, but they should use access that is already there. He wants to maintain private roads into his property.

There being no further comments from the public the public hearing was closed.

Regular meeting then resumed at 2:15 p.m.

Ordinances 2026-3-1, 2026-3-2 and 2026-3-3 adopted:

The Commission then approved Ordinance 2026-3-1 to amend Chapter 152 Streets Sidewalks and Public Places, Ordinance 2026-3-2 to amend Chapter 153 Subdivision, and Ordinance 2026-3-3 setting the Design and Construction Standards on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Henries Hollow Phase 2 with re-aligned road approved:

Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang then reviewed the application for Henries Hollow Phase 2 Subdivision, noting that a road re-alignment was needed but it would make better access to the public. He stated that by re-aligning the road, it would reduce the overall size of a few of the lots. He said that the subdivision had been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Henries Hollow Phase 2 Subdivision with the road re-alignment as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

2025 taxes abated for parcel 4-347-3-IMP:

Assessor Terri Hartle then requested a tax abatement be granted for parcel 4-347-3-IMP, which is a parcel for improvements on public property similar to Fishlake. She said the building had fallen apart and been removed. She said she was aware of it, but did not get it removed from the tax roll and it was charged taxes for 2025. She recommended abating the amount of taxes, penalties and interest of approximately \$214.12. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve abating the taxes on parcel 4-347-3-IMP as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Refund approved for overpayment of taxes:

Deputy Treasurer Misty Cowley then reported that Bonnie Bardwell had requested a refund of overpayment on her taxes. She has been paying monthly on parcel 1-16-43 to keep the taxes paid up, but had a credit of \$4,366.76, and is requesting a refund at this time due to an emergency. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the refund as requested, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Board of Equalization:

At 2:32 p.m., Commissioner Jensen then moved to recess the Commission meeting for Board of Equalization, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

The Board of Equalization met to consider the request of Mission at Richfield LLC for property tax exemption for their nursing facility in Richfield. The Commission indicated that this had been discussed at their last meeting, and they had requested additional information regarding their charitable contribution to the community. They had received the information regarding charitable contributions to the community. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve a tax exemption for parcel 1-2-6 as requested, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

The regular meeting resumed at 2:33 p.m.

Fee changes approved for Fairgrounds:

Fairgrounds Supervisor Colton Conder then reviewed with the Commission an updated fee schedule for the fairgrounds. He noted that the event deposits had been changed from daily to a per event fee and an additional line for the outdoor track has been added with no fee at this time as he is currently tracking the time for maintaining the track. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the amended fee schedule for the County Fairgrounds, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Request for fee waiver approved for Sevier County Farm Bureau:

The Commission then reviewed a request from the Sevier County Farm Bureau for a fee waiver for use of the Fairgrounds, noting they have used the facility for the last few years without a fee. They reported that their meeting is open to the public, and they discuss issues concerning the County and agriculture in the area. It was noted that this is separate from the Farm Bureau Insurance Company, but is a local organization to help the residents of the County. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the fee waiver for this activity, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Sevier County Community Theatre Association funding request approved:

The Commission then reviewed a request from the Sevier County Community Theatre Association to help continue productions. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve their request in the amount of \$3,000 for 2026, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

County approves matching funds for Salina City MotoCross Track:

Salina Mayor Brent Beach, R6 Representative Brock Jackson, and several others met with the Commission to review a project they have been working on upon the purchase of SITLA property near the Blackhawk. They plan to build a motocross and bike track facility near the Blackhawk to bring more events to the area, and are in the process of applying for an Outdoor Recreation Grant from the State of Utah. They are requesting matching funds in the amount of \$150,000 from the County for the project. Discussion followed that this would be good for the region, would bring people from out of the area. Commissioner Jensen then said it seemed to fit well with the Utah Trail Country brand and moved to approve up to \$150,000 match if the grant is received, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.