

COMMISSION MINUTES

April 27, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-seventh day of April 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 reported some issues they had at the Fairgrounds with a recent car show, noting there was some damage done to some sprinklers and an issue with the air conditioning. He also reported that the handicap platform has been completed, and that they have some architects working on the design of the new pavilion.

Minutes of April 13th Worksession and Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the April 13th Worksession and Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Resolution 2026-4-1 adopted amending Transportation Map Class D Road Inventory:

The Commission then reported that they had been looking at an ordinance to amend the Sevier County Transportation System Network Map, Class D Road Inventory. They noted that a public hearing had been held at the last meeting, and some additional information had been provided from the County Attorney and the UAC Attorney Eric Clarke. Discussion followed that they had reviewed the manner in which we handle roads, and that this issue should be handled with a Resolution rather than an Ordinance. The County Attorney reviewed Resolution 2026-4-1 indicating that the roads in question 9T-1250, 9T-1251, and 9T-1252 had not been deeded over to the County, should not be used for public benefit, and that the County does not show any legal ownership of the roadways. Therefore, the roads in question should not be included in the County's Transportation System Class D Road Inventory Map. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2026-4-1 amending the Sevier County Transportation System Network Map by removing the 3 roads from the Class D Road Inventory, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Cooperative Agreement with Forestry Fire and State Lands approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Cooperative Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for Wildfire Management. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Wildfire 2026 Participation Statement and Fire Warden Agreement approved:

The Commission then reviewed the Cooperative Wildfire System 2026 Participation Commitment Statement and Appendix A to the County Fire Warden Agreement. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the 2026 Participation Commitment Statement and Appendix A to County Fire Warden Agreement, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Contract with Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for Utah's Rec Center approved:

Tourism Director Amy Myers then reviewed with the Commission a Contract with the State of Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for an Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Grant, indicating that the grant had been electronically signed by the Commissioner Johnson. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to ratify the Contract with the Division of Outdoor Recreation for the grant, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Contract with Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for Sand Ledges Project approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Contract with the Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for the Sand Ledges Trailhead Restroom and Parking Lot Expansion project, noting this had also been electronically signed by Commissioner Johnson. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to ratify the Contract with the State of Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation for the Sand Ledges project, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Jones & DeMille Engineering Assignment Order for Monroe Fire EWP project approved:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reviewed with the Commission an Assignment Order with Jones & DeMille Engineering to begin the Emergency Watershed Protection Project in the Monroe area utilizing funding previously awarded by the NRCS to reduce potential flooding due to last year's Monroe Fire. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Assignment Order with Jones & DeMille Engineering for the Monroe Fire EWP Project, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

New Hire Recommendations approved:

HR Director Craig Blake met with the Commission recommending four new hires to fill vacant positions. He recommended hiring the following: Justin Johnson as a part-time Weed Control Sprayer, Grade 9 at \$20.76 per hour beginning April 20, 2026; Tegan Sides as a full-time Paramedic, Grade 15 at \$25.74 per hour beginning April 20, 2026; Kyler McIntosh as a full-time Deputy Sheriff Recruit, Grade 15.2 at \$27.51 per hour beginning April 20, 2026; and Jade Roberts as a full-time Legal Assistant, Grade 12 at \$26.95 per hour beginning April 27, 2026. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the new hires as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

No decision made on Soren Digital Marketing Contract:

Tourism Director Amy Myers reviewed with the Commission an agreement with Soren Digital Marketing LLC, noting that there had been discussion earlier in the day during the Worksession. The Commission said they appreciated the information they had received of the work that is being done by Soren Digital LLC, but indicated they still had questions and asked that the matter be placed on the next agenda. No action was taken at this time.

Items declare surplus, authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of surplus personal property items that the Departments have requested be surplussed. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the items as surplus and authorize the disposition as indicated on the list, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Sevier Valley Event Center Contract for Miss Sevier Pageant approved:

Events Director Jessica Hutchings then reviewed with the Commission an agreement with Snow College South for the Miss Sevier Pageant to be held at the Sevier Valley Center. Kevin Arrington of Snow College explained some of the differences in the building from prior years due to some changes at the college, noting there was a slight increase in the rental of the facility, as well as a slight increase for the technical items of approximately 5%. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the agreement with Snow College South for the Miss Sevier Pageant, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Legislature approved increase in Recording Fees, Fee Schedule updated:

Recorder Jason Monroe then reviewed with the Commission an increase in recording fees as approved by the Utah State Legislature. He said it is a statewide change and would be effective May 5, 2026, and increase recording fees by \$5 bringing the total fee to \$45. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the change in recording fees, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Trademark Renewal for Trail Country approved:

Tourism Director Amy Myers then reviewed a trademark renewal for the Trail Country trademark that is up for review and renewal. The County Attorney indicated that the trademark does need to be renewed every so often to maintain use of the trademark. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Declaration of Use Application for Renewal of the Trademark, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.