

COMMISSION MINUTES

May 26, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-sixth day of May 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 and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission Business:

Commissioner Jensen reported on information he had received on the upgrades that are being planned for rehabilitation after the Monroe Canyon Fire last year. He noted that several million dollars of grants would be utilized to reseed, build fences, re-do water lines, etc. He also reported that Mayor Parsons of Monroe City had obtained a grant to help improve their spring. Other government agencies, such as the NRCS, are getting involved for run-off protection and protecting from major floods in the fire area.

Commissioner Brown then reported that Monroe City had also received a grant from the CIB to establish a new well as a backup for their water system due to the decrease in flow of their spring after the fire. In addition, he reported that the work being done by the Brooklyn Special Service District is moving along and there are several other property owners who would like to annex into the special district. Those wanting to annex into the district will provide additional water shares to the district.

Economic Development Director Malcolm Nash reported there is a planning meeting on June 10 to review the rehabilitation efforts in the fire area. He also noted that any water system serving over 100 people is required to have a back up source, which may affect the Brooklyn Special Service District and others in the County.

Minutes of May 11th Worksession and Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the May 11th Worksession and Commission Meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

No action taken on deed gap:

Chester Johnson then met with the Commission concerning a gap in his parcels that he thought was a roadway. He requested that the roadway gap be moved to an actual roadway crossing his property so he can move forward with development. Recorder Jason Monroe reported that as far as he can tell the gap is a deed gap, not a platted roadway, and Mr. Johnson will need to work with a title company or attorney to resolve that issue. The Commission took no further action.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:

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

New Hire approved as recommended:

Human Resources Director Craig Blake recommended Aileen MacArt as a part-time Senior Nutrition Driver, Grade 7 at \$20.02 per hour, beginning May 19, 2026 be hired to fill a vacancy. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the new hire as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

New Job Description approved for Fairgrounds:

Human Resources Director Craig Blake then reviewed a new job description for a Fairgrounds Assistant to provide for a new position at the fairgrounds. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the new job description, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Resolution 2026-5-1 Emergency Drought Resolution approved:

Emergency Management Director Bill Taufer then reviewed with the Commission a Resolution for Emergency Drought Declaration for the next six months. Discussion followed concerning the intensity of the drought, that it is expected to be ongoing throughout the summer, and that this would open the door for additional help through the State and Federal programs for assistance for residents of the County. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2026-5-1 Emergency Drought Resolution, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Contractor Agreement with MP Electronics LLC approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Contractor Agreement between Sevier County and MP Electronics LLC. They noted that Johnny Parsons, who is an employee of the County, is retiring and will no longer be maintaining the communication facilities, television and FM translator licenses. The County will be contracting with MP Electronics LLC for those services. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the contract with MP Electronics LLC, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.