<u>COMMISSION MINUTES</u>
June 8, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eighth day of June 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 Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission Business:
Commissioner Jensen reported on the Council of Government Meeting held last week. He reported that all of the cities and towns had representatives there, and they had a good discussion with a land use attorney on zoning and planning issues. He also updated the Commission on the R6 Association of Governments Meeting held last week as well.

Commissioner Johnson reported that Johnny Parsons has retired. Mr. Parsons had been with the County for approximately 47 years. The Commission expressed their gratitude for his service.

Commissioner Johnson then noted that the County had received a dividend from Workers' Compensation Fund Insurance in the amount of $4,498.80 as a return on our investment with them.

Commissioner Brown reported on the Miss Sevier Peagant, noting that Morgan Dickinson won Miss Sevier as well as the Heart of Miss Sevier award. Her attendants are Carly Magleby and Sydney Anderson.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported that Jody Gale of the USU Extension is retiring, and there will be an open house in Annabella on June 19th. He noted that Mr. Gale is also resigning from the Special Service District #2 Board, and he will be submitting names for a replacement soon.

Mr. Nash then reported that Redmond Town had contacted him regarding a possibility of completing the bike path from the south end to the north end of town. He said they may be looking for help funding the endeavor.

Minutes of May 26th Commission meeting approved:
Minutes of the May 26th Commission meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Payment Approval Report for May accepted:
The Payment Approval Report for May was reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Resolution 2026-6-1 adopted authorizing pick up for Public Safety Retirement:
The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2026-6-1, a Concurrent Resolution authorizing Sevier County pick up of Public Safety employee retirement contributions. HR Director Craig

Blake reported that URS has increased the contribution up to 5.98% to be paid by the employee, and the resolution will allow the County to pick up and pay the additional portion. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to adopt Resolution 2026-2-1, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

New job description approved:
HR Director Blake then reviewed a job description for a Paramedic PRN, which would provide for a Paramedic as needed for 12 hour shifts allowing them to pick up some additional help. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the new job description, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Anthony Giddings named as new Landfill Supervisor:
Director Blake then reported that they had filled the Landfill Supervisor position with Anthony Giddings, who has been working at the Landfill. He said they will begin advertising to fill the vacant position.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:
The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items that departments have requested be surplussed. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to declare the items as surplus and authorized their disposal as indicated on the list, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Two parcels sold at annual tax sale:
Lead Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther then reviewed with the Commission the results of the annual Tax Sale, noting that most of the parcels had been redeemed, three parcels had been pulled due to bankruptcy proceedings, leaving two parcels that were actually sold. One property has been paid, and the high bidder on the other has not responded and they are in the process of contacting the next highest bidder. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the results of the Tax Sale and authorize execution of the tax deeds, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Tax Rates adopted for 2026:
Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then discussed with the Commission the resolutions adopting the final tax rates and budgets for 2026. Clerk/Auditor Wall noted that he had worked with the Tax Commission and the Assessor in getting all of the information into the Tax System, which resulted in a certified rate of 0.002434 for the County, 0.000280 for the County Assessing and Collecting Levy. He said that the Multi-County Assessing and Collecting would be set by the State withing the next two weeks because it is a Statewide levy set by the Tax Comission. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to adopt the proposed rate for 2026 as the certified rate for 2026, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous. The Commission noted that the 2026 tax rate is lower than last year.

Budget Adjustments needed for new GIS Department:
Clerk/Auditor Wall then discussed with the Commission the budget adjustments needed to separate the GIS office from the Recorder's Office, as a new GIS Administrator had just been

hired. He said he had spoken with HR Director Criag Blake and Recorder Monroe on moving money that had budgeted for GIS services in the Recorder's budget to the new department to finish out the year. Mr. Blake said he would provide the information for the salaries/wages for the new department. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the adjustments in the 2026 budget moving money from the Recorder to the GIS Department, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Tourism Advisory Board recommendations approved:
Tourism Director Amy Myers then presented the recommendations from the Tourism Advisory Board. Ms. Myers noted that she had discussed with the Advisory Board seeking a $215,000 grant as a 50% match for marketing, and she noted that the Board was in favor of seeking the grant. She said she has also been seeking support from the community to promote all areas of the County. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Tourism Advisory Board recommendations as requested, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Richfield West Sevier Watershed Work Plan Agreement with NRCS approved:
Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reviewed with the Commission a Richfield-West Sevier Watershed Work Plan Agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Serviced (NRCS) dealing with a proposed retention basin that has been discussed for the last several years in the Flat Canyon area southwest of Richfield. He noted the damage that had been done previously by flash flooding in that area, which affected the canals and irrigation ditches, along with property in Richfield City. Mr. Nash then reported the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) had been completed and approved. He said this agreement will move the project forward into the development stage. It is a $20 million project with the cost share agreement requiring approximately $127,800 from the County. The project would construct a retention basin and dam, and the County will be responsible for maintenance for the next 102 years. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Richfield West Sevier Watershed Work Plan Agreement with NRCS, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Annual Bailiff and Court Security Contract approved:
Sheriff Nathan Curtis then reviewed with the Commission renewal of the annual Bailiff and Court Security contract with the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts. He reported that there is some increase costs to the County for the duties they will be required to do due to the increase in court dates, which will be reimbursed by the State. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the agreement with the Utah Administrative Office of the Courts for Bailiff and Court Security activities, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Utah State Library Agreement approved:
The Commission then reviewed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Utah State Library for bookmobile services in the County. They noted that this is an annual contract, and costs have remained steady for the last few years. The Commission indicated they would like to set up a meeting with the State Library to see what the use of the bookmobile is prior to approving an agreement next year. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Utah State Library for bookmobile services with the caveat

of getting a report of what the actual use of the bookmobile is due to the many online book options, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

County to begin updating Class D Road Inventory:
Executive Director Nash then discussed with the Commission the process of updating the Class D Road Inventory. He said it has been a number of years since this has been done, and they have reduced the number of roads by two thirds, and they would like to review the roads again to ensure that the inventory in our plan is accurate and what is being used. Mr. Nash indicated that public hearings would be held to get input from the public about the roads. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to authorize the staff to begin the process to review and update the Class D Road Inventory, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.