

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

July 27, 2026

Minutes of a scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this twenty seventh day of July 2026. Meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Conference Room, Room 116, of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Others attending included Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash, County Attorney Casey Jewkes, and Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang.

Review of Data Center Moratorium:

The Commission discussed the data center moratorium approved in their last meeting. Discussion followed that it is now in place, that the time frame is short, who will be taking the lead on this topic, and looking to other counties for ordinances and parameters that they have developed in looking at data centers. They indicated they would like something in place before an application is submitted, and that the ordinances would be a living document. Concerns expressed included the water usage of a data center, and the land use. Attorney Jewkes and Zoning Administrator Mackelprang will work together to develop an ordinance setting parameters and requirements for any future data centers.

Discussion of changes to Senior Nutrition Memorandum Of Understanding:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reported some concerns that the Senior Nutrition is having with some of the communities, noting that our Memorandum of Understanding does include purchase of kitchen equipment, and noted that some wording of the Memorandum of Understanding may need to be changed to allow for up to a certain amount each year that could be available for use each year for the centers, not specifically for each center, to maintain good equipment.

Discussion of possibly housing study:

The Commission then discussed the legislators requiring a housing study be done for the area, that our County does not formally have a housing program as it is mostly done through the cities and towns in the area. It was recommended working with R6 Regional Council to get a housing study done for the communities in the County.

Request for financial assistance for Monroe Mural referred to Tourism Advisory Board:

The Commission then discussed a request for financial help for a new mural that had been done in Monroe City. Discussion followed that there was nothing in the sign showing Sevier County our Tourism, and that this request should be submitted to the Tourism Advisory Board for Consideration. They noted that the mural was already done, that there was nothing dealing with tourism in the mural, and that it is not possible to fund all of the murals in the County.

Discussion of County support for additional Indigent Defense funding from legislature:

County Attorney Jewkes reported that he had spoken with the Indigent Defense Council, the State Office that is petitioning the legislature for additional money for the indigent defense

program. He noted that the costs have remained the same for the past several years, but the costs are rising. He asked that the County help in petitioning the legislature for additional funding due to increased costs. The Commission thanked him for the information.

Additional information needed on variance review request:

The Commission then reviewed an emergency request from Paul Dudley for emergency administrative stay in variance review concerning access to his property. This is concerning encroachment permit requirements for access. His request noted that he had some issues with the Road Department. The Commission was unable to pull up his property information, and did not have enough information to consider the request. The matter may be considered at a later time after reviewing the matter with the Road Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.