

COMMISSION MINUTES

July 27, 2026

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty seventh day of July 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. Executive Director Malcolm Nash, Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and County Attorney Casey Jewkes were also present.

Commission Business:

Commissioner Jensen gave an update on the State Auditor request to audit the Treasurer and Assessor Offices indicating there were some questions as to whether their audit was a performance audit, which they are not authorized to do under State Code, or whether it was a financial audit to address some issues found in their other statewide audits they are conducting. County Attorney Jewkes indicated he is working with the attorney at Utah Association of Counties and the Attorney General's Office to determine what the County's response should be.

Commissioner Jensen also reported he had attended the Utah State Disaster Coordination meeting involving the Governor, local representatives, and Commissioners throughout the State in developing an emergency declaration for fires and flooding throughout the State to see what help the State and Federal governments can provide to help the counties.

Commissioner Brown noted that the County Fair would be taking place next week, and that Tourism Director Amy Myers and Event Supervisor Jessica Hutchings are getting prepared for the festivities. He then reviewed the different areas that have flooded this past week with the rains that we have had.

Minutes of July 13th Commission Meeting approved:

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

Indigent Burial Request for Keith Service approved:

County Attorney Casey Jewkes then reviewed with the Commission a request from Springer Turner Funeral Home for an indigent burial for Keith Service. He reported that a Sheriff Deputy had investigated and found Mr. Service was indeed indigent. He recommended approval of the request. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve payment of \$1,100 to Springer Turner Funeral Home for the indigent burial of Keith Service as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

The Commission then discussed requests from the funeral homes for an increase in indigent burial funds because their costs have gone up and the County has not increased funding for the past several years. The Commission will work with the Funeral Homes to determine what a fair amount would be prior to setting budgets for next year.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items departments had requested to surplus. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to declare the items recommended as surplus and authorize their disposal as indicated, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

New Hires approved as recommended:

HR Director Craig Blake then recommended the following new hires to fill vacant positions within the County: Jordan Krahenbuhl as a part-time Mosquito Abatement Sprayer, Grade 9 at \$20.76 per hour beginning June 30, 2026; Sarah Busk as a part-time Paramedic PRN on the Ambulance, Grade 15 at \$25.74 per hour beginning July 13, 2026; Justine Crose as a part-time AEMT PRN on the Ambulance, Grade 13 at \$23.60 per hour beginning July 13, 2026; Tristyn Turner as a part-time AEMT PRN on the Ambulance, Grade 13 at \$23.60 per hour beginning July 13, 2026; Hunter Turner as a part-time AEMT PRN on the Ambulance, Grade 13 at \$23.60 per hour beginning July 13, 2026; Shataya Trujillo as a part-time Paramedic PRN on the Ambulance, Grade 15 at \$25.74 per hour beginning July 13, 2026; Madison Berndt at a part-time AEMT PRN on the Ambulance, Grade 13 at \$23.60 per hour beginning July 13, 2026; and Avery Pettit as a part-time Driver/Cook Fill-in for Senior Nutrition, Grade 7 at \$20.02 per hour beginning July 13, 2026. After review and discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the new hires as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

2026 Local Emergency Flood Declaration approved:

Deputy William Taufer reviewed with the Commission the Sevier County 2026 Local Emergency Flood Declaration. He reported that this will allow the areas that are flooded the opportunity to request help with the flooding issues from the fire from the State and Federal programs. He said he is currently aware of 12 homes in Koosharem that have had flooding in their basements, and there may be more with the rain that we have been having. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the declaration, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Assessor Adjustments approved as recommended:

Assessor Terri Hartle then reviewed a list of recommended Assessor Adjustments, noting that most were to correct non-Primary residences to primary residences. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the Assessor Adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Refunds for overpayments approved as recommended:

Assessor Hartle then reviewed with the Commission recommended refunds for businesses that were incorrectly charged interest and penalties when paying personal property online, with a few also listed in incorrect categories. Assessor Hartle recommended refunding the following amounts: Tagg N Go \$449.59, Double DB Equipment LLC \$86.17, Richfield Dental \$46.39; and Huish Reel Theaters \$86.82. After review, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the refunds as recommended, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

Norlen Dalton appointed to Special Service District #2 Board:

Commissioner Jensen then reviewed the recommended change to Special Service District #2 noting that Jody Gale had retired from his position at USU Extension and had asked to be replaced on the SSD#2 Board as well. It was recommended that Norlen Dalton of Richfield be appointed to fill the vacancy. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to appoint Norlen Dalton to the Special Service District #2 and thank Jody Gale for his services, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Sevier Valley Hospital Charity Plan Review:

Brent Schmidt, Administrator of Sevier Valley Hospital, and Mitch Kunzler, Communications Manager of the Sevier Valley Hospital, met with the Commissioners to review the Charity Care Plan of the Hospital, listing the amount of charity given from the hospital this past year. Mr. Schmidt also reviewed their new telehealth program to provide additional services in this area. They reviewed the plans they have to improve the services here. The Commission thanked them for the information and for the work they are doing in the area.

Review of Sevier County Independent Audit:

Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller, Kimball & Roberts CPA's, then reviewed the 2025 audit they had just completed on Sevier County. They reported that the financial statements of the County present fairly in all material respects the financial position of Sevier County. They reviewed several additions to the audit that had been required by the Government Finance Officer Association, the management letter, and the findings. The Commission thanked them for the audit.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.