

COMMISSION WORKSESSION

June 5, 2023

Minutes of a regularly scheduled worksession of the Sevier County Commission held this fifth day of June 2023. The meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Conference Room 116, of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Executive Director Malcolm Nash, Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, Road Superintendent Bob Watts, Cydne Quitter, Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang, Treasurer Lindsey Hansen, and HR Director Craig Blake were also present.

Discussion on Encroachment Permits not built up to Standard:

The Commission discussed the driveway access encroachments to County Roads, including the reasons some of the access points were not being brought to standard during construction of the home or other construction. Several reasons were listed including lack of funds, lack of asphalt, etc. The group discussed possible ways to mitigate the problem and ensure that the access was installed timely and up to standards, including possible ways to collect the fees, etc. Solutions included requiring a bond, withholding the occupancy permit until the access was completed, or perhaps requiring the access to be completed before construction.

Review of possible Flooding Issues from Salina/Redmond Bike Path:

Alan Peterson then discussed with the Commission the issue of flooding on their property near and around their home due to the installation of the bike path along the side of their property. Mr. Peterson indicated he had made comments when they were building the bike path that it would cause flooding as it changed the natural flow area. Several options were discussed. After discussion, the Commissioners decided to make a site visit with the engineer and Mr. Peterson to see what would be the best solution to the issue.

Proposed Increase to Funding for Senior Nutrition Program:

Travis Kyhl and JaLyne Roundy, Six County Association of Governments, met with the Commission to review the proposed changes to the Meals on Wheels and the Senior Nutrition Program due to the changes taking place in the Six County AOG. They noted that some of the funding they have been receiving is no longer available and they are currently using some of the reserves they have in that program, but wanted to let the Commission know that there will be an increase in the proposed contributions from the County in next year's budget to help cover the continued cost of the program. Mr. Kyhl said they will continue to operate the program with the employees being part of the Six County AOG, and operating the programs on a County by County basis rather than a regional basis. He said that if the increase was too much for the County, they would need to cut services; and if the County wanted to increase services they would be able to contribute more to that program. The Commission thanked them for the information, noting they would discuss the matter further during the budgeting process for 2024.

Possible effects of Congressman Stewart's resignation:

The Commission then discussed the resignation of Congressman Stewart and the impact that could have on some of the programs they are working on including grant money for the Elsinore Addition, the Brooklyn Tap system, and the Sheriff's Office. They will continue working with staff from Congressman Stewart's Office to ensure that they could solidify as much of the funding as possible before Congressman Stewart steps down.

Malcolm Nash then reviewed the projects that have been funded by the ARPA funds.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.