

COMMISSION MINUTES
November 14, 2011

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this fourteenth day of November, 2011. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Mason, Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, and Gordon Topham in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, County Attorney Dale Eyre and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission Business:

Malcolm Nash reminded the Commissioners about the Six County Awards Banquet, and that the Commissioners needed to choose a City for the Community Award from Sevier County for this year. After discussion, the Commissioners felt like Salina City had done a lot of work in the City on their roads and their new Community Center, and would like to honor them at the banquet.

Commissioner Mason reported to the Commissioners on the Redmond Lake Road Project, and the events taking place there as they prepare to finalize the right-of-way necessary to complete the project. He also noted that there was a property owner who had placed stumps and logs in the current right-of-way at the edge of the roadway creating a hazard to those driving along the road. He said that both he and the Sheriff have looked at the situation, and are trying to contact the owner to request removal of the stumps and logs from the right-of-way. He indicated that the Sheriff will follow up to ensure removal of the hazards.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed with the Commissioners term endings of board members at the end of the year, and discussing whether to re-appoint or make changes to the boards.

Commissioner Topham also indicated that he had received a letter from the Richfield Reaper asking if the County would be interested in helping sponsor the 24 hours in Sevier County article. No action was taken.

Commissioner Topham then read a letter commending John Hunt on the work he had done in 2011 for Emergency Management during the flooding from the NRCS.

Contract with Capital Defense Council approved:

The Commission then reviewed the contract between the Utah Indigent Defense Funds Board and James A. Valdez and Douglas Neeley as indigent Capital Defense Council in the William C. Lawton case. County Attorney Dale Eyre noted that we do pay funds into the Capital Defense Fund, and they will pay for the defense in the murder case of Mr. Lawton. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to acknowledge and approve the contract between the defense fund and James Valdez and Douglas Neeley, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Minutes of October 24th meeting and October 31st special meeting approved:

Minutes of the October 24th meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Minutes of the October 31st Special meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Lease agreement with BMX association reviewed:

Michelle Brazell discussed with the Commissioners an agreement to lease property the County owns at the north end of Richfield by the detention basin for the BMX bicycle activities. Discussion followed that Exhibit A needs to have the description put in it, that the Commission would also like to speak with the businesses in that area about the activity before finalizing the agreement, and recommended that the BMX organization contact Richfield City concerning any licenses or requirements for their operation, and ask that they meet with them again on December 12th.

Resolution 2011-11-1 approved appointing UCIP representative:

The Commission then reviewed a Resolution 2011-11-1 appointing a Sevier County representative and alternate representative to the Utah Counties Insurance Pool annual meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to adopt Resolution 2011-11-1 appointing Steven Wall as the voting representative for Sevier County with Commissioner Gary Mason as the alternate, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Travel Council recommendations approved:

Kevin Arrington, Special Events Coordinator, then reviewed with the Commission the Travel Council recommendations. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the recommendations as recommended by the Travel Council, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Business licenses approved:

Business licenses for Taylor White for Direct Attack Fire & Safety, LLC, and Jason Young for Jason Young Construction, LLC, were reviewed by the Commission. The Commission noted that both applications had been reviewed by the Zoning Administrator, and that a condition had been placed on the Jason Young Construction application. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the business licenses for Taylor White at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous. Then after review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve a business license for Jason Young Construction at a fee of \$50 per year, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Topham then opened the meeting for comments from the public. Blaine Malquist of Nephi then presented information to the Commissioners expressing his concerns of spraying for mosquitoes in the State, and indicating some of the things he felt the County should consider. He suggested the County stop spraying for mosquitoes and try some other way of trying to control the mosquitoes rather than spraying pesticides because no pesticide is safe. Mr. Malquist then said that spraying is the least effective way of controlling mosquitoes and expressed his concerns of the health problems connected to the mosquito spray in Juab County stating they would be the same here.

Elaine Bonavita, Salina, read a letter to the Commission that was prepared by Debra Robertson who was unable to attend the meeting listing her concerns with the mosquito spraying in Sevier County. Ms. Bonavita then presented additional information she wanted the County to review, and asked the Commission to hold a work meeting with Mosquito Abatement Director John Johnson to discuss other options for mosquito abatement. She again expressed her concerns with

the spraying and asked that they discontinue their current process and look for something different to guarantee the health, safety, and welfare of the Sevier County citizens.

Commissioner Ogden explained that he had been to a mosquito abatement conference where information was presented that the type of spray we were using has been used across the nation, and is an approved spray.

Commissioner Mason then reported the he had several people from around the County, and especially in the North Sevier area, that have called him and asked him to continue to spray and not to stop spraying as they like the program and feel it is better for them.

Assessor adjustments approved:

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed with the Commissioners adjustments that had been made to correct taxes on some properties such as moving homes to certain parcels. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the corrections and adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

CIB preliminary list reviewed:

Emery Polelonema, Six County Association of Governments, then reviewed with the Commissioners the preliminary capital improvement list he is starting to develop by meeting with the Communities to present to the Capital Improvement Board for their consideration and funding in the next year.

Weed Control Board approved:

Commissioner Ogden then reported he would like to re-activate a Weed Control Board for Sevier County and recommended Garn Christensen, Richfield, and Eric Tuft, Monroe, for two year terms; and Keith Hampton, Redmond, Dustin Christensen, Richfield, and Daryl Noyes, Salina, for four year terms. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to appoint the board as discussed, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Benefits Committee recommendations approved:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler then met with the Commissioners concerning the recommendations of the Benefits Committee. Ms. Wheeler reported she had met with the Benefits Committee and reviewed the proposals for health insurance for the 2012 year that had been presented. She said the Committee recommended moving from Select Health to PEHP, which would be a slight increase from 4.5% from the current premiums being paid, but less than the renewal from Select Health. She also reviewed possible changes to the prescription card, as well as dental, indicating that the Committee had recommended moving the dental to PEHP also. They also discussed moving the life insurance both base and voluntary buy-up policies to Reliant Standard and indicating they would meet our current premium and guarantee up to \$250,000 to our employees without any medical review. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the recommendation of the Benefits Committee and change our health and dental insurance to PEHP effective January 1, 2012, staying with our current carriers for vision and long and short term disability, and to authorize Ms. Wheeler to negotiate with our current life insurance carrier, Dearborn, and Reliant Standard to find the best solution there, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

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There being no further business to come before the board, meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.