

COMMISSION MINUTES
January 9, 2012

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of January, 2012. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gordon Topham and Garth 'Tooter' Ogden 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.

Commissioner Gary Mason was excused.

Commission business:

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash reviewed the quarterly report from Sevier Power Company with the Commissioners, noting they are progressing towards finishing up their Air Quality Permit and trying to get things in place prior to construction.

Mr. Nash also reported that the County had received final approval for grant reimbursement to update the boiler at the Justice Complex.

Mr. Nash then reminded the Commission that they should be working with the departments they oversee, and having the Department Heads establish their goals, etc. under the merit system.

Commissioner Ogden reported he had attended the CIB funding meeting with Richfield City on their new Fire Department Building. They received approval of an additional \$300,000 from the CIB towards that building. He said he will continue to update the Commissioners on the progress of the new fire station for Richfield City.

Commissioner Topham reviewed correspondence he had received including an invoice from Richfield City for our participation in the Fire Department per contract.

Commissioner Topham then discussed some work that may need to be done on some trees along the Annabella Road that the County may be involved in, or may be responsible for. He said he would look into the matter further.

Minutes for December 12th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Additional Commission business:

County Attorney Dale Eyre then reported he had drafted a resolution disbanding the South Sevier Special Service District for the sewer and wastewater project that had been brought up several years ago and was no longer being considered. He reported that this had been done previously in the minutes, but a resolution was needed. He requested the matter be on the next agenda.

Mr. Eyre discussed with the Commissioners what the funds from the Secure Rural School Fund could be used for.

Commission elects new Chairman:

The Commission then discussed the appointment for Chairman of the Commission for 2012. Commissioner Topham noted that he had discussed the matter with Commissioner Mason, and they felt that the appointment should be passed between the three Commissioners giving all a chance. Commissioner Topham moved to appoint Commissioner Ogden as Chairman for 2012, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Commission assignments decided for 2012:

The Commission then reviewed their assignments for 2012. It was noted that the Chairman assignment would need to be moved to Commissioner Ogden, and that Commissioner Topham was now serving on the Six County Regional Housing Authority Board, and the Children's Justice Center Advisory Board. The remaining assignments would remain the same. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to adopt the assignments as noted for 2012, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Board members re-appointed and added:

Commissioner Ogden then reviewed the list of Districts and Boards appointed by the Commission. He noted that on the Board of Adjustments, Elwin Hoyle's term had expired. Commissioner Topham reported he had spoken with Mr. Hoyle and he was willing to serve another term, and that the information he had received from other Board members was that Mr. Hoyle was very knowledgeable and a great help to the Board.

He then discussed that on the Planning & Zoning Board that Ralph Brown and Caryl Christensen had terms that expired, and that they had both been contacted and were willing to serve another term.

The Commission then noted that on the Accident Review Board, Kent Nielsen would be replaced by John Bergum who would be serving as the Chairman, and Commissioner Ogden would be added to that Board as a member.

The Commission noted that the Economic Development Board would need to be re-appointed as all of their terms had expired, and that Economic Development Director Malcolm Nash would be bringing them a list at a future date for that Board.

The Commission noted that the Travel Council Board would also be serving as the Restaurant Tax Advisory Board, and, therefore, they would need more participation from restaurants, etc. The Board consists of Joe Anderson (Sevier Valley Center), Scott Christensen (Blackhawk Arena), Buffy Brown (Holiday Inn Express), Lee Couch (Royal Inn), Krista Hyer (Denny's Restaurant), Lee Crysel (Butch Cassidy CG), Brenda Hales (Super 8 Salina), Jordan Shumway (Comfort Inn), Bob Hanover (Fremont Indian Park), Kyle Reid (Hampton Inn), Jordan Shumway (Quality Inn), Jason Pettingill (Fairfield Inn & Suites), Scott Palmer (Comfort Inn), Brett Ross (Frontier Village), and Paula Martin (Sevier County Fairgrounds).

After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to make the re-appointments and new appointments as discussed, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Commission to waive fees for donated land on Church Farm Road project:

The Commission discussed the road project along the Church Farm Road to widen and improve the road north of the Venice area. The landowners along the roadway have agreed to donate the property necessary for the project to the County. Because of the change in the descriptions, they will be required to re-file greenbelt applications, as well as recording new deeds. They have asked that these fees be waived as they are donating the property to the County for the Road Project. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to waive the greenbelt application and recording fees for the properties involved in the upgrade to the Church Farm Road project, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Claims for December approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed the claims for the month of December. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the claims as presented, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Beer license renewals approved:

Beer license renewals for Pheasant Run Inc. and Wind River Petroleum/Top Stop were then reviewed by the Commissioners. It was noted that the Sheriff had reviewed and approved the applications. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the beer license renewals as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Business license approved for Myshele Sorensen:

The Commission then reviewed a business license for Myshele Sorensen for Nichan E Lah, noting that Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson had reviewed the application and given his approval. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the business license at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Travel Council recommendations and event contract approved:

Special Events Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed the recommendations from the last meeting of the Travel Council for upcoming events. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve support of the events as recommended by the Travel Council, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Mr. Arrington then presented an agreement with the Repertory Dance Theatre and Sevier County in the amount of \$3,000 for an event. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement and authorize Mr. Arrington to execute the document, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Public Comments:

Chairman Ogden then opened the meeting for comments from the public. Dick Cumiskey, representing both the Monroe and the Brooklyn Canal Companies, reviewed with the Commissioners the work that was done last year to clean the Monroe waste ditch, and requested

that the County look at some way to follow up on that project on an annual basis so that it is not so burdensome or such a large project. He indicated that the canal companies would be willing to participate, but someone needs to coordinate the efforts in either spraying or annual maintenance along that waste ditch to help alleviate flooding in that area.

John Hunt appointed project manager for NRCS flooding mitigation project:

EMS Director John Hunt and Sheriff Nathan Curtis reviewed with the Commissioners the project that will be coming up this spring with the money the County had received through the NRCS for flood mitigation along the river. He said they would be working with Bronson Smart of the NRCS in developing the recommended projects from the damage assessments that were done during last year's flooding. Sheriff stated that the Commission needed to appoint a project manager, and recommended appointing Comprehensive Emergency Management Director John Hunt. Discussion followed concerning what decisions and authority that Mr. Hunt would have during the project, that projects would be approved through the Commission and Sheriff, and that any major deviations that would require additional costs would be brought immediately to the Commission and Sheriff for any adjustments in the projects with Mr. Hunt managing the day-to-day operations of the project. After further discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to appoint John Hunt as the project manager for the NRCS project to oversee the daily activities as designed, and that the Sheriff and Commissioners come together within 24 hours to approve any major deviations, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.