

## **COMMISSION MINUTES**

**April 9, 2012**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of April, 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. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther, and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commissioner Gary Mason and County Attorney Dale Eyre joined the meeting later.

### **Commission business:**

Commissioner Ogden said he had met with a representative from the BMX group to request a site plan of the area they are leasing from the County. Malcolm Nash indicated he had given them an autoCAD file with up to date information of the area, and reported that the group will be working with an engineer to design the area.

Commissioner Ogden reported that the Weed Department Supervisor job, currently held by Steven Rowley, is open and applications are being accepted. He said the job will close within the next two weeks, and applications will be considered at that time.

The Commission then discussed a narrow strip of land that the County owns that they have tried to give to one of the neighboring property owners. However, because of some trees that need to be removed, neither wanted the piece. One noted that he didn't want it because he couldn't afford to get rid of the trees. The Commission discussed perhaps hiring someone to cut down the trees and spray the stumps, then trying again to give the parcel to one of the adjacent property owners. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Topham then gave everyone an updated copy of the Mosquito Management Plan. He said he made some changes to the plan that was submitted by Mosquito Abatement Director John Johnson. Discussion followed concerning the courtesy no-spray areas, the distance of no-spray being either 100 or 300 feet, and the ability of the County to ignore the no-spray areas if there is a need such as the discovery of West Nile Virus, etc., noting that the purpose of mosquito spraying is to protect from diseases, and not necessarily just for the comfort of residents.

### **Minutes of March 26<sup>th</sup> approved:**

Minutes of the March 26<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

### **Event Contracts approved:**

Kevin Arrington met with the Commission concerning contracts for two events. The first was an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management allowing the County to utilize trails during the ATV Jamboree, and will encompass 10 years at a fee of \$1,000 per year. Discussion followed concerning the length of the last agreement, and that the County Attorney had reviewed the agreement. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement with the

BLM for use of the trails during the ATV Jamboree, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Mr. Arrington then presented a contract with The All-American Boys Chorus for a concert to be held at the Sevier Valley Center at a fee of \$2,500. Noting that it had been reviewed by the County Attorney, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the contract as requested, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed

**Travel Council recommendations approved:**

Kevin Arrington then reviewed the travel council recommendations from their last meeting, which included: the Kyle Petty Charity ride, Gary's Shoes Tag Team Marathon, Rooster Valley Softball Tournament, a Utah Team Penning event, Central Utah Basketball championships, BMX races, booth rentals for next year's shows, a KJZZ television option, Drive Away Adventures, and the annual Tourism Conference. Discussion followed concerning funding successful events as opposed to helping events get started, and not funding events that are 'in the black', and perhaps changing the application and finding out additional information prior to approval. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the recommendations of the Travel Council as presented, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

**Vendor Application approved for Fair:**

Paula Martin met with the Commission concerning applications for exhibitors and vendors at the fair. She said that the County had been in need of an application for vendors, and she had put them together after attending a Fair Liability Workshop. Ms. Martin said that the applications have been approved by the County Attorney, who suggested that they also be approved by the County Commission. After review of the applications, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the applications as presented, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

**Fair Board members approved:**

Ms. Martin then presented a list of the Fair Board members for the 2012 year. The list included: Paula Martin as Fair Director, Paul Martin as Assistant Fair Director, Yvonne Buchanan as Fairgrounds Manager, Rebecca Mills with the USU Extension, Kim Chapman as Extension and Small Animals, Cheryl Buchanan as Premium Treasurer, Cheyenne Harvey as Living Arts Assistant (a paid volunteer), Lynette Robinson as the Southern Utah Jr. Livestock Show representative, Georgette Harvey representing the Seniors, Shelly Hatch over the Rock Crawl, Chad Anderson for the Rodeo, Kayli Wanlass as the Rodeo Queen Director, Sabring Olcott for the Little Cowboy Rodeo, Vicki Utley for the Extreme Horse Challenge, Debbie Adams as the Vendor Manager (a paid volunteer), and Jodi Gurney as the Miss Teen Sevier Director. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the 2012 County Fair Board as listed, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

**No action taken on request for abatement of rollback taxes:**

Richard Chamberlain, representing Richfield City, met with the Commission concerning a request to abate roll back taxes on property acquired for the airport expansion project. Mr. Chamberlain noted that the sellers generally pay the rollback taxes, but early on during the negotiations for the necessary property, Richfield City decided that they would not ask the sellers

to do this. Discussion followed concerning where the funding for the project is coming from, and that the FAA would not even consider reimbursement or payment of rollback taxes. Mr. Chamberlain said that the airport is as much for the County as it is for the City, and indicated that the amount to be abated is approximately \$13,738.27. He noted that the amount may raise by approximately \$2,000 when the FAA does final analysis because some of the rollback taxes were covered by them during closing procedures when the property was purchased and they may bill the City for those. The Commission took the matter under advisement to discuss the matter with the Assessor prior to making a decision.

**Public Comments:**

Commissioner Ogden then opened the meeting for comments from the public. Mosquito Abatement Director John Johnson asked about the Mosquito Abatement Plan he had submitted, and whether or not the Commission would be taking action or approving the plan. Discussion followed concerning the changes made by Commissioner Topham, and the current use of John's time as spraying will not commence until May. Mr. Johnson said that he is readying the equipment for the mosquito spraying season, and meeting with the town councils.

Commissioner Gary Mason and County Attorney Dale Eyre joined the meeting.

**Two appointed to Salina Redevelopment Agency Board:**

Malcolm Nash then reviewed with the Commission a request from Salina City that the County appoint by resolution two representatives to serve on the taxing entity committee for the Salina City Redevelopment Agency. Discussion followed concerning why the County should have representatives on the Board, that all affected taxing entities would also have a seat, and that the County representatives would be able to participate in decisions made by the Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Nash recommended appointing Commissioner Mason as he is from the North end of the County, and perhaps one other member of the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to adopt Resolution 2012-4-1 appointing Commissioner Gary Mason and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall to serve on the Salina City Redevelopment Agency Board, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Closing Statements for Sevenmile Gooseberry Road approved:**

Cynthia Nielsen, GIS Department, met with the Commission and reviewed some completed deeds for the rights-of-way on the Sevenmile Gooseberry Road. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the transactions as presented, authorizing Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall to sign the deeds and closing statements, and also authorize payment for the rights-of-way, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Personnel changes in EMS and Sheriff's Departments:**

Sheriff Nate Curtis and HR Director Leighann Wheeler met with the Commission with a recommendation to hire Kaycie Carter as a full-time EMT at a starting salary of \$14.97 per hour effective April 9, 2012. Ms. Carter is currently an intermediate EMT on a volunteer status with the County, and has been for quite some time. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the recommendation to hire Kaycie Carter at a starting salary of \$14.97 effective April 9, 2012, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Sheriff Curtis then said that Andy Rasmussen, a full-time EMT, is currently being paid at a rate of \$14.96 per hour, which is less than the new employee. He requested that Mr. Rasmussen's salary be raised to \$15.04 per hour effective April 9, 2012. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the recommendation raising Andy Rasmussen to \$15.04 per hour effective April 9, 2012, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Sheriff Curtis then stated that jailer Skyler Harward had resigned to take employment elsewhere, so they will be replacing him, as well as another officer who is hoping to retire soon.

Commissioner Mason updated the Commission on the recent events with the bond closing for the Special Service District #1, which precipitated moving the bond closing from Tuesday to Thursday.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.