

COMMISSION MINUTES

June 25, 2012

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fifth day of June, 2012. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gordon Topham, Gary Mason, 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 County Attorney Dale Eyre were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported he met with some of the Fire Chiefs last week regarding the boundaries of their coverage areas. He said they wanted to ensure that all areas of the County are covered.

Commissioner Ogden noted that he had met with Quincy Barr, BLM Project Manager, who will be starting work on the Sage Grouse Project, and they will begin to take comments soon. Commissioner Ogden expressed some concern of any affects to the SUFCO Mine.

Commissioner Mason reviewed a request from Geokinetics to do some seismic work on a parcel of County property. Discussion followed on some specific wording in paragraph 2 of the request, with the Commission noting that they would like to have the County Attorney review the request prior to making a decision. Commissioner Topham suggested the Zoning Administrator also review the property to ensure that there are no drain lines or wells.

The Commission then discussed some problems with the sound system at the horse races, and the possibilities of what the problem could be as they had been unable to fix it during the race. Discussion turned to the actual cost to the County to run a horse race, which would include overtime of county employees to water the track, etc.

Commissioner Ogden said that Marty Gleave called regarding the needed removal of the trees on some property the County owns. He reported that the low bidder said that they are unable to do the work because they do not have the proper equipment. Commissioner Topham said he had contacted the SevenTrees Company, the next highest bidder, whose bid was still valid at \$300 above the first company.

Commissioner Topham reviewed information for the Rural County Summit, suggesting the County have someone attend. Commissioner Ogden suggested Malcolm Nash attend, because it is the week of the County Fair and the Commissioners have commitments at the fair.

Minutes of June 11th approved:

Minutes of the June 11th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Ogden then opened the meeting for comments from the public. Councilman Fran Washburn, Monroe, listed the events they have planned for the July 24th celebration, and

encouraged everyone to attend. He said the other situation he is concerned with is the water shortage in the area. He ended by noting that fires can be started by guns and asked if there would be restrictions placed on exploding targets. Discussion followed concerning what had started the fire near Heppler's Pond, and that it was probably started by a gunshot.

Commissioner Topham then said that fire concerns would be addressed later in the meeting.

Elaine Bonavita, Salina, questioned whether or not the no spray zone would be in effect in her area. She said she had requested to be in a no-spray zone by submitting an application to the County, and then during a recent meeting, Salina City revoked the no-spray zone within their city limits. She said she wanted to know whether or not she would be sprayed because she had received conflicting information.

Commissioner Topham answered her question in that although the County received her request for no-spray status, the City will have the right to approve or deny any requests within the city limits. Discussion followed concerning what had been in the Mosquito Abatement Policy when it was approved. Commissioner Mason noted that this procedure will be followed in ALL municipalities, not just Salina. Ms. Bonavita expressed concern that this decision to allow the Cities to change the policy was made without regard to the residents of the Cities. She then left the meeting briefly.

Commissioner Mason reviewed a press release published by Ms. Bonavita and responded to several allegations in the document. He expressed concern that the document was misleading, and obscured the truth. Commissioner Mason then commented that he wants the public to know what is going on.

Engineer designated for Clear Creek River Project:

John Hunt, EMS Director, and Darin Robinson, Jones & DeMille Engineering, met with the Commission concerning the Clear Creek River Project. Mr. Hunt said they needed a formal designation of an engineer for the project. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to designate Jones & DeMille as engineers on the Clear Creek EWP project, second Commissioner Ogden.

Update on Sevier River Project:

Mr. Robinson then reviewed the actions that they have taken on the Sevier River Project including: modifications on extending the time allowed to get rock from the quarry, splitting the projects in three areas (north, south, and central), and adding an item to allow for repair of the roadways due to damage from the project. He said they will open the bids for the rock quarry this week and plan to advertise for bids on the project with a bid opening date at the end of July. Mr. Robinson said they are waiting to hear from the BLM, but hoped that they would be ready for a final decision by the Commission at their next regular meeting on July 9, 2012.

Commissioner Mason suggested they contact Mayor Albrecht regarding their plans to travel through Annabella. Mr. Hunt noted that there would be a public meeting regarding the project on June 26th in the auditorium.

Citizen Concern reviewed:

Brent Coates and Jayden Coates met with the Commission regarding some problems they have had with the Animal Shelter. Mr. Brent Coates reviewed recent events involving a calf that had been brought into the shelter, noting that they were charged \$45 to get it out on the same day it was brought in. They have also had problems with a goat which the shelter wanted to charge them over \$100 to get back. Commissioner Mason said the Commission would discuss the matter with the Sheriff prior to taking any action.

Parcel declared surplus:

The Commissioners then reviewed a request to purchase property the county owns due to a delinquent tax sale. Discussion followed concerning the location of the property, and whether or not we had to follow surplus property policy as it was recently advertised on the tax sale. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to declare parcel 1-53-16 surplus and authorize the Clerk's Office to advertise the property for sale, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Bid for storage shed accepted:

Commissioner Ogden then reviewed bids for a storage shed for the fire equipment purchased through the Title 3 funds. The bid was for \$4,429.62 from D&L Enterprises. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to accept the bid for a storage shed for the fire equipment, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Fire hazard address:

Commissioner Topham then indicated he had participated in an emergency meeting via phone with the Governor regarding the current fire conditions. The governor requested cities and counties find a way to ban fireworks, fires, and indiscriminate shooting on open lands. Commissioner Topham noted that the Fire Marshall has already set those restrictions on public lands. Discussion followed concerning writing a resolution that would set those restrictions, that the State Legislature would not allow any type of restrictions on shooting, encouraging people to use caution when shooting, that if they wrote a resolution it would need to be considered at the next regular meeting, the need for a resolution now and not in two weeks, and the possibility of a news release or a letter in support of the statewide mandates as the State Fire Marshall has already imposed restrictions on all unincorporated areas statewide. Commissioner Mason then read directly from the State website the prohibited acts. County Attorney Dale Eyre recommended the Commission issue a press release supporting the restrictions.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.