

COMMISSION MINUTES

July 9, 2012

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of July, 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. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, County Attorney Dale Eyre, and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden updated the Commission on the things he had been involved in, noting that the horse races were well attended this year on July 4th. He also gave the Commissioners an updated schedule of the Six County meetings.

Commissioner Topham reviewed with the Commissioners some information he had received from the American Land Council, and suggested that the County consider paying dues and joining that Council.

Commissioner Topham then updated the Commission on the tree removal project in Monroe, noting that there had been some gravel they needed to move before they could get in to actually cut the trees.

Commissioner Topham also stated that he had been working with Cynthia Nielsen in getting appointments for the 911 Committee.

Commissioner Mason reported there will be a groundbreaking at the Hospital on July 26th and invited the Commissioners to that, and that there was a meeting tonight in Emery with the cattle grazers in that area, and the Special Service District, BLM, Etc.

Commissioner Mason then discussed the striping in the parking lot, and possibly changing to a diagonal parking instead of the 90 degree parking.

Claims for June approved:

Claims for June were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Minutes of June 25th meeting approved:

Commissioner Mason moved to approve the minutes of the June 25th Commission meeting, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Business license for Ramey Trucking approved:

The Commission reviewed a business license for Ramey Trucking, noting that it had been recommended for approval by Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the business license for Ramey Trucking at a fee of \$100 per year, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Ogden then opened the meeting for comments from the public. Ashley Erdei, Salina, thanked the Commissioners for all the work that they have been doing, especially with the Mosquito Abatement Program. She said she knows they don't get a lot of compliments, and expressed her appreciate for the work that they do in running the County.

Personnel changes approved in Sheriff Department and Jail:

Sheriff Nate Curtis discussed with the Commissioners officers he has that either have retired or plan to retire soon, leaving him with open positions. He is recommending a promotion to Matt O'Brien to a Patrol Sergeant at \$18.68 per hour, to Rusty Edwards as a Detective with an increase in pay to \$18.68 per hour, a transfer move for Stacy Mickelsen to Detective with the same pay he is currently at, and a new hire of Justin Gleave in the Jail to fill the empty position there at a starting salary of \$14.50 per hour beginning the first part of September. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the new hire Justin Gleave and the transfers and promotions as recommended by the Sheriff, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Commission signs letter thanking Governor:

Malcolm Nash then reviewed with the Commission a letter to Governor Herbert thanking the Governor for the help from State Agencies in locating a new business in Sevier County. After review, the Commissioners signed the letter to be sent to the Governor.

Canvass of 2012 Primary Election approved:

Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther reviewed with the Commissioners the results of the 2012 Primary Election. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the Canvass of the 2012 Primary Election as presented, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous. The Commission then thanked the Clerk/Auditor's office for the work done on the election.

Tax appeal decisions upheld, refunds approved:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan reported to the Commissioners that there had been a settlement on tax appeal 11-1518 for Staker Parsons for 2011 resulting in a refund from Sevier County of \$223.72. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the refund to Staker Parsons as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Treasurer Buchanan then reviewed appeals 10-1707 and 11-1543 from SUFCO that had been settled with the Tax Commission for a refund of \$61,825.20 and \$47,463.26 respectively. The Commission discussed the appeals through the Tax Commission on the State Assessed properties, what input the County has with those appeals, and the possibility of doing a judgement levy to recoup the money for the refund. No decision on the judgement levy was made at this time. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the refund on the SUFCO appeals in the amount of \$109,288.46 under protest, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

County allows seismograph work:

Robert Denney, Geokinetics, reviewed with the Commission seismograph work they would like to do which would cross over a portion of the landfill and another County owned property north of Sigurd near the freeway. After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement with Geokinetics allowing the seismograph work to be done, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Rock Quarry Bid for EWP River Project awarded:

John Hunt reviewed with the Commissioners the bids that had been received for the hauling of rock, etc. out of the quarry, and the rip-rapping proportion of the 2012 EWP project. Bids were received with the low bid from Progressing Contracting in the amount of \$1,124,000, with the second low bid at \$1,225,165 from Goram, and the third low bid was from Sunroc Corp for \$1,248,245. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to award the bid for the rock quarry portion of the project to Progressive Contracting at \$1,124,000, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.