

## COMMISSION MINUTES

**July 23, 2012**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third 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. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther was also present. County Attorney Dale Eyre joined the meeting later.

Malcolm Nash was excused.

### **Commission business:**

Commissioner Ogden reviewed some items of interest including information from a conference he had attended in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania with Commissioner Topham, an upcoming radio program where Lance Harrison will be sharing his experience with West Nile Virus, and the gratitude of Billy White who the Commission had nominated for the American Cowboy program in Ogden, Utah.

Commissioner Topham reviewed some upcoming events the Commission had been invited to attend including the ground breaking ceremony for the new outpatient facility at the Sevier Valley Hospital, and the 24<sup>th</sup> of July parade in Monroe City. He noted that the Rural Governments Conference is scheduled during the fair, and suggested sending Malcolm Nash to that conference.

Commissioner Mason said that Jody Gale, USU Extension, had spoken to him about the predator control program, and suggested the Commission visit with Kim Chapman who serves on the Utah Woolgrowers Association Board and who would be more familiar with the new predator control program to explain the new program.

Commissioner Ogden said Chad Boothe, County Seat, did come to Sevier County while the Commissioners were gone to film a program about the Weed and Mosquito Departments.

Commissioner Topham reported that Richfield City is trying to organize a meeting with all events personnel throughout the County to try to coordinate all of the events so that City and County events do not overlap. Discussion followed concerning who would be involved in the group for the coordination meeting.

Commissioner Topham then said that the trees have been removed from the county property in Monroe. Discussion followed concerning the need to treat the stumps so they won't get 'suckers', that 6 of the 8 trees were still alive, and that the contract included not only cutting down the trees but also hauling off the wood.

### **Minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> approved:**

Minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

Commissioner Ogden then opened the meeting for comments from the public. Sheriff Curtis said he had some polygraph equipment he would like to sell as surplus because after Officer Kelvin Williams retired they would not have anyone certified to use the equipment. The Commission asked that he get them the information and place the matter on the next agenda.

Elaine Bonavita, Salina, said she had come in while they were talking about some kind of program on the Weed and Mosquito departments, and asked about the program. Commissioner Topham gave her the information on the County Seat program including the time and date so she could watch.

Sheriff Curtis then took some time to report on recent events in his department and some of the things they are working on including a suicide, a plane crash, citations for burning without a permit, and apprehending a smash and grab team at Walmart. The Commission thanked him for the update.

**Surplus bids opened:**

The Commission then opened the bids for surplus property, parcel 1-53-16. There were two bids: One from Josh Ogden for \$3,700, and the other from Paul Paxton for \$4,161. Discussion followed concerning what the cost of the taxes were on the parcel, that the advertisement allowed them to reject any or all bids, where the parcel was, what the County needed to cover the taxes and expenses, etc. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to accept the bids and take the matter under advisement until the next Commission meeting, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Glen Anna Fire Cost/Share Agreement approved:**

Commissioner Ogden then reviewed a cost/share agreement on the Glen Anna Fire, noting that he had already signed the agreement because of the current Memorandum Of Understanding the County is under with the State, and requested ratification of the contract. Commissioner Ogden noted that the County would be responsible for approximately \$10,000 of the cost of the fire, which would come out of the State Fire Suppression Budget. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the cost/share agreement on the Glen Anna fire with funding to come out of the Fire Suppression Account, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Bio West Inc. Contract approved for Railroad Project:**

The Commission then reviewed a contract with Bio West Inc. for the Central Utah Railroad Project. Commissioner Mason gave some background on the railroad project noting that the Army Corps of Engineers recognize more than one preferred route, and they have asked for a second preferred route. He then reviewed the difference in 'preferred routes'. Discussion followed concerning the total amount of the contract, and whether or not we would be paying them by 'task' or in full. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the contract with Bio West Inc. for a total of \$26,641.26, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Commission to join the American Lands Council for one year:**

The Commission then discussed the benefits of joining the American Lands Council noting the dues would be \$5,000 per year. Commissioner Topham said he had visited with a representative of the organization recently to discuss the goals of the Council. He said they are not trying to take control of any public lands because the public uses those lands for hunting and fishing, but they do not want those lands to fall into the hands of any individual who may curtail those activities. Discussion followed concerning the fees, the benefits of joining the Council, and the possibility of joining for one year to consider the benefits more closely. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve joining the American Lands Council for one year at an annual fee of \$5,000, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Pay increase approved for Director of Children's Justice Center:**

County Attorney Dale Eyre and Caron Withers, Director of the Children's Justice Center, met with the Commission concerning the most recent grant approved for the Children's Justice Center. County Attorney Eyre said that under the new grant for this year the State has allocated enough money and requested that we increase the pay of Ms. Withers from \$19 per hour to \$20 per hour. Discussion followed concerning the timing of the pay increase, and that the State is on a fiscal year instead of a calendar year. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the recommendation of the State and increase Caron Withers' salary to \$20 per hour as the funding for that was included in the grant, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

The Commissioners then discussed with County Attorney Eyre some questions they had regarding the surplus property reviewed earlier in the meeting including the effect of any liens on the parcel and the sale of that parcel. County Attorney Eyre said that the County sells the parcel 'as is' noting that this is a 'buyer beware' type of transaction, and the County will issue a quit claim deed for the parcel to the winning bidder.

**Thunder Mountain Land & Livestock business license approved:**

A business license for Sandy Caruso for Thunder Mountain Land & Livestock was reviewed. Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson noted that it is an agricultural business in an agricultural zone and meets the County guidelines. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve a business license for Thunder Mountain Land & Livestock at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Event Contracts approved:**

Paula Martin met with the Commission regarding a contract with Taste of Home Productions for a show on September 27<sup>th</sup> at a total cost of \$2700, noting that we have already made a \$600 deposit to save the date. The Commission noted that the contract had not been approved by the County Attorney. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the contract with Taste of Home Productions at a total cost of \$2,700 pending review of the contract by the County Attorney, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Ms. Martin then reviewed a contract with Party Central at a cost of \$2,440 for inflatables at the County Fair. Discussion followed concerning the increase in cost from last year because the vendor is now stationed in Arizona and would require additional money for travel. After

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discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the contract for Party Central at a cost of \$2,440, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Travel Council recommendations approved:**

Kevin Arrington met with the Commission to review the recommendations of the Travel Council which included an annual payment for a billboard in the Joseph area, attendance at the Go West Bus Tour Summit, a Point Map program, and advertisement on Utah.com. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the recommendations of the Travel Council as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.