

COMMISSION MINUTES
September 10, 2012

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this tenth day of September, 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 Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported that the Fire Restrictions that had been in place from the BLM, State, and the County had been lifted with the cooler and wet weather.

Commissioner Ogden then updated the Commissioners on the river project, including the work that is being done along the river, and the work that will be taking place inside the river when the permit is approved.

Malcolm Nash then discussed with the Commissioners some property in Monroe that had been approved to be transferred to Monroe City. He said he would follow up on getting that parcel transferred as needed.

Mr. Nash then reported that he had several local merchants who had discussed with him problems they are having with State agencies, and requirements by the State to follow certain purchasing policies and not being able to purchase things locally as they are only allowed to buy from authorized dealers, which weighs their projects down as they are waiting for supplies or repairs to their equipment, and they are waiting for people from out of the area to bring those things or get those supplies. They would like to meet with the Commission and discuss the situation at another time.

Mr. Nash then reported that Mark Stewart, the new Mosquito Abatement Director, would like to meet with the Commissioners and discuss the future of the Mosquito Abatement Program, etc. and get better acquainted with them.

County Attorney Dale Eyre discussed with the Commissioners the possibility of allowing for community service through the Mental Health Court. He discussed the responsibilities that the Court would have, and the responsibilities the County would have, as well as the liability as those individuals would fall under our volunteer policy. They discussed not making work for supervisors to oversee the programs, but there may be areas they could be used with limited supervision such as the Fairgrounds, Landfill, etc. No further action at this time.

Minutes of August 27th approved:

Minutes of the August 27th Commission Meeting were then reviewed and approved as corrected on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Public Comments:

Commissioner Ogden then opened the meeting for comments from the public. There were no comments.

Surplus property bid accepted:

The Commissioners then opened bids for the surplus property, the Lafayette Instrument Polygraph Unit. One bid was received from Kelvin Williams for \$850. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to accept the bid, and authorize sale of the unit to Mr. Williams for \$850, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Personnel changes ratified:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners new hires in the last couple of weeks, and requested ratification for the hire of Susan Richmond on August 15, 2012, at \$9.00 per hour for 21 to 35 hours per week as a custodian in the Administration Building replacing John Pfau. She also reported that Mosquito Abatement Director John Johnson was retiring, and his last day was October 10, 2012, and that Mark Stewart who is currently working in the Mosquito Department has been hired as the new Director for the program effective August 26, 2012, and would be working with Mr. Johnson and training until his retirement with full responsibility transferring to Mr. Stewart as of September 23, 2012, and that he would be authorized up to 1,040 hours per year. Ms. Wheeler then reported that Branton Nielson had been hired August 26, 2012, as a mosquito sprayer to fill in the void with Mr. Stewart moving up to be the Director at a wage of \$11.00 per hour to meet the new pay schedule. Ms. Wheeler then recommended a raise to Rodney Christensen, who has been a mosquito sprayer for several years and should be raised up to meet the new pay schedule, to a wage of \$12 per hour. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to ratify the hires and salary adjustment as recommended and note the retirement of John Johnson on October 10, 2012, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

New personnel policies approved:

LeighAnn Wheeler then reviewed with the Commission sections 1 through 8 of the new Personnel Policies under the merit system that the Personnel Committee has been working on. Ms. Wheeler said this is the final draft of the first 8 policies. After discussion, the Commissioners noted that it had been a good process working through that with the Committee and the Department Heads, and felt that they were good policies with more to come as the Committee reviews and re-writes our policies for the merit system. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the final draft of the policies and approve them effective September 10, 2012, as recommended and asked that they be distributed to all of the Department Heads and elected officials, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Indigent Burial approved:

County Attorney Dale Eyre then reviewed with the Commission a request for an indigent burial for Christian James Ramsay, indicating that Mr. Ramsay was indigent and recommended its approval. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the request to Magleby Mortuary for \$1,100, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Temporary Judge appointed:

Justice Court Judge Kent Nielsen then met with the Commissioners requesting authorization to add Justice Court Judge Tom Robertson from Piute County to his list for temporary judges to help him when he is unable to be here for court, or when there is a conflict. He currently has one other judge listed from Salina, but this would give him another judge to use as needed. Mr. Nielsen has also been appointed as a temporary judge in Piute County to help Mr. Robertson out. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to appoint Tom Robertson as a temporary judge for the remainder of his term in office, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Secure Rural School funds allocations approved:

The Commissioners then discussed the Secure Rural School Funds appropriations that will be coming to the County again soon, noting that over the last three or four years they have received approximately \$312,000 and spent \$198,000 on Title 3 monies. They are expecting an additional approximate \$90,000 of new monies from Title 3 this year. The funds are split 50% to the school and 50% to the County. The County's portion is split out with 85% of the County's portion (Title 1) going to Special Service District #1 for roads, and Title 2 of 8% to the Forest Service to be used in trails and forest management, and the remaining 7% (Title 3) to the County that can be used for fire wise prevention, fire wise education, fire suppression, search and rescue, and the plans such as the Community Wildlife Protection Plan that we have been involved in this year in creating a fire protection plan for structures in the forest. After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve following the same formula in the County portion with 85% Title 1 going to Special Service District #1, 8% Title 2 to the Forest Service, and 7% Title 3 to the County for use as discussed, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Claims approved:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the claims for the month of August, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding for Utah Cooperative Marketing Program approved:

Special Events Coordinator Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commissioners a Memorandum of Understanding with the Utah Office of Tourism for the Utah Cooperative Marketing Program in the amount of \$10,500 of which the Counties will match with \$10,500. The County match will be split between Sevier County, San Juan County, and Emery County in the amount of \$3,500 each with Mr. Arrington administering the program in Sevier County. The funds would be used for advertising and attracting out of state tourists to the County. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as recommended and authorize Kevin Arrington to sign the document, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Qwest Communications agreement approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed an agreement between Sevier County and Qwest Communications for the telephone lines being used by the County at the various facilities, noting that the agreement would reduce our bill substantially and get us on the government rates which we are currently not on. It would be an approximate 40% savings for the telephone lines we are

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currently using. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement between Sevier County and Qwest, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

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