

COMMISSION MINUTES

October 8, 2012

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eighth day of October, 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 and County Attorney Dale Eyre were also present.

Malcolm Nash was excused.

Minutes of September 24th approved:

Minutes of the September 24th 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. There were no comments.

Updated from Health Department:

Bruce Costa, Public Health Director, met with the Commissioners to update them on the activities and programs that the Public Health Department is involved in. He also discussed information on some upcoming legislation to move control of all of the public health departments to the State Health Department, and they would no longer be operated locally. Mr. Costa expressed concern as he does not feel that the rural areas would continue to receive the monies and programs that they currently have if it was all operated by the State. He then reported that they have a new Environmental Engineer, as his predecessor retired. He then discussed the procedure of taking contaminated soil and material at the landfill, indicating it is not the local public health department that has direct control over that, it is the Department of Environmental Quality. He said they are willing to work with DEQ to help in determining what can be accepted at the landfill. Mr. Costa also discussed the probability of Pertussis or Whooping Cough coming to the area, and the procedures they would have to take in handling those issues at the schools, homes, etc. The Commission thanked him for the information.

County to help South Sevier with kiosk:

Allison Leavitt, Michelle Mills, and five students discussed with the Commissioners funding for a kiosk in Monroe for the South Sevier High School and community. Ms. Leavitt indicated that the high school would donate approximately \$7,500, that the City would install the posts and provide the electricity for the kiosk that would be located on Main Street near the park and public library. She said that for the sign, computer, installation, etc., the cost would be approximately \$16,500. Discussion followed that the County had previously helped the Richfield and North Sevier areas in establishing a kiosk, and that they were willing to help in the South Sevier area. Nathan Shaver, student, expressed his desire to have the kiosk, and the type of information that it would display. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to authorize up to \$10,000 for the kiosk project, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Amendment to Predator Control contract approved:

The Commission then discussed the Predator Control program with the State that we have been involved in for the last several years, and the amendment to the contract for the upcoming year. Discussion followed concerning the desire of the State to have the monies distributed to the Wool Growers Association, and in using helicopters in this area to harvest the coyotes, and to change what was required to obtain the bounty as there would be more required but there would also be additional monies if they worked through this program. Additional discussion followed with concerns of the Commission of the number of animals being harvested, and wanting to help our local hunters as much as possible, the possibility of continuing the program with the State as well as adding some additional money to continue our local program for County residents as well. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve Amendment #10 on Contract 022751 with the State of Utah for Predator Control which would commit a match of \$2,000 from the County to match the \$2,000 from the State, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

No action taken on AGRC contract:

Commissioner Topham then moved to strike the review of the AGRC contract from the agenda as the Commission was not ready to discuss that at this time, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Board of Equalization convened:

Commissioner Mason then moved to amend the agenda and convene the Board of Equalization prior to discussing the Oxygen contract with Sheriff Curtis, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark reviewed some additional appeals that had been received after the Hearing Office had left, but before the deadline. She indicated she had called and discussed the issues with the Hearing Officer, and recommended the adjustments as listed on her recommendation. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the changes as recommended by the Assessor and Hearing Officer, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous. The regular meeting then resumed.

County changes oxygen provider:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis then discussed with the Commissioners the need for oxygen in the EMS Department noting that the contract was on the agenda, but it was not a contract that needed to be approved, it was just setting up an account with a new vendor after he had looked at it in more detail. Sheriff Curtis explained that ReMed had been sold to another company, and they were not willing to supply the ambulances with oxygen. He said they are now working with Praxair who supplies the hospital with oxygen, and who is the only other vendor in the area that supplies the high grade oxygen that the ambulances need. No action was taken at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.