

COMMISSION MINUTES
February 25, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fifth day of February, 2013. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Mason, Gordon Topham 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:

Malcolm Nash discussed possible upgrades to the Fairgrounds of lighting around the grandstand areas, and said he would be contacting electrical companies to get some bids.

Minutes of February 11th Commission meeting approved:

After discussion Commissioner Topham moved to approve the minutes of the February 11th Commission Meeting as corrected, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Roll-back adjustment approved for parcel 1-3-3:

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed a rollback notice to Max White concerning a property he had purchased, parcel 1-3-3. Our records show that it is 5.38 acres, but when he had it surveyed it is actually 3.76 acres. Assessor Clark had recalculated the roll-back taxes on 3.76 acres versus the 5.38 acres reducing the roll-back fee from \$2,954 to \$2,024.34 and recommended the adjustment on the roll-back taxes. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the reduction in roll-back taxes as recommended by the Assessor, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Deputy Assessor hire approved:

Assessor Garren-Clark then reported they had been through the interview process in looking for a new appraiser to fill the vacancy in her office. She recommended hiring Laurie Magleby as she is a certified residential appraiser and does have several years of experience at a starting wage of \$18.45 per hour (Grade 14, Step 5) because of her certification and experience. Ms. Garren-Clark said she would work with her to get her certified in commercial. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the new hire as recommended starting March 11, 2013, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Commission receive Paiute Trail Hall of Fame award:

Special Events Coordinator Kevin Arrington then presented the Commissioners with a Paiute Trail Hall of Fame plaque from the Paiute ATV Trail Committee. The Commissioners discussed possible locations to display the plaque. The Commission asked Mr. Arrington to thank the committee for all the work that they do. No further action was taken at this time.

Public Comments:

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

County Seat agreement approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed the sponsorship agreement between the County Seat Program and Sevier County, noting they had discussed this during budgeting and had agreed to one-quarter of a full sponsorship at a fee of \$10,800. It was noted that the Commission had already agreed to get into the program. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to ratify the County Seat agreement at a fee of \$10,800 for the year 2013, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Cooperative Agreement with USU Extension approved:

Jody Gail, USU Extension, reviewed with the Commissioners the Cooperative Agreement between Utah State University and Sevier County, which is the standard agreement similar to the last several years for the amount of our budget. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement between USU Extension and the County, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Event contracts approved:

Paula Martin then reviewed with the Commissioners the contracts between 'The Long Run – Colorado's Tribute to the Eagles' for a concert during the Eyes to the Sky Balloon Festival in the amount of \$3,000, and a contract with Charlie Jenkins for a concert during the Fair in the amount of \$2,500. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the contracts as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Mike Willits named as new EMS Director:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis then reviewed with the Commissioners the process they had gone through to replace the EMS Director. Sheriff Curtis said they had a couple of very qualified candidates, had done testing, discussion, and interviews, and recommended moving Mike Willits to the Director position at a rate of \$21.81 per hour (Grade 17, Step 5) based on his experience. Sheriff Curtis also noted that Mr. Willits, because of his position as the EMS Director, was notified that his wife would not be able to run on the ambulance at this time which he had agreed to. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve hiring Mike Willits as the new EMS Director effective February 25, 2013, at a salary rate of \$21.81, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Sheriff Curtis then discussed with the Commissioners updating the job description for the Comprehensive Emergency Management Director. He said he would continue to work on that with LeighAnn Wheeler, Human Resources.

Change request approved, river projects reviewed:

Darin Robinson of Jones & DeMille Engineering reviewed with the Commissioners the progress of the EWP project, noting that the rock quarry work had been completed, and they had some materials still left there that needed to be removed within the next year, but actual work had been completed and we should be able to release the bond. Mr. Robinson said there were a few minor things still needed on the river project, which he felt could be completed by the middle of March. Mr. Robinson then reviewed the Clear Creek Project which has just started, noting that the material needed for that has been stockpiled and is waiting for that project to move forward. He

said that the EWP project had come in under budget because of the good bids that had been received, and that they had been able to do some additional work above the contract price, and could still do a little bit more. He said that because of this work the funds that had been allocated to Jones & DeMille had been exceeded, and he requested the Commission to approve an amendment to the assignment order which would increase the payment for engineering services by an additional \$27,000. Mr. Robinson said he felt that the additional work could all be done under that amount to complete the projects. After further discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the amendment order contingent upon a final review by the Commissioners within the next couple of days, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.