

COMMISSION MINUTES

June 10, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this tenth day of June, 2013. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Mason, Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, and Gordon Topham in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall, and Malcolm Nash were also present.

Minutes of May 28th Commission Meeting approved:

After review, Commissioner Topham moved to approve minutes of the May 28th Commission Meeting, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Claims approved:

Commissioner Ogden then moved to approve the claims as presented, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Investment agreement with Zions and Contango Capital Advisors approved:

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall and Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan then discussed with the Commissioners working with Zions Wealth Management and Contango Capital Advisors, Inc. in moving some of the money we have in the PTIF fund into more aggressive investments to earn more interest. The PTIF fund has been around approximately one half of one percent, and is not earning very much. Treasurer Buchanan is planning to move approximately \$5 million into this new investment. Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall reported that UCIP has been using Zion's Wealth Management and using Contango Capital Advisors, Inc. to help increase some returns on money that they have in reserve and it has been working well. He reported that they follow the Money Management Act as we are required to do by statute, but are getting a better return. Treasurer Buchanan reported that County Attorney Dale Eyre is reviewing all of the contracts, and has not completed his review. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to authorize and ratify agreements with Contango Capital Advisors Inc. to be effective upon review and approval by County Attorney Dale Eyre, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Richfield City to hose race on County Bike Trail:

Paul Foster, Richfield City Recreation Director, discussed with the Commissioners using the Marysvale Canyon Bike Path for a race in September, as they did two years ago. The race would take place on September 15th. He thanked the Commissioners for their support at that time, and noted that last year they did not have enough participants to have the race, so it was cancelled. He said this year they are looking at allowing teams of 2 to 4 people to run the race so that participants would not have to run the full length if they want to break it up between team members, feeling that would bring more people to the area to run the race. Mr. Foster said they are not asking for exclusive use of the trail that day, but asking if the trail could be used and shared with those that are there for pleasure and using the trail. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to authorize the use of the trail by Richfield City on September 15th for their running event, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Most Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations of the Travel Council. He reviewed each one of them and noted that the Travel Council is recommending not to approve recommendation number 5 at this time as they would like to review and discuss that request further. He indicated the Trail Committee is still discussing putting a map together, and the Travel Council would like to hold any expenditures on that at this time. After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve all expenditures as recommended with the exception of number 5 and to hold off on any action on that one, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Funding requested for Youth Corrections Facility:

Glen Ames, Director of the Youth Corrections Facility, reviewed with the Commissioners legislation that had been passed at the last session concerning receiving centers at the detention locations. He indicated that the State had extended funding for another year, but was asking that the Directors go out to the Counties and the communities within their service areas indicating that they will need additional help and funding for future years. Mr. Ames said his purpose in meeting with the Commissioners is to make them aware of that, and to discuss the possibility of receiving help with funding for the receiving centers if they can. He stated that because of funding cuts, they no longer operate on a 24 hour basis, only from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. He then discussed with them the history of the changes in the youth detention programs, and the establishment of other receiving centers at those locations, and the funding and purpose of the receiving center to provide a place for youth that did not need to be in detention, but did need a place for observation and shelter on a short-term basis. After discussion, the Commissioners said they would take the matter under consideration, and would also appreciate any further information that Mr. Ames could give them in helping make that decision.

Access request taken under advisement:

Jerry Winkel and Jack Winkel discussed with the Commission the possibility of access across County property to a parcel of property they own that is landlocked. The property is just south of the Road Department along Highway 118. Currently they have been accessing the property along the old railroad right-of-way, which is now owned by Sevier County. They are looking for either a permanent easement or to purchase a right-of-way. The Commission discussed the possibility of a bike trail going along there, or other activities, and therefore at this time they did not want to offer any property for sale, but would take the matter under advisement to discuss with the County Attorney, as well as look at future plans the County may have to see if an easement or sale of the property would be the best. No further action was taken at this time.

Funding approved for American Lands Council:

Commissioner Topham reported he had received a request from American Lands Council for dues for this year, noting that it was funded last year in the amount of \$5,000. He said the American Lands Council has been very helpful with issues concerning public lands. The Commission agreed that it has been a good organization, and would like to see a continued support of that at this time. Commissioner Topham then moved to approve payment of the funding request and to continue to be a member of the American Lands Council for 2013, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Lease approved for use of County broadcast facilities:

The Commission then reviewed with Johnny Parsons a lease between Sevier County and KTTA-LD of Monroe which would provide them the opportunity of placing equipment in the County Facility on Cove Mountain to broadcast local programming sports, meetings, etc. and giving the County 10 hours of air time each week to provide information that the County would like to broadcast. The lease would cover the southern end of the County with the possibility of expanding to the northern and eastern parts in the future on Carter's Peak and Fishlake. Mr. Parsons said that they are also doing this in other counties surrounding us. After further discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the lease, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

New hires approved for Landfill and Maintenance Departments:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler discussed with the Commissioners that due to the retirement of the three personnel at the landfill, they had been advertising and needed to fill those positions. Because there had been three, they had hired an individual that was able to come to work immediately, Bryan Snyder, effective May 31, 2013 at a rate of \$14.44 per hour. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to ratify the hiring of Mr. Snyder, second Commissioner Snyder, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reported that the other candidates she is recommending for hire are Jared Gleave and Cody Edwards. Mr. Gleave would be effective June 16, and Mr. Edwards on June 14, both at \$14.44 per hour. All three of these individuals at the landfill would be full-time and have a six-month probation period. Ms. Wheeler then reported that a part-time custodian at the Administration Building had quit. They had gone through the hiring process and recommended hiring Jordon Roberts on a part-time basis at \$9.79 per hour effective June 17, noting that he would be an at-will person because he is not full-time. However, he will have enough hours that he will be eligible for vacation and retirement, but no other benefits. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the three new hires as recommended, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Event contracts approved:

Events Coordinator/Commission Assistant Paula Martin then reviewed with the Commissioners, contracts with Circle J Rodeo Inc. for the rodeo during the County Fair for two days at a fee of \$8,600. Ms. Martin indicated that we had used this company before and they have done a great job in working with the County. She also reviewed an agreement with Taste of Home Productions, Inc. at a fee of \$1,500 plus \$600 for booking fees, for a total of \$2,100, to provide their activity at the Fair also. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the two contracts as recommended, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Secondary fire agreements approved with Aurora, Elsinore, Sigurd, Koosharem:

Commissioner Ogden then reported he had been working with the smaller fire departments in the County, including Aurora, Elsinore, Sigurd, and Koosharem, in drafting agreements authorizing them to provide assistance to the larger agencies in the designated areas, and allowing dispatch to call them out in certain situations. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the

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secondary fire protection agreements with Aurora, Elsinore, Sigurd, and Koosharem as stated in the contracts, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.