

COMMISSION MINUTES

June 24, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fourth 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, County Attorney Dale Eyre, and Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported that the Balloon Festival had gone well, and seemed to be a great success. He then updated the Commissioners on the Clear Creek Project indicating they had received bids, and those had been reviewed late Friday by Jones & DeMille Engineering noting that they would soon be ready for awarding the bid and getting the work started.

Commissioner Topham reported on the UAC Commissioner's Summer Conference and the items that they had discussed there concerning Counties including Justice Courts, elected officials compensation, elections by mail, prison relocations, court security, central assessed values, and the possibility of an increase of gas tax for local entities.

Commissioner Mason then discussed with the Commissioners concerns that had been brought to him concerning the range laws of Sevier County, noting that in the Aurora area there have been some cattle that the owner has not taken care of that has literally destroyed gardens and yards of area residents. He asked that the matter be addressed at the end of the meeting to continue with the agenda as outlined.

Amendment to Court Security Agreement approved:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis then discussed with the Commissioners an amendment to the Court Security Contract for \$79,274 for the next fiscal year from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the court security agreement, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Resolution 2013-6-1 adopted amending Landfill policies:

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2013-6-1 amending the policies and procedures for the Sevier County Landfill. That included some changes to some of the fees. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to adopt Resolution 2013-6-1 including the changes to the fee schedule, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Minutes of the June 10th Commission meeting approved:

Commissioner Topham then moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2013 Commission meeting, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Most Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commission the recommendations from the Travel Council. Discussion followed concerning each of the items with some extended discussion on item #5 concerning the At Your Leisure television show and a

possible KJAZZ show, and which one would be more effective. After further discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, with the exception of 5 until they can study it a little further, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

No decision made on Wolverine Gas & Oil agreement:

County Attorney Dale Eyre then reported that he was still working on the agreement with Wolverine Gas & Oil and asked that it be extended to the next meeting. No further action was taken at this time.

Additional Sevier County Policies amended:

Human Resources LeighAnn Wheeler reviewed changes to the Sevier County Policies and Procedures. She began with Section XI: Reimbursement for Expenses. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to adopt Section XI of the Sevier County Policies as changed, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners Section XVII: Use of County Administration Building. After review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to adopt Section XVII of the Sevier County Policies, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed Section XVI: Computer Use and Social Media. The Commissioners had a couple of changes they recommended. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to adopt Section XI with the changes requested, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed Section XV: Drug and Alcohol Policy, and Section XIX: Tobacco Regulations. After discussion, the Commissioners took no action on these sections.

Easement granted across County property 4-297-67:

The Commissioners then discussed the easement requested at the last meeting by Jack Winkel and Jerry Winkel. They discussed the possibility of using that property for a bike path or access to County Property. They did not have the desire to sell the property, but would grant an easement as it has been used for access to the Winkel property. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve an easement to the Winkel property across the County property noting that any future use by the County would take priority over the easement, but they could have the easement to access their property, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous. The Commission asked the County Attorney Dale Eyre to follow through on the easement and legal description to be recorded.

Tax rates adopted:

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then reviewed with the Commissioners the certified tax rates and the proposed tax rates to generate the funding for the Sevier County budget this year. He recommended adopting a proposed rate that would equal the certified rates, therefore garnering all the tax funding available, but not having to go through truth in taxation. It was noted that the certified rate for the County would be equal to 0.002663, with the certified rate for the local assessing and collecting at 0.000314, and state assessing and collecting at 0.000158 for a total of 0.003135. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to adopt the final tax rates and budgets

as recommended setting the tax rate at the certified rate, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Public Comments:

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

The Commissioners then reviewed with County Attorney Dale Eyre the State Law and County Law concerning open range/closed range, noting that in Sevier County it is the responsibility of the livestock owner to maintain control of his livestock and not let them run free as we are not an open range county. No further discussion.

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