

**COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2013**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twelfth day of August, 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.

**Horse Breeders Association gives information and donation:**

Duane Utley, Diane Jensen, and Debra Nielsen of the Sevier County Horse Breeders Association met with the Commissioners to thank them for the support the County has given the Horse Breeders Association in building the stalls and helping with the track for the races on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They presented the Commission with a check for \$2,000 as a donation towards the water truck that was purchased to maintain the track. Diane Jensen, photographer for the group, then presented a photo collage to the Commissioners with a history of horseracing in Sevier County, which originally started by being sponsored by the Fair Board, then the Thoroughbred and Quarterhorse Associations took the matter over, prior to the Horse Breeders Association. Debra Nielsen, Secretary, then submitted a letter of appreciation to the Commissioners for their support as well as outlining some of the economic impact for the area that has been brought in by the horse racing. The Commission thanked them for the information and for the things they have done to keep the races going.

**Commission business:**

Commissioner Topham referred to a letter he had received from a national group expressing their concerns about accidents on rural roads involving utility poles, and trying to get utility poles moved away from rural roads. Commissioner Mason reported he has received these types of letters several times also. No action was taken.

Commissioner Topham then reported that the Tour of Utah went very well, and noted that some of the organizers for the Tour had told him that they really appreciate the attitude and willingness of the volunteers in this area that helped with the Tour.

Commissioner Ogden updated the Commissioners on progress on the Clear Creek Project. He also stated that he and several others had gone and looked at the flood damage in the Cedar Ridge area during the recent rainstorms, and are looking at applying for additional EWP money to do some work in that area.

Commissioner Ogden reported that the Fair had been very successful and he had received several comments from people involved and those attending that really appreciated the fair and felt that it was a really good fair this year.

Commissioner Topham then reported he had received a letter from John Hurst of the Governor's Office for the work that Cynthia Nielsen has been doing on the RS2477 roads. He stated they are looking at banding together throughout the State, and requesting some funding through CIB

to purchase some of the right-of-ways for some of the roadwork, but that would be a project coming up in the future.

Commissioner Mason reported that Salina City Mayor Conrad Miller had contacted him concerning a project they are looking at in tearing down the old Legion Hall in Salina, and asking for some help from the County by abating some or all of the landfill fees associated with that clean-up work. Some concerns were expressed with the asbestos that may be in the facility, and it was noted that the Mayor had said the asbestos would be handled and removed separately prior to the demolition.

**Minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting approved:**

Minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Claims approved:**

Claims were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Department of Agriculture Invasive Species Mitigation Grant approved:**

The Commissioners reviewed the Contract with the State of Utah Department of Agriculture for the funding of Invasive Species Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$15,000 to be used by our Weed Department to do some additional work. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the grant as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Travel Council Recommendations approved:**

Kevin Arrington, Tourism/Events Director, then reviewed the information from the last Travel Council meeting. After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Modified Tour of Utah Agreement ratified:**

The Commissioners then reviewed a modified Tour of Utah Host Participation Agreement. It was noted that it had been approved in a prior meeting, but some of the changes that had been recommended by the County Attorney were not accepted by the Tour of Utah, and those items had been re-negotiated through the County Attorney and some minor changes made to the agreement from what had been originally approved. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to ratify the new agreement, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Contract with Utah Department of Corrections approved:**

Captain Tom Jensen reviewed the jail contract between the Utah Department of Corrections and Sevier County effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016, which the County may receive up to \$1,200,000 annually depending on the number of state inmates housed in our jail. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the agreement as recommended, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Cooperative agreement for E911 services approved:**

Captain Jensen then reviewed with the Commissioners the Cooperative Agreement between Sevier County, Piute County, Wayne County, Richfield City, Salina City, and the Utah Department of Public Safety for E911 services in this area. He noted there have been some increased costs, but it is basically the same contract as before with an increase of approximately \$27,000 for Sevier County. Our total cost of the contract is approximately \$100,300. After review of the contract, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Additional policies approved for Policy & Procedures Manual:**

HR Director LeighAnn Wheeler reviewed with the Commissioners Section XIX Disciplinary and Appeals Procedure, Section XX Workplace Grievance Procedure, and Section XXI Occupational Safety and Health of the Sevier County Policies and Procedures that the Committee and Human Resources have been working on. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve all three policies, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Long Term Disability Contract approved:**

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners an agreement with the Lincoln Financial Group for Long Term Disability. She stated that the previous carrier, Hartford, had increased their premiums, so she had GBS get a bid. They received a bid from Lincoln for the same amount we had previously been paying, which would keep our rates current, and save us \$10,000 for the renewal on the Hartford Insurance. Ms. Wheeler told the Commissioners that the contract has been reviewed by the Utah Retirement Systems and does meet their qualifications. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the agreement with Lincoln upon review and final approval by the County Attorney Dale Eyre, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.