

**COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**August 26, 2013**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-sixth 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. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

**Commission business:**

Commissioner Ogden reported on the Clear Creek Project, noting that there had been some flooding which set back the project about a week.

Commissioner Topham then asked who had received a survey on special service districts from the Legislature. Discussion followed concerning the goal of the survey, and what the Legislature was hoping to accomplish. Malcolm Nash said he would forward the information to the appropriate parties.

Commissioner Mason then discussed a road project where 'cold' paving was being utilized. He said the new process would save money because the machine tears up the old road, crushes it to the appropriate size, mixes it with oil, then lays the whole thing back down cold.

**Minutes of August 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting approved:**

After review, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Abatement of rollback taxes approved for Richfield City:**

Matt Creamer, Richfield City, met with the Commission regarding a request from Richfield City to abate some roll back taxes on parcel 1-10-58. The parcel was acquired for the airport expansion project. Mr. Creamer then updated the Commissioners about the airport project and its current state. Assessor Amy Garren-Clark said there were two additional parcels for the airport expansion project that the City would owe roll-back taxes on, 4-302-23, and 4-293-68. She suggested that all three parcels be considered at this time. Mr. Creamer added that there was one more piece of land for the project, but it is currently in condemnation procedures so could be addressed at a later time. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to waive the rollback taxes on the three parcels (1-10-58, 4-302-23, and 4-293-68) for an approximate total of \$2,589.95, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Mr. Creamer then reviewed the funding in place for the airport project, noting the projected total cost was around \$30 million at the beginning of the project, noting that Congress had changed the rules on expected level of funding participation since the beginning of the project. Mr. Creamer asked the Commissioners to consider helping the City by lobbying the CIB board for approval of their additional grant request on the airport project to get the needed funds for completion of the project. Discussion followed concerning revenues generated by the airport currently, and that any monies made go back into upkeep costs. Mr. Creamer thanked the Commissioners for their support of the project.

**Business Licenses approved:**

Business Licenses were reviewed for Mindy Okerlund doing business as Little Campers Preschool, and Southwestern Company for door to door sales. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the license for Mindy Okerlund at a fee of \$25 per year, and ratify the license for Southwestern at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Cooperative Agreement with State of Utah for Fire Wise Projects approved:**

The Commission then discussed a Cooperative Agreement with the State of Utah, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands for fuel reduction, forest work and Fire Wise Programs. Commissioner Ogden explained that it is similar to the contract currently in place, noting that the new contract will be valid for three years rather than one. Commissioner Topham said Congress is making changes to funding, and the contract may depend on whether or not the funding is available. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement with the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands contingent upon the availability of funds, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Update on Bike Path Project:**

Kary Monroe, Jones and DeMille Engineering, presented the Commission with a video of the County that was taken by a small helicopter. Mr. Monroe described the filming process noting it took 2 people to run the \$22,000 miniature helicopter – one to fly and the other to handle the camera. Mr. Monroe then talked about the bike path project in the Elsinore area, reviewing what had been done on the project including what UDOT expected. He noted that there would be an added cost of following the highway because of the fill required on each side of the bike path, which is why the path veered towards Central Valley. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of bringing the path to Richfield City at some point, possible routes for a path to Richfield, the possibility of going around the Richfield City airport, that there are parts of a path in place between Annabella and Richfield, and that there is still money available for these types of projects. Mr. Monroe said that because of the change in routes after commencement of the project Jones & DeMille had already spent approximately \$35,000 in surveying fees, etc. for the original route, and he was requesting a contract modification of approximately \$33,000 to their engineering agreement. Further discussion followed concerning whether or not the County was paying for the trail within Central Valley, that the County would be using the UDOT monies for the path inside Central Valley town and utilizing Special Service District monies for the portions outside of Central Valley Town, that the monies for the project are distributed from the State to the Special Service District who in turn pays the County, and whether or not approval for the modification should be given at this time. Mr. Monroe said that approval from the Commission would not be needed until the modified contract is presented. The Commission thanked Mr. Monroe for the information.

County Attorney Dale Eyre then joined the meeting.

**Amendment to Contract with State of Utah Attorney General's Office approved:**

The Commission then reviewed the Amendment to the Contract between the State of Utah, Attorney General's Office and Sevier County for Professional Services for the Children's Justice

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Center. Discussion followed that the contract is the same as what we have done in the past year. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the contract with the State of Utah Attorney General's Office, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.