

COMMISSION MINUTES
September 23, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third day of September, 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 County Attorney Dale Eyre were also present.

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash was excused.

Minutes of September 9th Commission Meeting approved:

Commissioner Topham moved to approve the minutes of the September 9th Commission Meeting, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Board of Equalization convened, recommendations approved:

Commissioner Ogden then moved to convene Board of Equalization, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed with the Commissioners recommended Assessor Adjustments for 2013, which were due to information received during Board of Equalization to correct assessment errors. Assessor Garren-Clark also reviewed changes recommended by the Hearing Officer and herself from meetings held on September 9th and 10th. She told the Commissioners that the Hearing Officer had done a good job his first year here with us. The Commission discussed the adjustments and how they affected our certified tax rate. It was explained that there was a five year average that goes into the formula to calculate the certified rate, so that it will not affect the certified rate, the tax rate, or our collections. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the Board of Equalization recommendations and Assessor Adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

The Commission then discussed the minutes for the Board of Equalization. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to accept the minutes for the Board of Equalization, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

The regular meeting was then re-convened.

Tax appeal refund approved for Verizon:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan then discussed with the Commissioners a refund to Verizon for property tax appeals from 2006 through 2012 for a total of \$3,387.08 for Sevier County's portion. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the refund as recommended, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Amended Jolley Subdivision approved:

Ryan Savage, Savage Surveying, and Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson then discussed with the Commissioners the amended Jolley Subdivision. Mr. Hanson reported that the Planning

Commission had reviewed the recommended boundary changes to the Jolley Subdivision that the Commissioners had vacated at their last meeting, which would move the boundaries leaving two parcels, and recommended approval. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the Amended Jolley Subdivision and authorize signatures on the plat, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Title III Secure Rural Schools Funding expenditures approved:

The Commission then discussed the use of the Title III Secure Rural Schools Money, noting that they needed to be obligated prior to the end of September, or be returned. Commissioner Topham stated that he had discussed use of the monies with personnel in Washington DC, noting that law enforcement equipment could not be included, but that repairs to equipment used by Search and Rescue in the National Forest is an authorized expenditure, as well as equipment to work on fire protection in the Forest Service. He also said that Congress is considering a 1 year extension to the SRS funding, but it has not been approved as of yet. The Commissioners noted that some of the money has already been used to implement the Firewise Plan completed last year. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to obligate the additional monies that we have received in Title III of the SRS monies to purchase equipment needed to implement the Firewise Plan that has been created, to contract with an appropriate party to implement the Firewise Plan, and to pay for repairs to equipment damaged in searches this year on Forest Service property, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Easement for SITLA lands approved:

Cynthia Nielsen, GIS Director, and County Attorney Dale Eyre reviewed with the Commissioners an easement between Sevier County and the School and Institutional Trust Lands (SITLA) to purchase rights of way through SITLA property that are not currently owned, or to provide an easement on the property not owned by the County. This easement is specifically for the north of Salina Front Road, and north of Salina Front Spur Road. She said they will be pursuing money from CIB to get the rest of these as needed. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the easement for the north of Salina Front Road and north of Salina Front Spur Road, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed items that will be discussed at the meeting coming up with Doyle Chandley concerning public lands. It will be a regional meeting with several surrounding counties.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden then updated the Commissioners on the Salina Creek Eco-system project, and also reported that the ATV Jamboree had gone well, and that he had received several positive comments from those attending the Jamboree.

Commissioner Mason said that he and Commissioner Topham had met with the Army Corps of Engineers on the dyke near Redmond, and the responsibility of the County according to the agreement signed in 1940 on what maintenance needed to be done. They also discussed the possibility of trying to promote widening ATV trails to allow more of the side by side vehicles to

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travel the trails versus the smaller vehicles. They discussed the pros and cons and allowed the Commissioners some time to consider whether or not it is something the County should pursue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.