

COMMISSION MINUTES
October 14, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this fourteenth day of October, 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 Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

County Attorney Dale Eyre was excused.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported on a Mosquito Abatement Conference he had been to, and reported that the County is doing well and the Mosquito Abatement Program is running smoothly. He said the current Director is well-informed, and noted that the Director and some of the sprayers also attended the conference.

Commissioner Ogden then gave an update on the Native American Tour that he and Commissioner Topham had attended where they met with the different Indian nations.

Commissioner Ogden then reported that there is a possibility of getting lights from the old tennis courts to use at the Fairgrounds. The School District and Richfield City have been working together to light the tennis courts, and will be moving the tennis courts and getting new lighting as part of the project to build a new high school.

Commissioner Topham reported that he had enjoyed the Native American Tour, and discussed how it may apply to the County working with a couple of the different Indian nations. He then reported that the Association of Counties is doing a study on Jail funding to give to the legislature on appropriations.

Malcolm Nash then gave an update on the Economic Development activities in the County, and the companies he is working with.

Commissioner Mason reported that the budget worksessions with the Department Heads would be November 21st and November 25th, working around Commission meeting on the 25th. He said the Budget Hearing would be on December 9th for the 2014 budget. He then discussed with the Commissioners the idea of possibly looking at starting a dialogue with the Forest Service on widening the trails, indicating that the majority of those riding now are in side by side OHV's and not on single ATV's and most of the side by side's are wider than 50 inches. He said he would like the trails to be widened to 60 inches.

Commissioner Mason then discussed with the Commissioners the issues concerning some of the roads in the Fish Lake area, specifically to the cabins, and working with the Forest Service to allow ATV travel on those roads.

Malcolm Nash then reported to the Commissioners that Salina City is looking at using sales tax as an incentive for a new business that is coming into their industrial park, and how that may or may not affect future businesses developing in the area.

Minutes of September 23rd Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the September 23rd Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Claims approved:

Commissioner Topham then moved to approve the claims for the month of September as presented, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Proclamation of Concern signed:

Commissioner Topham then reviewed with the Commissioners the Proclamation Declaring a State of Concern in Sevier County due to the Economic Disruptions from the Closure of Federally Managed Lands. The Commissioners made a couple of changes in the Proclamation. Commissioner Topham reported that it is a Proclamation of Concern rather than a Proclamation of Emergency because we do not have national parks in our County, but it does affect our motels and travel through the area for those going to the parks. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the Proclamation and authorize it be distributed, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Business License approved:

The Commission then reviewed the business license for Jeffery R. Peterson for Farm Country Salt. After review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the license at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

New Long-Term Disability contract approved:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler reviewed with the Commission the change in our Long Term Disability contract from the Hartford Insurance Company to the Lincoln Insurance Company, which had been reviewed by Utah Retirement Systems and had been given their approval as it fit their requirements. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the contract for Long-Term Disability with Lincoln Insurance Company subject to review and approval of the County Attorney, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Additional Policies approved:

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed Section 22: Purchasing Procedures of the Sevier County Policies and Procedures with the Commission, noting there are ways in this procedure to encourage more local purchasing. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve Section 22: Purchasing Procedures, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed with the Commission Section 24: Miscellaneous of the Sevier County Policies. After discussion, there were a couple of changes in the policy, Section A(2) and Section B. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve Section 24: Miscellaneous as amended, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Commissioner Mason then gave an update on the Wellness Committee and the activities they are involved in, reporting that there has been good participation from several employees in most all the departments, and felt the program was successful.

No action taken on Joseph Town's request for more signage:

The Commission then discussed the agenda item on request from some of the Joseph Town Council discussing additional stop signs on Center and State Street. No one from Joseph came to the Commission meeting. Road Superintendent Mark Rickenbach reviewed with the Commissioners some of the options for additional signs and the pros and cons of those things. No action was taken at this time where there were no representatives from Joseph Town.

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