

COMMISSION MINUTES
December 9, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of December, 2013. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners 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 Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commissioner Gary Mason was excused.

Commission Business:

Commissioner Ogden gave an update on the meetings he had attended with a wildlife group for the Monroe Mountain area.

Commissioner Topham reported that there would be an extension in the comment period until the 30th of January for the BLM Resource Management Plan, specifically the travel portion. He said that both parties, BLM and SUWA, had agreed to the extension. He then reported on the last NACo Board Meeting he had attended, and stated that he is trying to work with other officials throughout the Country concerning the demise of the coal industry. He said that will be further discussed at the NACo legislative meetings in March.

Commissioner Topham reported he had received an email from the County Seat Program, and he responded to them that we are still discussing our budget, that it has not yet been approved, and that there will be no response until after the budget is approved.

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then reported on the UCIP Annual Membership Meeting, and presented the Commissioners with a check for Sevier County's dividend for 2013 in the amount of \$2,892.

He also reported that in their Commission Packet there was a list of Boards for them to review the members whose terms expire at the end of this year, so they could either reappoint them or appoint new members in January.

Minutes of November 25th Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the November 25th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Truck and Various items declared surplus:

The Commission then reviewed the list of surplus items that were broken and needed to be disposed of, along with a 2002 F-150 pickup that had been used in the Wildland Fire Department. Clerk/Auditor indicated that the items on the list just needed to be thrown away and disposed of, but he would like to put the pick-up on the Public Surplus Website and try that avenue to see if it would bring a better return to the County. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to declare the items on the list surplus and authorize their disposal, and to

declare the Ford F150 pickup as surplus and authorize the Clerk/Auditor to work through Public Surplus to see that, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations from the Travel Council. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Public Hearing to consider 2014 budget and opening 2013 budget:

Commissioner Topham then moved to recess the regular meeting and open the meeting for a public hearing on the 2014 proposed budget, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall reviewed some of the highlights in the budget, indicating that it was very similar to last year with some minor differences. There were a few questions from the floor, but no comments. Clerk/Auditor Wall said there would be some minor changes within the next few weeks as there were some items that needed to be tweaked a little bit, such as salaries, etc., and recommended that the Commission wait until their next meeting to adopt the budget. The Commissioners then commended the Department Heads and elected officials for the way they operate their departments, helping keep the County financially sound.

They then discussed the current 2013 budget, and whether it needed to be opened at this time. Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall indicated the 2013 budget should be sufficient. He said he would probably need to move some monies between departments, but would not have to increase the current general fund budget.

Hearing no other comments, Commissioner Topham closed the public hearing. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to authorize the Clerk/Auditor to adjust the funds within the current budget as needed, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Six County AOG to prepare 2014 CIB List:

Russell Cowley, Director of the Six County AOG, and Emery Polelonema, Planner of the Six County AOG, met with the Commissioners concerning the 2014 Consolidated Improvement List to be forwarded on to the Community Impact Board. They noted that they are beginning their process for next year, letting the Commissioners know they are ready for that, and asking for their authorization to visit with the Communities to get their lists updated. They then discussed some of the items the County has on their list, noting that some of the items may need to be changed from Short-term to Long-term or Mid-term, etc. Mr. Cowley also discussed with the Commissioners the items on the top of his list at this time concerning broadband, economic development, UDOT contracts, the use of the Senior Buses, etc. that they are working on. He also indicated they are discussing their HAZMAT contracts, updating those for natural disasters and what needs to be in place in case of a natural disaster. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to authorize the AOG to visit with the other communities within the County to develop the Capitol Improvement list for 2014, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Commissioners pass Secure Rural Schools Funding election:

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash reported he had received information requesting the Commission to set the parameters for the Secure Rural Schools Funding election. Commissioner Topham reported that they had received information stating that the Secure Rural School Funds had been authorized for one more year. After discussion, Commissioner Topham motioned to use the same formula this year as we have the past two years with 85% going to Title I, 8% for Title II, and 7% for Title III, second, Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Memorandum of Understanding with School District for Law Enforcement approved:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis then met with the Commissioners to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sevier School District, Richfield City, Salina City, and Sevier County for law enforcement services to provide for School Resource Officers as has been discussed for the last several months. He reported on some minor changes that had been made by County Attorney Dale Eyre. Commissioner Topham noted that all of the entities had been involved in the discussion of providing an officer for the schools in each of the high attendance areas of Richfield, Salina, and Monroe. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Refunds for tax overpayments approved:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan then met with the Commissioners and reported on a number of recommended refunds in the total amount of \$26,763.43, which are double payments, excess payments, etc. After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the refunds as recommended and authorize her, at her discretion, to refund any additional overpayments, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.