

COMMISSION MINUTES
December 23, 2013

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third day of December, 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.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden updated the Commission on information he had received on the Sage Grouse issues and things that had been happening.

Commissioner Topham discussed with the Commissioners information that the Utah Association of Counties is looking for responses on, including the State taking control of the Federal Land in Utah and how that would affect the State and the Counties. He will work with the other Commissioners to develop the other responses.

Malcolm Nash then updated the Commissioners on the economic activity, and the people he is working with.

Commissioner Mason reported that Roger Ogden had expressed concerns he has with the Commission's having approved the Community Covenant which showed appreciation to those serving in the armed services, indicating that while he is away with the National Guard and serving the nation that the County should take more interest in watching out for his family. Commissioner Mason reported that the last time he was away, the deputies did check on his family and actually did some landscaping at their home for them.

Minutes of December 9th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the December 9th Commission Meeting were then reviewed and approved as corrected on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Resolution 2013-12-1, 2014 budget, adopted:

The Commission then reviewed the recommended budget for 2014, noting there were a few minor changes after the hearing held at the last meeting. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to adopt Resolution 2013-12-1, the 2014 budget, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Adjustment to tax roll values approved:

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed with the Commissioners adjustments to the tax roll values after the tax notices were sent to make corrections. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Contract with Forestry Fire and State Lands approved:

Fred Johnson and Marvin Turner, Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, met with the Commission and reviewed the proposed 2014 budget that had been recommended for our program with our County Fire Warden and wildfires. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the budget as recommended, and authorized the Chairman to sign the approved budget with the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Refunds approved for tax overpayment:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan recommended to the Commissioners a refund of \$18,543.39 for Canyon Fuel Company on the SUFCO mine overpayment on three of their parcels. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the refund as recommended to Canyon Fuel, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Assurances to NRCS ratified:

Commissioner Ogden then reviewed with the Commission assurances to NRCS on properties relating to the work being done in Sevier County along the river. He noted that it had to be signed and completed, which had been done previously. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to ratify the assurance as recommended, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

1979 dozer tractor declared surplus:

Road Superintendent Mark Rickenbach then discussed with the Commissioners to surplus a 1979 dozer tractor 92V7874 that he is no longer needs. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to declare the 1979 dozer tractor 92V7874 surplus, and authorized him to trade it in or advertise it for sale, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.