

COMMISSION MINUTES
November 10, 2014

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this tenth day of November, 2014. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gordon Topham, and Garth 'Tooter' Ogden in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commissioner Gary Mason was excused.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported he had received a letter from USU Extension Office wanting to let the Commissioners be aware of the education and programs that are available to the rural areas through USU Extension. He then reported that the information he had received from the CIB was that the Board is looking at implementing new policies that would include raising the loan interest rate from 1.5% to 2.5%.

Commissioner Topham reviewed a letter from Commissioner Lyman in San Juan County which gave their appreciation for the support that Sevier County had given them in defending the interests of residents from special interest groups. The letter also discussed the importance of defending the interests of the County residents from those special interest groups which now include the BLM.

Commissioner Topham then discussed a letter from Cherlyn Taylor. Ms. Taylor owns a home in Richfield and in Central Valley. Her daughter lives in the home in Central Valley making it her daughter's primary residence. He indicated that both the disclosure notice and tax notice were sent to the wrong address and she did not receive them in time to request the Central Valley home be changed from non-primary to primary residence, as it should be. Commissioner Topham reported he is working with County Attorney Dale Eyre and the County Assessor Amy Garren-Clark in reviewing what can be done to correct that problem for this year.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed additional letters he had received which included the restrictions on the roadless areas and the restrictions on widening trails or trail heads in those areas, the Winkel annexation near the Richfield area, and also three letters he had received asking the Commission not to allow elimination of the Life Skills programs under the Alcohol and Drug program.

Commissioner Ogden then reported that the Central Utah Counseling had been told that they may receive some grant money for the new facility they are proposed during the last CIB meeting. Total grant was denied, but they may work with them on a 50% grant, 50% loan, which he felt the Counseling Service was not able to do at this time. No further action was taken.

Minutes of October 27th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the October 27th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Claims for October approved:

Claims for the month of October were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Cooperative Agreement with Utah Division of Parks and Recreation approved:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington reviewed with the Commission the Cooperative Agreement between the State of Utah Division of Parks and Recreation and Sevier County for creation of a promotional video by At Your Leisure at Fremont Indian State Park. The total fee would be \$1,210 of which the State would pay \$910 and the County would pay \$300. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the cooperative agreement, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Discussion on proposed Visitor's Center:

Mr. Arrington then gave an update on the proposed Visitor's Center. He indicated that building a new facility on the County owned property at the north end of Richfield was more money than they had anticipated, but they are looking at an already constructed building just north of Richfield City Park that would be large enough to work for the visitor center, as well as possibly a museum. Commissioner Topham said that if it was more than just a Visitor's Center, and included a museum, it would need to be more than just antiques. He said it would need to have some type of a theme. Mr. Arrington asked the Commissioners to take the time to go and look at that facility. No action was taken at this time.

Business licenses approved:

A business licenses for William Penrod for US Windshield Repair was reviewed. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the business license at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

The Commissioners then discussed the business license for Jessee Knowles for Knowles Mobil Repair. Concerns were expressed that there would be a lot of equipment, etc. around his home, which is not zoned for that. They put a restriction on the business license that there would be no repair work at the home location, but it was a mobile service and the repair would have to be done away from there. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the business license at a fee of \$50 per year, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Clarification on Landfill Fee Schedule approved:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reviewed with the Commissioners a clarification on the landfill fee schedule concerning the residential fees for residents bringing garbage. He noted that up to the first ton is free, but if the load is more than a ton it is charged at \$25 per ton including the first ton. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the update in the Landfill Fee Schedule, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Resolution 2014-11-1 adopted:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners Resolution 2014-11-1 to adopt the amended and restated 401K Plan Document effective December 1, 2014,

for the Sevier County employees. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to adopt Resolution 2014-11-1, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

New Hire for Administration Building Maintenance approved:

Ms. Wheeler then reported that there had been several good applications for the Administration Building Maintenance position that was open, and recommended Randall Lister as the new employee with the starting date of November 24, 2014, at the rate of \$17.39 per hour with a six month probationary period. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the new hire as recommended, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Changes to cell phone reimbursement policy approved:

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners the recommended changes to the reimbursement for expenses on the cell phone policy, which would change Section C concerning the monthly allowance by setting up four tiers for employees using their own cell phone. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the changes to the cell phone policy, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Items declared surplus:

The Commission then reviewed a surplus items list, which would surplus one handgun weapon to be purchased by the deputy, and a wall clock that is broken and will be discarded. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to declare surplus the items and authorize the sale of the handgun to the deputy and disposal of the wall clock, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.