

**COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**December 22, 2014**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-second day of December, 2014. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gordon Topham, Gary Mason, 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.

**Commission business:**

Commissioner Ogden then updated the Commissioners on the Monroe Management Group that he has been meeting with. They are helping to develop a management plan for the Monroe Mountain for livestock, as well as wildlife, etc.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed a letter from Piute County expressing their concerns about the way the Forest Service is managing the grazing rights, and asking if any of the other Counties were involved in offering input on management plans or how they are managing the forest, especially grazing rights. He also said that he had been looking at possible places that he could get some money to help improve homes, etc. in the Elsinore Addition, specifically those homes that were not up to code. He said he would try to get additional information to present to the Commissioners at a later date.

He discussed with the Commissioners the issues with the waste ditch that comes out of the canyon through Monroe and out into the valley between the Monroe and Austin area, and the continued concerns there of who is responsible to clean the waste ditch and keep it open to movement of flood waters, etc. through the area and away from the homes. No further action was taken at this time.

**Minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting approved:**

Minutes of the December 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**2015 Budget adopted by Resolution 2014-12-1:**

The Commission then reviewed the recommended budget for 2015 that had been presented with a few minor changes from the budget hearing from a few weeks ago. After discussion the budget for 2015 was adopted by Resolution 2014-12-1 on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Memorandum of Agreement approved with Robert K. Weidner:**

The Commissioners reviewed a Memorandum of Agreement between Sevier County and Robert K. Weidner, lobbyist. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the contract and authorize a payment from the 2015 budget, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Wildland Fire Budget for 2015 approved:**

The Commission then met with Fred Johnson of the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands concerning a Wildland Fire Budget for 2015. After review and discussion, Commissioner

Mason moved to approve the fire budget as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Contract with RV Life approved:**

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington then met with the Commission concerning a contract with RV Life. After review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the contract with RV Life, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Western Counties Alliance partially funded:**

The Commission then reviewed a request from Ken Brown of the Western Counties Alliance Membership for the County to participate again this year. They are requesting membership dues of \$2,000. Discussion followed concerning what the Western Counties Alliance is doing, that it is relatively the same as Robert Weidner is doing. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve payment of \$1,000 to the Western Counties Alliance, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Grant of Access to property 2-A2D-172 ratified:**

The Commission then reviewed a request for access to property 2-A2D-172 owned by Sevier County. The parcel is located at approximately 358 S Main St. in Aurora, and is the site of an old service station. The Division of Environmental Response and Remediation is trying to clean up the soil, and would like access to continue the process. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to ratify the Grant of Access to that property, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Bids awarded for surplus vehicles:**

The Commission then reviewed bids for surplus vehicles that had been advertised. The bids received for the 2006 Trailblazer were from John Bergum for \$1,321, and Ellis Country Auto for \$985. The apparent high bidder was John Bergum.

Bids were then opened for the three Nutrition Vans that had been declared surplus. Bids for Van #1 located in Monroe at the South Sevier Senior Citizen's Center included a bid for \$280 from Eric Noffsinger and \$300 from Ellis Country Auto. Bids for Van #2 located in Richfield at the Senior Citizen's Center were from James Walker for \$300, Thomas Valk for \$100.03, and Ellis Country Auto for \$300. Bids for Van #3 located in Salina at the North Sevier Senior Citizen's Center were from Thomas Valk for \$115.03, Larry Lawrence for \$125, and Ellis Country Auto for \$300. The apparent high bidders being Ellis Country Auto for Van #1 and Van #3, and James Walker for Van #2. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the apparent high bidder on each of the vehicles and authorize the sale to those bidders, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**Job Description changes approved for Assessor's Office:**

Human Resources LeighAnn Wheeler and Assessor Amy Garren-Clark discussed with the Commissioners changes to job descriptions for the Certified General Appraiser, Certified Residential Appraiser Trainee, and the Licensed Residential Appraiser Trainee, indicating the differences in the requirements were based on legislation that had changed requiring more

education. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the changes to the five descriptions as recommended to the Certified General Appraiser, Certified Residential Appraiser, Certified Residential Appraiser Trainee, Licensed Residential Appraiser, and a Licensed Residential Appraiser Trainee to be implemented January 1, 2015, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

**New Employee hired for Assessor's Office:**

Assessor Garren-Clark then discussed with the Commissioners the applications that had been received for the opening in her office, and recommended hiring Matt Dyreng for the Certified Residential Appraiser Trainee at \$17.05 per hour effective January 1, 2015. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the new hire as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Letter of Engagement with BMO Capital Markets signed:**

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash then reviewed a letter of engagement between Sevier County and BMO Capital Markets which would allow them to provide assistance to Sevier County in securing financing for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed rail line from the main line near Mills, Juab to Sevier County. Mr. Nash indicated that the contract had been reviewed both by the County Attorney and the Council in Washington DC who have been working on the project to this point. The Agreement would be between Jeff Holt of BMO Capital Markets, who would then assist the County in securing avenues to bring the project to fruition. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the letter of engagement with BMO Capital Markets, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Zone Change for Elsinore Addition to be RA approved:**

Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson then discussed with the Commissioners the zone change in the Elsinore Addition from A5 to RA. He said there had been public hearings over the last few months. Discussion followed concerning the clean-up that had been taking place there in the last few months, noting what businesses currently there that would need to be 'grandfathered' in even though they do not comply with all of the requirements of the RA zone, and that those businesses could be 'grandfathered' in with only their equipment, etc. located on their property. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the recommended change in zoning for the Elsinore Addition subdivision from A5 to RA with the note that any businesses there would be 'grandfathered' in and any new ones having to follow the new requirements, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

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