

COMMISSION MINUTES
January 12, 2015

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twelfth day of January, 2015. 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.

New Commission Chairman appointed for 2015:

Commissioner Mason moved to appoint Commissioner Ogden as Chairman for the 2015 year, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden then reminded the Commissioners of the Council of Governments Meeting on January 22nd.

Commissioner Topham then reported that the Utah Department of Natural Resources is looking at building a new office here in the Richfield area that would house all of their local offices. They are looking at trying to get funding from the legislature this year to move forward with their project. He then reported on information he had received concerning studies that had been done about the State of Utah taking over the federal lands and managing them with the exception of the National Parks and a few other areas. He said it would basically be all of the BLM and Forest Service lands.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported that February 13th was the date set for the rural counties to meet with the legislators during the legislative sessions through Utah Association of Counties.

Commissioner Mason stepped out of the meeting for a few moments.

Minutes of December 22nd Commission meeting approved:

After review, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the minutes of the December 22nd Commission Meeting, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Claims for December approved:

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

Commissioner Mason returned to the meeting.

Discussion on County sponsored events:

Commissioner Topham then discussed with the Commissioners the funding that the County is putting in to the Events Center from taxes on the bond, as well as help with rent for activities there through the Transient Room Tax and the Travel Council, and was looking at ways to ensure the County is shown as a sponsor to those activities on broadcasts to the area, and also to

those attending the facility. He said he will discuss that with management at the Sevier Valley Center and KTTA.

Travel Council recommendations accepted:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commissioners the funding recommendations from the Travel Council for the State High School Basketball Tournaments in the amount of \$13,000, the Fishlake Relay in the amount of \$1,200, and \$8,000 towards the kiosks with the television with information playing directed towards visitors at events throughout the County and also at the hotels. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the expenditures as recommended by the Travel Council, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Beer licenses renewed for Top Stop and Sage Brush Grill:

Beer license renewals were then reviewed for Top Stop Convenience Store and Sage Brush Grill. It was noted that they had been reviewed by Sheriff Curtis. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the beer license renewals, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Board of Equalization convened:

Commissioner Mason then moved to convene the Board of Equalization at 2:05 p.m., second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Mr. James Hill from Annabella reported that he had moved to the area in May of 2013, and that property taxes were paid through closing on his home, but that in 2014 he had not received notice of the property tax as they had been sent to his previous address in northern Utah. He said when he did finally receive his tax notice to pay his taxes, he noted that the property was being billed as a non-primary residence. He said it is his primary residence, and has been since he moved here. Discussion followed concerning the notices to keep his home listed as a primary residence being sent and the procedures taken if they are returned, and noting that procedures had been followed. The Commissioners reviewed his appeal to them, noting he had been there and it should be primary residence. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to designate parcel 2-N6-14 as a primary residence and authorize a refund of the difference between primary and non-primary taxes after the difference was calculated, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Commissioner Topham then moved to close the Board of Equalization and re-convene the regular meeting at 2:15 p.m., second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Boardmembers re-appointed for various entities:

The Commissioners then reviewed a listing of districts and board members that had been appointed there and those whose terms had expired December 31, 2014. The Commissioners had spoken to those whose terms were expiring, and all indicated interest in continued service. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to re-appoint Dennis Larson to Special Service District #1 for a four year term, Kinley Peterson and Jody Gale to Special Service District #2 for 4 year terms, Steven Wall to the Board of Adjustments for a 4 year term, Ralph Brown and Caryl

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Christensen to the Planning & Zoning Board for three year terms, and Randy Lister to the Accident Review Board, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.