

COMMISSION MINUTES

March 9, 2015

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of March, 2015. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Mason, Gordon Topham, and Garth 'Tooter' Ogden in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported he is looking for a nominee for the American Cowboy from Sevier County. He noted that we are at 70% snow pack per the water report, which is about all we will get for this year. Final draft of the Environmental Impact Report is out for the Green Hollows, as well as the final draft of the Utah Prairie Dog plan, which gives the County 45 days to respond with any concerns.

Commissioner Topham reported that there is a gentleman living south of Monroe on a dead end lane, which is a county road, who is having problems with semi-trucks turning down the lane thinking it is a through road. He says that because it is a dead end road, these trucks then spend large amounts of time backing up and trying to get out. He said this gentleman is requesting that the County place a 'Dead End' sign on the lane to alleviate this problem. Commissioner Topham then reported that the water bill Representative McIff has been working on will be heard by the Senate tomorrow.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported that as a part of the rail project there is a document called Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, which governs how cultural resources will be handled during construction. He noted that Sevier County is the signatory on this agreement, that it has been reviewed by the Attorney for the project, and that will be coming before the Commission soon.

Minutes of the February 23rd Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the February 23rd Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed. Commissioner Topham abstained as he was not in attendance at that meeting.

Claims for the month of February approved:

Claims for the month of February were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Beer License Renewal approved:

The Commission then reviewed a request to renew the beer license for Pheasant Run in Joseph. The Commission noted that the Sheriff had given his approval. After review, Commissioner Topham moved to renew the beer license for Pheasant Run, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Religious and Charitable Exemptions approved with one exception:

The Commission then reviewed a list of real and personal property to be considered exempt from payment of taxes due to religious, educational, or charitable uses. Discussion followed concerning the different entities on the list and the types of services they provide, that the Elk's Lodge was closed and did not submit an application this year, and some specific questions regarding the use of property owned by the Quality for Animal Life. Assessor Amy Garren-Clark explained that according to Denny Lytle of the State Tax Commission, exemptions are re-evaluated each year and questions can be asked and changes made. Further discussion followed concerning the use of Quality for Animal Life property as a wildlife refuge and what that may entail, as well as the location of the parcels in question. The Commission requested additional information on those parcels, leaving a message with the Quality for

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Animal Life group. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the 2015 Exempt Properties List for Religious, Charitable, and Educational uses as presented with the exception of the 5 parcels belonging to Quality for Animal Life until further information could be gathered, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider an ordinance setting procedures for the annual tax sale:

Commissioner Topham moved to go out of the regular Commission meeting, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

The Commission then opened a public hearing to consider an ordinance setting procedures for the annual tax sale. Discussion followed concerning the need for the ordinance, the changes that it will make in the current procedure which included requiring bidder registration and cash or certified funds for all tax payments, and how the ordinance would affect the sale if passed. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Topham then moved to close the public hearing and resume the regular meeting, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Ordinance 2015-3-1 setting tax sale procedures adopted:

After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to adopt ordinance 2015-3-1 establishing policies and procedures for conducting tax sales in Sevier County, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:16 p.m.