

## COMMISSION MINUTES

July 27, 2015

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-seventh day of July, 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. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

### **Commission Business:**

Commissioner Topham discussed with the Commission the scholarships being proposed by some western counties to bring some of the legislators and/or staff in Washington out to the west to educate them on public lands. He said that they have so far accumulated approximately \$4,000. Commissioner Topham reported he had contacted some of our contacts in Washington to get names of individuals that it would be beneficial for to visit the public lands.

Commissioner Topham then reported that Evelyn Nielsen, Salina, who is serving on the Central Utah Public Health Board and the Sevier County Planning Commission has resigned, and that the Commissioners will begin to look for a replacement to represent the County on those Boards.

The Commission then discussed the upcoming Fair Week and the participation in the Commissioner's Dinner.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported that the 45 day comment period on the railroad project has been completed, which is the last step in getting the rail road permit finalized. He said he will keep the Commissioners informed.

### **Minutes of July 13<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting approved:**

Minutes of the July 13<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

### **Certificate of Subdivision and Dedication of Roads approved for Long Flat area:**

Corwin Ogden then reviewed with the Commissioners the Certificate of Subdivision and Verification of Roads for the area known as the Long Flat property tract located in Sevier County. He indicated that all but two of the parcel owners in that area had agreed to the dedication of the roads, and to the requirements that the properties stand now as split and any future splits will need to go through the subdivision process for cabins or recreational properties in that area. Mr. Ogden reported he had been working with the County Attorney Dale Eyre in contacting and informing all of the owners of the proposed agreement. Road Superintendent Mark Rickenbach noted that even though the roads are dedicated to the County, it does not mean they will be maintained and there is no guarantee of maintenance at this time. The agreement had also been reviewed by Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

### **Cooperative Road Service Road Agreement approved:**

Road Superintendent Mark Rickenbach then reviewed with the Commissioners the Cooperative Forest Service Road Agreement between Sevier County and the UDSA Forest Service, Fishlake National Forest showing the roads in the forest that will be maintained by the County and those that will be maintained by the Forest Service. Discussion followed that the roads would not necessarily be maintained by the entity that has jurisdiction, that this is a five year agreement which will be renewed after five years, and there are no additional roads the County needs to maintain other than what we are currently doing. After

discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the cooperative agreement between the Forest Service and the County, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

**Travel Council recommendations accepted:**

Tourism Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commission the recommendations of the Travel Council from their July meeting. After review and discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Audit for 2014 accepted:**

Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller, Kimball and Roberts CPA's, then reviewed with the Commission the audit of the County's 2014 financial statements. They reviewed some of the details of the audit with the Commissioners, indicating that it was a clean audit and fairly represented the financial position of the County. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to accept the audit report as presented, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Contract amendment for Predator Control approved:**

The Commission then reviewed an amendment to the contract with the State of Utah for the Predator Damage Control fiscal year 2016 with the Department of Agriculture and Food. The contract would extend the agreement for another year. The State will match the County's \$2,000 through the program with Utah Wool Grower's Association. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the contract, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

**Refund approved:**

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed with the Commissioners a refund of \$35.20 to Christine Ames as she qualifies for the low income abatement on her mobile home. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the refunds, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.