

COMMISSION MINUTES
December 14, 2015

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this fourteenth day of December, 2015. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, Gordon Topham, and Gary Mason 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:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash presented a letter to the Commissioners from Rocky Mountain Power, indicating that Rocky Mountain Power will be contributing \$250 towards the Mosquito Virus Detention Project that should be coming shortly.

Minutes of November 23rd approved:

Minutes of the November 23rd Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Claims for November approved:

Commissioner Mason then moved to approve the claims for November, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Commissioner Topham then expressed some of his concerns for the way the claims are handled each week, and paid. He said expenses should be reviewed closer, especially expenses for meals in the local area to ensure they are for legitimate purposes.

Bid accepted for surplus chicken coops:

Bids were then opened for the two surplus chicken coops located at the Weed/Mosquito facilities. Bids were received from Jamie Nielsen in the amount of \$25 for each coop; and from Lindsey Hansen in the amount of \$50 for each coop. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the high bid and award the coops to Lindsey Hansen for \$50 each, noting that the bidder is responsible to remove the coops, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Jennifer Clark to be new Victim's Advocate:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler reviewed with the Commission the changes to the Victim Advocate job description, changing the grade from 16 to 14 as it has been re-evaluated for the responsibilities and requirements of the position. She and County Attorney Dale Eyre recommended Jennifer Clark be hired at grade 14 step 4 for the amount of \$18.10 per hour effective December 7, 2015, reporting that she does have a degree in Psychology and Sociology, as well as has prior experience. She felt Jennifer was the best candidate from the applicants. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to ratify the hiring of Jennifer Clark for the Victim's Advocate position as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Benefits agreements ratified:

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners the United HealthCare Agreement for the new medical insurance for the coming year. She noted that County Attorney Dale Eyre had reviewed and signed the contract earlier to get the process started for open enrollment, etc. and so that things would be in place when the new year started. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to ratify the agreement with United Healthcare for the medical insurance coverage for 2016.

Ms. Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners the National Benefit Services Agreement Annual renewal to administer the flex account, cafeteria 125 plan that had also already been reviewed by County Attorney Dale Eyre. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the agreement with National Benefit Services, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Scholarship awarded for Jr. FairBoard member:

Events Coordinator Paula Martin then introduced Kandace Alvey, a member of the Jr. Fairboard very willing to work at the Fair and help every day. She recommended her to receive the \$500 scholarship for her help at the Fair. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to acknowledge the work that she had done, and noting that she had applied for the scholarship, accept her application and approve her to receive the \$500 scholarship, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Tax refunds approved for overpayments:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan then reviewed with the Commissioners the list of property owners that had overpaid on their taxes, noting many had paid as well as their mortgage company had paid. She said others had overpaid slightly and some had received the Circuit Breaker. She requested refunds in the total amount of \$25,504.18. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the refunds as requested and authorized the Treasurer to prepare the refunds, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Agreement with Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands approved for 2016:

Fred Johnson, Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, reviewed with the Commissioners the Wildland Fire Budget for 2016. Others attending were Ron Torgerson and Matt Christensen. The Commission reviewed the request for a total of \$59,530 to be included in the County's 2016 budget. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the agreement with the Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Memorandum of Agreement with RPLCC and Robert Weidner approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed the agreement in behalf of Sevier County as a member of the Rural Public Lands County Council with the lobbyist Robert Weidner at a fee of \$16,000 for the work that he is doing. They noted the work he had done in Washington, especially helping with the PILT money each year. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement and authorize the payment as requested out of the 2016 budget to Mr. Weidner, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

Indigent Burial funds approved:

The Commission then reviewed requests for help with two indigent burials from Magleby Mortuary, one for James Woolever and one for John Hungary. The Commission noted that both had been investigated and reviewed by the County County Attorney and the Sheriff's Office indicating they were truly indigent. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve \$1,100 each for the indigent burials, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Travel Council recommendations approved:

The Commission then reviewed the Travel Council recommendations from their December 2015 meeting which recommended approval of all of the items except for number 11 which they would like to study a little further and may approve at a later time. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the items as recommended from the Travel Council with the exception of number 11, a Trailer from Innovative Trailer, second Commissioner Topham, unanimous.

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Minor adjustments to 2015 budget authorized:

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then asked for authorization to make some minor adjustments in the 2015 budget as needed, indicating that we would not need to open the budget, but there may be a few adjustments necessary between departments. After discussion, Commissioner Topham moved to approve the adjustments as needed within the 2015 budgets, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.