

COMMISSION MINUTES

May 9, 2016

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of May, 2016. 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:

Commissioner Topham reported that Ron Mills had discussed with him some concerns he had about the road going south of Monroe going past his dairy barn, and working with the City in improving that roadway. He said he would discuss the matter further with Monroe City. No further action was taken.

Minutes of April 25th approved:

Minutes of the April 25th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Claims approved:

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

Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Tourism Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations from the Travel Council. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Additional information requested on Indigent Defense Services contract:

The Commissioners then discussed the contract for Indigent Defense Services, looking at the increase in costs, etc. The Commissioners wanted to get some additional information from the County Attorney. No action was taken at this time.

Discussion on Sigurd Solar LLC Planned Unit Development and Agreement:

Sam Sours of Sigurd Solar LLC, and Executive Director Malcolm Nash, met with the Commissioners regarding the Planned Unit Development Permit application of Sigurd Solar LLC. Mr. Nash updated the Commissioners on the progress of the Planned Unit Development Agreement for Sigurd Solar LLC, indicating there are some additional items they are working on in the document itself that they are still trying to resolve. Mr. Sours then updated the Commissioners on the activities of Sigurd Solar LLC, stating they are in the process now of negotiating the power agreements with the expectation that they will be completed by September or August. Discussion followed concerning the engineering for the project, the irrigation pipes and ditches and whether or not those issues had been resolved, and the possible EWP project that might be going on in the same general area at the same time and ensuring that there would not be a conflict of the two projects. Additional discussion followed concerning the access roads, proposed changes to those roads, property leases, and a possible building for the employees. Mr. Sours indicated that the current plans to not include a building on site, other than temporary storage units for the equipment and supplies during construction. Commissioner Mason expressed concerns of the number of employees, and the need for facilities for the employees because of the number of expected employees. No further action was taken at this time.

2017 Court Security and Bailiff Contract approved:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis then reviewed with the Commissioners the Court Security and Bailiff Contract with the Sixth Judicial District of the State. He indicated that the contract for approximately \$81,326 is the same amount as the contract for the previous year. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the contract for Court Security and Bailiff Services with the Sixth Judicial District of the State, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

County Investment Policy proposed:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan reported she is in the process of developing an Investment Policy for the County, as we do not currently have a County written policy but are following the Money Management Act for the State. Ms. Buchanan would like to have a County policy, and has given a proposed or draft policy to the County Attorney but has not received any information back from him yet. No action was taken at this time.

Business license for Red Dragon Farms approved:

A business license for Dennis & Penny Bowen for Red Dragon Farms was reviewed and approved at a fee of \$25 per year on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Personnel changes approved:

HR Director LeighAnn Wheeler reported that they had worked on combining the Building Department and the Zoning Administration, and recommended the approval of a new job description for the combination of those two positions. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the job description combining the two positions, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reported they had interviewed for the Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator position and recommended hiring Jason Mackelprang at Grade 19, Step 9, with an hourly wage of \$26.36 per hour. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve hiring Jason Mackelprang for the position as recommended starting May 2, 2016, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reported that during the same process, they recommended hiring Eric Torgerson to fill the position vacated by Jason Mackelprang as Building Inspector at Grade 15, Step 6, with an hourly wage of \$19.90 per hour. She reported that he has several years' experience, as well as his certifications as he is currently serving as a building inspector elsewhere. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the hire of Eric Torgerson as recommended beginning May 16, 2016, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reported they had interviewed for the vacant Deputy Treasurer position, and recommended the hiring of Lindsey Hansen to fill that position beginning May 16, 2016, with the salary to be determined. Ms. Wheeler noted that Ms. Hansen does have accounting experience, etc. and they will need to consider that when setting the salary. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the transfer of Lindsey Hansen to the Treasurer's Office as the Deputy Treasurer.

Ms. Wheeler then said they are in the process of filling the Road Superintendent position, and that would be considered at their next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.