

COMMISSION MINUTES

July 11, 2016

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eleventh day of July, 2016. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners 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.

Commissioner Gary Mason was excused.

Commission business:

Commissioner Topham reported he had received an email requesting that Counties establish some type of an Amber Alert system to notify people of pets that are missing, and putting in on our website for people to look at.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed the letter from the U.S. Secretary of Interior notifying us of the 2016 PILT payment in the amount of \$1,935,687.

Commissioner Topham then reported on the Inter-Generation Poverty meeting that had been held last week. He said it went well, and that there are several local residents that are wanting to set up a committee to follow through and work with the Governor's Office on this project.

Commissioner Ogden then reported that the organizers of the horse races had thanked him for the use of the Fairgrounds. He extended his thanks to the Landfill for getting the track and fairgrounds ready for the races. He said there had been 11 races on July 4th, with the most attendance they have had for awhile.

Minutes of June 27th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the June 27th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Claims approved:

Commissioner Ogden then moved to approve the claims for the month of June, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Roll back taxes abated for Central Valley Town:

Central Valley Town Mayor Kim Peterson discussed with the Commission the roll back taxes that have been charged on property serial 2-C13-3. He explained how Central Valley Town had obtained the property, that it was donated by the previous property owner because it is in the watershed protection area for the town just below their culinary water source. He said that the individual was planning to subdivide in that area, and had negotiated with the City to donate that property to the City in exchange for some help with the roadwork in his subdivision. Currently the property is owned by Central Valley Town, and there are rollback taxes due on the approximately 10 acres in the amount of \$900.91. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to abate the roll back taxes on property 2-C13-3 where it now belongs to Central Valley Town, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Grant Agreement for EWP Project approved:

Commissioner Ogden then reviewed the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award in the amount of \$2,487,875 for an EWP project to help with flooding issues in the Willow Creek, Cedar Ridge, Quitcupah, and Flat Canyon areas. He reported they had been working on this project and getting help for a couple of years. He said there had not been funding last year through the NRCS, but it had been approved this year, and the grant had been awarded to do the work through Sevier County as the

sponsoring agency. The portion of the project that is the responsibility of the County will be paid in-kind by providing rock, etc., as has been done previously in projects along the river. Commissioner Ogden noted that the NRCS will be acting as engineers on this project, so there will be some additional work that the County will be required to do in looking at bids, and choosing the contractor. Total cost of the project will be approximately \$3,293,012. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to ratify the Notice of Grant and Agreement for the project, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Canvass of 2016 Primary Election accepted:

Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther then reviewed with the Commission the results from the 2016 Primary Election. Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan also joined the meeting to act as part of the Board of Canvassers as required by law. They reviewed the final numbers, including the total number who had voted, that all additional ballots received had been counted, and that it was a good response for a Primary Election with almost 44.49%. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the Canvass of Election, second Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan, unanimous.

Travel Council recommendations approved:

Tourism Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commission the Travel Council recommendations from their last meeting. After review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the recommendations, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Travel Media Group agreement approved:

The Commission then reviewed an agreement with Travel Media Group to provide additional advertising on the new brand Utah's Trail Country. After discussion and noting that the agreement had been reviewed by County Attorney Dale Eyre, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the agreement, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Renewal of State Inmate Jail Contract approved:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis then reviewed with the Commissioners the renewal of the Jail Contract to house State Inmates. The contract had been reviewed by the County Attorney. Sheriff Curtis noted that there has been an increase in the amount the State will pay per inmate per day from \$47 to \$52 per day, and that due to local use of the Jail facility we will not be able to make the full amount of beds available to State inmates. After review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve renewal of the Jail Contract, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Truck declared surplus, authorized for sale:

Sheriff Curtis then discussed with the Commissioners a 1984 pickup that has been used with a snow plow at the Sheriff's Office and Animal Shelter. He said it needs some transmission work, but the engine was replaced last year and he does not want to put any more money into this vehicle. He asked that the Commission declare the truck surplus and authorize it for sale. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to declare the 1984 Chevrolet along with snow plow equipment surplus and authorize it for sale, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Fee added to fee schedule:

Recorder Carolyn Bagley reported she had discussed the fees for the surveyor's review on annexations with County Attorney Dale Eyre who indicated it did not need a resolution but to simply add it to our fee schedule. She plans to bill the municipalities who can then pass the fee along to the developers. The fee will be set at \$110 per hour. Recorder Bagley requested the fee schedule be amended to add the fee. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to amend the Sevier County Fee Schedule to add the Surveyor Review Fee of \$110 per hour, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Update on Inter-Generational Poverty Project:

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash then reported that several local residents, business owners, government employees, etc. had signed up to assist the Inter-Generational Poverty Project that is being pushed nationally and state wide to be part of the work group and committee. He also reported that there is a \$15,000 grant providing money to help with the project. No action was taken at this time.

New Hire for Sheriff's Office approved:

HR Director LeighAnn Wheeler and Sheriff Nathan Curtis reported that Jade Roberts had resigned from the Sheriff's Office and taken another position. Ms. Wheeler reported that they had reviewed their list and recommended hiring Cherish Cowley, who does have experience with the Spillman programs that would be able to move right in and keep things going. Because of her experience and knowledge, Ms. Wheeler recommended hiring her at a Grade 9 Step 3 at a rate of \$13.45 per hour. Sheriff Curtis reported that she is on their roster from their last interview and hiring group. As that was quite recent, they did not re-advertise the position. Ms. Wheeler then recommended hiring her part time to come in a couple of times per week, moving to full-time on July 18th. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden approved hiring Cherish Cowley as recommended, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

Business license approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed a business license from Preston Heath for Auto Clean Freaks, a mobile auto detailing service. The Commission noted the license had been reviewed and approved by the Zoning Administrator. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the business license at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Topham. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.