

COMMISSION MINUTES
September 11, 2017

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eleventh day of September, 2017. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth ‘Tooter’ Ogden, Kenneth May and Ralph Brown in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Brown said he had attended Coal Days in Salina. There was good participation and a lot of activities. He also reported on a meeting he had attended with the Joint Jail Committee where they discussed several problems throughout the State and in our area concerning opioid drug problems, and the affect it had on the jails. Commissioner Brown also reported on the Rio Grande project the State is participating in to help the homeless in the Rio Grande area, cleaning up the area, and providing additional housing, etc. at an estimated cost of approximately \$67 million.

Commissioner Brown then discussed with the Commission the program that several of the school districts are doing throughout the State with ‘Hope Squads’, where they get the students to work peer to peer rather than with adults to help those who have suicidal tendencies and help them overcome that. He reported that the students have indicated who their friends are and who they would confide in, and they are trying to get those students some training to help with the other students. He said the program is not happening in this area, but they would like to see it started.

Commissioner May also reported on the activities of Coal Days in Salina, and the participation there. He said there were several things that were happening at the same time, including high school rodeos and an antique truck show. He said it was really good for the area, and brought in a lot of people and made them aware of mining activities and the affect it has on our area.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash then reported that Rocky Mountain Power had contacted him concerning a grant that they have done the past several years of approximately \$1,500. They would like to help the some of the County programs, add to the programs. In the past, they have provided equipment or solutions to help with West Nile Virus, or have sponsored programs such as the CJC or Mosquito Abatement. He said they are looking for ideas this year to help the County.

Minutes of August 28th approved:

Minutes of the August 28th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Claims approved:

Claims for the month of August were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

B Road Budget increased:

Road Superintendent Bob Watts then reviewed with the Commissioners the proposed construction of a salt shed, and upgrade to the wash bay at the Road Department to bring them into compliance with their salt storage to control the runoff, and to keep the salt from draining onto a neighbor’s property. He is also requesting an increase to the Road Department equipment budget to allow for the purchase of a road grader. He reported that last year two trucks had been budgeted for, but had not been received until after the first of the year; therefore, the budget had been used to purchase the trucks. He said that the money budgeted last year was not used, and he would like to use that money to purchase the road grader. He

reported that the Special Service District will reimburse the County for the salt shed in the amount of approximately \$40,000. He said the road grader would be \$216,800. Mr. Watts requested the B Road budget be opened and increased it by \$256,800 to allow for purchase of the salt shed and road grader. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to increase the budget of the B Road Department of \$256,800 to allow for the purchases as requested, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Bids opened, surplus car awarded to high bid:

Sealed bids were then opened as advertised for the 2002 Buick Century. Bids were received from Lynn Christensen for \$555, Terry Abraham for \$760, Tim in the amount of \$352, and Malcolm Nash in the amount of \$1,150. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to reject the \$352 bid as it did not meet the required minimum, and to accept the high bid from Malcolm Nash in the amount of \$1,150 and sell the 2002 Buick Century, as is, to Malcolm Nash, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Travel Council Recommendations accepted with one exception:

Tourism Director Chad McWilliams then reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations from the Travel Council's last meeting. The Commission reviewed the recommendations, along with a note that the Kiwanis expenditure would not be funded at this time as they are requesting additional information. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the recommendations of the Travel Council as recommended with the exception of the Kiwanis Club, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Surplus items approved, disposed of:

The Commission then reviewed a request to surplus two electric staplers as they were broken, so they could be disposed of. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the two staplers surplus, and authorized them to be disposed of, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.