

## COMMISSION MINUTES

July 23, 2018

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third day of July, 2018. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, Ken 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 Ogden updated the Commissioners on the flooding on the north end of Richfield and the Venice area, that the roads are open at this time, and the Cove Creek fire in the Beaver County area.

Commissioner May commended the Road Department on the work they had done on the Willow Patch fire up the canyon, and during the floods. He then added some additional information on the Cove Creek Fire.

Commissioner Brown, because of the upcoming July 24<sup>th</sup> holiday, expressed appreciation to our forefathers and the sacrifices they made to settle in this area and make it what it is today. He then expressed appreciation from a Life Flight member for the local Sheriff's Office and EMS for the work they performed on an incident here in getting help to someone involved in an accident in the mountains. He also reported that the student housing for the Snow College Campus here is moving along, and has been approved by the Board of Regents. He said the project is moving along, and they are looking for a developer to provide the student housing.

The Clerk/Auditor then reported that his office had received notice of annexation from Sigurd Town and Salina City. He provided that information to the Commissioners for their review.

### **Minutes of July 9<sup>th</sup> approved:**

Minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

### **Resolution 2018-7-1 adopted:**

The Commission then reviewed resolution 2018-7-1 approving addition of some roads to the ATV ordinance in the southeast portion of the County near Fishlake and Johnson Reservoir through the Sevenmile area. This will connect the ATV Trails in that area. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve Resolution 2018-7-1 to add ATV roads in the south east portion of the County, second commissioner Brown, unanimous.

### **Cost Share Agreement on Willow Patch Fire ratified:**

The Commission then reviewed a Cost Share Agreement on the Willow Patch Fire between the Forest Service, BLM, the State of Utah, and Sevier County. The fire mitigation will be paid through the State for the County's share. It was noted that the agreement had been signed by Commissioner Ogden during the fire. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to ratify the agreement, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

### **Delegation of Fire Management and Transfer ratified:**

The Commission then reviewed the Delegation of Fire Management Authority and Transfer of Fiscal Responsibility between the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands and Sevier County, which had also been signed by the Chairman for the fire to be managed by the local Fire Interagency. Commissioner May moved to ratify that agreement, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Agreement for School Resource Officer approved:**

The Commission then reviewed a new agreement between Sevier School District, Richfield City, Salina City and Sevier County for law enforcement services (School Resource Officers) in the schools. It was noted that the basis of the agreement was the same as the previous agreement with the exception that they had simplified the process of reimbursing the agencies over the next five years for the school resource officers. Discussion followed that this is a renewal of the agreement currently in place that is expiring. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the agreement, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

**Resolution 2018-7-2 approved:**

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2018-7-2 approving the Road Department fee increase on Encroachment Permits, Completion and Inspection fees. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to adopt Resolution 2018-7-2 approving the new fees for Road Department services and permits, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Discussion regarding Salina/Gunnison Airport:**

Salina City Mayor Jed Maxwell and Ryan Savage of Savage Albrecht Engineering discussed the current status and possible improvements to the Salina/Gunnison Airport. Mr. Savage reported to the Commissioners that Life Flight had stated that due to the condition of the runway and the condition of the airport that they will not land there anymore, and discussed the options of re-paving the current runway versus lengthening the runway and making it more accessible so that Life Flight and others can make use of the runway, and it would help Salina and Gunnison economically, as well as the rural hospital and other businesses in that area. Mr. Savage said they would be able to take the money they set aside for resurfacing and painting and leverage it through UDOT to get the additions they would need to make it a viable airport. They noted that because of the distance between there and Richfield, they would not be able to obtain funding from the Federal Aviation Administration to upgrade the airport to a major airport, but would work with UDOT to make it a more viable airport for the area. It was also noted that if the runway was lengthened, freight companies could use it as a hub; whereas without improvements, it was unable to be used. Several options for funding were discussed. The Commission indicated they were very supportive of the project to lengthen the runway and make it a more viable airport, and helping with the economic development in the northern part of Sevier County and the southern part of Sanpete County, as well as helping the Gunnison Hospital. No further action was taken at this time.

**Business License approved for Triple S Repair:**

A business license for Steve Spraycar and Triple S Repair was reviewed. Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang said that the Planning Commission had recommended approval. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve a business license for Triple S Repair at a fee of \$50 per year, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Amended Outzen Minor Subdivision approved:**

Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang then discussed the proposed changes to the Outzen Minor Subdivision including minor changes to the plot lines. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the changes as recommended for the Outzen Minor Subdivision, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

**Children's Justice Center Agreement with State of Utah approved:**

CJC Director Karen Ashby reviewed with the Commissioners Amendment #5 to Contract # 160223, a grant agreement with the State of Utah for funding of the Children's Justice Center program. The amendment would add approximately \$88,832 to the agreement to fund the program from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Discussion followed concerning the help the program is giving the area which shows that the County is providing more in-kind type services for upkeep and maintaining the facility. She then reported that she has been working on adding a medical room to the facility, which would help provide services to those coming for services, and she is looking for additional outside help to get the funding for that addition and for the equipment to keep the burden less on the County. She said she would keep the Commission informed on the progress of the upgrades. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the grant amendment to fund the Children's Justice Center Program for another year, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.