

COMMISSION MINUTES
September 24, 2018

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty fourth day of September, 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, Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash, and Deputy Attorney Mandy Larsen were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported that the ATV Jamboree went well, and there was good participation around the County.

Commissioner May stated he had met people from all around the United States, and there was a great economic impact to the Sevier County area.

Commissioner Brown reported that there were approximately 600 registered riders, plus the guides. He also reported that Snow College had prepared an RFP for the student housing project they are working on, and will be getting the RFP out to developers. He also reported on the paragliding activity over this last week, noting the skies had been full of paragliders in the Monroe area. He said that had also brought a lot of people to our area. He said there are activities scheduled in the Fish Lake area on the October 6th weekend. He then reported that he had found funding for the Hope Squad, a suicide prevention organization at the local high schools, through a mental health agency, so it would not come from the County General Fund.

Commissioner May then expressed appreciation to Dirk Jensen and Commissioner Brown’s wife who helped with the food for the ATV Jamboree and riders.

Malcolm Nash then reported he had attended the Commissioner Summer Workshop, and would update the Commissioners at a later time on the items discussed there.

Minutes of September 10th approved:

Minutes for the September 10th Commission Meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Contract with DTS approved:

IT Director Dirk Jensen then reviewed with the Commissioners the agreement between DTS and Sevier County, Amendment #3 on Agreement DPR-0744, for the County email accounts. He noted that there would be a slight increase in fees, and that they had bundled all of the email services together which would include archiving, Google Meet, and security features, etc. Discussion followed concerning whether or not the County Attorney’s Office had had a chance to review the renewal contract. Mandy Larson said she had not had a chance to review the contract, but she would do that with the County Attorney. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the agreement subject to review and final approval of the County Attorney’s Office, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Business Licenses granted:

The Commission then reviewed a business license for Bowdust Alpaca Ranch which includes some room rentals through AirBNB. Discussion followed concerning transient room taxes, noting that they are collected through AirBNB and sent directly to the State. Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang noted that the Planning Commission had reviewed and approved a Conditional Use Permit for the business.

After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the business license for Bowdust Alpaca Ranch at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

The Commission then reviewed a business license application for MJ Repairs, which would be mechanical as well as auto body work. Mr. Mackelprang said this had also been considered by the Planning Commission and a Conditional Use Permit issued. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the business license at a fee of \$50 as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Refund approved:

Deputy Assessor Jodee Romero reported that there had been a State personal property audit for the Last Chance Construction, and recommended a refund in the amount of \$62.87 for things that had been reported in error. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the refund as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

EMS Squad Leader hired:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler reported that they had interviewed for a full-time EMS Squad Leader and is recommending James Ritter who would be starting October 29, 2018. She reported that Mr. Ritter has 28 years of experience in emergency services, firefighting, etc., and is a certified EMS instructor, which can help the County down the road. He also has been working part-time here as an EMT. Ms. Wheeler recommended hiring at a grade 16 at a rate of \$17.90 per hour due to his experience with a one-year probation. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the hire of James Ritter effective October 29, 2018, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Items declared surplus:

The Commission then reviewed a list of surplus equipment from the Treasurer's Office that are worn out and need to be disposed of. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to declare the equipment surplus and authorized disposal of the chairs, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.