

**COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**October 9, 2018**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of October, 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 was also present.

**Commission business:**

Commissioner Brown submitted a letter from the Health Department concerning their requested budget for 2019. He then reported that the events at the Fishlake Fall Cattle Roundup went well. He said it was well attended by local and congressional representatives.

Commissioner May reported that the Six County AOG had meetings in Wayne County showcasing the activities in Wayne County including a trip they all took from Hanksville through the Canyonlands. It was also attended by several legislative officials.

Commissioner Ogden reported on the planning meetings he had attended working on the projects concerning flooding along the West Mountain, particularly the Flat Canyon Retention Dam project, Willow Creek area, and Cedar Ridge flood areas.

**Minutes of September 24<sup>th</sup> approved:**

Minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

**Claims for September approved:**

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

**Board of Equalization:**

Commissioner Brown then moved to recess the regular Commission Meeting and move into a Board of Equalization to review the results from the Hearing Officer and recommended changes, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed with the Commissioners the changes recommended from the hearing officer which resulted in reduction in values. She then reviewed the recommended Assessor adjustments due to review of the Assessor’s Office and taxpayers in correcting the information on the tax roll resulting in changes of approximately 4,102,590 reduction in values. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the changes as recommended from the Hearing Officer as well as the Assessor Adjustments, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Regular meeting then resumed at 2:00 p.m.

**Approval given to recommended property tax abatements:**

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then reviewed with the Commissioners the abatement summary, which included Circuit Breaker, indigent, blind, and veteran abatements. He reported that this year they had required documentation and proof of income before applying the abatements. He said the net abatement for this year was \$432,993.52 with the State reimbursing the County approximately \$155,306.88 of that. After review, Commissioner May moved to approve the abatements as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Nuisance Abatements approved:**

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang and Charles Billingsley then reviewed with the Commissioners recommended nuisance abatements and criminal complaints from violations of zoning laws on the following properties: 4-316-29, 3-192B-5, 3-192B-31, 3-192B-32, and 3-192B-13. Mr. Billingsley reviewed the number of times he had contacted the owners, the attempts he had made to abate the nuisance or complaint, and noted that they are living in uninhabitable facilities, with no building permits, etc. No corrective action had been taken. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to authorize abatement on the affected properties as recommended if funding becomes available, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Resolution 2018-10-1 adopted:**

Sydney Robins of the Justice Court reviewed with the Commissioners a letter from County Attorney Dale Eyre stating that in his opinion the Sevier County Justice Court is feasible and recommended the County take the appropriate steps to ensure that it is re-certified and stationed in the County. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to adopt Resolution 2018-10-1 requesting recertification of the Sevier County Justice Court, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

**Item taken under consideration:**

The Commission then took the agenda item of a Fire Assistant under consideration. No action was taken at this time.

**API Minor Subdivision approved:**

Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang then reviewed the requested API Minor Subdivision with the Commission. Discussion followed concerning access roads, that the Planning Commission had recommended approval, and that plats would be available as soon as changes requested by the Planning Commissioner could be made. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the API Minor Subdivision as recommended by the Planning Commission and authorize the execution of the plats, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Travel Council Recommendations approved with one exception:**

Jessamyn Barney, Tourism Department, reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations of the Travel Council. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the expenditures as recommended except for the North Sevier Senior's request which will be taken under consideration to gather additional information, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Grant Contracts for Fish Lake area improvements approved:**

The Commission then reviewed the contract with the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development for projects in the Fish Lake area revamping the marina and boat ramp and a boardwalk in the twin creeks area. The grant will be coming through the outdoor recreation program. Although these are grants, the County will put approximately \$1,000 towards the projects. The work will be done by the Forest Service under the oversight by Tourism Director Chad McWilliams. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the grant contracts, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Items declared surplus:**

The Commission then reviewed a list of surplus items which would include some items that could be sold including a 2018 Ford Pickup, and other items that need to be discarded because they are broken. After review of the surplus list, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the items surplus and authorize their disposal as recommended, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

**Resolution 2018-10-2 adopted:**

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2018-10-2 appointing a Sevier County representative and alternate representative for the Utah Counties Indemnity Pool annual membership meeting to vote for the County. The Commissioners then discussed appointing Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall as representative with Ralph Brown as the alternate representative. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve Resolution 2018-10-2, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

**New Hire approved for Clerk/Auditor office:**

Human Resources LeighAnn Wheeler then reported that they had gone through the advertising and hiring process to fill the upcoming vacancy in the Clerk/Auditor's Office replacing Merilee Wilson. She recommended the hiring of Candace Tanner beginning October 15, 2018, at a Deputy Clerk/Auditor 1 at a rate of \$13.68 per hour, Grade 10, with a 6 month probation. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the hire as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further information to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.