

COMMISSION MINUTES

March 13, 2017

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this thirteenth day of March, 2017. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth 'Tooter' Ogden 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.

Appointment of Kenneth E. May as Commissioner pro-tem:

Commissioner Ogden reported he had received a letter from the Sevier County Republican Party after their central committee had met and selected Kenneth E. May from Salina as the individual to replace Commissioner Gary Mason, who had resigned. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to accept the recommendation of the Republican Party and appoint Kenneth E. May as Commissioner to fill the vacancy left by Gary Mason for the remainder of the term through 2018, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Judge Mark McIff then swore in Kenneth E. May as the new Commissioner. Commissioner May then took his position with the Board.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden then stated Gary Mason had been the Chairman of the Commission for 2017, so a new Chairman would need to be selected. Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Ogden as the Chair for the remainder of 2017, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Appointments and Re-appointments made to Districts and Boards:

The Commissioners then reviewed the list of current district and board members to see who else needed to be replaced or re-appointed. The Commission discussed whether or not the Fairgrounds Advisory Board was needed, as the Fairground facilities had been completed. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to appoint Garyn Mickelsen of Redmond to the Planning and Zoning Board to replace himself on that Board, re-appoint Russell Anderson for another term on the Board of Adjustments, appoint Ralph Brown to replace Gary Mason on the Economic Development Board, re-appoint Kinley Peterson, Joe Betar, and Mark Alger to the Economic Development Board, and disband the Fairgrounds Advisory Board, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Commission assignments set:

The Commissioners then reviewed assignments for 2017. After review of the listed duties, the Commission agreed to the assignments as listed.

Minutes of February 27th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the February 27th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Walt LeFevre nominated for Cowboy of the Year for Ogden Pioneer Day Celebration:

Commissioner Brown reported on a follow-up from the last meeting that they had submitted the name of Walt LeFevre to represent this area as the Cowboy of the Year for the Ogden Pioneer Day Celebration.

Claims approved:

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

Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Tourism Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commission the recommendations from the Travel Council. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Cooperative Agreement with USU for Extension Services approved:

Kim Chapman, USU Extension, then reviewed with the Commissioners the 2017 Cooperative Agreement with Utah State University for Extension Services. He reported that they did make a few changes in the way the agreement was made because they did have a new attorney at the University. The changes included requiring only one signature on the agreement, a list from both parties noting who owned which assets, and a few wording changes in the agreement. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the agreement between the USU Extension and Sevier County, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

No decision made on creating Special Service Districts #3 and #4:

The Commissioners then discussed the proposed Special Service District #3 and Special Service District #4, and decided that with the two new Commissioners who are not familiar with the proposed districts, the matter would be taken under advisement until the new Commissioners had a chance to review the information.

Board of Equalization convened:

At 2:15 p.m., Commissioner Brown moved to recess the regular Commission Meeting and open Board of Equalization to review some issues there, second Commissioner May, unanimous. Assessor Amy Garren-Clark joined the meeting.

Assessor Clark discussed with the Commissioners the request from Robert Miller regarding his greenbelt rollback taxes on parcel 5-131-30. She explained that he had built a cabin on the mountain, but that the cabin had been built on someone else's property and when that had been discovered, the two property owners exchanged the parcels of land so that the cabin would be on the correct parcel and Mr. Miller would own the property the cabin sits on. She said that the parcel where the cabin sits is only a 2.0 acre parcel, and the minimum needed to qualify for greenbelt consideration was 5 acres. Ms. Clark explained that the rollback tax follows the land and not the owner, so when the land is taken out of greenbelt, rollback taxes apply. Because the property is only 2.0 acres, and not 5.0 acres, the rollback taxes are due. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to deny the appeal, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

The Commission then reviewed with the Assessor the 2017 exemption list, both on real property and personal property. It was discussed that most of the parcels of property are renewals from previous years with a few adjustments. Additions included personal property owned by Gunnison Valley Hospital, a change in the percent of the hospital that is exempt because of the new addition, and a new parcel obtained by the Corporation of the President, LDS Church. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the exemptions as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

At 2:30 p.m. the regular meeting then resumed.

Property taxes deferred on parcel 1-37-33:

The Commission then reviewed an application with Jason Sudweeks concerning property belonging to his mother, Carla Avery, Serial number 1-37-33. Mr. Sudweeks said Ms. Avery had qualified for the circuit breaker prior to 2012, but in for some reason there had not been an application for property tax abatement since then, and it was coming up for tax sale this year. Mr. Sudweeks was requesting deferral of taxes.

Discussion followed concerning the options available for Mr. Sudweeks noting that back taxes that were due, and that he would need to somehow come up with the payment for them. Suggestions were given including the sale of an extra vehicle, working with his Church to possibly get some help there, etc. He said he would work with the Treasurer to get the taxes paid by the end of this year. The Commissioner noted that the matter would be reviewed again at the end of the year. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to defer any action on the property as far as the tax sale until December 31, 2017, at which time they would again consider the matter to see what progress Mr. Sudweeks had made in getting his taxes paid, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.