

COMMISSION MINUTES

March 14, 2016

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this fourteenth day of March, 2016. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, Gordon Topham, and Gary Mason in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission Business:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported he had received a copy of the finalized contract with Verizon for the property they will use for the cell tower. Brief discussion followed concerning where they are at in the construction process.

Commissioner Ogden said that the Division of Wildlife Resources, the Forest Service, and area ranchers met together. He said they are working together to mitigate any questions regarding the animal life and aspen restoration projects, etc.

Commissioner Mason said all of the Commissioners had attended the meeting, and they support both the grazing and Aspen restoration projects.

Commissioner Mason then reported that he and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash had met with the Salina City Council regarding the balloon festival, which will continue to go forward. He said they plan to include Tourism Director Kevin Arrington and meet again this week.

Commissioner Topham said he had met with the BLM regarding their proposed plan revision. He suggested the County ask for additional time to respond to their planning process. He then noted that the environmental groups have not only been given a seat at the table during the response process, but also a seat at the table in the decision process behind closed doors. He feels that the BLM is giving authority to private, non-governmental groups who are not elected officials representing everyone.

Commissioner Topham then said that the early retirement incentive has been tremendously successful. He said they were offering an opportunity to those who had been here a number of years and could retire.

Minutes of February 22nd approved:

Minutes of the February 22nd Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Claims for February approved:

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

Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid approved:

The Commission then reviewed an Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid, noting that it will allow us to assist other nearby counties and receive assistance from other counties when responding to emergency situations. Sheriff Curtis and EMS Director Mike Willits spoke with the Commissioners regarding the agreement, noting that it is similar to a Memorandum of Understanding with surrounding counties for providing and/or receiving assistance in emergency situations because it will simplify billing and other procedural protocols. Mr. Willits said that this will not only simplify billing, but will allow them to use their specific medical protocols if they render assistance. He also noted that the State is requiring the agreements. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Mutual Aid, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous. Mr. Willits then requested a letter from the Commission, and The Commission asked him to have the letter drafted and they will sign it.

Exemptions for religious, educational or charitable uses approved:

The Commission then reviewed the list of Exemptions for religious, educational, or charitable purposes. Deputy Clerk/Auditor Barbara Crowther noted that there were four differences from last year's list, including one entity,

Richfield Assembly of God, who did not apply for the 2016 Exemption, and a new parcel for Turn Community Services. Discussion followed concerning what the different organizations do, that efforts had been made to contact all entities, that a decision on the 2016 Exemption application for the Quality for Animal Life would be considered after the 2015 appeal had been heard by the State Tax Commission, and that an exemption could not be approved for the new parcel for Turn Community Services until after either a building permit had been issued or construction on their new facility had begun. After review, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the 2016 list of exemptions for charitable, religious, or educational purposes with the condition that Turn Community Services meet the requirements of either a building permit issued or begin construction before the exemption for the new parcel is awarded, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

The Commission then reviewed the requested changes to the fee schedule, including the survey map filing fee and non-compliance documents, but tabled a decision until Recorder Carolyn Bagley could join the meeting.

Items declared surplus, disposal authorized:

The Commission then reviewed a request to declare surplus items that are no longer usable or need to be put in the surplus sale. After review, Commissioner Mason moved to declare surplus and authorize disposal of the items as requested, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Agreement with Fisher's ATV World approved:

The Commission then reviewed an agreement with Fisher's ATV World for advertising services for Sevier County in the amount of \$5,000. Commissioner Topham noted that this agreement has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the Travel Council, and the Commission was waiting to receive it from the County Attorney. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the advertising agreement with Fisher's ATV World as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

EMI agreement tabled:

The Commission then noted that the EMI Dental agreement would be tabled due to a request from Human Resources LeighAnn Wheeler. No action was taken.

Fee Schedule changes adopted:

Recorder Carolyn Bagley then met with the Commissioners concerning the fee schedule changes she had requested. She noted that the survey filing fee has been \$20 for the last 4 or 5 years, but had not been changed on the list. She then spoke about the microfilm line item, noting that the documents on the microfilm being sold have personal information, and requested that the County stop selling the microfilm as the information cannot be redacted for the entire roll. Discussion followed concerning what type of personal information is included, the possibility of allowing people to search from locations other than the County, the cost of that type of module from our current software provider, that the public information is currently available on the County website, and actions that other Counties have taken. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the changes requested including the survey fee, the non-compliance fee, and removal of the microfilm fee, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.