

COMMISSION MINUTES

April 11, 2016

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eleventh day of April, 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. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported on the solar farm visit that he, Malcolm Nash, and Jason Mackelprang visited in Iron County. They discussed the things they had observed in Iron County, and reported that Iron County is doing a tax incentive for solar farms coming in to their County.

Commissioner Ogden then said the Landfill set the annual town clean-up dates from April 15 through May 20, and the tire clean-up dates from May 21 through June 1 with more information being made available to the public and the communities.

Commissioner Topham reported on a State and Travel Tourism Conference he had attended in Wendover, giving an update on some of the activities at the conference, as well as some of the history that he had learned while there.

Commissioner Topham then reported that there are some trailers near Koosharem reservoir that are there through the summer months that are part of the Quality for Animal Life Refuge, and there are signs all over telling people that they cannot use the property or drive on the road. He said there were some issues there that needed to be resolved, and they would continue to monitor the area.

Minutes of March 28th approved:

Minutes of the March 28th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Claims reviewed and approved:

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

Items declared surplus, approved for disposal:

The Commissioners then reviewed a list of surplus equipment, including some weapons that were being sold to the deputies, and other items that were no longer useful or needed to be junked. It was noted that there was an Artic Cat that had been listed on the asset list twice. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to declare all the items surplus as requested, authorizing their disposal as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

No action taken on event contract:

The Commissioners reviewed the Monster Truck Racing League Event Agreement. Commissioner Topham reported that Tourism Director Kevin Arrington was unable to be to the meeting. The Commissioners discussed their concerns of the money spent there, and there was a lot of down time or wait time, and perhaps there were other activities that could be scheduled for Fair that would be less expensive and would have less down time, thereby being more valuable to the Fair. No action was taken at this time. The Commission noted they would like to discuss the matter further with Tourism Director Kevin Arrington.

Central Utah Counseling Center Independent Audit accepted:

Farrel Marx and Brian Whipple of the Central Utah Counseling Center concerning their audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2015. It was a clean audit. Discussion followed concerning the changes that are happening with Medicare and Medicaid funding, the match monies that the Counties will have to come up with, and the Statewide programs and contributions for those programs. They noted that the funding is not keeping up with the need, and they are maxing out their matching monies. They are looking at ways to generate additional funding. Further discussion followed concerning the housing facility that the County is sponsoring through the CIB, indicating that most of the construction work has been completed and they expect to complete the landscaping upon the completing of the road project that is being done along the front of the property. The Commissioners thanked them for the work that they are doing, and for the review on the audit.

New Hire of seasonal employee approved:

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash then discussed with the Commissioner a seasonal employee, Gordon Kohl at \$11 per hour to help with the Mosquito Abatement Program, specifically with the larviciding during the day, and other duties as assigned. The early larviciding will help reduce the number of hours needed to spray at night during the summer; improving the program. There is no additional budget necessary for the position as they are just getting started a little earlier than the sprayers. Mr. Nash then said that once Mr. Kohl had received his certifications, his wage would be increased to \$11.57. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the hire of the seasonal employee in the Mosquito Department as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Board of Equalization denies Exemption request:

Commissioner Ogden then moved to close the regular Commission meeting at 2:30 p.m. and open the Board of Equalization, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

The Commissioners acting as Board of Equalization then considered the application from the Quality for Animal Life, Inc. for exemption of several parcels they own. Discussion followed concerning the denial of the exemption request last year on these parcels, that the appeal is still pending before the State Tax Commission, and that in some other areas of the State they have received an exemption but they do have educational programs, etc. going on there, but we have not seen any of those types of programs here on the Sevier County parcels. The Commission felt that there has been no activity on the parcels, and they are just vacant ground that nothing is being done with. Due to the lack of activity on the parcels, Commissioner Mason moved to deny the application for property tax exemption, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Regular meeting then resumed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.