

COMMISSION MINUTES

April 24, 2017

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fourth day of April, 2017. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, Kenneth May, 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.

Commission business:

Commissioner Brown reported on the meeting he had attended in Salt Lake City for the Inter-Generational Poverty Committee. He noted that the local plans are due on June 1st.

PILT check presented to Commission:

Kevin Bunnell, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, met with the Commissioners and presented them a check for \$1,410.05 for their payment in lieu of taxes on the land that the Division owns in Sevier County. Mr. Bunnell then updated the Commissioners on the programs they are working on, and the new project they will be doing in the Fishlake Area to improve fishing access that will take 2 to 3 years to complete.

Minutes of the April 10th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the April 10th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Audit for Central Utah Counseling Center accepted:

Farrel Marx, Richard Anderson, Brian Whipple, and Chad Williams, of the Central Utah Counseling Center met with the Commission to present them with a copy of the independent audit for the Central Utah Counseling Center for the year end June 30, 2016, and reviewed the financials with them. Brian Whipple then gave the Commissioners an update on the funding concerns including Medicaid and JRI funding. He also discussed what they are doing with the Inter-Generational Poverty Program. The Commissioners thanked them for their audit and the work that they do.

Baxter Minor Subdivision approved:

Ryan Savage, Savage Albrecht Engineering, Susan Baxter, and Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator Jason Mackelprang then reviewed with the Commission the Baxter Minor Subdivision of 5.5 acres. Zoning Administrator Mackelprang reported the Planning Commission had recommended approval. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Baxter Minor Subdivision, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Nielson Minor Subdivision approved:

Ryan Savage then reviewed the Nielson Minor Subdivision. Zoning Administrator Mackelprang reported that the Planning Commission had recommended approval. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Nielson Minor Subdivision, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Robinson Subdivision, a minor subdivision, approved:

Mr. Savage also presented the Robinson Subdivision, a minor subdivision near Burrville to the Commission. Mr. Mackelprang reported that the Planning Commission had also recommended the Robinson Subdivision to the County Commission for approval. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Robinson Subdivision, a minor subdivision, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Pieper Subdivision, a minor subdivision, approved:

Karl Peiper then met with the Commission requesting approval of the Pieper Subdivision, a minor subdivision just north of Monroe. Mr. Mackelprang reported that this subdivision had also been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Pieper Subdivision, a minor subdivision, as recommended, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

No action taken on County Services Support Inc.:

The Commission then noted they had received an agreement from the Utah Association of Counties and the County Services Support Inc. concerning possible assistance with reviewing, tracking, and monitoring centrally assessed property values, establishing a pool with all of the Counties in Utah to work together on centrally assessed property appeals. No action was taken at this time.

Parcel 4-319-11 declared surplus:

The Commissioners then reviewed a request to surplus parcel 4-319-11. They noted the property would need to be surplused before advertising it for sale. Discussion followed as to questions of ownership of the parcel. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to declare surplus parcel 4-319-11 pending a final review of ownership to see if the County was actually the owner, and what needed to be done before it could be advertised for sale, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Public hearing for Mosquito no-spray zone ordinance, and beekeeping ordinance:

At 2:13 p.m., Commissioner Ogden opened a public hearing to take comments on two proposed ordinances: One to authorize beekeeping in Sevier County, and the other for procedures to establish a no-spray mosquito zone in Sevier County.

Mr. Jay Sorensen, Venice, did have some questions on the bee keeping ordinance, noting that he is a bee-keeper. Some of the question he asked were why even have the ordinance as there is already State laws he has to follow in order to be a bee-keeper and place hives, etc., and how they determined the distances proposed in the ordinance keeping the hives from property lines, etc., and also concerning the flyway barriers. He stated that the bees are going to go where they can collect the pollen, etc., and that he cannot control their fly patterns. He wondered if the items in the ordinance are really necessary or if there needs to be some adjustment to them. He also was concerned about putting his name and address on each of the hives as required by the ordinance, stating that would make them/him a target. He said he did not mind having some type of identification on the hives so that he would be able to keep track of them, but felt uncomfortable on putting his name, address, and telephone number on the hives was unnecessary, and would draw unnecessary attention to them.

Dan Style, Monroe, was concerned about spraying for mosquitoes around the hives, and how to establish the no-spray zone around the site, and also even if the no-spray zone is site specific, there is no way to protect the bees when they are flying around. He did mention there are some items he does like in the proposed ordinance, such as no more than three hives per half acre lot. He is also concerned about the requirement of the name, address, etc. on each of the hives, especially if they are on his own property, but would agree to some type of brand similar to what is put on livestock with a registration form filed containing personal information. He also expressed concern with section 170 regarding flyways barriers as even if there is a barrier, there is no way to predict what direction the bees will fly in. He was also concerned about section 180 which states that the beekeeper shall have a source of water available to the colony because he is unable to control which direction the bees will fly to find water. He asked that they treat the beekeepers as fairly as they do the other livestock operators in the County as they are unable to predict the direction the bees will fly, and whether there really is a need for flyway barriers.

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After discussion, the Commissioners thanked them for the information provided, and resumed the regular meeting at 2:48 p.m.

Public Hearing set for Sevier County's Resource Management Plan:

The Commission then discussed the time and date for a public hearing to consider the Resource Management Plan. They set the date for the hearing on June 12, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.