

COMMISSION MINUTES

May 23, 2016

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third day of May, 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 Topham reported on the Miss Sevier County Pageant that was held over the last weekend, and indicated that there was some good competition and some very talented ladies in the County.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed a bill the County had received from Beaver County concerning an additional lobbyist to help get the full amount of the jail fees, which some of the Counties had agreed to hire in addition to the UAC lobbyist to specifically work on Jail funding to ensure that jail funding was maintained at the same level or increased.

Commissioner Topham then reported on a meeting held in Salt Lake City concerning trails along the highways for bicycles. The subject of the meetings included safety and proper procedures for events. He noted that Road Superintendent Robert Watts had thanked him for allowing him to go because it gave good information for future events around the County.

Commissioner Ogden reported on the BLM scoping meeting held in Salt Lake City concerning the future of mining activities and power plants, etc. He reported it was well attended, and that there were some good points made by those that were there supporting the coal industry in our County.

Minutes of May 9th approved:

Minutes of the May 9th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Refunds for overpayment of taxes approved:

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then reviewed refunds requested for overpayment of taxes including: Ken Lord in the amount of \$23.20 for a correction on reporting personal property to include depreciation, and Karen Nielson in the amount of \$13 on an ATV she had registered that she no longer owned. Ms. Garren-Clark reported that the licensing fee on the ATV had been refunded by the State. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the refunds as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Contract with State of Utah, DTS, AGRC for setting monument corners approved:

Recorder Carolyn Bagley then reviewed with the Commission a contract with the State of Utah, Department of Technology Services, AGRC for the setting, replacement, restoration of corner monuments. The amount of funding available for the County this year was approximately \$6,460. Recorder Bagley indicated they would like to start where the BLM has established and set a new corner in an area that needs to be changed or corrected, and starting there to set the new corners. She reported that she had received bids from Jones & DeMille Engineering and Ryan Savage of Savage Surveying, and determined that the bid from Savage Surveying would be a better bid for the purposes of the County. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the agreement with the State of Utah on setting new corner monuments, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Additions to Economic Development Committee approved:

Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported that he had discussed with Norlen Dalton and Dick Cumiskey about serving on the Economic Development Committee, and they both agreed to do that for the County. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to appoint Norlen Dalton and Dick Cumiskey as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Amendment #2 to Agreement with State of Utah DTS for email services approved:

IT Director Dirk Jensen then reviewed with the Commission Amendment #2 to the Agreement DPR-0744 between the Department of Technology Services and Sevier County for our email services being provided through the State of Utah. He reported that it is a three-year agreement with the fees remaining the same as in the prior agreement. After review and discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the agreement, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

The Commissioners then had some additional discussion on the BLM meeting last week.

Agreement for Bookmobile services approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Heritage and Arts, Utah State Library for bookmobile services for the fiscal year July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$37,900, which is approximately the same as the prior year. It was discussed that the number of books given out through the bookmobile throughout the County is larger than some of the local libraries. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the agreement with the State of Utah, Department of Heritage and Arts, Utah State Library, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Recommended new hires approved:

HR Director LeighAnn Wheeler reported that because of the retirement of Road Superintendent Mark Rickenbach, they had interviewed to fill that position and had selected Robert Watts. The Road Superintendent position will be an exempt position, with Mr. Watts beginning May 16, 2016, Grade 20, Step 7, at a yearly salary of \$55,723.20. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the promotion of Robert Watts to Road Superintendent as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Ms. Wheeler then reported they had filled two cook positions at the Jail after the retirement of Irene Roberts and Pam Bigelow. She recommended Marlo Adams beginning June 6, 2016, at Grade 6 Step 1, at \$10.94 per hour, and Robert Moscrop beginning May 23, 2016, at Grade 6 Step 1, at \$10.94 per hour. She reported Mr. Moscrop had experience as he recently retired from the State of Utah working at the Gunnison Prison as a cook there. She also reported that because Mr. Moscrop had retired from the State and elected to continue receiving his retirement under the rules of the URS, that he would not be receiving retirement benefits from the County. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the hires as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Indigent Defense Counsel Services contract approved:

The Commissioners noted that they had contacted County Attorney Dale Eyre regarding the contract for Indigent Defense Counsel Services between Sevier County and Douglas Neeley for three years. County Attorney Eyre noted that the contract has not increased in the past several years; therefore, he is recommending an increase this year from \$66,000 to \$70,000. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the Indigent Defense Counsel Services contract as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

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Treasurer's Investment Policy approved:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan then reviewed with the Commissioners a proposed Investment Policy for the County. She reported that County Attorney Dale Eyre had reviewed the policy and made a few changes, and the copy they had included the changes. After discussion, noting they are following the State Money Management Act, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the Sevier County Treasurer's Investment Policy as presented, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.