

COMMISSION MINUTES

January 14, 2019

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this fourteenth day of January, 2019. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, Scott Johnson, 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.

Chairman appointed:

Commissioner Brown moved to appoint Commissioner Ogden as Chairman for 2019, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Commission business:

Commissioner Brown reported on a meeting he had attended in St. George regarding the Intergenerational Poverty Committee with Lt. Governor Cox. He updated the Commission on the activities they are involved in.

Commissioner Johnson expressed his gratitude to the other Commissioners, previous Commissioners, elected officials, and the employees of the County for helping him prepare to serve as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Ogden reported on a conference call regarding public lands. Discussion included PILT, continuing legislation, forest management, water quality, and new guide books being developed by the Forest Service and BLM for management of their properties, and working with local area officials instead of uniform nationwide policies.

The Commission then reviewed a list of the districts and boards, noting that some of those with terms expiring had been contacted and asked to stay on, but a few more needed to be contacted. No action was taken at this time.

Minutes of December 10th Commission meeting approved:

Commissioner Brown then moved to approve the minutes of the December 10th Commission Meeting, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Claims for December approved:

Commissioner Johnson then moved to approve Claims for the month of December, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Landfill fee increase approved:

The Commission then discussed the request from the Landfill to increase the fee on large animals accepted at the Landfill. The current fee is \$0.005 per pound, and the Landfill Supervisor requested it be raised to \$0.03 per pound. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to increase the fee schedule on large animals to \$0.01 per pound, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Work to begin on CIB list:

Russ Cowley, Travis Kyhl, Zack Leavitt, Six County Association of Governments, reviewed the process of producing a list of projects that come from the Sevier County area to submit to the Community Impact Board. They are meeting with the Cities to begin this list, and invited the Commissioners to attend the meetings with them to look at the needs of the communities for the CIB list. The previous lists contained short-term and long-term items, and they are now looking at just an annual list with projects County wide.

The Commission thanked them and said they would be glad to work with them to prioritize the projects after they had been all been listed.

Right of way easement granted to Rocky Mountain Power:

The Commission then reviewed a Right-of-Way easement between Sevier County and Rocky Mountain Power in the Salina area. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to ratify the agreement, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of items requested to be surplussed by the departments. After review and discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to declare the items surplus, and authorize them for disposal, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Commission assignments set:

The Commission then reviewed the 2019 Commission assignments, noting the changes that had been made. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Commission Assignments, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider modifications to Austin Special Service District organization:

Commissioner Brown then moved to recess the regular meeting and hold a public hearing as had been advertised, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

County Attorney Dale Eyre then joined the meeting.

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Ogden opened a public hearing to consider modifications to the organizational documents of the Austin Special Service District. Executive Director Malcolm Nash gave a brief background of the Board, noting that a few years ago the Commission had to re-organize the Board as the elections had not been held, and the Commission felt there needed to be changes made to make this an appointed Board versus an elected Board. Discussion followed concerning the by-laws that are currently in effect, and whether those need to be followed or not. County Attorney Eyre then expressed his opinion that whether or not the by-laws were official, the Board is not currently functioning as it should and things need to change. Mr. Eyre noted that the organizational documents discussed the election, but noted that an election could be onerous and expensive for a small district. Therefore, the proposal is to make this an appointed board so that it can continue to operate and provide the water to the district as is being done now. Fred Lewis expressed the need to move as quickly as possible as there are trainings coming up, and they need someone who is certified to be able to maintain the water system within the correct parameters. Scott Hansen, Elsinore Town, indicated he is certified and would be willing to help for a short time if they had any questions or concerns. Concerns were expressed that there would be enough people to apply for the positions to be appointed. The Commission indicated they would find enough people to serve on the district water board. No other comments were made.

At 2:10 p.m., the public hearing was closed, and the regular meeting resumed.

Resolution 2019-1-1 adopted to amend the Austin Special Service District organization:

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2019-1-1 modifying and amending the Austin Special Service District to allow for appointed Board members. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 2019-1-1, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Beer Licenses renewed for Big Rock Candy Mountain and Wind River Petroleum:

The Commission then reviewed Beer License Renewals for Big Rock Candy Mountain Resort and Wind River Petroleum, noting they had been reviewed by Sheriff Curtis. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the renewal of both beer licenses and local consent, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

New job descriptions approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed changes to the job description for a Licensed Practical Nurse/RN, as well as a GIS/GPS Technician. Human Resources LeighAnn Wheeler said that both jobs would be advertised. Discussion followed concerning the GIS/GPS Technician position noting that it would be 80% GIS Department and 20% Recorder Department, and that the new LPN/RN position was due to a mandate from the State to provide an RN to the Inmates. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the two new job descriptions and allow Human Resources to accept applications for the two new job positions, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

New Hire approved:

Ms. Wheeler then indicated they had reviewed applications and interviewed for the Road Department to replace Travis Greenhalgh who had resigned. She recommended hiring Peter King with a start date of January 15, 2019, Grade 17, at \$18.55 per hour. She said he did have previous experience. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the new hire as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Travel Council recommendation approved:

Tourism director Chad McWilliams then asked the Commission to review the request from October to fund \$2,000 to the North Sevier Seniors to help them with their information booth and other activities there. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the request as recommended, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Indigent Defense Services Contracts approved:

County Attorney Dale Eyre then reviewed with the Commission a grant they had received from the Lt. Governor's Office to expand the public defender program in the rural areas of the State. Mr. Eyre said that the grant would cover Indigent Defense Counsel Services, and then reviewed a contract for Indigent Defense Counsel Services for a Managing Public Defender. He said that if the grant money went away, that the contract position would be vacated but the County would continue with the previous funding for a public defender. Mr. Eyre indicated that Ms. JoHanna Williams would be the managing public defender, and Mr. David Angerhofer would be the Indigent Defense Counsel Services for Child Welfare. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the two contracts as recommended, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

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