

COMMISSION MINUTES

January 28, 2019

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-eighth 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, County Attorney Dale Eyre, and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Commissioner Brown reported on the meetings he had attended with the Health Department and the Hospital.

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash then reported there was a local company who had applied to the State of Utah for tax relief and support. Mr. Nash indicated he would write a letter to the State Department of Economic Development for the Commissioners to sign in support of the Willow Creek Mining Company for their ongoing efforts to increase production and infrastructure.

Appointments made to Districts and Boards:

The Commission then reviewed the appointments to various districts and Boards and the terms that had expired. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to appoint the following new members: Garth 'Tooter' Ogden to Special Service District #1 to replace Ken May, Scott Johnson to the County Building Authority to replace Ken May, Larry Hansen to the Planning Commission, Bob Watts to the Accident Review Board to replace Mark Rickenbach, and Landon Larson to the Travel Council. Commissioner Johnson then moved to reappoint the following: Lisa Robins and John Worley to the Planning Commission, Garn Christensen and Eric Tuft to the Weed Control Board, and Ralph Brown, Matthew Creamer, Heidi King, Norlen Dalton, and Dick Cumiskey to the Economic Development Board. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, unanimous.

Minutes of January 14th Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the January 14th Commission meeting were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding with Utah State University approved:

Kim Chapman, USU Extension, then reviewed an agreement between Sevier County and Utah State University for 2019 Extension Services. Mr. Chapman reported that Patrick Trombow had left the area, and they will be advertising to replace someone in that position, which includes someone to help with the 4H. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2019 Cooperative Agreement with Utah State University for Extension services in Sevier County, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Appointments made to Austin Special Service District:

The Commission then review the information and discussed appointments to the Austin Special Service District Board. Executive Director Malcolm Nash reported that two weeks ago the Commission had taken action to modify the Special District organization to call for appointed Board members rather than elected board members, and to also call for letters of interest from those interested to be on the Board. Mr. Nash reported that there were four responses, with one of those not living in the area at this time. Discussion followed concerning waiting to consider him for a Board appointment until a future time after he had moved to the area and was living here. Those submitting letters included Chad Outzen, Jayne Outzen, Paul Catha, and Fred Lewis. The Commission had also talked with Rick Larsen and Dustin Acord, and possibly appointing Commissioner Brown to serve on the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to appoint Ralph Brown as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board,

to appoint Fred Lewis and Chad Outzen to two-year terms, and Rick Larsen, Dustin Acord, and Jayne Outzen to four-year terms on the Board, with the understanding that all of the terms will eventually be four-year terms, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Beer license renewals approved:

The Commission then reviewed beer license renewal requests for Lakeside Resort and Fishlake Lodge. They noted that the Sheriff had given his consent. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the beer license renewals, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding with Six County approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding between Sevier County and Six County Nutrition Program to trade-in a vehicle and purchase a newer vehicle (2016 Ford Escape) for their meal delivery program, with Sevier County paying the cost for insurance on the vehicle. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider applying for CDBG funding:

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Brown moved to recess Commission Meeting for a scheduled Public Hearing, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Commissioner Ogden opened the meeting for a public hearing to consider an application to the Community Development Block Grant program. Commissioner Ogden read a statement concerning the Community Development Block Grant Program and what the monies may be used for, noting that the County plans to submit an application. Tourism Director Chad McWilliams indicated the County may be applying for some grants through this program for some outdoor recreation structures including a bike park. There were no comments from the public.

Regular Commission meeting then resumed.

Update on Central Utah Throughput Agency:

Ken May then met with the Commission to give an update on the Central Utah Throughput Agency involving four counties. He reported that the documentation had been approved by each of the four counties, and the organization is waiting for the State to complete its process through the Lt. Governor's Office before they finish organization of the entity. He did report that the permit in Oakland had been pulled for the time being, but there was ongoing discussion and negotiations are being made. The Commission thanked him for the information.

Review of Central Utah Counseling Center Audit:

Brian Whipple, Farrel Marx, and Richard Anderson of the Central Utah Counseling Center reviewed with the Commissioners the independent audit of the Central Utah Counseling Center Financial Statements for their fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and the status of the current programs offered at the Counseling Center. They noted possible reductions in funding, based on what the legislature does. They also reviewed the status of the white house behind their offices, noting that it does not meet the current residential requirements and cannot be used for its intended purposes. They are looking at applying for a grant in the future to expand the facility that was completed on the adjoining lot. The Commissioners thanked them for the information.

Items declared surplus:

The Commissioners then reviewed a list of surplus items that were no longer being used, along with items that have already been disposed of but need to be removed from our fixed asset list. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to declare the items surplus as requested and authorize disposal as indicated on the list, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

Public Hearing set to consider amending Title 2 Chapter 2.08 of the Sevier County Code:

The Commission then discussed the possibility of amending Title 2 Chapter 2.08 of the Sevier County Code which specifies the amount of bonding for various elected officials and employees of the County. The Commissioners set a public hearing to take comments on the proposal on February 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Resolution 2019-1-2 adopted adding Mink to County Predator Control Program:

The Commission then reviewed Resolution 2019-1-2 amending Resolution 2014-2-3 to add mink to the Sevier County Predator Bounty Program. Discussion followed concerning issues of devastation and destruction of chickens in the County attributed to wild mink, and setting the bounty at \$5 for each tail brought in. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to adopt Resolution 2019-1-2 adding mink to the County Predator Bounty Program, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

New hire approved for Road Department:

HR Director Leighann Wheeler reported they had interviewed and recommended the hiring of Kolten Robins as a Road Operator 1 in the Road Department to fill the open position there. The hire date would be February 11, 2019, at Grade 14 at \$16.29 per hour. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the hire as recommended, second Commissioner Johnson, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.