

## COMMISSION MINUTES

March 26, 2018

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twelfth day of March, 2018. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners 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, Attorney Dale Eyre, and Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commissioner Garth 'Tooter' Ogden was excused.

### **Minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup> approved:**

Minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

### **Payment in Lieu of Taxes accepted:**

Kevin Bunnell of the State of Utah, Department of Natural Resources, presented the Commissioners with a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for 2017 for land that the Division of Wildlife Resources owns in Utah. The check totaled \$1,410.05. Mr. Bunnell then discussed with the Commission the programs they are operating around the County, including the work being done in the Fishlake area. The Commission thanked him for the check and the work they are doing.

### **Invasive Species Mitigation Grant received:**

The Commission then reviewed the grant agreement between the Utah Department of Agriculture and Sevier County Weed Department Supervisor David Sorensen. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to ratify the grant that had been signed and returned due to time constraints, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

### **Contract for Indigent Defense Counsel Services approved:**

The Commission then reviewed the Contract for Indigent Defense Counsel Services between Sevier County and Johanna Williams to provide indigent defense counsel services for Juvenile and Justice Courts at a fee of \$2,200 per month. After review, noting that the agreement had been signed by the County Attorney, Commissioner May moved to approve the agreement as recommended, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

### **Agreements approved for activities at the Sevier County Fair:**

The Commission then reviewed the agreements between Buck Wild Mechanical Bulls and Sevier County at a fee of \$5,000, and the WOW Attractions Agreement for Loop Rawlins Wild West Show at a fee of \$5,400, both for activities during the County Fair. The agreements had been previously signed by Tourism Director Chad McWilliams. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to ratify the Buck Wild Mechanical Bulls Agreement and the WOW Attractions Agreement for activities during the fair, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed. No decision was made on the Rocky Mountain Professional Rodeo Association agreement as it had not yet been reviewed by the County Attorney, and will be reviewed at a later meeting.

### **Land/Road exchange agreement ratified:**

Road Supervisor Bob Watts then met with the Commission to review a Land/Road exchange agreement between Inner Beauty Properties LLC and Sevier County for realignment of the Sage Flat Road. Mr. Watts showed a map showing the road where it currently is in relation to where it will be realigned to. He noted that they did get a 66 foot right-of-way deeded to Sevier County. After review and discussion,

Commissioner May moved to ratify the property exchange agreement with Inner Beauty Properties LLC, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

**Refund due to Tax Appeal approved:**

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan then reviewed with the Commission Appeals and Order of Approvals for Cellco Partnership DBA Verizon Wireless for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017. The agreement through the State Tax Commission resulted in a refund of property taxes in the total amount of \$6,355.30. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the refund to Verizon as recommended, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

**Appointments made to Economic Development Council:**

Executive Administrator Malcolm Nash then presented two names to appoint to the Economic Development Council. Mr. Nash recommended Mark Blake and Dave Coe. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to appoint Mr. Blake and Mr. Coe to the Economic Development Council as requested, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

**Travel Council recommendations approved:**

Tourism Director Chad McWilliams then reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations from the Travel Council meeting. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the expenditures as recommended, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed. Commissioner Brown noted the amount of money that the County helps with events by using the Transient Room Tax Funds does provide a good return throughout the County and assists the hotels and restaurants throughout the County. The Commission also wanted to recognize Scott Christensen for his work in bringing in events to the Blackhawk Arena and increasing the number of activities at the Arena.

**New Hire recommendation accepted:**

Kelly Stevens from the Human Resources Department reported that they had hired a deputy, Jordan Thompson, to fill the vacancy left by Shane Stewart, noting that he is already POST certified, and will be hired as a Deputy Sheriff Recruit effective April 9, 2018, at grade 15 at \$17.41 per hour. After discussion, Commissioner May moved to ratify the new hire as recommended, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

**Parcels pulled from tax sale:**

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then recommended pulling four properties from the tax sale. The four properties had been involved in the clean-up projects being done through the Zoning Department with fees that needed to be added to the properties before the sale so that they could be collected. Mr. Wall recommended pulling the properties from the sale this year to give the owners the opportunity to pay those fees, or add them to the total due and place the properties on the tax sale next year. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the pulling the properties from the sale as recommended, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

**Road Agreement with Glenwood Town approved:**

The Commission then reviewed a Road Agreement between Glenwood Town and Sevier County concerning realignment of a road near the Glenwood Cemetery. After review and discussion, Commissioner May moved to approve the Road Agreement as recommended, second Commissioner Brown. Motion passed.

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