

COMMISSION MINUTES

April 9, 2018

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this ninth day of April, 2018. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Kenneth May, Garth 'Tooter' Ogden, 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 updated the Commissioners on his discussions on the Snow College efforts they are working on to make student housing available here in the Richfield area for Snow College South. Currently, most of the students attending the Richfield Campus are local because there is no student housing available. They are hoping to make available more campus style housing so the students are not having to rent apartments around town on their own.

Commissioner Ogden reported on the Leadership Summit with Six County including legislators and leaders from around our area to discuss local issues, the economy, and public lands.

Minutes of March 26th Commission meeting approved:

Minutes of the March 26th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner May, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Claims for March approved:

Claims for the month of March were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Brown, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Indigent burial request approved:

The Commission then reviewed a request from Neal S. Magelby & Sons for an indigent burial for George Ernest Beltz. After noting that the matter had been reviewed by the County Attorney Dale Eyre, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the request for \$1,095, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Public Hearing to consider update of General Plan:

At 1:45 p.m., Commissioner May moved to recess the regular Commission Meeting for a public hearing that had been scheduled, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Commissioner Ogden then opened a public hearing to consider repealing and replacing the Sevier County General Plan.

Josh Call and Korey Walker, Epic Engineering, then reviewed with those present the process the County had taken to review and upgrade their general plan. They presented that the County had gone through the process of receiving public input for the last several months and had made the plan available through social media and electronically. Their goal was to make the General Plan a short and concise plan to be used by all Departments and the Commissioners in looking at County operations. Through the surveys, the items that were brought out were the value of our land in the area, jobs, and the economy. Therefore, emphasis was placed on the land, jobs, and economy. They also discussed working with the Planning Commission to make rail options to the area to provide better access for Economic Development, and also doing a rural farm overlay to help the Planning Commission in their efforts. The proposed General Plan included specifics required by the statute but wanting to leave it somewhat open so that it can be managed by the Departments and the Planning Commission. They have coordinated the proposed plan with the updated Resource Management Plan that had been done by the Planning Commission so that the General

Plan and the Resource Management Plan can work together but can also be updated separately. The results of the surveys that were done were consistent between all the different age groups, which gives this plan more credibility. All of the age groups from the younger generation to the older generation said pretty much the same thing when listing what was important to the people. They then reviewed parts of the plan including moderate and affordable housing while being mindful of population growth, transportation issues, APA's, agriculture issues, human and community services, public service. Maintain livestock trails, PILT, and Secure Rural Schools money through the government. Other items of interest that were discussed were maintaining good medical services in the area, providing public services and plan development, economic development, and new items such as the Intergenerational Poverty that are being discussed now with the new committees. The Commissioners thanked them for the information, noting there has been a lot of work put in not only by Epic Engineering, but by committees and employees in the County, as well as the surveys done by the public. They felt the plan was a good plan that would help move the County forward and be easy to update as new issues arose in the future.

There were no other comments from the public.

At 2:20, the regular meeting then resumed.

Proposed General Plan adopted:

After discussion, Commissioner May, stating that he had been involved in the process and thinks this final draft is a good result, moved to repeal the current General Plan and replace it with the new proposed General Plan, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

Premium Only Plan approved:

Human Resources Leighann Wheeler then reviewed with the Commissioners the updated Premium Only Plan through National Benefit Services which would cancel the FLEX plan and make it a Premium Only plan for employees to use for medical related premiums and still allow the County to follow cafeteria plan rules to withhold those premiums before taxes. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Premium Only Plan as recommended, second Commissioner May, unanimous.

Abatement request denied:

The Commission then reviewed again the request from Tim Wallace requesting to abate greenbelt rollback taxes. Commissioner Ogden said that when the County has received requests from taxpayers to abate taxes, we have been consistent in not abating taxes if all the requirements have not been met. Commissioner Ogden said it seems there may have been a misunderstanding with this issue, and stated that the County Departments need to be clear on what requirements need to be met and what the expectations are in their instructions. Commissioner May reported that he had reviewed the issue thoroughly, and felt that the Commission should be consistent with what has been done in the past. Commissioner Brown said that we should be good leaders and stewards in the positions we hold in the County, and that we strive to follow the State Code as we should; however, he feels in this situation that the property did qualify for greenbelt and the only issue is there was not an application made in a timely fashion. Commissioner Brown did say that Assessor Amy Garren-Clark did follow due diligence in notifying Mr. Wallace of the necessary application, but felt that it was a misunderstanding since Mr. Wallace's land did qualify. Although Mr. Wallace had been negligent in not opening his mail, Commissioner Brown felt that the County should give the abatement to Mr. Wallace as allowed per the law. After discussion, Commissioner May then moved to deny the request for abatement of the greenbelt rollback taxes by Mr. Wallace to be consistent, second Commissioner Ogden. Commissioner Ogden and Commissioner May voted aye. Commissioner Brown voted nay. Motion passed.

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Business License approved:

A business license for Sonia Winegar for Hillside Miniature Golf & Recreation was reviewed. After noting that the application had been reviewed by the Zoning Administrator, Commissioner May moved to approve the license at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.