

## **COMMISSION MINUTES**

**March 25, 2024**

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fifth day of March 2024. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Scott Johnson, Greg Jensen, and Ralph Brown in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Executive Director Malcolm Nash, County Attorney Casey Jewkes, and Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall were also present.

### **Commission Business:**

Commissioner Brown reported on the Outdoor Expo that was held last week. He noted there was a lot of interest in our area for the bike paths, ATV Trails, and Fishlake area. People are becoming interested in coming to our area to ride our trails and take in our scenery.

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall noted that Commissioners had received in their packet a Charitable Plan from Intermountain Health Sevier Valley Hospital for their review.

### **Minutes of March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> meetings approved:**

Minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> Commission Worksession and Commission Meeting, and the March 18<sup>th</sup> Canvass of Election were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Jensen, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

### **2024 Cooperative Agreement with USU approved:**

Ethan Gillim, USU Extension, then reviewed with the Commissioners the 2024 Cooperative Agreement between Utah State Extension Services and Sevier County. He noted that it is a similar agreement to prior years, with the budget for 2024. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

### **Items declared surplus, authorized for disposal:**

The Commission then reviewed a list of personal property items requested by departments to be surplus. The items are no longer in use or are broken. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to declare the items surplus and authorize their disposal as indicated on the list, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

### **Fee added to schedule for rental of outdoor arena:**

Tourism Director Amy Myers reported that they have received several requests to use the outdoor arena at the Fairgrounds, and currently there is not a fee for that listed on our fee schedule. She noted that for the large events, such as the rodeo, there is a lot of work that is done, and recommended a fee of \$1,000 per day. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve adding the recommended fee of \$1,000 per day to the fee schedule to help maintain the arena and spectator areas, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

### **Two sets of Parcels, combined for purchase at the tax sale:**

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then reported that there were a few properties coming up on the 2024 tax sale that he is recommending the parcels be combined or joined together to sell. There are two sets of parcels with the first set being located in Elsinore owned by the same property owner

with the home located across both parcels (2-E6-51 and 2-E6-19), and the other set being to contiguous lots in the Elsinore Addition owned by the same property owner (3-192C-7 and 3-192C-8). After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to authorize combining the two sets of parcels for sale on the 2024 tax sale, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Travel Council Recommendations approved:**

Tourism Director Amy Myers reviewed with the Commission the recommendations of the Travel Council. After review and discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the expenditures recommended by the Travel Council, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Updating Fairground Restroom Project to begin:**

Executive Director Malcolm Nash discussed with the Commission replacing the old restrooms at the Fairgrounds. Discussion followed that there is more activity on the west side of the Fairgrounds with the small animal shed being located there, and the current restroom facilities need to be upgraded. The Commission reviewed a proposed project expenditure of approximately \$147,600 to demolish the old restroom facilities and build a new one. He noted that the preliminary engineering for the project had been donated by Sunrise Engineering. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the proposed restroom upgrade project, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

**Date and Time set for Public Hearing to consider Class D Road System Inventory:**

Commissioner Johnson then reported that the Commission needed to hold a public hearing to consider input on the Sevier County Class D Road System Inventory that other entities had been reviewing. He noted that the information is coming together, but a public hearing would be needed prior to taking any action on the Inventory. The Commission set the date of April 22, 2024 at 2:00 pm for a public hearing on the Sevier County Class D Road System Inventory.

**Notice of Award signed for Sevier River Road Reconstruction Project:**

Micklane Farmer and Matthew Lenhart of Jones & DeMille Engineering met with the Commission and reviewed the Sevier River Road Reconstruction Project. They said the bids had been opened, and the apparent low bidder was Hales Sand & Gravel with a contract price of \$1,829,437. They recommended that the Commission approve the Notice of Award and award the Contract to Hales Sand & Gravel as they have met the requirements after review by Jones & DeMille. After discussion, Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Notice of Award to Hales Sand & Gravel for the project, second Commissioner Jensen, unanimous.

**Interlocal Road Maintenance Agreements approved:**

Road Superintendent Bob Watts and Cydne Quitter then reviewed with the Commission Interlocal Agreements they have been working on with surrounding Counties and Cities concerning maintenance of D roads that crisscross the borders, who will maintain them, and the responsibility of maintenance. Mr. Watts reported that this is required by UDOT so they would be aware of which miles should be assigned to each entity. These agreements would indicate which roads and who would be maintaining those roads as they came near borders. They had 12 agreements with one coming from Emery County in the near future. After discussion, Commissioner Jensen moved to approve the agreements, including Emery County based on

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review and approval of Bob Watts and the County Attorney, second Commissioner Brown, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.