

COMMISSION MINUTES
November 24, 2014

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-fourth day of November, 2014. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gordon Topham, Gary Mason, and Garth 'Tooter' Ogden in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall and Executive Director Malcolm Nash were also present.

Commission business:

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall reported on a request from a disabled veteran for account number 43287. The disabled veteran had moved to Sevier County last year, had not received his notices for filing on the Veteran's Exemption, and did not realize that a new form was required each year. Clerk/Auditor Wall said that the Veteran's Exemption had been allowed for him.

Mr. Wall then reported that he had received a dividend check from the Worker's Compensation Fund for 5% of our premium for the year ended June 30, 2014, in the amount of \$4,080.24.

Commissioner Mason reported on the Suicide Awareness Event held recently. He said it was well attended, and had contained good information. He hoped it would help those in the County who may need some help.

Commissioner Ogden reported that the information and application had been submitted to NRCS for help in mitigating the floods out of Flat Canyon. He said he would keep the Commissioners updated on any new developments there.

Commissioner Topham then reviewed with the Commissioners a Coal Report that he had received regarding the future of coal in this area, as well as in the United States.

Minutes of November 10th Commission meeting and November 17th Canvass approved:
Minutes of the November 10th Commission Meeting, as well as the November 17th Canvass of Election were then reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Ogden, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Write-off requests for Landfill fees approved:

The Commission then reviewed a list of bad debt for the Landfill with a request to write-off the amounts by the Landfill Superintendent Kelly Conder. Mr. Conder has been trying to collect these small amounts, but felt that they should be written off rather than sent to the collection agency. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of collecting some from one of the individuals, as they have been doing work for the County. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the bad debts as requested by Landfill Superintendent Conder, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Resolution 2014-11-2 adopted:

The Commissioners then discussed Resolution 2014-11-2 supporting the Display of the motto 'In God We Trust' in the Sevier County Commission Chambers. After review and discussion,

Commissioner Mason moved to approve resolution 2014-11-2, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Taxes abated for New Hope Baptist Church:

The Commission then reviewed with Howard ‘Buddy’ McNorton a request for property tax exemption for the New Hope Baptist Church on parcel 4-224-3. He reported that the property was purchased earlier this year by the Church, but then because of the need to close on the property prior to completion of the Church’s paperwork, the property was deeded in his name. He said it will be transferred to the Church in December of this year. Assessor Amy Garren-Clark reported that according to the Utah State Tax Commission, the property could not be exempted for religious purposes because it is in his personal name and not the name of the Church. Discussion followed concerning the use of the property being only for religious purposes, and that it meets the qualifications as listed in the application. Mr. McNorton reported that he is in the process, and will have the paperwork completed, to have the property changed to the Church’s name by the end of this year so that it will meet the qualifications for exemption next year. After review and discussion, the Commissioners, noting they cannot exempt the value on the property, felt that it was a legitimate use for religious purposes. Commissioner Mason moved to abate the taxes on parcel 4-224-3 for the year 2014 with the understanding that Mr. McNorton would need to change the ownership on the parcel to be eligible for the exemption next year, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.