

COMMISSION MINUTES
December 8, 2014

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eighth day of December, 2014. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners 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.

Commissioner Gordon Topham was excused.

Commissioner Mason moved to appoint Commissioner Ogden as Chairman Pro-tem in the absence of Commissioner Topham, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Commission Business:

Commissioner Ogden reported on a meeting he had attended in Beaver where they had discussed coordination between the local government entities, and taking the lead in helping develop plans on federal properties for use of public lands, as well as local properties, so that both plans would coordinate use of property.

Minutes of November 24th Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the November 24th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Claims for November approved:

Claims for the month of November were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Tax Overpayment refunds approved:

Treasurer Cheryl Buchanan met with the Commissioners to recommend refunds for taxes that had been overpaid on several properties. The total amount of the refunds is approximately \$23,828.92. After review of the list, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the refunds as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Indigent Burial request approved:

The Commission then reviewed a request from Magleby Mortuary for an indigent burial for Michael Ray Oliver. After review and noting that it had been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the request in the amount of \$1,100, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Public Hearings to consider 2015 Budget and adjustments to 2014 Budget:

At 2:00 p.m., Commissioner Mason moved to temporarily recess Commission Meeting to hold a public hearing, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

The Commission then opened the meeting for comments from the public on the proposed 2015 budget. There were a few questions from Department Heads, but no comments or questions

from the public. The Commission briefly reviewed the budget, noting that the budget is similar in dollar amounts as last year with an approximate 2% increase for most of the employees.

At 2:05 p.m., Commissioner Ogden then called for comments on opening the 2014 budget to provide funds in excess of those provided. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall then also requested the Commission consider an increase of approximately \$2.5 million in the Municipal Building Authority Budget to pay off the remaining balance on the old bonds on the Justice Complex. He said the money had been held in escrow to pay that from the sale of the refunding bonds in 2012, so there is no cost to the County. He also noted that although the General Fund budget would not need to be increased, there would need to be some transfers between departments.

At 2:10 p.m. the public hearings were closed and the regular meeting resumed.

Adjustments to 2014 budget authorized:

After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to open the 2014 MBA budget and increase it by \$2.5 million noting the revenues were from money that had been held in escrow from the 2012 sales tax refunding bonds to make the payoff of the original bonds on the Justice Complex, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Commissioner Mason then moved to authorize the Clerk/Auditor to make adjustments within the 2014 General Fund budget between departments as needed, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Travel Council Recommendations approved:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed with the Commissioners the recommendations of the Travel Council. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the recommendations, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Mr. Arrington then discussed with the Commissioners the make-up of the proposed membership for the 2015 Travel Council, noting that the Council had some questions of whether Joe Anderson (Sevier Valley Center) and Scott Christensen (Blackhawk Arena) should be on the Council because they are the recipients of a lot of the funding of the Travel Council to bring events to the area. No action was taken at this time.

Items declared surplus, authorized for sale or disposal:

The Commission then reviewed a list of surplus items that were broken or destroyed, including the 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer that had been wrecked, along with weapons from the Sheriff's Department that the Deputies are wanting to purchase. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to declare surplus the items listed and authorize the sale of the weapons and the 2006 Trailblazer, and disposal of the other items, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Rollback taxes abated for Richfield City:

The Commission then reviewed a request from Richfield City to abate the rollback taxes on parcels: 4-297-44, 4-297-36, 4-297-41, and 4-293-11. These parcels were part of the airport

project that Richfield City was doing to improve the airport, and rollback taxes had been charged on the parcels that had been purchased by Richfield City. After discussion and noting that the parcels would be used for public use, Commissioner Mason moved to abate the rollback taxes on the four parcels as requested, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Changes to tax notices approved as recommended:

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark then recommended adjustments to properties after the tax notices had been sent out, including adjustments on the following: 2-C6-100 from a non-primary to a primary residence which would reduce the taxes by \$686.04; 1-S1-18 an increase of \$1,240 due to computer errors not bringing the values across; 4-296-24 adjusting off the landfill fee as it is vacant ground which was a reduction of \$132; and 5-13-3 reducing a landfill assessment of \$66 on a cabin that should not have been charged. Ms. Garren-Clark also listed the centrally assessed adjustments on reducing the Pacificorp Pumping Plant Exemption to \$632,485, and the Garkane Pumping Plant Exemption to \$40,355. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the adjustments as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.