

COMMISSION MINUTES
February 23, 2015

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this twenty-third day of February, 2015. 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.

Commission business:

Commissioner Ogden reported he had met with the NRCS looking at strategies and opportunities of trying to find some financing to do some flood mitigation in the Flat Canyon area.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash updated the Commissioners on some education being done through the Six County Association on how to work with the federal agencies.

Minutes of February 9th Commission meeting approved:

Commissioner Mason moved to approve the minutes of the February 9th meeting, second Commission Ogden. Motion passed.

Independent Contract to be reviewed at next meeting:

Human Resource Director LeighAnn Wheeler discussed with the Commissioners a worker's compensation issue concerning the Dennis Davis contract, indicating there are ways he can be either exempt from workers compensation, provide his own worker's compensation insurance, or the possibility of the County paying for that. The Commission noted that Recorder Jayrene Nielsen had cancelled the action on the agenda. No further action was taken.

Indigent Defense Counsel Services contract approved:

County Attorney Dale Eyre reviewed with the Commission the contract for the Indigent Defense Counsel Services, responding to their questions concerning compensation. He said the compensation was the same as it has been for the last couple of years, but with new requirements from the Courts, it may need to increase in the future. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the contract for Indigent Defense Counsel Services with Johanna Williams, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Commission to hold public hearing on proposed tax sale ordinance:

Clerk/Auditor Steven Wall then reviewed with the Commissioners the proposed ordinance which would establish the method, rules, and procedures for the annual tax sale. He said that for the most part it is just putting our procedures in writing, with a few additions such as registration as a bidder and forms of payment. Clerk/Auditor Wall noted that a public hearing had been scheduled for their next meeting on March 9th at 2:00 p.m. as necessary for the ordinance to become law. No further action was taken at this time.

Gurney declared surplus, authorized for sale:

The Commission then reviewed the request to surplus a gurney from the EMS Department, and authorize it to be sold. Discussion followed that this is an automatic gurney designed to go into ambulances, that we have no use for it at this time, and that there is an opportunity to sell it to another agency. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to declare the gurney surplus and authorize it for sale, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Senior Citizen Corp. to apply for funding for new bus:

Georgette Harvey, Senior Citizen Corp., met with the Commissioners concerning applying for a new bus through the UDOT program as had been previously done. Under the UDOT program, the State would pay for most of the cost of the bus, with the Senior Citizen Corp. coming up with a down payment, at no cost to the County. She indicated it would take several months, up to a year, to get the request through and get the new bus. At this time, she wanted to ensure the County's cooperation in the application process, and noted that upon the arrival of the new bus they would request to surplus the oldest bus they have, a 1997 Ford. The Commissioners agreed to participate in the application, and thanked her for the information.

Golden Obray Minor Subdivision amendment approved:

Golden Obray and Zoning Administrator Larry Hanson reviewed with the Commissioners a request to amend the Golden Obray Minor Subdivision. Mr. Hanson said this would change the subdivision from a one lot subdivision to a four lot subdivision. He reported that the Planning Commission had reviewed the application, and recommended its approval. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the amendment to the Golden Obray Minor Subdivision, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Travel Council recommendations approved:

Tourism/Events Director Kevin Arrington then reviewed the recommended expenditures from the Travel Council. Discussion followed concerning the recommendation to NOT fund an ad in this year's Outdoor Utah Magazine because there was nothing local that they knew of planned in this year's magazine. Mr. Arrington noted that after the Travel Council meeting, the magazine had called him and reported that they are doing a special on the State Parks, and that the Fremont Indian Park would be headlined in the article. He said he had tried to contact several of the Travel Council members to see if they wanted to change their recommendations to include the \$2,500 as has been expended in prior years, and had received a few responses back saying they would like to put the ad back into the magazine but had not heard from a majority of the Council. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve items 1 through 6, and to change item 7 to allow for \$2,500 for an ad in the Outdoor Utah Magazine subject to approval of a quorum of the Travel Council, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Fee schedule update approved:

Assessor Amy Garren-Clark met with the Commissioners to request an update to the fee schedule to allow for a fee of up to \$50 when a property owner seeks to obtain a residential exemption after the deadline of May 1st each calendar year to cover the extra work to update the tax rolls, etc. Discussion followed concerning the few who have come in later stating they had not received a tax notice or disclosure notice and the property had been changed for one reason

or another to non-primary. There is a new state law which allows a fee for this request. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the recommendation and authorize a fee be added to the fee schedule in the maximum amount allowed by the State for that process, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Board of Equalization convened:

Commissioner Mason then moved to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Board of Equalization at 2:25 p.m. to review a request for a change in status of a property, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Assessor Garren-Clark then reported that Pat J. Van Dam, parcel 2-R1A-68, said she had not received any notices regarding the classification of the property as primary or non-primary. Discussion followed concerning the number of notices sent, that none had been returned back to the County, that the owner had finally come in to report a new address and to report that she had not received any of the notices, and noted that the property is her primary residence. She asked that the property be changed back to primary residence status for 2014, which would result in a refund of \$347.68. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the change and the refund as recommended, second Commissioner Ogden. Motion passed.

Regular Commission meeting then reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

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