

COMMISSION MINUTES

August 8, 2016

Minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Sevier County Commissioners held this eighth day of August, 2016. Meeting commenced at 1:30 p.m. with Commissioners Gary Mason, Gordon Topham, and Garth 'Tooter' Ogden in the Commission Chambers of the Sevier County Administration Building, 250 North Main, Richfield, Utah. Clerk/Auditor Steven C. Wall was also present.

Executive Director Malcolm Nash was excused.

Commission business:

Commissioner Topham reported he had received information from the Manti-La Sal National Forest inviting Sevier County to participate as a cooperating agency in a revision of its Land Management Resource Plan, which we have been invited to participate in for the last few years, and asked that the item be put on the agenda for the next Commission meeting for review and discussion.

Commissioner Topham then reported he had received a copy of a letter from UDOT to the Richfield Canal Company concerning the debris, etc. that was pulled from the canal and placed on the UDOT right-of-way. The letter expressed their concerns with safety, and asked that the matter be reviewed.

Commissioner Topham then reported that the Intergenerational Poverty Committee had held their first meeting. He reported that Rebecca Mills, USU Extension, and Maureen Allred, Six County Association of Governments, were the co-chairs, and would be moving forward with that project.

Commissioner Ogden reported he had met with Bronson Smart, NRCS, and looked at the flooding in the Flat Canyon areas to see if they could get some additional money to mitigate the flooding in that area by adding on to the current contract we have.

Commissioner Mason then reported he had received information that the Green Hollow lease permit for the mine appeared to be moving forward, and he would keep everyone informed of any progress there.

Commissioner Mason then discussed the invitation from the Rural Utah Alliance to join their group. He expressed some concerns about the things they were promoting and felt that there needed to be additional discussion prior to making any commitments. Commissioner Mason said he felt the group pitted the smaller counties against the larger counties, indicating UAC does not serve the smaller counties as well as the larger ones, which is not the case. The Commission feels that UAC serves well.

Minutes of July 26th Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the July 26th Commission meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Claims for July approved:

Commissioner Ogden then moved to approve the claims for the month of July as presented, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Funds for Indigent Burial request approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed a request for funds for an indigent burial. It was noted that County Attorney Dale Eyre had reviewed the request, and authorized it as an indigent burial. After review, Commissioner Mason moved to approve \$1,100 in indigent burial funds for Theodore R. Berndt as requested, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Review of events at upcoming Freedom Festival:

Commissioner Topham then updated the Commissioners on the Freedom Festival scheduled for the first part of September, and the activities that are planned there.

Travel Council recommendations approved:

The Commission then reviewed the recommendations from the Travel Council, noting that Tourism Director Kevin Arrington was working at the Fair. After review, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the Travel Council recommendations, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

2015 Sevier County Audit accepted:

Rick Roberts and Gabe Miller, Kimball and Roberts CPA's, presented the independent audit of Sevier County for 2015 to the Commissioners. They reviewed the findings and the management letter, and answered questions that the Commissioners had. The Commissioners thanked them for the work, taking note of their recommendations. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to accept the audit as presented, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

No decision on Agreement with Rural Community Consultants for Resource Management Plan:

Shannon Ellsworth, Rural Community Consultant, then discussed with the Commissioners the status of the Resource Management Plan the County is required to develop. She said the County has had individuals working on that, and they are no longer able to do that. The County is looking at working with the Rural Community Consultants in developing that plan. Ms. Ellsworth said they are working with other Counties in developing plans. Discussion followed concerning gathering the data, working with Six County AOG to get some of the data they are putting together. The Commissioners also noted that this agreement had not already gone to the County Attorney for his review, and asked that it be forwarded to the County Attorney for review and put on the agenda for the next Commission meeting to allow time for the County Attorney to review the agreement.

Over the Edge Adventures business license approved:

A business license for Patricia Cox for Over the Edge Adventures, Inc. was reviewed. Discussion followed concerning the County requiring insurance and permits from other State agencies prior to approving the business license. Commissioner Mason reported he had discussed the matter with County Attorney Dale Eyre, and had been advised that the County not require additional permits and insurance, etc. as it would put more liability on the County. When the County approves a business license, it means that the business activities are permitted in that zone or area of the County, and the business would still need to get any other permits that they need and provide their own insurance. Noting that the business was authorized in the zone where it is located, and after review and discussion on the business license and its activities, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the business license at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Cooperative Agreement for Dispatch services approved:

The Commission then reviewed a Cooperative Agreement providing for dispatch services. Commissioner Mason reported that Sheriff Curtis was out of town and was unable to attend the meeting. He said that the Sheriff had indicated that the contract amount is for the same amount as the previous year with an additional \$10,000 increase to pay the additional retirement required by Utah Retirement Systems from converting their dispatch employees from the regular retirement to Public Safety retirement. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

High bid accepted, surplus truck sold:

The Commissioners then opened the sealed bids that had been received for the 1984 Chevrolet Pick-up truck including slow plow that is located at the Animal Shelter. Two bids were received. One from Country Auto Salvage in the amount of \$825, and the other from Lee High or Ross Christensen in the amount of \$800. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to award the bid to the high bidder, Country Auto Salvage, Inc. for their bid of \$825, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

PUD Overlay Zone and Planned Unit Development permit for Sigurd Solar LLC approved:

The Commission then viewed the Planned Unit Development Permit for Sigurd Solar LLC to develop, operate, and maintain an 80 megawatt solar electric power generations station and associated facilities near Sigurd, Utah. The Commissioners noted that there have been several meetings and negotiation between Sevier County and Sigurd Solar LLC, and this is the final document finalized by the County Attorney. It was noted that the County needed to approve a PUD Overlay Zone to allow for the Planned Unit Development. The legal description is in development at this time, but the overlay zone and the PUD will match. This will allow the farmers to keep the property that is not being used for the solar facility in greenbelt. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the PUD Overlay zone to match the area to be used for the solar facility, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous. Commissioner Ogden then moved to approve the Planned Unit Development for Sigurd Solar LLC based on the completion of the few items in the agreement changed by the County Attorney, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.