

COMMISSION MINUTES
February 10, 2014

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

Commission business:

Commissioner Mason reported he had discussed with Vince Mumford, Division of Natural Resources, the State program on the coyote bounty, on ways they are marking the coyotes for that program so the animals cannot be used in the local program as well. Mr. Mumford had told Commissioner Mason that they either crop the ears or split them so they know they have received a bounty on them and cannot use them again.

Commissioner Ogden reported on the tire clean-up at the Landfill, indicating that the lower pile of tires has been hauled away, and they are now working on the upper pile of tires. The total cost will be approximately \$150,000 with the County paying 60% and the State paying 40% of those transportation costs.

He also reported that he had had some discussion with Ivan Cowley on House Bill 49 that Representative McIff is running concerning irrigation. Mr. Cowley had met with the irrigators and had requested some wording changes to the bill, but there is still some opposition even with the changes.

Commissioner Topham reported that there are several coal producing counties nationwide indicating they will want to meet at the next National Association of Counties (NACo) meeting to discuss the future of coal and generation of electricity.

Minutes of January 27th Commission Meeting approved:

Minutes of the January 27th Commission Meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Mason, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Claims approved:

Claims were reviewed with some discussion on some ambulance expenses. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the claims as presented, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Business License for Diamond W Auctioneers approved:

The Commissioners then reviewed the business license for CR Wood and Diamond W Auctioneers. It was noted that Mr. Wood lives in Elsinore, but the location for the business is in the unincorporated area. The Commission also noted that the Zoning Administrator had approved the location for the business license. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the business license for CR Wood and Diamond W Auctioneers at a fee of \$25 per year, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Deputy Sheriff III Position created:

Sheriff Nathan Curtis and HR Director LeighAnn Wheeler reviewed with the Commissioners the new job description for Deputy Sheriff III. Sheriff Curtis indicated this would be a position that would provide an opportunity for Deputies that have not been promoted to Sergeant, Lieutenant, etc. to improve their skills, be prepared to help train other officers, and fill in for Sergeants, etc. when needed after they had approximately 15 years of experience. He also said it would be a position below the Sergeants and above the Deputy Sheriff I and Deputy Sheriff II with an approximate 5% increase. He said there would be few officers eligible for that, as most with that many years of experience have already been promoted. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the new position as recommended, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

Commissioner Mason then thanked the Sheriff and his Deputies for representing the County at the funeral for the slain deputy in Utah County this past week.

Part-time Seasonal Employees hired for fuel mitigation work:

HR Director LeighAnn Wheeler discussed with the Commissioners the recommended hires for the fuel mitigation group which will be funded by grants. She said they would be part-time seasonal non-exempt employees with no health insurance or retirement benefits. She said they would have a maximum of 1500 hours per year, and would be working under the Russian Olive Grant and the Fuels Management Grant, as well as working under the Title III monies. She also reported that they would fall under State Grants, they would be on a State pay schedule, rather than a County pay schedule. She recommended Russell Curtis as the Lead Operator at \$14.50 per hour, Matt Newby as the Assistant Lead Operator at \$12.50 per hour, and Brage Greenhalgh and Timothy Lloyd as chainsaw operators at \$11.50 per hour. They had some training last week, and started field work February 10, 2014. After discussion, Commissioner Mason moved to approve the new hires as recommended starting February 3, 2014, second Commissioner Ogden, unanimous.

Agreement with Magic Century approved:

Events Coordinator Paula Martin reviewed with the Commission an agreement with Magic Century for magic shows during the Fair at a fee of \$1,500. After discussion, Commissioner Ogden moved to approve the agreement and authorize Ms. Martin to execute the agreement, second Commissioner Mason, unanimous.

There being no further business to come before the Board, meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.