

SULLIVAN COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

Tim Abrams, called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Tim Abrams, Jerry Payne, Nick Cullison, Duane Wampler, Larry Kinnett, Curt Bedwell

Absent: Logan Pearson

Minutes

Shelly Parris, Auditor, presented minutes for the December 23, 2019 meeting.

Nick made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Curt. All in favor, motion carried.

Council Attorney Appointment

Curt made a motion to appoint Terry Modesitt at the County Attorney for the County Council, seconded by Nick. All in favor, Curt, Tim and Nick Opposed, Duane, Larry and Jerry, motion failed.

Discussion was had by the council on the pros and cons of the council and commissioners having the same attorney.

Park and Lake Board Appointment

Tim said that Donna K. Harrison and Dennis Oelheim had submitted their names for appointment to the Park and Lake board. Tim thanked them both for submitting their names for consideration for a board member for Sullivan County Park and Lake Board

Curt made a motion to appoint Donna Harrison, Jerry Payne seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Doug Followell

Tim called on Doug Followell, attorney for the Sullivan County Park and Lake (SCPL). Doug appeared before the Council to let them know that the SCPL is in the process of purchasing property that joins the SCPL property. The SCPL will possibly erect a building to serve as a facility for meetings as well as a storm shelter for the campers. Questions raised concerning the purchase of the property, which property is in the City of Sullivan: Will the City of Sullivan have jurisdiction; will the park and lake have to comply with zoning laws and will the city want a Seat on the park and lake board.

Doug also stated they are wanting to transfer \$110,000.00 to be moved to SCPL Capital Outlays Curt made a motion to approve a transfer of \$110,000.00 to SCPL Capital Outlays, Nick seconded. In favor, Jerry, Curt, Nick and Tim. In opposition, Duane and Larry, motion carried.

Clark Cottom

Tim asked Clark Cottom what he was here for. Clark stated concerning Court House Security, the Commissioners had asked Clark at their last Commissioners meeting to have a roving security officer in the Court House by March 2nd, and to hire from Lawman.

Ray McCammon, Commissioner, asked the Council to amend the salary ordinance to include two new security officers.

Council told Clark he needed to advertise for officers, as someone may want to transition into this job.

Clark said March 2nd at 7:30, there will be a security officer at work in the Court House.

Motion to table, no action taken.

Tim Abrams said he wanted to discuss the Sullivan County Ambulance Service. They are having trouble keeping help due the pay. Discussion was had concerning keeping employees with Sullivan County Ambulance Service and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. This issue will have to be addressed in the future.

Curt gave a report on HB 1113.

Curt read a transcript that he had prepared concerning previous minutes.

Larry Kinnett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Curt. All in favor motion carried.

Sullivan County Council

Tim Abrams *Tim Abrams*

Logan Pearison *Logan Pearison*

Jerry Payne *Jerry C Payne*

Duane Wampler *Duane Wampler*

Larry Kinnett *Larry Kinnett*

Nick Cullison *Nick Cullison*

Curt Bedwell *Curt Bedwell*

Attest: Shelly Hiatt Parris *Shelly Hiatt Parris*

Auditor