

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 22, 2021

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
 9:00 – County Business
 9:30 – Tony Martin

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present. Paul Kitzke, County Attorney and Amy Jo Tharp, County were also present. Tron called the meeting to order. Pat moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Joe seconded. Motion carried. Pat moved to approve the county vouchers. Joe seconded. Motion carried. The Clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the Treasurer chargeable to the various funds of the county for the following amounts:

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| General | \$ | 89,669.65 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ | 91,108.15 |
| Airport | \$ | 2,608.60 |
| Noxious Weed | \$ | 7,939.29 |
| EMS | \$ | 11,594.73 |
| Fire | \$ | 11,012.73 |
| County Building | \$ | 3,637.84 |
| Community Health | \$ | 14,280.31 |
| Community Health Grants | \$ | 28,996.22 |
| Employee Benefits - KWROCC | \$ | 277.00 |
| Diversion | \$ | 108.00 |
| 911 Wireless | \$ | 115.84 |
| Sheriff | \$ | 57,076.13 |
| Emp P/R Misc W/H | \$ | 27.24 |
| <u>Special Law Enforcements</u> | \$ | <u>999.98</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ | 319,451.71 |

Amy Jo brought up a discussion about Gilmore Solutions and how the employees are dissatisfied with their services. Many concepts were promised but not kept. The commissioners discussed personal IT person for the county or if it would be better to go through other IT companies such as Nex-Tech or PBS.

Shelby Martin came in.

Tron made a motion for executive session to discuss non-elected personnel on employment. Joe seconded. Executive session began at 8:37 AM and concluded at 8:46 AM. Tron said there was no action taken and there will be another ten (10) minutes needed for executive session. Executive

session continued from 8:47 AM to 8:55 AM. Action was taken to hire Shelby Martin as Wellness Center Director starting at \$20.00 per hour as a salaried position (\$41,600.00 annually), working forty (40) hours per week beginning April 1, 2021.

The commissioners were presented with a letter from the Stevens County Library recommending Wanda Shaddix to replace Theresa Gerrond. Theresa will have completed her second (2nd) four (4) year term on the library board in April, 2021.

Pat made a motion to approve Wanda Shaddix as Library board member replacing Theresa Gerrond. Tron seconded. Motion carried.

Ross came in and told the commissioners AK Roofing repaired the roof of the courthouse. A corner had popped up and started a leak on the third (3rd) floor. He told them the other corner has popped up on the opposite side and would like to get someone to repair that as well before it leaks with the upcoming rain and wind. Pat told Ross to call AK Roofing and have them come and make necessary repairs.

The commissioners asked Ross if he would like to oversee a part time employee to help clean the courthouse when Ross is on vacation or gone for other unforeseen reasons. He said he is not interested in someone working under him. Amy Jo suggested someone on days Ross is not able to be in to clean but doesn't have to be under him. Pat said to contact Tammie Peterson and see if she would be interested. If not, they will look at other ideas.

Tony Martin came in and presented the commissioners with a copy of the annual Road and Bridge report for the state. He said Stevens County is in District 6 with nineteen (19) other counties.

Tony provided the commissioners with costs of two (2) new mowers for the county. The cost with a trade-in of the two (2) current 2007 mowers (\$13,000.00) would be \$37,266.00. Tony requested the commissioners wave the bids and allow him to purchase the two (2) John Deere mowers. Payment will be out of the equipment fund.

Pat made a motion to wave the bid process and accept the amount from John Deere in the amount of \$37,266.00. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Tony requested an executive session over non-elected personnel for Noxious Weed Director changes and other personnel changes.

Tron made a motion to go into executive session over non-elected personnel for Noxious Weed Director changes and other personnel changes for twenty (20) minutes. Executive session began at 9:34 AM and ended at 9:54 AM. Action was made to approve Brent Shelman as Noxious Weed Director. Commissioners accepted.

Tron made a motion to go into executive session over non-elected personnel for Noxious Weed Director changes and other personnel changes for ten (10) minutes. Executive session began at 9:55 AM and ended at 10:05 AM. Action was taken to approve Jeff Cox a \$0.75 raise; Koda Rich, Brent Shelman and Jesse Eckert all a \$0.50 raise. Pat abstained.

Tony Martin presented the commissioners with the Noxious Weed Directors job description for approval.

Tony asked the commissioners to agree adding handling fees to the Rodent Control Chemical purchases by citizens.

The Pioneer Lots were discussed as Amy Jo stated she had some people call and inquire about purchasing a lot. She was under the impression the county still owned all but four (4) of the lots and was not sure how to address the situation as it was also implied the Christian Brothers Construction owned them. There is no deed or proof of purchase. Paul said he would talk to Jeremiah Johnson and find out what can/needs to be done to solve the problem and get the lots into the Christian Brothers Construction name. At this time, if anyone inquires about the Pioneer Lots the County Clerk was instructed to give them the Christian Brothers information.

Abatement Orders in 2020 for tax numbered 33 was reviewed and approved by commissioners and given to the County Treasurer; total valuation removed 1,540 with a relief assessment of \$325.94.

By motion, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman