

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
MAY 10, 2021

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
9:00 – Tony Martin – R&B
9:30 – Shelby Martin – Yoga class Wellness Center
10:00 – Ron & Nancy Honig – 4H Building

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present. Paul Kitzke, County Attorney; Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk and RoGlenda Coulter, Hugoton Hermes were also present. Tron called the meeting to order. Pat moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Joe seconded. Motion carried. Joe moved to approve the county vouchers. Pat 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:

General	\$	47,486.85
Road & Bridge	\$	48,445.94
Airport	\$	6,849.21
Noxious Weed	\$	1,461.69
EMS	\$	6,881.87
Fire	\$	2,494.58
County Building	\$	3,275.00
Community Health	\$	14,016.07
Community Health Grants	\$	3,278.87
911 Wireless	\$	18,000.00
Alcohol Treatment	\$	212.50
Sheriff	\$	36,284.74
WEKANDO	\$	500.00
Special Law Enforcement	\$	4,320.00
Fire Equipment	\$	58,470.00
Emp P/R Misc W/H	\$	29.24
TOTAL:	\$	252,006.56

Rodney Kelling came in and stated there was nothing to report. He did appreciate the farmers who helped with the fire May 2nd.

There was discussion about the fire truck and looking at the Foundation Board for possibly receiving a grant to help pay for the fire truck.

Tony Martin came in and told the commissioners he will be ready to open bids for the backhoe on May 24th at 10:00 AM. He will be putting an ad in the Hugoton Hermes for 2 weeks to advertise the bid opening.

The road and bridge department have started their ten (10), four (4) hour days this week. They planned on doing overlay today but with the wet weather this week they will be starting next week.

The landfill dozer was sent to Murphy Tractor for repairs. Repairs are estimated to cost around \$6,000.00.

The engineers will be out some time within a couple weeks to do core drilling to see how deep to dig the new pits at the landfill. They will be checking several areas to see how deep the clay is.

The commissioners and Tony discussed the intersection on Highway C and State Highway 51. Tony told the commissioners the State of Kansas is responsible for any of the signs along the highway including "Stop" signs going to the state highways. Pat asked about rumble strips on that intersection as well as several other places and Tony said he wants to see what the state has planned first before spending money on those areas.

Saturday a Oneok gas line was leaking along Road 14 near Sunbelt Feeders. He said the repairs were made by Sunday afternoon.

Joe asked Tony how the planning and zoning was going and he said it was busier than planned. There have been septic and building permits given out. There is still some confusion on the three (3) mile radius, the City of Hugoton is doing good on handling those zoning areas.

Shelby Martin came in and said she is making some changes at the Wellness Center. She is finding ways to allow people to pay their membership online, as well as new reports through software to show revenue and expenses. She has replaced some of the ceiling tiles and is looking at replacing the fan in the women's bathroom. Shelby informed the commissioners she is cancelling the rag cleaning that was started due to COVID. She has received a lot of wipes within the last week and would like to use those before the rags. She is also cancelling the Post Office box and second (2nd) phone line to save money.

Shelby said she would like to hire Erin Gerrond as a contract laborer to teach Yoga classes. She said the classes if not a member would cost per class and if a member would be included with the membership fees. Amy Jo said the county requires a Certificate of Liability to be a contract laborer. Paul said he will talk with Erin and Grant County to see what is needed.

Ted Heaton came in and said he has two (2) vehicles which have less than 100,000 miles and would like to trade them in for one (1) new vehicle. He said the 2017 Chevy needs a new transmission and has around 80,000 miles and the 2018 Ford F-150 has 55,000 miles and has been in the shop more than it has been used.

Commissioners agreed to let Ted trade in the two (2) vehicles for one (1) and will need to put out specs for bids.

Ron Honig and Nancy Honig were in to discuss the 4H building. Nancy said they have managed to receive \$45,000.00 in grants and donations from various places to help with phase two (2) of the remodeling process. Ron said they will be writing a check for \$9,000.00 to pay Wolters for the roof repairs. They received funding through a grant from Pioneer. Nancy said they are wanting to get bids for remodeling the bathrooms and floors. Hopefully, they will have a spec sheet soon to go over with the commissioners with possible bids the first commissioner meeting in June. She hopes the remodeling will be able to begin after the fair in July.

The commissioners and Ross Sullivan reviewed an anonymous letter sent in to discuss the courthouse.

Paul said the Garnand Funeral Home contract is signed and just need to do the closing on the property. Jeremiah Johnson is getting the title work for the rest of the properties the county is selling to Paul so it can be put into the newspaper.

By motion, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman