

COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS
JULY 12, 2021

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
9:00 –
9:30 – Tony Martin – Public Works
10:00 – Shelby Martin – Wellness Center
10:30 – Southwest Guidance – Leslie Bissell

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. Joe moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Pat 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	\$	122,415.60
Road & Bridge	\$	116,215.09
Airport	\$	11,062.35
Noxious Weed	\$	3,583.98
EMS	\$	7,696.80
Fire	\$	14,989.50
Building	\$	2,108.82
Community Health	\$	12,943.58
Community Health Grants	\$	3,600.00
Fair	\$	36,084.50
Elderly Services	\$	70,004.00
Reg of Deeds Tech Fund	\$	53.69
Sheriff	\$	44,115.46
Library	\$	58,627.25
Hospital	\$	548,467.00
Alcohol Treatment	\$	212.50
Airport Grants	\$	12,836.64
Library Employee Benefits	\$	31,519.00
Emp P/R Misc W/H	\$	198.96
TOTAL:	\$	1,096,734.72

Amy Jo told the commissioners she spoke with the auditors last week and was informed the county budgets that were turned in are higher than the Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR). Commissioners discussed the budgets and will be prepared for the budget workshop tomorrow morning at 8:30 AM.

Rodney Kelling came in and Tron asked if he had heard about Seaboard Energy possibly helping with the purchase of a fire truck. Rodney said it was brought up a few years ago and he is just waiting to hear more from them.

Rodney said there was a fire Sunday resulting in a house being a complete loss and a gas leak in another area as well, due to digging without consulting DigSafe.

There was discussion about a command truck replacement and the need for SCBA equipment. Rodney said the tanks do expire and at this time, he is trying to find someone to come at least once a year to inspect the SCBA.

Amy passed the sign sheet for approval to sign checks for the bank. The county abatements were also passed for signatures.

Amy discussed the courthouse credit cards stating it would be beneficial if each department were in charge of their own. The commissioners asked what the difference would be, and Amy stated it would help the billing get done in a timely manner and each department would be responsible for turning in their own Visa bill. She did state it would be helpful if they choose not to go that route, to just have the Accounts Payable Clerk receive the bill and each department hand in their receipts.

Pat made a motion to have the courthouse credit cards be under one department and have the Accounts Payable clerk take care of the bill and receive receipts as needed to verify the bills on the credit card statement. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Amy gave the commissioners KCAMPS interlocal agreement and resolution to review, motion and sign.

Joe made a motion to accept KCAMPS interlocal agreement and the ***Resolution 21-05 The Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas County Association Multiline Pool (KCAMP)***. Pat seconded. Motion carried.

Tony came in and said the engine on the crawler must be rebuilt which will be costly but not as bad as having a remanufactured one put in. Only problem with the rebuild is the time it takes to get parts due to age, COVID or other demands.

Tony said he has some applications in for landfill but has not had the time to review them. He said it is hard to cover Saturdays during the summer since Road and Bridge does ten (10) hour shifts and landfill is eight (8) hour shifts. He has found someone to come in and haul off the junk iron to get that cleaned up.

Tony said someone is planning on putting in a dairy. To qualify for this they will need permits, own the land, go in front of planning and zoning commission, notify surrounding farmers of intent, and inform the commissioners.

The Road and Bridge Department started chip sealing last week and broke down on the first day, so they are waiting on parts.

The Stevens County Fair is scheduled for July 26th thru the 31st.

Shelby Martin came in and Tron asked her questions on the Wellness Center budget. Shelby said she put money in for insurance even though she has no plans to accept insurance and told the commissioners she can take that amount out. She told the commissioners she has cancelled some subscriptions such as the post office box and is just using a mailbox out at the Wellness Center. Tron said the budget needs to be what it was last year and said she should show up to the budget workshop. Paul said some things need to be clarified when putting in budgets such as what the building fund is for. Shelby said the repainted tiles she put in are showing water spots and believes the roof has leaks.

Leslie Bissell came in from the Southwest Guidance Center and said due to COVID they have seen an increase in suicides and people needing mental health help. They are now able to go mobile and see people remotely which has helped immensely. Several Mental Health issues and guidance was discussed. Leslie said the Southwest Guidance Center requests \$41,772.00 for the 2022 budget year to help with funding.

Abatement Orders for taxes 2020, numbered 34 through 74 were reviewed and approved by commissioners and given to the County Treasurer; total valuation removed 176,856 with a relief assessment of \$28,174.

By motion, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman