

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
MAY 23, 2022

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
9:00 – Land Sales – Eric Cox / Colton Ghumm
9:30 – Tony Martin

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in regular session with all members present. Paul Kitzke, County Attorney and Amy Rich, Deputy County Clerk were also present. Tron called the meeting to order. Joe moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Pat seconded. Motion carried. Pat moved to approve the county vouchers. Joe seconded. Motion carried. The Deputy 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 | \$ | 41,795.25 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ | 167,626.77 |
| Airport | \$ | 1,830.79 |
| Noxious Weed | \$ | 3,160.30 |
| EMS | \$ | 6,632.24 |
| Fire | \$ | 4,092.21 |
| Fire Bequest | \$ | 688.00 |
| Community Health | \$ | 16,330.43 |
| Judicial District | \$ | 478.70 |
| Highway Improvement | \$ | 45,703.60 |
| Sheriff | \$ | 34,247.43 |
| Emp P/R Misc W/H | \$ | 35.16 |
| Insurance Agency - Damages | \$ | 2,482.33 |
| Election Equipment | \$ | 2,045.00 |
| <u>ARPA - COVID</u> | \$ | <u>15,900.38</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$ | 343,048.59 |

Paul brought in the resolution for MET towers and the contract for Yoga instructor.

Rodney Kelling came in to inform the commissioners a brush truck pump went out and asked if allowance could be made to get estimates instead of bids, due to time constraints on needing the truck back in operation. The estimated cost will be between \$6,500 – 8,000.

Joe made a motion to approve getting estimates. Tron seconded. Motion carried.

Rodney requested a ten (10) minute executive session to discuss employee pay. It was determined an executive session was not necessary, due to payroll being public record.

Rodney stated there may come a time when considering the addition of full-time employees to the EMS department may be necessary because there has become a decreasing interest in people wanting to serve in the EMS department part-time. To provide incentive to EMTs and firefighters to remain serving part-time, Rodney requested the following increases for EMT pay ... shift pay from \$16 per shift to \$2 per hour, calls from \$35 to \$40 per call, loaded mile from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per loaded mile, special events from \$10 to \$15 per hour, meetings from \$10 to \$15 per meeting. Rodney requested the following increases for fire department pay ... calls from \$20 to \$30 per call, special events from \$10 to \$15 per hour, meetings from \$10 to \$15 per meeting. He said stand-by pay for both departments will remain the same at \$10 per stand-by. The commissioners agreed these are reasonable raises and expressed their gratitude for the continuing service of each EMT and firefighter.

Pat made a motion to approve the increases in pay for EMS. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Next on the agenda was the lots for sale. Eric Cox appeared with Marie Austin from Graber & Johnson. No one contested Eric's purchase of land.

Colton Ghumm was in attendance to inform of the number of lots he and his dad wish to purchase. He told the commissioners a total of six (6) lots. Paul stated two (2) lots have been published in the Hermes twice. The other lots will need to be published.

It was decided the contract will require six (6) houses to be built within seven (7) years.

After much discussion about the covenants, there were no changes made.

Bud Jordan with Invenergy stopped by to relay to the commissioners they would like to donate \$2,500 to the Register of Deed's office toward the purchase of their new printer.

Tony Martin requested a ten (10) minute executive session regarding administrative action for non-elected personnel. Executive session started at 9:42 am and finished at 9:52 am. No action taken.

Amy went over requested revisions to the Employee Personnel Rules and Regulations.

Joe made a motion to approve updates to the following policies. Pat seconded. Motion carried.

Pay Range Plan B-3, Pay Plan D-1 (a), Performance Evaluations D-3 (a) & (b), Courthouse Lunch Hour E-13 (c), Safety Sensitive list O-3, EAP Contractor O-3, O-4, O-4 (d)

By motion, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Amy Rich, Deputy County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman