

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
JUNE 13, 2022

Agenda:       8:30 – Bills  
              8:45 – Land Sale – Jim Ghumm  
              9:00 – Airport  
              9:30 – Tony Martin

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

General	\$	104,681.17
Judicial District	\$	1,072.87
Road & Bridge	\$	121,654.42
Airport	\$	17,147.68
Noxious Weed	\$	5,988.71
EMS	\$	17,369.59
Fire	\$	14,843.09
Community Health	\$	30,071.49
Sheriff	\$	70,648.49
ARPA	\$	11,900.00
Co Building	\$	490.84
Alcohol Treatment	\$	212.50
Emp Misc W/H	\$	52.74
EMS Bequest	\$	737.96
Fire Bequest	\$	1,182.49
TOTAL:	\$	398,054.04

Rodney Kelling came in and presented the commissioners with the only response he received for the new heat pump P-tac for the training room at the EMT building. He said Lin Goode Company quoted the price of \$2,100.00. The commissioners agreed to use Lin Goode for the installation, labor, and materials for the project.

Rodney said at this time the city has banned fireworks within the city limits for this year, 2022. The commissioners asked Rodney what he thought about banning them throughout the county. He replied he did not have a suggestion either way but feels it would have been best to allow them within the city as opposed to the country to keep fires down.

Tron began the hearing for the Pioneer property for all of block seventeen (17), lots one – six (1-6). No one came in to contest the purchase of ten dollars (\$10) per lot and seven (7) years to have all houses completely built. The commissioners stated the land was sold to Ghumm's Rentals, LLC.

Matt Rome and Erick Nordling with the airport board came in as requested. They were addressed about a bank account that has not yet been transferred to the county. The airport requested the bank statements be sent to the Treasurer but stated they have not officially transferred the account to the county so they can keep track of the fuel sales and the FAA and KDOT grants. Amy Jo relayed again that the auditors instructed all accounts be transferred over. The commissioners decided to have Joe contact Theresa with Lewis, Hooper and Dick to discuss the issue or speak to her at the budget workshop in July to hear the clarification from her directly. Matt informed the commissioners he is working with Kirkham Michael on invoicing before any bills are paid and he will let the County Clerk know when to release payment on some projects.

Joe asked Matt and Erick if they had plans on what they are doing about the land being sold near the airport and if it would interfere with the runway or other FAA rules and regulations. They stated they are not sure if the county should purchase the lots or just inform whoever purchases them the restrictions on building. They are working with the Planning and Zoning board and hoping to get some feedback on what they should do.

Tony Martin said he is happy to report the county does not have as many washed out roads like several of the other counties around due to the heavy rain recently received. He is aware there are a few roads and will be getting those taken care of as soon as possible. Tony told the commissioners with inflation he feels having vehicles overhauled is more resourceful at this time than purchasing new equipment, due to the costs.

Tron asked Tony his thoughts on contracting out someone to mow ditches. Tony said the issues he has with that idea would be if the contract cannot be fulfilled, due to unforeseen events, signs get knocked down and the county mows more than just ditches. He stated it might be something to look at in the future but at this time he does not see the need.

Amy asked if the commissioners wanted to raise the travel meal rates to the current Federal meal rates. The rates have been: breakfast, \$13.00; lunch, \$14.00 and dinner \$23.00 and the new year rates are: breakfast, \$13.00; lunch, \$15.00 and dinner \$26.00.

Joe made a motion to adopt the 2022 Federal Travel Meal rates as stated above. Tron seconded. Motion carried.

By motion, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

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Tron Stegman, Chairman