

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 24, 2022

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
 9:30 – Karen Vines - HUB

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in regular session. Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk was 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 County Clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the Treasurer chargeable to the various funds of the county for the following amounts:

General	\$	62,311.87
Judicial District	\$	278.46
Road & Bridge	\$	35,639.12
Airport	\$	1,830.79
ARPA	\$	2,280.00
Noxious Weed	\$	2,935.10
EMS	\$	6,850.89
Fire	\$	1,659.83
Community Health	\$	14,885.77
Special Law Enforcement	\$	4,320.00
Sheriff	\$	35,438.14
Insurance Agency Damages	\$	20,777.75
GIS Equipment	\$	2,650.00
Reg of Deeds Tech Fund	\$	2,650.00
<u>Emp Misc W/H</u>	\$	<u>35.16</u>
TOTAL:	\$	194,542.88

Ross Sullivan came in and told the commissioner's the only carpet in the courthouse needing replaced is in one of the Appraiser's rooms, Lynn Webb's office, it is different from the rest of the offices and is bunching up to where someone could trip. Ross said the other offices on the main floor, the Treasurer and Clerk offices will eventually need replaced because they are looking worn down and frayed in areas. Pat told Ross to contact Custom Renovations to have them come and measure Lynne's office and the Clerk and Treasurer's office and get a cost on replacing with the same type and color that is in the courthouse offices.

Rodney Kelling came in and told the commissioner's only one contractor has stopped by to look at the doors on the Hugoton building but hasn't checked the Moscow doors yet. Rodney also said he is looking for someone to look at the generators for the tower and the EMS building as they are starting to have issues. He said when the power goes out the tower is supposed to automatically

kick on but it doesn't and someone has to go down and manually turn on the generator and even then it is hard to get it to start up.

Amy Jo informed the commissioners the county bank account has been compromised on two different occasions last week, so Jayme shut down the account and opened up a new one. She said it was done through an ACH payment to a utility company in Kansas City and will discuss the issue with the Sheriff's Department and see what needs to be done to follow up on the person(s) causing the issues. Amy stated several departments have ACH information and wanted to know if the commissioner's wanted to keep it that way or if they wanted only the Clerk and Treasurer to know that information. They said they would feel more comfortable if less people knew the information and tighter restrictions on what gets paid through ACH as opposed to paper checks. Amy presented the holiday closing list for 2023 to be approved by the commissioners.

Pat made a motion to approve the 2023 holiday closing calendar. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Pat said he would like to see no more than \$4,000.00 spent on the washer and dryer setup including plumbing and electric to be spent out of the ARPA funds at the Wellness Center.

The commissioners said they would support purchasing hams for the county employees through USD 209.

Karen Vines with HUB came in to go over employee insurance with the commissioners. She explained Blue Cross and Blue Shield went up twelve percent (12%) but dental went down three percent (3%). She did state there is another program through Blue Cross Blue Shield called Blue Edge which would give the commissioners a chance to choose which option they want to pay for the employees and if an employee wants a different option the employee can pay the difference. Going with Blue Edge will lower the insurance cost some.

Amy informed the commissioners a quote was received from Nex-Tech for cameras and wiring of the EMS/Fire building totaling \$35,576.80, and Rodney is still looking around to get more quotes.

Abatement Orders for 2019 taxes, number 272 and 2020 taxes number 86 were reviewed and approved by commissioners and given to the County Treasurer; total valuation removed 0 with a relief assessment of \$4.10.

By motion, the Board adjourned.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman