

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 14, 2025

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
 8:45 – Jennifer Featherston - Hospital
 9:00 – Cammie Heaton
 9:15 –
 9:30 – Tony Martin – Public Works

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in a regular session. County Attorney Paul Kitzke, and County Clerk Amy Jo Tharp were also present. Tron called the meeting to order. Shannon moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Joe seconded. Motion carried. Joe moved to approve the county vouchers. Shannon 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	\$	141,726.60
Judicial District	\$	1,831.10
Road & Bridge	\$	162,853.71
Airport	\$	8,757.07
County Building	\$	1,600.00
Noxious Weed	\$	12,715.79
EMS	\$	18,203.81
Fire	\$	13,148.97
Community Health	\$	29,587.78
Comm Health Grants	\$	224.00
911 Wireless	\$	117.15
Sheriff	\$	81,379.47
Library	\$	73,077.75
Landfill Closure	\$	3,046.25
ROD Tech Fund	\$	4,000.00
Empl P/R Misc W/H	\$	100.00
Co Clerk Tech Fund	\$	2,745.40
Non Specific Equipment	\$	5,354.12
TOTAL:	\$	560,468.97

Jennifer Featherston and Terry Mangles came in and requested permission to build an outbuilding or shed behind the Pioneer Manor for maintenance supplies. The commissioners agreed to allow an outbuilding for maintenance at the Pioneer Manor providing zoning with the county and city are in approval. Jennifer also asked if there is a used vehicle the hospital/Pioneer Manor could purchase for the maintenance staff to use. The commissioners suggest she speak with Sheriff Ted Heaton to see when he plans on trading a vehicle in. Shannon suggested other places which are selling vehicles

currently if one is needed immediately. Joe discussed the door on the building which Project Hope uses and stated any cost or repair to county buildings \$5,000.00 or over need to go through a county bidding process.

Shannon made a motion to bypass the bidding process for a new door at the Project Hope building, and the county will pay one third (1/3) of the total cost of \$6,800.00. Joe seconded, motion carried.

Jennifer stated there will be a town hall meeting on November 20th, to go over strategic planning for the hospital.

Rodney Kelling came in and explained to the commissioners that Pioneer Electric was doing some work in Moscow and electrical issues caused damage to the garage doors at the Moscow Fire Department. Pioneer has agreed to pay for the repairs. Rodney would like to purchase some receiver extenders for the doors as well.

Cammie Heaton was present and told the commissioners there will be no funding until the government reopens, which will impact WIC. The health fair was very successful for the health department and many flu vaccines were given. Cammie said El-Kan covered the Moscow area for flu vaccines.

Rex Evans came in and informed the commissioners there had been no water in the memorial hall walkway until recently and there is still a leak somewhere on the roof. Rex would like to revisit the issue in the spring to see what the commissioners want to do about the courthouse/memorial hall roof. Discussion about the transfer station at the landfill concluded in receiving two (2) sealed bids; one for repair and the other for demolition. The sealed bids will be opened on October 27, 2025, at 9:15 AM in the commissioner meeting room. Rex also told the commissioners the safety audit by KDOL will be completed this week.

Tony Martin said he spoke with Josh Grubbs about a maintenance shed at the Pioneer Manor and it was agreed there were no planning/zoning issues with where the hospital wants to put one. Tony mentioned the bridge inspection by Kirkham Michael for Stevens County and said everything was adequate. The commissioners and Tony discussed wheat could be planted at the landfill to keep the dirt from blowing.

Ted Heaton, TJ Steers, and Cuyler Miller were in appearance. Ted discussed with the commissioners about an employee with health conditions which will cause the employee issues returning to work with their current job position and discussed trying to find a way to help the employee keep employment. Ted presented the commissioners with City of Hugoton Police Department salaries and requested a raise.

The commissioners discussed the disposal of the property to the Stevens County Natural Gas and Historical Museum located by the museum that the Stevens County Board of Commissioners own. The information for the disposal of county property will need to be published in the Hugoton Hermes for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Shannon made a motion to dispose of the property located at City of Hugoton, Block 82, lots 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 to the Stevens County Gas and Historical Museum, LLC. The motion was put to a vote with a unanimous vote of three “aye”. Motion carried.

Tron Stegman Yes

Joe Thompson Yes

Shannon Crawford Yes

The commissioners and Tony discussed Tony's retirement date. The commissioners suggested finding a replacement for Tony by the first of the year. Tony suggested the commissioners find someone to do the planning and zoning and not have that part of the public works position.

Tony said Travertine has until December 9th, 2025, to begin construction or they will have to request an extension of permit by writing a letter to the governing board for approval.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman