

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Agenda:      8:30 – CG2025 - Canvass  
                  8:45 – Canvass Continues  
                  9:00 –  
                  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. Joe moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Shannon seconded. Motion carried. Shannon 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	\$	70,581.25
Judicial District	\$	3,818.83
Road & Bridge	\$	59,489.82
Airport	\$	4,887.51
Airport Grants	\$	-
Noxious Weed	\$	4,386.64
EMS	\$	6,620.89
Fire	\$	3,280.92
Community Health	\$	34,014.86
Comm Health Grants	\$	520.00
County Building Fund	\$	22,772.29
Landfill Closure	\$	2,612.75
Non-Specific Equipment	\$	-
ROD Tech Fund	\$	1,125.00
Empl P/R Misc W/H	\$	-
Sheriff	\$	39,492.46
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>253,603.22</b>

Tron moved to begin the CG2025 election canvass beginning at 8:35 AM. Tony Martin and Rex Evans were in attendance. The county board of canvassers checked totals from the tabulator machines, reviewed all hand count ballots, reviewed write-in votes, and reviewed thirteen (13) provisionals. The provisionals presented were two (2) with clerical error, two (2) with name changes, four (4) moves within county prior to thirty (30) days before election, two (2) voters not registered prior to registration deadline, and three (3) expired photo identifications presented at the polls that Amy reported did not come in with unexpired ID by canvass. The county board of canvassers approved eight (8) of the provisionals due to name change, address change within county and clerical error. The remaining five (5) were rejected. Election canvass concluded at 9:15 AM.

Tron opened the meeting for a regular commissioner meeting at 9:15 AM.

Rex Evans informed the commissioners green lights have been installed around the outside memorial for Veterans Day. Rex suggested leaving two (2) of the green light bulbs and in December adding two (2) red bulbs for the holidays. Some roofing companies checked the courthouse roof due to issues discovered, such as the roof not sloping to the drains, and it was determined it will need to be re-graded. Any roof decision will be tabled until spring of 2026. Two of the doors at the Moscow Fire Department have been replaced and door openers are being programmed.

Tony Martin stated the transfer station has been cleaned out and requested permission for the demolition crew to leave the pipe railing on the outside and the red iron and other materials attached to the concrete on the inside. Hancock Electric will be running electricity from a different pole to the office and scales which will help cut the cost of power at the landfill by not having it run through the transfer station. Shannon told Tony he has received a complaint that the strobe lights on the tower at the landfill are too bright. Tony said he believes it is AT&T's tower and will contact them. Tony told the commissioners the new landfill pit was opened last Thursday. The track loader at the landfill had some mechanical issues and is at Foley Equipment for repairs.

Tony handed the commissioners his job description and stated it includes planning and zoning. Discussion over Tony's retirement concluded with having an advertisement posted in the newspaper for the first part of December with all applications due by December 31, 2025. The commissioners will conduct interviews and hope to have someone to replace Tony within the first two (2) weeks of February.

Tony said the owners of the residences located southwest of Hugoton would like more entrances, but the county had made a rule of not allowing more entrances. Discussion regarding hauling gravel for those homes determined the owners are responsible and expected to care for that road as per prior agreement.

Joe inquired about the NRP and discussed possibly having it ready by January 1, 2026.

Paul informed the commissioners there has been no new updates on the cotton gin.

Shannon made a motion to keep the current Blue Cross Blue Shield plan for the year 2026 for eligible Stevens County employees. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Amy presented Jo Lynn Harrison's resignation letter from the foundation board as of November 12, 2025.

Amy reported that she turned in the Stevens County voting delegates for KCAMP as Joe Thompson and Tron Stegman.

The commissioners approved the purchase of hams for county employees at Christmas.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

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Tron Stegman, Chairman