

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
DECEMBER 22, 2025

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
 8:45 – Lisa Axeman & Tiffany O'Rourke – LHD Auditors
 9:00 –
 9:15 –
 9:30 – Tony Martin – Public Works Updates
 9:45 – Warren Willis – Foundation Board & Tax Sale
 10:00 – Shelby Gerrond – Wellness Center grants

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in a regular session, with the exception of Tron Stegman. County Attorney Paul Kitzke, and County Clerk Amy Jo Tharp were also present. Joe 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:

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| General | \$ | 106,598.04 |
| Judicial District | \$ | 199.02 |
| Road & Bridge | \$ | 40,338.59 |
| Airport | \$ | 14,914.47 |
| Airport Grants | \$ | - |
| Noxious Weed | \$ | 4,669.98 |
| EMS | \$ | 11,379.31 |
| Fire | \$ | 5,281.10 |
| Community Health | \$ | 11,045.03 |
| Non-Specific Equip | \$ | 3,050.00 |
| 911 Wireless | \$ | 117.15 |
| Landfill Closure | \$ | 4,700.00 |
| Sheriff | \$ | 34,756.25 |
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| TOTAL: | \$ | 237,048.94 |

Lisa and Tiffany with Lewis, Hooper and Dick, LLC, were in and discussed with the commissioners different ways to save money for any potential repercussion pertaining to Seaboard Energy's valuation for taxes. Some of the ideas were to build the reserves and be careful with spending.

Rodney was in attendance and stated he was checking in.

Warren Willis told the commissioners the Stevens County Foundation Board would like to replace Jo Harrison's position with Nancy Johnson. The commissioners said they will appoint someone in January when all three (3) commissioners can be in attendance.

Tony thanked the commissioners for the Christmas party. Jessie Eckert and Jeff Cox will attend the weed conference in Topeka on March 2-5th, 2026.

Warren Willis discussed issues over the past tax sale which was held in October of 2024. Paul said he will reach out to the law firm that handled the county tax sale and find out if the issues stem from the title company or internally.

Shelby Martin came in and said she was approved to receive a \$50,000.00 grant from the county foundation board and would like to replace old equipment such as treadmills, the rower, two (2) bikes and a stair climber. Joe asked Shelby to bring in estimates with trade-ins on the old equipment to the next meeting. Shelby requested to attend the next meeting at 8:45AM.

Shannon made a motion to appoint Jack Rowden for the hospital board. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Added and Abated Orders were reviewed and approved by commissioners and given to the County Treasurer; for tax year 2025 number 8, total valuation added 3,475 and tax assessed \$518.88; for tax year 2025 number 9-12, total valuation removed 13,776 and tax assessed -\$1,681.98. Total valuation of 10,301 and total tax assessed -\$1,163.10.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Joe Thompson, Vice Chairman