

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL MEETING – NW COTTON GROWERS
JULY 22, 2025

Agenda: 8:30 – NW Cotton Growers update with County Appraiser, Angela Eichman

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met for the special meeting with the County Appraiser, Angela Eichman to discuss the proceedings with North West Cotton Growers. County Clerk Amy Jo Tharp was also present. Tron called the meeting to order.

The commissioners asked Angela what her expectation is on the cost for appealing the NW Cotton Growers tax appeal. Angela stated she wouldn't spend more than \$20,000.00. There is a bill for the attorney the county hired at a cost of \$5,150.00 to date. Joe asked what the process is if an entity goes to the Board of Tax Appeals (BOTA) and the entity wants to appeal the BOTA's decision. Angela said it then goes to district court and if it is appealed it will be viewed by the Kansas Supreme Court. Angela said the NW Cotton Growers are appealing the timing, not the value. The commissioners asked Angela to come back in when the attorney fees hit \$15,000.00 to revisit the decision of appealing.

Joe made a motion to pay the \$5,150.00 attorney fee. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman