

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Agenda:       8:30 – Bills  
                  8:45 –  
                  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. 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	\$	48,832.05
Judicial District	\$	1,624.79
Road & Bridge	\$	35,321.60
Airport	\$	2,228.46
Services for Elderly	\$	2,027.22
Noxious Weed	\$	4,217.71
EMS	\$	6,003.83
Fire	\$	2,017.46
Community Health	\$	32,990.52
Comm Health Grants	\$	-
911 Wireless	\$	117.15
Landfill Closure	\$	219,274.33
Non-Specific Equipment	\$	1,939.85
ROD Tech Fund	\$	2,778.35
Empl P/R Misc W/H	\$	-
Sheriff	\$	40,102.48
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>399,475.80</b>

Amy discussed the county is just waiting for the City of Hugoton and USD210 to approve and sign the inter-local agreement for the neighborhood revitalization plan.

Amy asked the commissioners how she should respond to KCAMP/KWORCC about the museum property questions. She stated KCAMP is asking if the museum is its own entity and leases the county property or buildings or if the museum is county owned. Paul said the county can give the museum the property the county owns that the museum is using if it is over \$50,000.00. There are steps to give the property to the museum, the question is if the commissioners want to move forward. After further discussion and showing where the county appraised value is over \$50,000.00, the commissioners have decided to move forward and give the property to the museum.

Amy made a request stating no one in the clerk's office should be involved in the processing of enrollments or payments of the wellness center employee discounted memberships. It is in the best interest of everyone for it to be handled in only one department and payments be generated through only one location. Having payments processed solely and directly through the wellness center will avoid miscommunication and / or mishandling of the employee memberships that potentially occur when too many people are involved. This would also ensure the responsibility remains on the wellness center department head for the enrollments, employee payments and the figuring and paying of sales taxes on said memberships.

Commissioners moved to have employees pay their wellness membership directly to the wellness center as of November 2025 instead of having it as a payroll deduction.

Tony was present and told the commissioners the landfill pit has been completed, and the survey is done and is waiting on KDHE for final approval. The asphalt plant will be open next week to get some repairs done on the county roads.

Tony requested an executive session over non-elected personnel member for information with the county attorney present.

Joe made a motion to go into a fifteen (15) minute executive session for non-elected personnel information purposes. Shannon seconded. The executive session began at 9:19 AM and concluded at 9:34, no action taken.

Regular session resumed.

Joe made a motion to go into a fifteen (15) minute executive session for non-elected personnel information purposes. Shannon seconded. The executive session began at 9:35 AM and concluded at 9:50, no action taken.

Regular session resumed.

Added Orders were reviewed and approved by commissioners and given to the County Treasurer; for tax year 2023 number 120 total valuation added 4,931 and tax assessed \$623.38; for tax year 2024 number 52, total valuation added 5,148 and tax assessed \$700.81

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

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Tron Stegman, Chairman