

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
 8:45 – Cammie Heaton
 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	\$	73,197.77
Judicial District	\$	989.37
Road & Bridge	\$	156,025.59
Airport	\$	2,701.52
Co Building	\$	373.97
Noxious Weed	\$	5,417.55
EMS	\$	7,240.40
Fire	\$	2,681.43
Community Health	\$	14,098.70
Comm Health Grants	\$	52.00
Alcohol Treatment Fund	\$	1,434.38
Fire Equip	\$	1,895.00
EMS Equip	\$	3,790.00
Election Equip	\$	8,820.00
ROD Tech Fund	\$	2,481.92
Empl P/R Misc W/H	\$	400.00
Sheriff	\$	39,454.06
<u>TOTAL:</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>321,053.66</u>

Cammie was first on the agenda and reported that the state has informed the health department the measles outbreak has diminished. The vaccine fridge the health department had ordered was delivered in July, but it was full of water due to flooding in the northwest part of the state. Cammie did not accept the fridge due to the issue and is waiting for the replacement. The noxious weed department sprayed behind the A/C unit at the health department but there needs to be flashing installed around the unit as per Trane. Cammie said she had spoken with Rex about it several months ago and it needs to be fixed before the colder weather gets here and rodents get into the system and chew up the wiring.

The health fair is being held on September 27th and the health department agreed to do flu shots on request, which will not be free. COVID vaccines cannot be ordered at this time due to costs and the unsurety of how much or if insurance companies will pay for the vaccine.

Shelby Martin came in and said she is applying for grants from the Western Kansas Community Foundation to update equipment. Shelby stated she would like it if county employee memberships could be paid either out of payroll or allowed to be paid at the wellness center. She also expressed her preference to discontinue having the set six (6) month membership periods for employees. She would like a list of employees to verify employment for the discount and if there are any updates to the employee list as well. Thea Schnittker was in attendance.

Joe made a motion to allow employees to pay the wellness center directly or out of payroll for memberships and allow employees to decide when they want to start and end their membership. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Rex said he has not found anyone willing to draw up a spec sheet for the transfer station, even with offers to pay for specs. The commissioners suggested contacting an architect to draw up a spec sheet. The Kansas Department of Labor conducted a safety audit and revealed some small issues the county needs to make repairs on. Rex has worked on some of the issues and notified department heads of issues pertaining to their buildings. Rex will have to reach out to an electrician to run some new wiring for outlets and other electrical needs to comply with the safety audit. The commissioners asked Rex to fix the flashing around the A/C unit at the health department, and he stated he would work on that tomorrow. It was agreed to allow the purchase of a small battery powered edger for ground maintenance.

Tony said the road and bridge department has finished their chip/seal. The new pit at the landfill should be completed soon. The conditional use permits AES signed are good for one (1) year which gives them until November 1, 2025, to begin working on the solar panel installation. Tony said he will work on getting the old fire truck in Moscow to the museum soon.

Tron said Project Hope informed him of issues with the building and repairs are needed. Joe contacted Andy Moser by phone and Andy told the commissioners he will discuss the repairs at the hospital board meeting this evening.

Abatement Orders for 2023 taxes numbered 119 and 2024 taxes numbered 51 were reviewed and approved by commissioners and given to the County Treasurer; total valuation removed 2,165 with a relief assessment of \$295.06.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman