COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
October 13, 2026

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
9:30 – Jeff Cox
10:30 – Edgar Ortuña – Senior Housing

The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in a regular session with Tron Stegman and Joe D. Thompson present. County Clerk Amy Jo Tharp was also present. Tron called the meeting to order. Joe moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Tron seconded. Motion carried. Joe moved to approve the county vouchers. Tron 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	$	100,203.15
Judicial District	$	1,216.00
Road & Bridge	$	81,772.37
Airport	$	20,723.19
Airport Grants	$	-
Noxious Weed	$	8,753.14
EMS	$	16,238.19
Fire	$	14,778.77
Community Health	$	20,044.65
County Building	$	855.00
Sheriff	$	43,418.82
Library Fund	$	86,563.00
911 Wireless	$	-
TOTAL:	$	394,566.28

Pat Hall was in attendance.

Rodney Kelling and Rickey Burrows asked the commissioners if they would be interested in signing a document allowing people who are certified in CPR to be drivers for the ambulance if needed. Rodney stated the person who drives would also need to be able to lift fifty (50) plus pounds and be able to help bring equipment for the EMT as requested.

Tron made a motion to allow certified CPR individuals to be volunteer ambulance drivers. Joe seconded. Motion carried.

Justin Causey with the Hammerhead Project for Invenergy introduced himself to the commissioners and stated Invenergy is still moving forward with the wind project in Stevens County. There was discussion over the Grain Belt Express, and it was explained that the Grain Belt needed to be completed but Justin said there was a backup plan if needed. Invenergy is trying to be as transparent

as possible, and they are hoping to get another office in the City of Hugoton. Joe agreed about being transparent and said the commissioners are not going to sign any NDAs and will remain transparent for the citizens.

Jeff Cox received a letter and explained to the commissioners that Travertine/AES Solar is requesting a delay in construction and an additional year for beginning construction.
The lease for the gravel pit ends December 31, 2026. The new lease is $2.50 per cubic yard from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029.

Joe made a motion to approve the lease agreement with Cullison for January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2029, at $2.50 per cubic yard. Tron seconded, motion carried.

Jeff asked the commissioners for permission to get quotes on a truck with a sprayer for the weed department. The commissioners agreed to move forward to see the costs. The Moscow Cemetery roads need to be patched, but the road and bridge trucks are too heavy and large to fit in the cemetery without potentially tearing something up. Jeff stated they will try to patch holes with a skid steer. Asphalt was laid at the wellness center, and repairs were done to the parking lot.

Lisa LeNeve was in attendance.

Edgar Ortuña and Joselyn Aquino with OC Quality Custom Homes, LLC were present with Jan Leonard on the phone. Edgar stated he is working on designing accommodations for citizens aged fifty-five (55) and older as a retirement community near the Pioneer Manor and asked if the commissioners would agree to check on the infrastructure for the project. Edgar stated he will find investors for the project and Lisa said she knows of several investors as well who would be interested. The commissioners agreed with the idea if it is not county owned.

Sheriff Ted Heaton checked in with nothing new to report.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

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Tron Stegman, Chairman