

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 27, 2026

Agenda: 8:30 – Bills
8:45 – Tony Martin
9:00 – Dionicio “Don” Rivera - WKCAC
9:15 – Rebecca Clancey - RCDC
9:30 – Steve Sandoval - SDSI
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The Board of Stevens County Commissioners met in a regular session with all members present. County Clerk Amy Jo Tharp was also present. Tron called the meeting to order. Shannon moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Joe seconded. Motion carried. Shannon moved to approve the county vouchers. Joe 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	\$	78,650.01
Judicial District	\$	681.00
Road & Bridge	\$	38,461.27
Airport	\$	10,310.53
Landfill Closure	\$	-
Noxious Weed	\$	1,575.50
EMS	\$	6,404.06
Fire	\$	1,808.27
Building	\$	5,119.33
Community Health	\$	13,533.98
Airport Grants	\$	14,905.32
Special Law Enforcement	\$	(5,596.00)
Wellness Bequest	\$	13,074.30
911 Wireless	\$	117.67
Diversion	\$	139.87
Sheriff	\$	37,759.82
TOTAL:	\$	216,944.93

Rex Evans attended and discussed some issues with the commissioners regarding the courthouse. He turned in a spec sheet for the renovation of the third (3rd) floor of the courthouse. The commissioners agreed to set it out for bid at the next commissioner meeting at 10:30 AM. The commissioners request that the bidders understand the work could be completed or might not be dependent on the costs.

Tony Martin and Jeff Cox came in. Tony said he is contemplating either renting or purchasing a concrete crusher. There is plenty of concrete and the county could benefit from this as it will bring in income. Tony expressed concerns about the tree and brush pit needing burned, but the weather has been an issue. The county roads are in poor shape due to the drought, and the weed spraying will depend on the wind and weather as well. Joe asked Tony about the asphalt roads and Tony said by doing two (2) to ten (10) miles per year the roads should be good for at least seven (7) years before discussion of letting the roads go to dirt or to be redone. Tony said the asphalt costs are locked in, just the fuel and equipment costs are increasing. Joe informed that Finney County just passed on allowing AI and Data Centers in their area and asked Tony to check on those types of centers with the planning and zoning commission. Tony said at the planning and zoning committee meeting he spoke with several people and battery storage facilities will need to go through the additional use process even if there are no regulations. Tron stated he heard NextEra Solar is moving forward with battery power banks. Tony said he will speak with Glenn Kerbs on those ideas and see what, if anything, needs to be done.

Next on the agenda was Dionicio “Don” Rivera with WKCAC (Western Kansas Child Advocacy Center). Don thanked the commissioners for the years they have contributed to the WKCAC work. Don asked the commissioners to continue to support the WKCAC with \$2,500.00 for the year 2027.

Steve Sandoval with SDSI (Southwest Developmental Services, Inc.) came in and asked the commissioners for \$44,734.00 for the year 2027. Steve expressed the need for a board member from Stevens County stating the meetings are held in Garden City every quarter, but the person could attend via Zoom Meeting. The commissioners asked Amy to put a request for a board member on the county website.

Rebecca Clancey with RCDC (Russell Childhood Development Center) relayed their appreciation for the county’s help with their program. She is requesting \$25,500.00 for the year 2027. She stated costs are always rising and wants to be able to continue services for the county.

Issues over Pioneer Addition lots, and the county coroner were discussed.

Ted Heaton came in and expressed his opinions about the current pest control. The commissioners suggested Ted find someone who would be comfortable treating the holding cells.

Attest: Amy Jo Tharp, County Clerk

Tron Stegman, Chairman