

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS  
June 8, 2026

- Agenda:       8:30 – Bills  
                  8:45 –  
                  9:00 – Sharon Concannon & Yvonne Jackson – Sunflower Plaza  
                  9:15 –  
                  9:30 – Tony Martin – Public Works  
                  9:45 –  
                  10:30 – Edgar Ortuño – Pioneer Lots

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. 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	\$	73,146.01
Judicial District	\$	1,011.72
Road & Bridge	\$	86,347.00
Airport	\$	2,980.66
Building	\$	375.00
Noxious Weed	\$	6,424.01
EMS	\$	5,786.67
Fire	\$	2,591.59
Fire Bequest	\$	-
Comm Health	\$	14,475.66
Airport Grants	\$	-
Sheriff	\$	91,700.79
Equipment Fund	\$	289,289.53
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>574,128.64</b>

Rodney came in and presented a quote from First Wireless, Inc. in the amount of \$33,418.00 for creating two (2) event channels. The commissioners and Rodney discussed issues with having radio channels that residents cannot listen to, particularly farmers, who could be of assistance when there are large fires. Rodney said it is a conflict with the departments and makes it worse when there are residents contacting him stating there are explosions happening northeast of Hugoton, and by the time he gets there to see what is happening, dispatch then tells him and the city police that some deputies were aware of the situation and it has been resolved. Rodney suggested 800mhz radios to use as they will all have the same frequency for discussions which does not go through the main switchboard channel. Rodney stated there is an app that can be downloaded onto people's phones where they can hear in real time what is happening and be able to communicate. He will check on the specifics and

costs and get back with the commissioners. The commissioners asked Rodney to wait until they are done speaking with Sharon and Yvonne.

Sharon Concannon and Yvonne Jackson with the Sunflower Plaza Housing Authority were first on the agenda and discussed with the commissioners about the difficulties of receiving grants since they are not 501c3. Sharon stated most of the housing authorities in other counties go through the county for grants and they requested Stevens County to assist with this for the Plaza. Sharon said they will do the work on the grants but would need the county to write the checks for the invoices and keep track of the grant funds. Yvonne said the plaza was built in 1983 and needs some major upgrades. There is an apartment with mold, and the sprinkler system and roof are in need of repairs. The current board members of the Sunflower Plaza are Sharon Concannon, Fred Hagman, Kathy Haynes, Yvonne Jackson, Karen Rich, Billy Woodworth, and Nicole Kinser (manager). The commissioners stated they will look into the county being the grant receiver and accounts payable and will let them know what can be done.

Tony Martin and Jeff Cox were in attendance.

Amy informed the commissioners there was a discrepancy discovered in the personnel policies and procedures, stating required minimum number of hours worked for the emergency services director as forty (40) hours / weekly. It was Rodney's understanding it should be eighty (80) hours / biweekly.

Joe made a motion for the emergency services director to be an eighty (80) hour biweekly minimum. Shannon seconded. Motion carried.

Rodney said he has only received one (1) application for his position. The commissioners reviewed the application and will have an interview with the applicant at the next commissioner meeting.

Joe said he was contacted by Seaboard Energy personnel and asked about hospital route signs to be posted around the plant. Tony and Rodney stated there were already signs out there and should still be in place.

The commissioners viewed the vouchers and instructed that AEG not be paid yet but approved the rest of the vouchers.

Amy asked the commissioners if July 8, 2026, would work to hold the budget workshop instead of July 7<sup>th</sup>. The commissioners agreed to move the budget workshop to July 8, 2026, at 8:30AM.

Jeff Cox shared that he has an individual in mind to hire to work for the noxious weed and landfill department. Calvin Mann from road and bridge has put in his notice of termination for June 9, 2026, and Terry Kuehn is retiring from road and bridge July 7, 2026. Jeff requested to give Wouter Van Tonder a \$1.00 raise as he has been doing grader work for almost a year. The commissioners approved. Tony said there will be a zoning meeting on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, in which they will update the officers and possibly discuss cell tower conditional use permits as the regulations do not currently address a setback.

