

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Jerry Daniels, Commissioner, David Lee, Commissioner, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk. Chairman Bruce Symes was absent.

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Sarah Haney, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Floyd Thompson, LaHarpe Days Committee member, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 2, 2024.

Commissioner Daniels asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported once the runway and PAPI lights are done, the FAA will need to do fly over to check the angle of the lighting. It is estimated to cost \$29,801.52 for them to do this, and they require payment before completing. The counties portion of this would be approximately \$2980. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported he will be attending the Kansas County Highway Association conference in May.

Mitch stated he has hired a seasonal employee for the landfill.

Mitch reported they are still waiting on one to two more hangar bids to come in and then they will present to commissioners.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported that on Friday a bridge on Nebraska Rd between 200th Rd and 400th Rd was inspected. They have shut down the bridge until repairs can be made. Jeremy is in contact with Schwab Eaton regarding this. Discussion followed.

Jeremy said that NextEra has hauling rock and they are putting water down in front of the residences.

Jeremy stated they are hauling chip rock from Whitaker's quarry in Welda to our quarry. Discussion followed.

Jeremy presented a quote for front axle work on the 980k loader in the quarry for \$43,816.27. He is looking at a rebuild as well but it would be roughly \$400,000.00. He said they do still have one there that is operational, it's just not as efficient as this one. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the work to be done on the 980k loaders front axle for \$43,816.27. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Coler Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, requesting approval of Proclamation Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024.

Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 14 -20, 2024

WHEREAS, emergencies that require law enforcement, fire, or emergency medical services can occur at any time; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters, and emergency medical services is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who contact the Allen County Critical Response and 911 Communications Center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and paramedics by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Allen County Critical Response and 911 Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 14-20, 2024, Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Allen County in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism help keep our county and citizens safe.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL 2024.

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the Proclamation Public Safety Telecommunicators Week April 14-20, 2024. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, reporting on the first disbursement request for the rural water district #8 water line project. The request is for Midwest Engineering Group \$6,467.57 and Bennett, Inc \$191,536.24 for a total of \$198,003.81. Jared explained the paperwork attached with the request. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the vice-chairs signature on the approval of payment request. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared reminded there will be a Community Conversation in LaHarpe this evening.

Floyd Thompson, LaHarpe Days committee representative, requesting a donation of \$2,000 to help with LaHarpe Days. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve a \$1500 donation to LaHarpe Days. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Floyd Thompson presented the commissioners with LaHarpe Days t-shirts.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, expressed his appreciation the county having the asphalt work done going into Humboldt. Cole explained the road work he is planning for this year. He informed the commission that the city council talked about the last mile trail project. They spoke about the speed limit on Hawaii Rd. Cole stated their proposal for coming into city limits is lowering from 45 mph to 30 mpg. Commissioner Daniels stated with BASE camp, Mt. Hope, and trail head, it might be beneficial to start at about 1300th St and drop to 45 mph and lead into the 30-mph zone. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:20 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) March Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency statement
- b) March monthly report for Noxious Weed, Public Works, Treasurer's office
- c) March Fund Status Report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$85,082.97
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Caden Vink
- c) Payroll – Cell Reimbursement for Rickie Aiello
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
- e) Clerk's journal entry

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m. until Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David E. Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner