

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 13, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes called in by phone to the commission meeting.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive, discussed the alternative transportation grant. They need a concept paper to submit an application. The commissioners gave her the okay to submit the concept paper.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported he has new information regarding a new C&D site along with the tire disposal site. They are needing to survey the location and they are working on that. They will also need a floodplain permit as they have now put them into floodplain. Commissioners asked if the new C&D and tire sites will have a liner under it and Mitch stated no. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported they are almost ready to send out for bids for the new hangar at the airport. The FAA will have to approve the site before any prep work can start. Discussion followed.

Mitch state he will not be present for the February 27, 2024 meeting.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented dust control bids from Scotwood Industries. The two options are Mag Chloride for \$1.43/gallon or 35% Calcium Chloride for \$1.29/gallon. Mark stated that if you go with the 35% Calcium Chloride, once you begin mixing it with other, the price will go up. The suggested rate to residents is \$2.37 per foot, the same as last year. He recommends the Mag Chloride for \$1.43 per gallon. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the bid for Mag Chloride for \$1.43/gallon. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark presented bids for asphalt oil.

**ASPHALT OIL PROPOSALS**  
**February 20, 2024**

COMPANY	RS-IH	AEP	RS1M	RS1P	MC-800	SS1H	Pump Charge	Demurrage	Remarks
ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions Kansas City, KS	\$2.55 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	\$2.70 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.85 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	\$2.55 per gallon Delivered price.	\$100.00	\$100.00 per hour after 1 hrs of free unloading time.	
Vance Brothers Kansas City, MO	\$2.43 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.88 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.73 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.88 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.98 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.68 per gallon Delivered price.	\$75.00	\$70.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	No moving charge. \$700.00 return charge.
Asphalt & Fuel Supply Tulsa, OK	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid			
Coastal Energy Willow Springs, MO	\$2.20 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.42 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.60 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.91 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.96 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.39 per gallon Delivered price.	\$125.00	\$100.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	\$800.00 return charge.
Wright Asphalt Dodge City, KS	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.91 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	\$250.00	\$80.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	CRSTR oil \$2.58 per gallon.

Mark is recommending to go with Coastal Energy for the SS-1H, RS1M, and the MC-800. Discussion followed on what each is used for and who we have bought from in the past. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Coastal Energy for SS1H for \$2.39/gallon, RS1M for \$2.60/gallon, and MC-800 for \$2.96/gallon. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark stated graders are going and rock is being put down.

Mark stated he will not be present for the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion followed on the work being done in Allen County for the Blackberry transmission line project. Anything the county does will be reimbursed.

Commissioners asked Mark about the new equipment. John Deere's are on order, chip spreader is ready to be delivered. Distributor truck is in Wichita and should be ready first of March.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported he has sent out more letters for cleanup.

Terry stated Monarch contacted Terry about a solar project. They plan to begin construction of the solar farm in April.

Commissioner Lee asked Mark about the proposed sidewalks. The community leaders will be the ones to recommend where they will be. Discussion followed.

Debbie Bearden, Farmers' Market representative, joined the meeting.

Regena Lance, Mildred, joined the meeting.

Stephen Euston and Joe Holdenreid, Bukaty Companies, presented health insurance renewal rates for April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025. Joe reported on current costs and reporting for 2023-2024. County has been consistent with the claim spends. Renewal rate proposals were provided by BCBSKS, Gravia/Aetna, UMR/Meritain. Stephen and Joe recommend the 2.54% increase from BCBS which will be the same plan we currently have. Last years renewal increased at around 7%. Stephen explained the difference between our current plan and then 6350 HAS/MERP plan. Chairman Symes asked Bukaty why we should continue working with them. Stephen spoke about how Bukaty leaves no stone unturned. They go out to other companies not just BCBS. Joe reported on the service aspect of their company. He explained how the answers to the clerk's office and the employees helping with questions or concerns with their plans. Discussion followed.

Regena Lance, Mildred, reported the main places to improve or construct sidewalks would be in front of Mildred Store and run them to the church. This would also benefit the RV park having sidewalks to the storm shelter. Main street to the church is 2 blocks. That is the high traffic area of town. Mildred does have some sidewalks that just need the trees and brush cleared out that could be salvageable.

Debbie Bearden, Farmer's Market representative, presented a letter of request to hold farmers market on the square.

February 20, 2024

TO: Allen County Commissioners  
RE: Use of the Southeast Corner of the Iola Square for weekly Farmers' Markets

We are requesting to use the Southeast Corner of the Iola Square every Thursday evening from May 9th through October, from 5:05 pm to 7:15 pm for the purpose of accommodating the Allen County Farmers' Market where the vendors who sell from their vehicle will be setup in the street and those who are willing to carry their merchandise onto the grass to sell from a table or display will be setup on the courthouse yard. We understand that there are to be no vehicles on the grass. On occasion, entertainment providers may need to access electricity.

Thank you for supporting this family-friendly, entrepreneurial economic incubator and educational outing that creates an environment where everyone feels they belong.

Submitted for consideration by,  
Debbie Bearden  
Board Secretary  
Allen County Farmers' Market

Commissioner Lee moved to grant permission to the farmers' market to use Southeast Corner of the Iola Square from 5:05 pm to 7:15 pm beginning May 9. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) January 2024 financial reports for Hospital Board
- b) CTD 10 Meeting minutes
- c) Adds – PP, Value 5,202, \$819.56, Year 2023  
TR, Value 5,346, \$742.10, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$594,538.42
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Earl Valentine
- c) Payroll – Change form for Kevin Turner
- d) Payroll – January Process Service for Dallas Merritt, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth
- e) Abatements – RE, Value 81,692, \$16,384.30, Year 2023  
PP, Value 733, \$138.92, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until Tuesday, February 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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Bruce Symes, Chairperson

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David Lee, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner