

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 29, 2023.

Chairman Lee moved to make Commissioner Symes chairman for 2024. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the updated flyer for the recycling and battery disposal at the landfill.



Allen County Landfill
1170 2800 Street
LaHarpe, KS 66751
620-496-2310
Office: 620-365-1422

BATTERIES

The Scale House Operator shall accept only the following items:
•Lithium batteries (primary or lithium ion)
•Lithium battery-containing electronics: cell phones, laptop computers, tablet computers, digital cameras, power tools.

PLASTICS



•HDPE #2 Plastic: High-Density Polyethylene; natural-colored plastic milk jugs only.

These are the **only** items
accepted for recycling at
this time

Commissioner Daniels asked if this will be posted on the website and published in the paper. Mitch stated yes, once it is approved. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented an analysis of potential starting wage increases. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported that the state has okayed a bridge replacement at 2400 and Nebraska. He presented a Contract for Engineering Services by Consultant. We pay for the engineering since we do not have a county engineer. Commissioners asked if the State pays for the whole project when they designate a bridge as needing replaced. Mark stated it is a 90%-10% split. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the signatures on Contract for Engineering Services by Consultant. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark stated he put some blocks up on the curves west of Humboldt. He is still doing some research as to why they were taken out. He is speaking with more individuals on this. Discussion followed.

Bryan Murphy, Sheriff Allen County, joined the meeting.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported that he is still looking into grant availability for the storm siren in Mildred. Commissioner Symes asked when the storm siren stopped working. Jason stated they do not know; they were notified it has not been working for the weekly tests. Jason stated there is an option of making our sirens smart sirens, where if it is located within the region of a tornado warning, it will automatically sound. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes mentioned possibly placing an ad in the local newspapers to ask for volunteers for our boards that have vacancies. Discussion followed. Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, will have those vacancies to share with commission next week.

Chairman Symes brought up the starting wage increase requests. Commissioner Lee stated for the public again for the Sheriff's department and the Dispatch Centers requests. Commissioner Daniels discussed a few other requests received, and discussed what was allowable per their budgets. Discussion followed. By consensus of the commissioners, they are okay with the starting wage increases presented by the department heads thus far. Chairman Symes wanted to clarify that he is looking strictly at starting wages and not the increase of those already employed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:18 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:29 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:41 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:52 a.m. No action taken.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, reported we should be getting the last signature needed for the easements.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) December monthly report from Treasurer's Office

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. until Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Paul Zirjacks led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Patrick Zirjacks, citizen, introduced himself as a new member of Thrive. His position is one of the community engagement coordinators.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented Agreement No. 821-23 for Bridge Project No. 001 C-5293-01 on behalf of Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the FAA does not want any work done yet for the new hangar. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee moved to sign the Agreement No. 821-33 between Kansas Department of Transportation and Allen County for Project No 001 C-5293-01. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jason Trego, reported on the weather. Late this week and into the weekend our temps will be dropping.

Jason reported he spoke with Thrive and the grant opportunity will not open until April and not be awarded until maybe August. So, at this time, no outside funding source to put a siren in Mildred in time for severe weather season. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Blue Valley for the storm siren in Mildred using PILOT funds if no other funding available. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Jessica McGinnis and Teagan Kern, ACMAT representatives, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:01 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:06 a.m. No action taken.

Jessica McGinnis & Teagan Kern, ACMAT representatives, requesting the County's support for a program they will be bringing to the Bowlus on March 21st. They are bringing in Tony Hoffman as a speaker for the youth of Allen County. The sponsorships are in the amount of \$1500. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to sponsor the Tony

Hoffman event on March 21, 2024 for \$1500. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Bob reported Magistrate Judge Thomas Mikulka passed away yesterday. He was the Magistrate Judge for Woodson County.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:31 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:36 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:01 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action taken.

Shannon presented Resolution 202401 which is an annual resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202401

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1117 (SUPP. 1978), 75-1120 (SUPP. 1982), 75-1121 (SUPP. 1988), AND 75-122 (SUPP. 1983) SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS TO MAINTAIN FIXED ASSET RECORDS AND OBSERVE FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING PRACTICES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, Allen County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2024, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to Allen County, Kansas or the members of the general public of Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolution of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ending December 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 9th day of January 2024, that the said Board of County Commissioners requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of said law as they apply to Allen County, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of County Commissioners shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of the said municipality to be prepared on the bases of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this state.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS**

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202401. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon presented a cereal malt beverage license renewal application for Humboldt Speedway. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license renewal. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon reviewed the new year reappointments for 2024.

Commissioner Lee moved to reappoint Terry Sparks (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) and Nathan Fawson (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) to the Board of Trustees of the Allen County Regional Hospital. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Kenneth McWhirter (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) to the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Board. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Mike Waldman and John F. Brocker as alternate to the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Commissioner David Lee to the Bowlus Committee for 2024. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Allen County Housing Task Force for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Iola Industries Board for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Economic Development Board for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Commissioner David Lee, Nicholas Lohman and Rebecca "Becky" Walden to the Multi County Health Board for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint John F. Brocker to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Carling Kay Lewis (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) to the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Bret Heim as Secretary for the Public Building Commission (February 2024 to February 2027). Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to name the Iola Register as the official newspaper for 2024. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels reported on information about his role as the KAC representative for State 911 Council. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee reported on a document he received concerning the Environment Fund with Your Community Foundation. Discussion followed on the use of the interest earned on the principal.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Fund Status Report for December
- b) December monthly report for District Court, Noxious Weed, Public Works, Register of Deeds
- c) 2023 Yearly report for Noxious Weed, Public Works, Register of Deeds
- d) December 2023 Solid Waste Financial Assurance Report
- e) Resignation Letter from Cindy Scovill, Site Manager for Humboldt Senior Center

f) Add – Oil, Value 23,762, \$3189.86, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 1/4/2024-\$700,365.19 & 1/8/2024-\$10,076.15
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Thad Parker
- c) Payroll – Change forms for Cassidy Bowen, Luchia Wildschuetz, Shannon Patterson, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Stephen Carnahan, Cody Craft, Jason Garber, Robert Poydack, Kevin Turner, Rikki Witchley, Michael Larios, Frederick Henderson
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Dathan McMurtrey, Don Solander
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bob Johnson, Terry Call
- f) Clerks Journal Vouchers – 2023 #65, 66, 67 and 2024 #1, 2, 3
- g) Salem Township annual report
- h) Abatements - PP, Value 8,175, \$1,316.84, Year 2023
TR, Value 263, \$53.04, Year 2023
Oil, Value 23,731, \$3,498.54, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. until Tuesday, January 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly’s Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK January 16, 2024

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Tim Stauffer, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Mark Griffith led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the contractors are not able to work at the landfill right now because of the cold temperatures. March may not be the finish date any longer. We may be looking at end of April before it is finished. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the electric at the airport is being scheduled. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked what the procedures are for extreme cold weather when it comes to the machinery. Mitch explained the ones that fit into the barns go in and get plugged in. The larger machinery stays out.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported that the trucks were out this morning.

Mark stated he will be sending out for bids for oil and dust abatement.

Mark reported our 1993 Chipspreader is down and parts are no longer available to fix it. He received a quote from Van Keppel for a new one for \$419,750.00. He is also going to look for used ones that maybe will not have a lot of hours. Discussion followed. Mark will follow up with Van Keppel on time frame of getting the new one, as well as continue looking at the used ones.

Commissioner Lee asked how the county roads were looking. Mark stated not good with the weather but once the grounds thaw out, they will be hitting them hard.

Commissioner Lee asked about the leased tractors. They are at the hours and those leases were only for a year. Mark will be speaking with John Deere on options. Discussion followed.

Commissioners asked about the MowerMax and how that worked for its first season. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked if there was any other machinery or equipment that Mark anticipates purchasing this year, aside from the chipspreader. Mark stated he was thinking about trading in a backhoe for a mini excavator. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, stated they will be sending out 265 letters regarding delinquent taxes. The letters are for properties that are three years delinquent for an estimated total of \$865,000 in delinquent taxes. Discussion followed on the time frame for holding another tax sale.

Chairman Symes reported he spoke with Job Springer regarding our Environmental fund with the Your Community Foundation. Allen County originally invested \$50,000 and has earned about \$30,000 in interest. The interest, if not spent, is added to the principle to earn interest. However, the \$30,000 can still be spent. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:03 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:08 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:09 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:14 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:14 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:19 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to make Commissioner Daniels vice-chair. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee asked Chairman Symes how his testimony went for SB196 hearing, Chairman Symes was testifying in favor of re-instating LAVTR. Chairman Symes stated he did not go in person but he submitted his written testimony. Senator Tyson deemed there was not time for online testimony, which is what Chairman Symes would have done, so his written testimony is what they used. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) December monthly reports from Larry Peterson for Hospital Bond Reporting
- b) December monthly report for Clerk's office
- c) Annual report for Clerk's office

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$72,591.79
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Json Harris
- c) Payroll – Change form for Danielle Louk
- d) Payroll – Meal reimbursement for Chelsie Decker
- e) Annual reports from Iola Township and Allen County Rural Volunteer Fire
- f) Abatements: PP, Value 432, \$88.88, Year 2023
TR, Value 7133, \$990.06, Year 2023
Oil, Value 6971, \$935.80, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David E. Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

January 23, 2024

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

Tim Stauffer, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Tim Stauffer led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on January 9, 2024 and January 16, 2024

Chairman Symes asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the older Bomag compacter is needing some repairs. The service technicians will come here to work on it. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he has been speaking with the KDHE representative and he will be here next month to look at the landfill in regards to recycling. There is the possibility of grants. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the landfill stayed open yesterday for the commercial trucks.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented information on new chip spreaders.

Chip spreader bids

Company	Model	Hours	Drive	Widths	Year	Warranty	Trade in	Cost	Comments
LeeBoy Roscoe	Chip spreader	0	2	16 ft	2023	12-month	\$0.00	\$380,360.00	
Van Keppel entyre	Chip spreader	0	4	24 ft	2023	12 month	\$0.00	\$410,750.00	

24-2000hr



Quoted For: Allen County, KS
 Dealer: Kirby-Smith

Date: 1/22/2024

SourceWell Contract #: **060122-VTL**

Variable Width Chip Spreader-CSV

All Hydrostatic Chip Spreaders are front wheel drive and equipped with: Tier 4 Final Engine; proportional hydraulic fan drive, new system to save horsepower, reduce noise and reverses for radiator cleanout; temperature controlled hydraulic oil cooler, infinitely variable speed hydrostatic drive system, 385/65R Duplex radial tires, 10' wide receiving hopper with Folding Wings at 4 cu.yd. truck capacity, rubber skirting and feed control gates adjustable from deck, variable width spread hopper with individual gate control, automatic cut offs for conveyor & augers when they are full, hydraulic-driven spread roll and augers, hydraulically-released & hydraulically adjustable height truck hitch, Full left-hand sliding driver's station with Operators Control Console that includes: Ignition switch, automatic conveyor control and application rate control, Plus 1 CAN-Bus control and onboard diagnostic system w/DP 710TM Color Graphic Display; gauges include engine water temperature, engine oil pressure, tachometer, fuel gauge, voltmeter, hydraulic temperature, hour meter, speed and direction controls, engine throttle, spread hopper/conveyor controls, hitch release hitch-height, conveyor on/off & horn, Right Hand remote operator control panel; Remote Camera for Truck Hitch; handrail mounted Amber Safety Strobe, light package (includes headlamps, taillights, stop and turn signals, and four-way hazard warning flasher). Toolbox 8'6" legal hauling width without permits.

TOTAL LIST PRICE BASE UNIT:	\$	393,600.00
Options:		
Dual Operator Consoles with Slides	\$	23,880.00
Spread Hopper Vibrators	\$	4,256.00
TOTAL:	\$	421,736.00
SOURCEWELL DISCOUNT (10%)	- \$	42,173.60
TOTAL SOURCEWELL LIST PRICE:	\$	379,562.20
FREIGHT :		795.8
	\$	-
TOTAL PRICING DELIVERED TO AGENCY:	\$	380,360.00



JANUARY 18TH 2024

CHIPSREADER
2023 MODEL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE
SPREAD HOPPER 12 1/2' VARIABLE WITH INDIVIDUAL AIR GATES
ELECTRIC VIBRATORS FOR VARIABLE HOPPERS - 1 FOR EACH SIDE
SPREAD HOPPER CONVEYOR HOODS HYDRAULIC RAISE/LOWER SYSTEM
POWER UNIT CUMMINS QSB DIESEL ENGINE (280 H.P.)
FUEL TANK 82 GALLONS WITH LOCKABLE FILLER CAP
RECEIVING HOPPER INCLUDES HYDRAULIC FOLDING WINGS
DUAL SIDE OPERATOR STATION POWER SHIFT CONSOLE SEAT ASSEMBLY
CB RADIO PLUG 2 WIRE AT OPERATOR STATION
REVERSING FAN
TRACTION BOOST HITCH
DRIVE SYSTEM HYDROSTATIC
APPLICATION RATE COMPUTER FOR AUTOMATIC RATE/SPEED CONTROL
CONVEYORS (2) 24" BELTS W/AUTOMATIC ON-OFF & BELT SPEED CONTROL
AXLES 25,000# RATED
TIRES (4) 385/65R22.5-G TUBELESS RADIAL
FULL STEEL FRONT FENDERS W/ MUDFLAPS
TRUCK HITCH SELF-LOCKING "RAILROAD" TYPE W/ ELEC-HYD HEIGHT CONTROL & RELEASE.
WARNING SYSTEM ENGINE (TEMP, OIL PRESS, FUEL) /HYDRAULIC OIL (TEMP)
LIGHT PACKAGE HEADLIGHTS, STOP AND TAIL LIGHTS, TURN SIGNALS
STROBE LIGHTS AT ALL (4) CORNERS OF UNIT
HORN ELECTRIC
ALARM BELL BACK UP
TACHOMETER ELECTRIC
HOURMETER ELECTRIC
PAINT GOLDEN YELLOW
SPECIAL REAR FLASHING AT REAR HOPPER WITH CABLE LOOP SUPPORTS.
SALE PRICE \$410,750.00 (NOT INCLUDING TAXES) FOB JOPLIN, MO

Does include on site operator training with Van Keppel and Etnyre factory trainers.

Thanks

Doug Herrman
Territory Sales Manager
G.W Van Keppel Co.

Mark explained the differences between the two options. Discussion followed. Chairman Symes requested a week to look over these items.

Mark reported he had trucks start treating roads at midnight and they continued to do so all morning.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, reported there will be a community conversation with Carlyle on February 6 at 6:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church.

Jessica requested a letter of support for a grant for \$500,000.00 to supply laptops and/or tablets to those residents that don't have access to one.

ALLEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

County Commissioners

Jerry Daniels, 1st District

David E. Lee, 2nd District

Bruce Symes, 3rd District

1 N. Washington
Iola, KS 66749

620-365-1406
Fax: 365-1441

January 23, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing to express our support and collaboration for Thrive Allen County's grant application to create a loan program for laptops and tablets for Allen County residents.

Allen County has a poverty rate of 17% creating a situation where many of our residents cannot afford devices needed in order to access the internet. This lack of access impacts their work, educational pursuits, and health. As part of the grant, Allen County government agrees to work with Thrive Allen County to distribute information to potential users of this program, such as through our Meals on Wheels program. Thrive Allen County and Allen County government have partnered together to work on similar programs in the past, including distributing devices to elderly and homebound residents to increase connectivity. The addition of this program would be a game-changer for many more Allen County residents, increasing their health and well-being.

Once again, we support the efforts of creating this program for Allen County residents and look forward to how the implementation will positively impact the community. Please feel free to reach out if there is anything further we can do to support the efforts in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Commissioners asked how this will work if they are awarded the grant. Jessica stated that it will be a loan of the equipment. They are hoping that the local libraries will agree to work with them, and residents will be able to go "check out" a laptop or tablet for a certain amount of time. Discussion followed Commissioner Lee moved to sign the letter of support. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, called Rachel Moore, Thrive Allen County, to speak about the Moderate-Income Housing request for funds disbursement. Rachel and Jared informed the commissioners that the house is considered to be at substantial completion. They county can now approve a letter be sent to request funds disbursement to pay JW-JW Real Estate for a total cost of \$47,026.00.

ALLEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

County Commissioners

Jerry Daniels, 1st District
1 N. Washington
Iola, KS 66749

David E. Lee, 2nd District

Bruce Symes, 3rd District
620-365-1406
Fax: 365-1441

January 23, 2024

Brina Nold
MIH Processor
611 S. Kansas Ave, Ste. 300
Topeka, KS 66603

To Brina Nold:

The Allen County Commission approves submission of the Request for Disbursement of funds in the amount of \$47,026.00 from our MIH Grant award.

Sincerely,

Rachel stated we can request the money from KHRC, and once it gets here then we can pay the invoice to JW-JW Real Estate. Commissioners asked about turnaround time for payment to be received. She believes it will be fairly quick. Commissioner Lee moved to approve request for funds letter. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 9:12 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action taken.

Mark reported Van Keppel will hold the chip spreader in the bid for one week with a letter of interest from him. This will allow the commissioners time to think without it being sold before a decision is made.

Commissioner Lee is asking when we want to start the budget process. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Payroll change forms for Kim Knavel, Kelsey Lampe, Hailey Willis, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth, Bryce Andres, Wayne Carson, Dathan McMurtrey, Brian Plumlee, Shane Smith, Steve Womack, Jason Kegler, Douglas Campbell, Jeanne Carson, Jennifer Friend, Kayle Garber, Levi Lampe, Daniel McMurray, Seth Pollet, Alex Reynolds, Stephanie Vest, Rachel Wight, Bethannie Yarnell

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$269,500.78
- b) Payroll – Enrollment forms for Travis Marshall, Cody Johnson, Michael Tennyson
- c) Payroll – Change forms for Dallas Merritt, Ethan Collins, Cole Hanson, Colton Slocum
- d) Payroll – Cell phone reimbursement for Danielle Louk
- e) Payroll – Process service for Dallas Merritt, Wayne Carson, Daren Kellerman, Ryan Smith, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth
- f) Clerk's Journal Entries – 2023 #68
- g) Annual Township Reports for Geneva Twp, Logan Twp, Osage Twp

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m. until Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

January 30, 2024

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, 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, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Loren Korte, ACRH Board of Trustee Member, Terry Sparks, ACRH Board of Trustee Member, Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, Terry Johnson, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Loren Korte led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, presented information on a program for growing rural businesses. E-Community is partnering with Neosho County to put this program on. It is a 9-week course, the first 5 courses in Chanute at the Chanute City Hall, and the last 4 will be at the Allen Community College in Iola. The cost to attend is set at \$250.00 with an early bird discount of \$50.00 if registered by February 23, 2024. Discussion followed.

Humboldt was approached by Climavision, a company that installs weather radars. They stated Allen County is in the middle of a dead zone, so radars in Wichita, Kansas City, Tulsa etc. don't register Allen County weather accurately. This will be their first installation in Kansas and will be installed on the North water tower. Humboldt was chosen due to it being far enough from wind farms to avoid disruption. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Armstrong, Hospital Administrator, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the bin for milk jugs is not at the landfill yet. He will be reaching out about it today.

Mitch reported the KDHE representatives came to landfill yesterday to look at the site for recycling efforts. They will be sending Mitch more information on ideas.

Mitch asked about pay for those employees who have been here that their wages were not affected with the raising of the starting wages. Chairman Symes stated he thought the COLA addressed them.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported he has as many employees as he can out working on the roads now that the weather is a little better

Mark reported he had gone and looked at the Rosco chip spreader. He does not see any substantial difference. There is a location in Kansas City and Tulsa to work on this machine. Rosco has one more year warranty than the Etnyre brand. He did ask his operator about the need for 4-wheel drive and he stated there is only one area that we would need the 4 wheel and they can always start at top of that hill and work their way down. So, 2-wheel drive would be okay. Discussion followed. He plans on paying out of special equipment. Commissioner Lee moved to purchase Rosco for \$380,360.00 from LeeBoy. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark was selected to attend a conference in Texas on February 26-28, 2024. This will be an all expense paid trip.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Armstrong, Hospital Administrator, requesting Resolution 202402 Consenting to the Change of Control of Saint Luke's Health System, Inc.

**RESOLUTION 202402 OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY
CONSENTING TO THE CHANGE OF CONTROL OF
SAINT LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
January 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, Saint Luke's Hospital of Allen County, Inc. d/b/a Allen County Regional Hospital (the "Hospital") operates Allen County Regional Hospital pursuant to a Lease Agreement by and among Allen County, Kansas, The Board of Trustees of Allen County Regional Hospital (the "Board of Trustees"), and the Hospital (the "Lease"); and

WHEREAS, Saint Luke's Health System, Inc., a Kansas nonprofit corporation exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "System"), is the sole member of the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the affairs of the Hospital are managed by a Board of Directors (the "Hospital Board") as further detailed in the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Saint Luke's Hospital of Allen County, Inc. (the "Bylaws"); and

WHEREAS, the System has entered into a definitive agreement with BJC Health System, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation ("BJC") to consummate a transaction pursuant to which BJC and the System formed a patient-centric integrated health system by BJC becoming the sole corporate member of the System effective January 1, 2024 (the "Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, the affairs of the Hospital will continue to be managed by the Hospital Board pursuant to the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9 of the Lease, an assignment of rights or delegation of obligations by a Party under the Lease, including a change of control of either the Hospital or the System, requires the consent of the other parties; and

WHEREAS, the Transaction may constitute a change of control under the Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Allen County hereby consent to the change of control of the System.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS**

Saint Luke's is integrating with BJC out of St. Louis. Discussion followed on what this means for the hospital. Commissioner Lee moved to approve and sign Resolution 202402. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, presented the EMS quarterly report.

CITY OF IOLA

Memorandum



● **TO:** ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: MICHAEL BURNETT, EMS DIRECTOR/PARAMEDIC
SUBJECT: EMS UPDATE – 2023 4th Quarter
DATE: 30 JANUARY 2024
CC: MAYOR FRENCH & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL MATT REHDER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR COREY ISBELL, IOLA FIRE CHIEF

COLE HERDER, HUMBOLDT CITY ADMINISTRATOR JERRY WALLIS,
MORAN MAYOR

● **FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS**

October:

- 232 EMS calls
 - 98 911 transports
 - 54 Long distant transfers
 - 80 Non-transport
- Ambulance mileage as 04/30/2023
 - Med 30 - 49689
 - Med 31 - 195495
 - Med 32 - 190830
 - Med 33 - 22900
 - Med 34 - 114303
 - Med 35 - 283023
- Trainings/Meetings/Other
 - Staff performed self paced online training
 - Michael Burnett attended Region 6 EMS meeting
 - Finished in house EMT class

● November:

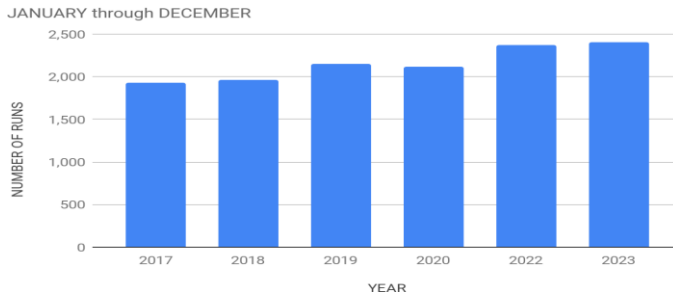
- 181 EMS calls
 - 83 911 transports
 - 36 Long distant transfers
 - 62 Non-transport
- Ambulance mileage as 05/31/2023
 - Med 30 - 50294
 - Med 31 - 195566
 - Med 32 - 194691
 - Med 33 - 23683
 - Med 34 - 118184
 - Med 35 -285881
- Trainings/Meetings/Other
 - Staff performed self paced online training
 - Staff issued 265 CEU hours of training

December:

- 192 EMS calls
 - 93 911 transports
 - 41 Long distant transfers
 - 58 Non-transport
- Ambulance mileage as 06/30/2023
 - Med 30 - 50743
 - Med 31 - 197790
 - Med 32 - 195109
 - Med 33 - 24782

- Med 34 - 122453
- Med 35 - 290277
- Trainings/Meetings/Other
 - Staff performed self paced online training

EMS CALLS YTD – 2017-2023



Graph shows the total EMS runs year-to-date (Jan-Sep) from 2017 through 2023.

Michael asked if there is any other information the commissioners would like for him to present. Commissioner Lee asked about the ambulance that had been giving them problems. Michael stated it is working well now. Med 31 and Med 32 are now over 200,000 miles. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee commented on a letter from Judge Creitz requesting for reappointment of Craig Mentzer to the 31st Judicial District Nominating Commission as the non-lawyer member. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Craig Mentzer to the 31st Judicial District Nominating Commission. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:05 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:17 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:27 a.m. No action taken.

Rocky Ansell, citizen, joined the meeting.

Rocky Ansell, Senior Vice Commander and Civil Wars Memorials Officer for the Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War. Just recently an Eagle scout came in and reclaimed the Evan Young Cemetery. Previously Carolyn Whitaker did a lot of leg work to find out information on cemetery. He is looking for the information on access/regress to get into the cemetery from Franklin Street. Cole Herder stated he worked with Thomas Young and Michael Young while working on the cemetery. Cole stated it might need gated. They also thought the sign will need to be anchored. Applied for funding through the national organization. Denied due to not being able to meet the match. Chariman Symes is asking Bob what can be done, help with the road maybe? Mark suggested getting a survey to get it marked on what is the correct easement. Rocky stated the family might be interested in making it public instead of private. Can they proceed with putting a monument on the easement for the public to see? Bob will need to research into the easement to see if there is verbiage regarding putting a structure on. Discussion followed.

John Terry, KwiKom Business Development Manager, joined the meeting. John presented information on a Kansas Broadband Acceleration Grant. This is a 2-million-dollar project. It will be a 50% match between state and KwiKom. Attached to the map provided he

supplies some sample letters. State requires community co-investment for these projects, and the deadline to apply for the grant is March 11. Chairman Symes is asking if there will be overlap between this project and other carriers. Chairman Symes also asked if there will be other areas in Allen County. John stated yes as almost half is considered as unserved, but this project will just be for the shaded area. Cole asked if this will provide a connecting link into Humboldt. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Invitation to Kansas Banker Awards Annual Dinner & Conservation District Meeting
- b) Letter declining Cottage Grove Twp Clerk position from Curtis Manahan
- c) Inventories from LaHarpe Senior Center, Humboldt Senior Center, Appraiser's office, Allen County Commission, Allen County Clerk's office, Attorney's office
- d) Arbitrage Rebate Analysis findings from GilmoreBell
- e) Add – PP, Value 6108, \$834.22, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$323,385.61
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Bruce Symes, Danielle Louk
- c) Payroll – Hotel reimbursement for Bob Johnson
- d) Clerks Journal Entries - #4, 5
- e) Abatements - RE Value 23,006, \$4137.22, Year 2023
- f) Township annual reports for Marmaton Twp, Humboldt Twp, Elsmore Twp
- g) Allen County Rural Fire District #2 – City of Iola – Annual report

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. until Tuesday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

February 6, 2024

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Christopher Holloway, Thrive Allen County Intern, Shelby Peters, Thrive Allen County Intern, Misty Rice, Allen County Register of Deeds, Kevin Covey, employee, Dennis Gardner, employee, Crystal Richey, employee, Sean Cox, employee, Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, Rebekah Coltrane, government student, Leeann Maloney, government student, Briggs Michael, government student, Jakie Fager, government student, Rio Lohman, government student, Keira Fawson, government student, Jaydon Morrison, government

student, Jenna Morrison, government student, Abigail Meiwes, government student was present to observe the meeting.

Sarah Haney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 30, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, wanted to remind the commissioners about the Carlyle community conversation happening this evening.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, presented landfill top cover bids.

Landfill Cover

February 6, 2023

COMPANY	Price	Freight	Total Price
* LSC Environmental Products Apalachin, NY	\$21.09 per bag X 900 = \$ 18,975.00	\$2,486.00	\$21,461.00
Profile Products, LLC Buffalo Grove, IL	\$24.66 per bag X 880 = \$ 21,700.80	\$2,640.00	\$24,340.80

Phone bids.

This topcoat is used daily to cover the trash being sprayed by the hydroseeder. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from LSC Environment for \$21,461.00 for landfill topcoat. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported there will be a pre-construction phone conference held on Monday February 12. This will be to discuss AWOS and papi lights with Caleb and the electrician. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated they are getting close on bids for new hangar.

Mitch reported the container for milk jugs has been delivered to the landfill.

Chairman Symes presented Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) Service Awards to the county employees who have been employed for 8, 16, 24 years. For 8 years of service, Chairman Symes recognized Sean Cox, Jennifer Friend, Jerry Hathaway, Misty Rice, and Lisa Sears. For 16 years of service, Chairman Symes recognized Daren Kellerman. For 24 years of service, Chairman Symes recognized Kevin Covey, Dennis Gardner, Mitch Garner, and Crystal Richey.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented a reimbursement request to the State for dust control and chip sealing for the unofficial detour route when the state was working on the bridge on Highway 54. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve signatures on the reimbursement agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark presented new information on leasing tractors for 2024. We own 3 tractor and we have 6 districts. Leasing 2 tractors help with availability for the districts. It will be \$7,252.00 for 12 months or 350 hours. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to lease 2 tractors for another year through governmental tractor rental program. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark stated they are working on getting to as many roads as possible now that the weather is a little nicer. Trying to patch as many potholes as they can.

Mason Knopp, SEK Financial, joined the meeting.

Brigham Folk, Shelby Peters, Christopher Holloway, Thrive Interns, reported that on January 23, 2024 they hosted a community conversation. A total of 300 students actively participated in this event. Some statistics they compiled were 72% of the students plan to go to college, 14% will be going straight into the workforce, and 10% will attend a trade school. When asked if they plan to come back to Allen County, 52% stated they do not plan to come back to Allen County, while 48% plan to return. They reported that on April 4, 2024 they will be burying a time capsule that the seniors will put an item in and this will be opened April 4, 2064. They have worked with Norman Printing to create a plaque that features these four topics: Community, Health, Economic, Education. Their next community conversation will be with Humboldt High School on February 26, 2024. They would like to schedule a time in March to meet with the college if possible. They feel it is very interesting to hear how their peers feel about these topics.

Mason Knopp, SEK Financial, presented information on a 457 plan for the county. This will be in addition to KPERs 457 we are currently enrolled in. He would like to come and present information to the employees. Discussion followed. Chairman Symes would like to a little time to think about it.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, reported that she has been asked to come in and talk about values. Jami stated they are out gathering information for values. Placing market values on properties again. She believes they will be from 10% - 25% increase this year. She gave examples of how her appraisal values compared to their selling prices. Jami also explained her part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Jami discussed the process of appraising dwellings and the different approaches; market value approach, cost-based approach, income approach (confidential). They look at what happened within the last year. State gives a 10% leeway above and below the selling price of a property. Lee asked if there is anything that we can do at the county level to help alleviate the increase in value causing increase in taxes. Discussion followed. There are a couple of items in the legislation for consideration.

Jami introduced Danielle Louk as the new deputy appraiser.

Kathy Brennon, SEKAAA, joined the meeting.

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, presented an update on the plans for airport industrial park improvements. He believes we are ready to advertise to get bids for construction costs. He feels like they are pretty accurate in their idea of base bid pricing. Discussion followed on all the different aspects of the project. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve BG to move forward with the bid advertisement. Commissioner Lee asked which options Bruce would be asking for in the bids. Bruce stated they would leave it up to the companies bidding on what items they choose to put numbers to. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, reported she has reached out to commerce to inform them that we now have a new timeline concerning the Airport Industrial Park Project. Midwest was in doing their meeting about the water project. They had submitted a grant in December to help with the overages and are looking into other grant opportunities.

Kathy Brennon, Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging (SEKAAA), presented information on a program they started in 2023 called 60 Dine. They contract with cafeterias or restaurants to allow those 60 and older to eat at the site for a donation. Currently the program has 172 participants signed up. The location participating currently is Saint Luke's Hospital Cafeteria. They would like to contract with a location in

Woodson and Neosho Counties. Discussion followed. To sign up they call the SEKAAA office and they have forms that need filled out and signed.

Chairman Symes discussed an email from Rachel Moore with Thrive Allen County regarding the selling of the house built in Humboldt. Another question regarding the house was if landscaping would be included. Discussion followed on the County's involvement with the project at this point in time. Lisse stated that the commissioners just needed to approve JW-JW Real Estate to list the house for sale. Commissioner Lee moved to approve JW-JW Real Estate to list the house for sale. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, asked the commissioners to schedule the canvass of the Presidential Preference Primary for March 26, 2024. Commissioners have scheduled the canvass for 9:30 a.m. on March 26.

Shannon reminded the commissioners of two letters Larry Peterson is requesting for signature. These letters are a part of the year end financial review for the Hospital Board done by Jarred, Gilmore and Phillips. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairmans signature. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes asked Commissioner Lee about a meeting with Health Department. They held a board appreciation meal and their regularly scheduled board meeting.

Chairman Symes shared an email from Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County. This email is informing Chairman Symes of a strategy session task force in regards to their veterans suicide prevention effort. Commissioner Lee will attend the task force.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:17 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:28 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:38 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Invitation
- b) Review of Financials by Jarred Gilmore & Phillips
- c) Letter from Larry Crawford declining City of Bassett Council position
- d) 2023 annual report for Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency
- e) January 2024 Fund Status Report
- f) January 2024 monthly reports from Attorney's office, Appraiser's office, Treasurer's office, Noxious Weed Dept., Public Works' office, Register of Deeds' office
- g) Added: PP, Value 4,342, \$893.34, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$461,626.09
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Brandon Dix
- c) Clerk's journal entry #6
- d) Annual Reports for Fire District #3, Fire District #4, LaHarpe Elm Cemetery, West Cottage Grove Cemetery
- e) Abatements: RE, Value 2,220, \$450.16, Year 2023
PP, Value 1,370, \$233.96, Year 2023
TR, Value 426, \$59.10, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. until Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David E. Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

February 13, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Jeff Keithly, Allen Regional Transit Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jessica Thompson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on February 6, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the conference call with Caleb yesterday. The project should start on March 5, 2024 to install the new PAPI lights, AWOS System. The funding for this project is from grant money, covering 90% of the cost, and we are responsible for 10%. IT is estimated to take about 60 days to complete, runway will close periodically throughout the project. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated all the barrels are out and ready for recycling. The notices will be in the paper beginning next week. Cardboard recycling is still in the works. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated Schwab Eaton is still working on the plans for the area for tire disposal.

Commissioner Lee asked about progress on the new landfill cell. Mitch stated they are moving forward with the weather being nice. Looks to still be on time.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported he is having all the trucks going to the same district to fix the roads and by doing so he is hoping they get fixed a little quicker.

Mark reported that they will be putting in culverts for the Blackberry transmission line project. NextEra will be paying for all items; culverts, machine, labor., etc.

Mark reported on an item he investigated after attending some of the community conversations Thrive hosted. Sidewalks have been an issue that has been discussed by several communities. He has found a grant through Kansas Department of Transportation

called the Alternative Transportation Grant. This will allow for the construction of sidewalks, pathways, etc. This grant is an 80%-20% match. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels suggested Mark start looking into seasonal help to add to the crew to help with the upcoming projects. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about the John Deere tractors. Mark stated they should be on their way. Mark said he will get the cost estimate of purchasing after the lease, just for future reference.

Commissioner Lee asked Mitch what the plan is for Noxious Weed this year. Mitch stated he is already getting the season help and the chemical has been ordered. He plans to start in March again. Discussion followed.

Jeff Keithly, Allen Regional Transit Director, and Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, reported Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has reached out to them regarding 5310 services. They can only fund one 5310 service in the county. Commissioner Lee asked about which services they provide. Jessica stated they are doing 5311 currently and then when they get a vehicle, they will begin the 5310. Commissioner Lee stated he has had seniors contact him with concerns about costs. Jeff stated they would continue to make the 5310 services free. Chairman Symes asked if we continue our services and not merge, will this create an issue for A.R.T. sustaining operations. Jeff stated no; they currently are not using the 5310 so it will not hurt them to not get it. If a changeover happens, it could be as early as April but no later than July. Chairman Symes asked what would happen if A.R.T. ceases operations, what happens to the service then? Discussion followed.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

John Terry, KWIKOM, following up on his proposal from a couple weeks ago. He reported the City of Humboldt has agreed to co-invest on the project. To recap, KWIKOM will be responsible for 50% of the 1.8-million-dollar project. Chairman Symes asked if other providers could potentially come forward with this type of request. Terry stated yes. Commissioner Daniels stated is agreeable to a letter of support. Chairman Symes stated he is agreeable to \$1,000 and letter of support. Discussion followed. Chairman Symes moved to approve a letter of support and \$1,000 co-investment in the project. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Lee abstained.

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance, and Julie Yarmer, Freedom Claims, joined the meeting.

Julie Yarmer and Darren Booth, introduced themselves. Julie presented information on cost information for possible insurance coverage. Freedom Claims can do the partially self-funded plans but they also offer fully self-funded plans. Discussion followed.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Carlyle Community Conversation. 10 residents attended the event, along with Commissioner Lee and Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director. Carlyle residents stated they are very happy with their community. Some improvement items they mentioned were mud holes and pot holes, roads, speeding through town, signs being down (Mark has put back up). They wondered if they can they get a stop sign on Texas Road and Adams Street. Another area of concern is where the spirit trail crosses Texas. The trail has stop signs for the trail users, but could we put yield signs up for the motorists. Another item they are interested in is solar lighting along a certain route to help create a safe walking area. They are trying to put in a playground at the trail head. The next community conversation will be at Humboldt High School cafeteria on March 26, 2024. Commissioner Lee moved to approve putting in two stop signs at the intersection of Texas and Adams Street in Carlyle, creating a four way stop. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:14 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:19 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:31 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:41 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Blackberry Culvert Estimates
- b) January monthly reports from District Court, County Clerk's office
- c) January report for Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency
- d) Letter regarding Iola Theatre Association from the Kansas Historical Society
- e) Bankruptcy notice in re Endo International plc, et al
- f) Fair board minutes and financials

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$516,080.40
- b) Payroll – change forms for Levi Lampe, William Salava, Ashley Haney, Rhegan Fischer
- c) Payroll – Reimbursements for Terry Call, Levi Seilonen, Chris Craft
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #7

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m. until Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

February 20, 2024

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-1H	AEP	RS1M	RSIP	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 27th 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, Gravie/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

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

March 5, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Rick Aiello led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on February 27, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented a map of where the fire disposal site will be located, along with a new C&D cell. Discussion followed on cell life.

Mitch reported he will be having to complete a solid waste 5-year plan. He will have to advertise to hold a hearing to approve the plan. The wording will change slightly with the addition of the new cell and recycling.

Mitch stated chemical is here and he has the seasonal employees starting.

Commissioner Daniels stated B&G is doing core samples, with the hope that it will show no rock so digging will be easier for the airport project, may be able to keep bid costs down. They have moved the bid opening back a back a week to March 19, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners asked about the water district project. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported on the complaints of rebar on 3400th Rd. He said our crusher is made to crush concrete as it has a magnet to pull out the metal. He removed the rock off the affected road, ran a magnet up and down the road to catch any remaining metal, then put all new rock down. He believes that one road was the only one that had this issue.

Mark stated, weather permitting, April 1 is when he is going to start chip sealing. The new chipper should arrive today. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about the conference Mark attended in Texas. He stated it was very good. Mark reported on a few take aways that caught his attention.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Brigham Folk, Thrive Intern, Shelby Peters, Thrive Intern, joined the meeting.

Dimity Lowell, Joe Hess, Joyce Adair, Robin lola Seniors Inc. joined the meeting.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, presented Thrive's Economic Development Year in Review 2023. She discussed how the agreement with the four funding entities includes three main components: An economic development advisory committee, participation among members, and countywide efforts. In 2023 Thrive applied for 58 grants totaling \$15,564,223. As of today, they were awarded 27 of those grants for \$5,000,344. Thrive is also continuing their workforce development and labor analysis. Lisse reported on the 16 lots in the Cedarbrook addition that were purchased by Lakeview Investment Properties to build additional housing there. Also, Shane Lamb began converting the buildings previous used for the Arkhaven nursing home into apartments. Do so this would create an estimated 50 apartments. Lisse also reported on Kandy Rushing purchasing the former Kids Kingdom and changing that daycare center over to Grow at Eden lola. She then reported on the new small businesses that came to Allen County in 2023. Another topic she covered was the Lehigh Portland State Park. Chairman Symes asked Lisse how can the public know that things are happening at the Lehigh Portland State Park. Lisse stated you can see where trees have been cleared for the camping sites, stakes in ground marking these as well. They are working on additional parking for the trails as well. Visitor center design is done and then they will go out for construction bid. Thrive will be the groundskeepers so they will be the point of contact if there is a problem, they are the connection to the state. Discussion followed.

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance, and Julie Yarmer, Freedom Claims, joined the meeting.

Dimity Lowell, Joe Hess, Joyce Adair, Robin Towne, came to thank the commission for approving the heat/ac unit. Their two new buildings are done so they are inviting the commission to come visit. Commissioner Lee asked about the fashion show. Dimity explained they had some baskets for a silent auction, models chose all of the clothing and accessories from the thrift store. Dimity is asking permission to paint the original building. She is asking the commission to purchase the paint and the thrift store will take care of the labor to paint. Commissioners have asked Dimity to inform Ron Holman of the amount of paint needed and the associated cost before they can make the decision.

Joe Hess reported he has been volunteering for 25 years at the Seniors Inc. Joe explained how the Seniors Inc conducts business. The new buildings are complete and they will now

sign the new buildings over to the county. The commissioners thanked the Senior Inc for everything they do for the county.

Chairman Symes moved to take a 5-minute break beginning at 9:33. Commissioners came back to resume the meeting at 9:38, however livestream capabilities were halted so no video was able to be streamed. The commission waited another 10 minutes before resuming the meeting.

Harry Lee, LaHarpe Communications, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Shelby Peters and Brigham Folk, Thrive Interns, reported they held the Humboldt youth community conversation. They added a couple new questions with this group. A few things that the Humboldt youth would like to see more men's clothing options, a community service club, a program similar to SafeBase for USD 258, and a school community farm. Shelby stated they are still working on the time capsule and the scheduled date to bury it is April 4th and then they will dig it back up and open it in 40 years.

Darren Booth, Theel Insurance, and Julie Yarmer, Freedom Claims, presented updated information for insurance renewal. Julie explained the difference in plans if Allen County should go fully insured versus staying self-funded. Julie explained the two-card system should the county go with the fully insured medical plan. Cole Herder, City of Humboldt, spoke about using the two cards. Discussion followed.

Harry Lee, LaHarpe Communications, requesting a letter of support and a \$1,000.00 co-investment for the Kansas Broadband Acceleration 4.0 Grant. This project will take fiber from North East lola to Carlyle and eventually into Neosho Falls. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on the letter of support and the \$1,000.00 co-investment. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Lee abstained.

Commissioner Lee reported that the Farm Bureau has invited the commissioners to attend a legislative update at 8:30 a.m. on March 23rd, located at the lola Public Library.

Commissioner Lee reported on some research he has done regarding doing a sales tax for EMS services. We are allowed up to 1% for medical services. He would like to consider a .5% sales tax for EMS services. Commissioner Daniels explained that options like have been discussed previously for funding. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Payment Remittance from Kansas Housing Resources Corp for ESG-FFY2023
- b) February 2024 Solid Waste Assurance Agency monthly report
- c) February 2024 Fund Status Report
- d) February monthly reports for Appraiser's office, Attorney's office, County Clerk's office, Public Works office, Treasurer's office

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$193,515.80
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Chase Kellogg
- c) Payroll – Change form for Teena Solander, Bill Wilson
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #8
- e) Deer Creek Township Annual Report 2023

f) Abatement – PP, Value 1506, \$285.40, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. until Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

March 12, 2024

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, 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, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Vince Hill, Black Horse, Clint Davis, Black Horse, Carl Slauch, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Terry Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 7, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Vince Hill, Black Horse, suggested being able to fund a portion of two additional hangars. He explained how they would carry the payment. With this thought, he is just trying to help the county with building more hangars quicker. Discussion followed.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, reported he spoke with Pastor Neely and they have scheduled an open house for April 18, 2024 from 2 pm to 4 pm for the Humboldt Food Pantry.

Commissioner Lee asked Ron about one of his employees reducing their hours. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented information on the FY 2025 Kansas Airport Improvement Program (KAIP). This is to build a parallel taxiway. This is for next year but they will begin the work on bids and surveys in July of 2024. Commissioner Daniels explained that legislature increased the spending allotment from 5 million to 15 million to disperse for projects submitted. This is a KDOT Aviation grant, 25-30 airports were awarded funds.

Mitch reported he did speak with the FAA and they are fine with the proposal from Vince and they just need to look over the wording of the lease.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Mitch presented two documents for Noxious Weed that need the commissioners' signatures; the 2023 Products Disbursed and the Noxious Weed Management Plan. These will be submitted to the state.

Mitch reported on he will be holding the 5 Year Solid Waste Management Plan hearing on April 2 at 9:00.

Chairman Symes asked about the tire disposal and how the new policy is working with the new limits. Commissioners also asked about the recycling efforts with the batteries and milk jugs. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported on 1600 – 1650 on Nebraska Rd. Lots of people have been reported speeding. Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, stated he would like to see it go to 25 MPH and add no parking signs. The current speed limit is 55 MPH. They are working on making the parking lots bigger. Discussion followed on the process to lower the speed limits.

Commissioner Daniels mentioned needing to lower the speed limit from Industrial Rd (north of Humboldt city limits) into Humboldt to 30 MPH for the Last Mile Trail. They estimating the trail to be open by May.

Mitch stated they are trenching and putting wiring in the ground at the airport. Some of the lights are out. They are working on the ones in the runway. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented quotes for concrete work at 2200 and Us Hwy 54. The county would do the demo and disposal of existing road, provide and compact AB-3 to grade. Then Hammerson will form, pour, finish concrete to match existing crown of county rd. The quote of \$12,074.98 is for Hammerson's portion of the work. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the quote for concrete work pending KDOT approval. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels reported that BG Consultants reached out about the sewer line. They are going to close one lane of traffic and they will provide the flagging crew. Only closed during construction hours.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, reported on some of the ambulances that are having issues. The new chassis is in North Carolina but switching off the box is a couple years out. Commissioners asked Bob to check on insurance for the new chassis. Discussion followed on the items that would be considered normal maintenance. There are currently 4 ambulances still running in the county. Discussion was had on state legislature looking into passing a bill that would allow for non-certified people to drive.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported the HVAC is completed at the jail. \$36,133 is left on the bill after using funds from the jail board and inmate trust. Water softening system needed replaced as well and that is being taken out of the inmate trust. Commissioner Lee asked why "facility maintenance" isn't fully taken out of the county general fund and general department instead of tracking it under the sheriffs department. Discussion followed.

Jared Wheeler reported Midwest will begin submitting the pay requests next month, not this month as previously thought.

Chairman Symes asked Jared to pass along that we approved speed limit change and no parking signs along Nebraska. Also speed limit change for Last Mile Trail project.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, reported on a request from Troy Smith to reappoint Eric Thomason as the Mental Health representative to the 31st Judicial District Community Corrections & Juvenile Services Advisory Board. Commissioner Lee moved to reappoint Eric Thomason to the Advisory Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon asked on behalf of Robin Schallie, Iola Area Chamber of Commerce, to use the bandstand and adjacent area (southwest corner) for their annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 30, 2024. Commissioners approved the request.

Shannon asked on behalf of Cara Walden to host movies on the square again this summer. Discussion followed on how they went last summer. Commissioners approved the request.

Chairman Symes asked for thoughts on the three insurance options for our April 1, 2024 plan year. Commissioner Daniels is concerned with if we choose to change options will we have enough time make the change without disruption in coverage. Discussion followed on the possibility of savings. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from RPS. Motion was tabled by Commissioner Lee.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:37 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Ron Holman reported he received the quote of \$826.00 for paint for the Iola Seniors Inc Thrift Store. Chairman Symes moved to purchase the paint out of the elderly fund. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, presented a map from 1976 to show the original zoning for the county. Terry has been recreating the map with all the changes since. Terry explained the process he has had to do to get the updated mapping. Discussion followed.

Terry reported there will be a conditional use permit hearing on April 25, 2024 for a tower.

Commissioner Daniels still feels very strongly that there is not enough time to change to a different system with the insurance. Chairman Symes states he like the idea of having a local vendor however he is pleased with Bukaty, enough that he wishes to stay with Bukaty. Commissioner Lee's motion to approve RPS died due to lack of a second. Chairman Symes moved to renew with Bukaty Companies. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-1-0. Commissioner Lee opposed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Email from Michael Burnett regarding needed repairs to ambulances
- b) February 2024 Hospital Board Financials from Larry Peterson
- c) February Monthly reports from District Court, Noxious Weed, Register of Deeds
- d) Adds – TR, Value 611, \$108.82, Year 2023
Oil, Value 27,161, \$3729.14, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$125,957.39
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Roy Smith
- c) Payroll – Vacation Carryover for Ron Holman, Jill Allen – to be used in 6 months
- d) Clerks Journal Entries - #9, 10

- e) Abatements – RE, Value 7786, \$1226.34, Year 2023
TR, Value 0, \$126.78, Year 2023
Oil, Value 27,161, \$ 3729.14, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. until Tuesday, March 19 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

March 19, 2024

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Marcia Davis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, presented a flyer about the Humboldt Community Conversation.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the tin on the south T hangar was damaged by an empty water tank that was caught by the wind. The tanks belong to private citizens. The owner of the tank will be paying for the repairs of the hangar. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated they are moving along pretty good with the new lighting and the new AWOS system. All old lights have been pulled and they are trenching the new lines.

Commissioner Lee asked about the progress on the new cell. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported Bettis will begin finishing up projects from last year. These were the projects that did not get finished from last year's list of detour fixes. Discussion followed.

Mark reported distributor parts should be coming in today so the distributor should be ready by end of the week.

Commissioner Lee asked the concrete work on the corner of 2200 and US Hwy 54. Mark will be meeting with the state today. Chairman Symes asked if this was work being done on private property but Mark stated that this a county road.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported he was awarded \$26,000.00 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Discussion followed.

Jason reported on a homemade explosives class taught at the college on March 7th, taught by New Mexico Tech. They also offer in person class that is 3 days. This will be held in October, completely free. Jason applied and was accepted into the class. It is DHS and FEMA funded. It is held in New Mexico. Commissioners approved his request to attend.

Jason updated the commissioners on the storm siren for Mildred. We finally got a shipping notification, arriving mid-April. Jason has been working with Evergy to place siren on their pole. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about the Blackberry transmission line work. Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, state two cross drains were completed and they have 3 more to do. April 30 is when equipment will be coming in. Discussion followed on where equipment will be kept.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested on behalf of Brandi Holt to host the Lola Band's Annual Practice-A-Thon on Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the bandstand. Commissioners approved the request.

Commissioner Lee brought City of LaHarpe's request to alter the speed limit on Main Street in LaHarpe. They are requesting 30 MPH except for the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., to remain 20 MPH. The city will need to verify with the Sheriff and pass the resolution. Commissioners approved city to move forward.

Commissioner Daniels asked about the resolution and stop signs for Humboldt. Discussion was had on all the areas where stop signs and speed limit changes will be happening.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:01 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:11 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:13 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Kansas State Revolving Fund (SRF) letter
- b) Bankruptcy Court notice
- c) Kansas Public Notice No. KS-Q-22-032 Allen County Quarry

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 2/18/24-\$255,683.91 & 3/14/24-\$346,118.77
- b) Payroll – Change form for Colton Slocum
- c) Payroll – February Process Service for Michael Tennyson, Cody Johnson, Steve Womack, Daniel McMurray, Brenda Beth, Brian Plumlee
- d) Abatement – PP, Value 405, \$76.76, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. until Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David E. Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

March 26, 2024

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

Vicky Moss, Iola Register, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, J Keltner, Thrive Allen County, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jessica Thompson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on March 19, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, and J Keltner, Thrive Allen County. Jessica reported they have 3 letters of support they are requesting signatures on. One is for a mural on the side of Mildred Store, one is for a mural on the side of the storm shelter in Carlyle and the final letter is for upgrades needed at the Elsmore Community Building. They will put it out to bid for the murals. J explained the need for the Elsmore letter. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the signatures on all three letters. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported that Thursday will be his last day with Allen County Road and Bridge. He thanked the commissioners and the citizens of Allen County for their support during his time here.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they would like to extend the taxiway to the end. It would be adding 1500 feet to length and about 300-400 feet to the west. They are still working on the runway lighting. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he spoke with Heartland about moving the electric poles and they said they needed the money upfront. The payment will be going out this week and then they will be able to begin on that.

Mitch reported they are about halfway done with the dirt work before they can put the liner down in the new landfill cell.

Mitch stated the new tin has been ordered for the damaged hangar. He also said that Caleb said the bids for the new hangars are almost ready and will be coming in soon.

Chairman Symes asked if we were still on track with timeline on the new cell. The bentonite issue pushed us a little behind but after adjusting timeline we are good now.

Commissioners stated Jeremy Hopkins will be the Interim Road & Bridge Director. Jeremy Hopkins, presented a bid for a mini excavator, through Sourcewell. It would be similar to one we rented during storm damage. The plan is to trade in the Case backhoe. Discussion followed. It would be purchased out of the special equipment fund. The quote came in at \$107,350.20 minus the trade in value of \$36,000.00, for a total cost of \$71,350.20. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid and purchase the mini-excavator. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy reported dust controls for blackberry route will be about 35 residents. The county will cover this cost and NextEra will reimburse us. This was an item listed in the road agreement. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated they have a 2011 truck with 300,000 miles. This truck would need a new flatbed, the original bed was taken off and not any good. He is getting some bids on this. He was just wanting the commissioner's okay to move forward with getting the bids. Commissioners approved for Jeremy to get the bids.

Bruce Boetcher, BG Consultants, joined the meeting.

Jeremy stated they are finishing up the last cross drains today. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels thanked Jeremy for being here. He did state that roads seem to be the biggest concern of our citizens right now. Discussion followed.

Bruce Boetcher, BG Consultants, presented the bid information for the Airport Industrial Park Improvements. There were two bidders and BG provided a base bid value (Engineers Operational Probable Cost). Bruce explained the options we have at this point. Bruce recommends the County delay the awarding or rejection of the bids for two weeks. Bids are valid for 60 days. Bruce would like to research and see if we can delay the project to allow for better bidding opportunity. He is asking for a little extra time to dig into these bids. Jared Wheeler, Thrive, stated he believes we can rebid. Commerce is willing to working with us on extension and letting contractors give an estimated timeline. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, presented the KWORCC 2022 Exceptional Loss Ratio Award. Allen County received 1st place in the \$50,000 - \$100,000 contribution category.

Commissioner Lee stated he attended the event on Saturday hosted by Farm Bureau. He shared with the group his thoughts on the sales tax. Discussion followed.

Commissioners began the Canvass of the 2024 Presidential Preference Primary at 9:30 a.m. There were 11 provision ballots total. Shannon explained the reasons for the provisional ballots, and out of the 11, 5 of them were accepted and counted. The commissioners certified the election results.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$253,742.87
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Dylan Blachard
- c) Payroll – Vacation Carryover of 72.5 hours for Marion W Carson

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40

a.m. until Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

April 2, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Brett Heim, Attorney, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 26, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the tin for the hangars has been delivered and they will be replacing it shortly.

Mitch stated the money has been sent to Heartland to get the power lines moved. Discussion followed.

Mitch reminded the commissioners of the Solid Waste Management 5-year plan hearing at 9 a.m.

Mitch reported the contractors will possibly be working 6-day work weeks on the new landfill cell. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported that all the structures are done for the NextEra Blackberry Transmission Line construction route. The dust control has been ordered as well.

Jeremy reported the road and bridge department has moved to 10-hour days.

Jeremy presented 2 bids on the flatbed needed for the 2011 truck. Jost Fabrication LLC, Hillsboro, KS for \$5025.00 and KansasTruck Equipment Company, Wichita, KS for \$6924.90. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Jost Fabrication LLC for \$5025.00. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy presented a quote from Foley Equipment for some repairs needed on the 980K loader at the quarry. To make the repairs will cost \$8839.84. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the repairs by Foley for \$8839.84. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy reported that the quarry is running a little low on chip rocks. Jeremy has reached out Nelson Quarries, they have none, and Whitaker stated they possibly have some in Welda. Discussion followed.

Jeremy presented 2 bids received for an overlay project at McAtee and another area on Dodge Dr. Bettis Asphalt and APAC. Commissioners asked Jeremy if they could discuss this a little later in the meeting.

Donita Garner Hope Unlimited, Aimee Daniels, CASA, and representatives from Hope Unlimited, CASA, Kansas Childrens Service League, joined the meeting. Donita explained that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the role Hope Unlimited has with helping child abuse victims. Aimee Daniels then explained what CASA's role is for children taken out of their biological homes due to abuse or neglect, and how these agencies all work together with the Kansas Childrens Service League. Discussion followed. Marie Parker, CASA, read Allen County Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2024.

Allen County Proclamation

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2024

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Allen County; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma, including abuse and neglect, is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, childhood trauma can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that build strong children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community in partnership to build awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

Therefore, we, County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Commissioner Daniels moved to adopt Allen County Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

Commissioner adjourned to step outside to plant pinwheels in the courthouse flowerbeds at 8:55 a.m.

Commissioner came back into session at 9 a.m.

Chairman Symes opened the Solid Waste Management 5-Year Plan hearing a 9:00 a.m. Mitch presented the updated plan that will be submitted. Discussion followed on the few changes within the plan. Chairman Symes moved to approve Resolution 202404 A Resolution Certifying the Review and Revision of the Allen County Solid Waste Management Plan. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cesilie Chandler, Hope Unlimited, reported that April is also Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Discussion followed on statistics on sexual assaults and what Hope Unlimited does to help victims. Molly Shaughnessy read the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation of 2024.

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is intended to bring awareness to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and is a public health concern for individuals, families, community members and communities as a whole.

WHEREAS, Child sexual abuse/exploitation, rape and sexual harassment impact all communities as seen by the national statistics: One in three girls and one in six boys will be sexually violated by the age of 18. One in five children is solicited sexually while on the internet. Seventy percent of all sexual assaults happen to children 17 years and younger.

WHEREAS, Staff, Board Members and Volunteers of our local sexual assault crisis program, Hope Unlimited, encourage every person to speak out when witnessing acts of violence, however small; and to help survivors connect with community allies.

WHEREAS, We must work together to educate and engage communities in sexual violence awareness and prevention and to believe, listen, learn and support its victims and family members.

THEREFORE, We, the Commissioners of Allen County, do hereby proclaim the month of April in the year 2024 as:

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Commissioners of Allen County have subscribed their names hereto and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Allen County, in the state of Kansas on this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation of 2024. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy Hopkins returned to discuss the bids for the overlay projects. Bettis Asphalt's bid is \$193,300.00 and APAC-Kansas, Inc's bid is \$347,774.34. Bettis could possibly do this when they move their plant to Yates Center this summer. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the bid from Bettis Asphalt for \$193,300.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Carol Olson, ACMAT representative, joined the meeting.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Humboldt Community Conversation held last Tuesday, March 26. Humboldt residents appreciated the great parks they have, the youth have more opportunities to participate in activities, and the music festivals that they host. Improvements they see could be business hours, local spending, Neosho River Park declining, housing, and parking on the square. Discussion followed.

Carol Olson, ACMAT, reported that they have sent the Family Safety Night for June 6, 2024 to be held in conjunction with Farmer's Market. She is requesting use of the courtyard from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Discussion followed. Commissioners Lee moved to approve the request and a donation of \$250.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, presented a proposed water line easement for a water line project in Moran. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the signatures on the easement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels stated they are having a meeting at 1:00 with B&G Consultants and the City of Iola for the sewer line project.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested on behalf of Brenda Sharpe, REACH Healthcare Foundation, to re-appoint Patti Miklos-Boyd to a second 3-year term effective June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2027 to the REACH Healthcare Foundation's Board Nominating Committee. Commissioner Lee moved to re-appoint Patti Miklos-Boyd to the committee. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:56 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:11 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:13 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee stated he has been talking with citizens about the idea of having a sales tax for the EMS services. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Public Proclamations & Pinwheel Gardens information
- b) 31st Judicial District Recover Court Graduation announcement
- c) March Monthly Reports from Appraiser's office, Register of Deeds office, County Clerks office, Attorney's office

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 3/28/2024-\$388,005.53 & 4/1/2024-\$411,390.70
- b) Payroll – Change forms for Jeremy Hopkins, Amy Wilson, Darcy Burton
- c) Payroll – Enrollment forms for Dinah Glaze, Kay Shults
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover requests for Daren Kellerman 17 hours, Haley Donovan 27.25 hours, Deborah Regehr 27 hours.
- e) Clerks Journal Entries #11, 12, 13

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m. until Tuesday, April 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

April 9, 2024

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

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

April 16, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Carl Slaugh, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Bruce Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on April 9, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Carl Slaugh presented information from the Veteran's Committee. He reported they will be doing updates to the pictures on the memorial wall. He would like to make an appeal to anyone that would like to add a family member, or themselves, to the wall. They will also be putting up banners of the veterans around the square this summer. They will be able to place about 30 banners, cost of these will be \$110. The deadline to submit for a banner is May 20th. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported that once the new AWOS system is installed, it will take the FAA 6 months to certify. It will be operational; just not certified.

Mitch stated Friday afternoon they had a small fire at the landfill. They were able to handle it themselves with the water truck.

Commissioner Lee asked when a contractor does concrete work, who decided on the vendor for the concrete? The contractor that is awarded the project will choose their own vendors. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported they will be putting down dust control for the NextEra project this week.

Jeremy reported the mower max down due to faulty brake switch. Discussion followed.

The company that was hauling contaminated dirt will be back around this area this summer. Commissioners asked we can put down dust control that area? Jeremy stated yes. Commissioners then asked if Jeremy could ask the main company to contribute towards the dust control. Jeremy stated it would be the middle of May when the residential dust control is put down; this week is just the haul routes for NextEra. Discussion followed.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the LaHarpe Community Conversation. The items that LaHarpe residents' thought is good is the park, storm shelters, LaHarpe Days celebration, Easter Egg hunt (233 kids signed up), fitness center & gym, health and

wellness coordinator. Items they feel need some improvement would be housing, communications, need a small gas station or store, snow plowing of the streets, more community involvement, cleaning up homes/yards. Their top three priorities would be business and housing and then communication within the city. Tonight is the next community meeting in Moran.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:52 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road and Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:57 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:59 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:09 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:31 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 20 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:33 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:53 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners discussed our wellness program and the aspect of it that was pass/fail. Commissioners have asked to waive the \$25.00 fee to those that did not meet the requirements as it was not clear enough in the program guide. Future discussion with CHC Wellbeing will be had to be clearer on the steps to take to be in compliance.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) March monthly report from District Court
- b) March financials from Larry Peterson for Hospital Bond

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 4/11/24-\$450,576.94 & 4/15/24-\$158,520.00

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

April 23, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Danielle Louk led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 16, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they have the pods in for the lights at the runway. They are working on the windsock and AWOS. They are still waiting a few parts to get in to finish up the lighting. The runway is open during the daytime but it is closed beginning at 7 p.m. due to the lights not being done. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported some circuits were fried during the power outages / surges at the airport for the pumps. Those have been fixed enough to be able to sell fuel.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the dust controls are being done for the transmission line. They put down 2 tankers yesterday and will do 2 more tomorrow.

Jeremy stated the distributor truck should be done by end of this month.

Jeremy will be having a meeting Thursday with the engineers to discuss the bridge on Nebraska. They will be discussing a temporary fix to open it back up. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated they are waiting on hot mix to work on the bridge on 1600. Ottawa plant is not mixing correct kind and Parsons plant is down.

Commissioner Lee stated he had a call from a resident on 2000 Rd who is upset that the road is not being chip sealed this year. Since the soil remediation company is coming back, they decided not to finish the road to avoid damaging it again. The contractor is willing to pay ½ of the dust control for that area. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, Ems Director, joined the meeting.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, reported they are on to beginning title work for the next tax sale. The property owners had 60 days to come in a pay the delinquent taxes. Started with over 200 tracts and after those 60 days, they collected over \$200,000 and are down to just over 100 tracts. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, presented 2024 1st Quarter update. Slower start to the year and March was a slow month. Commissioner Lee asked how the new legislation will affect our services. Michael believes that we will have to apply for this variance with the state board. Discussion followed.

Michael reported that one of the ambulances had to have all new ball joints and they had to replace one side of the suspension.

Marilyn Logan, GROW Council, joined the meeting.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, requested on behalf of Kristen Springston, Saint Lukes Senior Life Solutions, to place green ribbons on the lamp poles on either side of the Veteran's Memorial Wall as well as placing a sign that states "Mental Health Awareness month" for May. Commissioners approved this request.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, stated they are getting ready to send out the personal property valuations notices. The values have gone up slightly. The owner has 15 days to come in and discuss these values. Discussion followed.

Terry Johnson, citizen, joined the meeting.

Christopher Holloway, Shelby Peters, Thrive Interns, joined the meeting.

Debbie Bearden and Marilyn Logan, Grow Council, discussed the Regional Food System Partnership Grant that was awarded to the KC Healthy Kids program in Kansas City. The Grow Council has partnered with the KC Healthy Kids program. Debbie explained they would like to have a feasibility study done within Allen County to see where the needs are. The study would cost about 40,000 but requesting 45,000 to include incentives for participation. In order to apply for this part of the grant they need to have a 25% cash match. An outside entity would do this study and it would take 12-18 months to complete. Commissioner Daniels stated he would be comfortable with a letter of support and some amount toward the match. Discussion followed.

Brigham Folk, Thrive Intern, joined the meeting.

Brigham Folk, Christopher Holloway and Shelby Peters, Thrive Interns, reported on their final community conversation they hosted with Allen Community College. They had 3 international students in attendance, one from Australia, one from Portugal and one from Nigeria; as well as other student athletes. These students felt they were not as connected to the community as they don't know anything about the area. Christopher stated transportation was an issue to get them to local places as well. They are considering trying to set up a social media page or website that will list out events in our area. Also making sure they have knowledge of what access points they have to learn about the area. They will be working with a college representative to achieve this. Discussion followed.

Commissioners asked the interns what their plans are for after graduation. Shelby will be heading to Emporia this summer to begin some of her classes. Christopher said he will head to Lawrence and plans on majoring in Political Science and plans to come back. Brigham will attend Allen Community College for a year and study Theater. He will continue to work on making more information available to the students at the college.

Commissioner Daniels said he has been visiting with the city of Humboldt about the speed limit suggestions. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:36 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:46 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:47 a.m.

Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:57 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:17 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No action taken.

Shannon reported that the current mail meter is going out of service due to new requirements by the postal service. She explained that the county has 2 options for a new one. Commissioners have approved Shannon to continue with the purchase of the new machine, instead of the leasing option.

Commissioners asked Shannon to get the specific timeline needed to put a special sales tax question on the November ballot. Commissioner Lee will be visiting Mildred Store May 9th at 6:30 pm and will be in Carlyle on Tuesday the 14th for a town hall about this idea. They are considering a .5 cent sales tax to fund the EMS services, in hopes to reduce the mill levy. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Thank you letter from ACMAT
- b) Sheriff's office monthly reports for January, February and March
- c) Escapes – PP, Value 1023, \$162.48, Year 2022
PP, Value 1182, \$192.76, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$423,124.98
- b) Payroll – Mileage Reimbursements for Terry Call, Jerry Daniels, Bruce Symes, David Lee
- c) Payroll – March Process service for Brian Plumlee, Thad Parker, Wayne Carson, Daren Kellerman, Shane Smith, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth
- d) Payroll – Transfer of Leave requests
- e) Abatements – PP, Value 90, \$18.70, Year 2022
PP, Value 90, \$18.52, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m. until Tuesday, April 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Bruce Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported on a proclamation and resolution regarding disaster status from April 26, 2024 for 7 days. He explained the need for such a declaration. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION # 202405 AND PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Allen County, Kansas:

WHEREAS on the 26th day of April, 2024, the Board of Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Allen County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, such conditions have created obstructions which endanger health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the border of Allen County, Kansas.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 48-932, does hereby PROCLAIM that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the area within the border of Allen County, Kansas covered by this proclamation/ resolution is the entire area of Allen County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that this resolution shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2024.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS**

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202405. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jason reported on the storms that were had over the weekend.

Commissioner Lee asked about the storm siren in Mildred. Chairman Symes asked about storm spotters. Discussion followed.

Terry Johnson, citizen, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported a Savonburg citizen said they used the storm shelters.

Mitch reported the runway lights are all put in, working on wind sock, and working on electrical to get it hooked up. The runway is open all day but no night time landing can be done.

Mitch stated the electric at airport will be started shortly. Evergy will be getting power to the new cell shortly.

Mitch stated Caleb Coltrane, Garver, has bids done for the hangars. He will present those later in the meeting. They had 2 bidders.

Mitch reported they didn't spray much yesterday due to the wetness.

Mitch reported parts are being changed on the fuel system at the airport to fix the problem caused by the power surges.

Commissioner Lee asked about hangars leaking with all the rain. Mitch stated one hangar does have small leak and they will be fixing the issue shortly.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Moran community conversation. Some areas the residents' thought were good were the school, city water and electrical project, and the grocery store. Improvements they think are needed would be health care center, doctor, bank, hair salon, restaurants, track, housing, library funds, skate park, updated equipment and basketball court at park, and a walking trail. Things they feel are needed to keep Moran thriving would be more events, school growth, building up Ruritan club. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the crews have been out and they are about a quarter way through their districts trying to get the roads passable. Lots of damage to roads. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated he has been in contact with Schwab Eaton about the Bridge on Nebraska 200-400 road that has been out of service. They can put 4 48 pipes to open bridge back up. Then applying to state to replace the bridge.

Symes asked about the chip sealed roads that were damaged. Discussion followed. He contacted Nelsons about availability of rock if needed. Jeremy out till 12:30 Saturday. Out at 6 Sunday, his crew came out at 7 Sunday till about 6:30.

Debbie Bearden & Marilyn Logan, Grow Council, is asking if the commissioners gave any thought on a cash match towards a grant for a Feasibility study. The original grant did not pan out, but she is still looking for grants to do the study in the future. Discussion followed on types. Would one of the commissioners be willing to serve on the strategic planning. Chairman Symes stated his concerns with studies but he does feel this study is for a good cause. Commissioner Daniels stated he would like to see a county wide support for these grant opportunities. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented the bids for airport hangars. 2 contractors with 2 bids each. For the wood frame and metal siding hangar, Precision Enterprises for \$115,480.00 and Yutzky Custom Structures for \$117,128.00. For the pre-engineered metal building frame and metal siding, Precision Enterprises for \$128,730.00 and Koehn Construction Services for \$273,260.25. These amounts are just for the hangar and concrete for hangar. The commissioners would like a week to consider and asked Mitch to speak to companies to find out time frame. This does not include apron work needed for the new hangar. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on the zoning hearing held on April 25, 2024 for a conditional use permit from Patrick Erwin. He is wanting to erect a 445' communications tower. Verizon is already committed, and they have talked to T-Mobile,

US Cellular. Zoning board recommends to approve the conditional use permit. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the conditional use permit on the recommendation of the zoning board. Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry stated he received a phone call from Samsung renewables that they are going to start reaching out to landowners to see if anyone is interested in a 1,000 acres solar farm.

Chairman Symes reported that the juvenile detention center has their working budget, and Allen County's share decreased slightly.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:25 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:32 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:42 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.
Job Springer, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:07 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator (by phone), and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to have a special meeting Thursday, May 2nd at 4 pm for the purpose of Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch stated Caleb recommends the pre-engineered metal building with metal siding from Precision. Commissioners will take into consideration and revisit next Tuesday. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Zoning minutes

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 4/25/24-\$331,421.49 & 4/29/24-\$13,812.12
- b) Payroll – Enrollment forms for Mandy Smoot, Ivan Squire, Conor Andres
- c) Payroll – Change forms for Dinah Glaze, Ethan Collins
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes
- e) Clerks Journal Entries - #14

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. until Tuesday, May 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 2, 2024

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 4:00 pm. with Chairman Bruce Symes, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner David Lee, Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Bob Johnson, County Counselor, Rickie Aiello, county employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Symes opened the special meeting for contract negotiations.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 4:01 pm. Those present will be the commissioners, Bob Johnson, Jared Wheeler and Rachel Moore (via phone), Thrive, Bruce Boettcher and Thaniel Monaco (via phone), BG Consultants.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 4:31 pm. Those present will be the commissioners, Bob Johnson, Jared Wheeler and Rachel Moore (via phone), Thrive, Bruce Boettcher and Thaniel Monaco (via phone), BG Consultants.

Commissioners reconvened at 4:46 pm. Bruce Boettcher discussed BG's recommendation letter.

Chairman Symes moved to award the airport development project to Nowak for \$1,973,139.90, contingent on BASE grant approval and extension. Commissioner Lee seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 4:47 pm until Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 7, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Shannon Patterson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the special meetings on May 2, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the bids for the hangars at the airport. Precision Enterprises stated they are currently 4 months out on the steel frame and 3 months out on post frame. The duration of the job would be roughly 4 weeks. Chairman Symes asked about the funding. Mitch stated when working on the 2024 budget we had \$150,000 allotted for a new hangar. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid for the pre-engineered metal building frame with metal siding for \$128,730. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented bids for items needed on the Airport Fuel Trailer. Mitch explained the requirements from the FAA. The scope of work detailed in the bids is to install meters, fuel filter system on the two fuel trailers. Hoidale Co., Inc., Wichita, for \$23,138.10 and Broyles Petroleum Equipment, Co, Humboldt, for \$20,793.16. Commissioners requested Mitch to see if Hoidale could reduce their price to match Broyles and how quickly would each company be able to start the project. Mitch will report next week on this.

Mitch stated Evergy has the poles set at the landfill but the wires are not hooked up yet.

Mitch stated the Engineer and the Contractor for the landfill project will be coming to the commissioners to possibly ask for more time on the project. Discussion followed on the reasons for the request.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported Burlington Construction is working on widening the intersection at 1100 & Hawaii, as a part of the last mile project. Jeremy presented bids from two companies to rent traffic signals for one month. Roadsafe Traffic Systems for \$7,400 a pair and Heartland Traffic Services for \$17,000 a pair. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Roadsafe Traffic Systems for the last mile project in Humboldt. Commissioner Daniels seconded. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee amended his motion to accepting Roadsafe Traffic Systems for \$7,400 should Jeremy not be able to find a set to borrow. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-1-0. Chairman Symes opposed.

Jeremy stated they are still working on the roads. They are having to buy rock from local quarries. Commissioner Lee asked about the temperatures and how they effect our road projects. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported that while in the EOC Monday evening, Commissioner Lee joined for a short time. There were a few areas of brush covering roadways and the officers were able to handle that. Jason explained that we do not need to extend our disaster declaration for the work continuing from the original disaster.

Damage assessment questionnaires from the state and he has sent those out to the cities and schools. They will then be turned into KDEM.

Jason had access to the new Humboldt radar during the storm last night. He stated he thinks it will give us new visibility to local storms. He feels this is a huge bonus for us. This is offered for free to public safety officers in Allen County. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes stated he reached out to Jason on storm spotting and the communication that goes with this. Discussion followed on the difference between storms at night that are radar dependent and then storms that are during light hours when spotters can be used. Unincorporated areas have their sirens sounded upon word from the Sheriff. There is a list of approved personnel who can make the decision to sound the sirens.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, reported she has had some questions about relief from the flooding. She presented the real property relief application. Because we declared the flooding event a state of disaster, we can offer real property relief. If the dwelling has 50% or more damage to their structure, they can file for relief before August 15. They will need to provide information from their insurance company or FEMA that shows the amount of damage. That amount is then prorated and abated off the taxes. Jami stated she was told that there are about 20 houses damaged and that 14 people had been rescued. This is for residences only, not commercial properties. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to enact the Real Property Relief Program. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes read an email from Troy Smith, Director of the 31st Judicial District Community Corrections and Juvenile Services. Scott Carson's term on the Advisory Board expired on May 6, 2024 and he is willing to serve another term as the Education representative. Commissioner Lee moved to reappoint Scott Carson to the 31st Judicial District Community and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board beginning May 6, 2024 to May 6, 2026. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, reported that Union Works Brewing dropped of flyer to Thrive with job openings.

Chairman Symes reported that they took action Thursday at their special meeting to move forward with the airport project. A smaller scope of project was agreed upon and the notice of award was given to Nowak Construction Company, with project amount of \$1,973,139.90.

Commissioner Daniels asked when the 1100 and Hawaii project would begin. He would like to see the speed limits reduced by the time the traffic control begins. He is speaking of the limit on 1100. Jeremy has been in contact with Cole Herder about the limit on Hawaii Rd and they are still discussing this area. Daniels stated he would like to see the limit slowed down to 30 at Industrial Rd.

Commissioner Lee asked about the status of Mildred's siren as there will be a town hall meeting there Thursday. Jason stated it has been shipped. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:32 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:42 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:43 a.m. Those

present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:53 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:56 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:07 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:12 a.m. No action taken.

Mitch reported that Hoidale stated they can only come down 500 from price. He is still waiting to hear back from Broyles on when they would be able to begin the work, Hoidale stated they can start next day.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation by the Governor
- b) April Monthly reports for Appraiser, Attorney, County Clerk, Noxious Weed, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Treasurer
- c) April Fund Status Report
- d) April Solid Waste Financial Assurance report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$64,024.97
- b) Payroll – Change forms for Steve Womack, Wayne Carson, Jake Bland, Rusty Jones, Levi Seilonen, Macallister Simpson, Brandon Vink
- c) Payroll – Vacation Carryover for Breail Thompson 40.5 hours, Jason Trego 49 hours
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #15

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 14, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor Rep, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Anthony Maness, Republican candidate for Sheriff, Jessica Thompson and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Anthony Maness led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 30, 2024 & May 7, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch reported runway lights are on at airport. He presented information on hangars, discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels suggested asking airport advisory board about purchasing more hangars through Precision.

Mitch handed out email regarding airport fuel trailers. Commissioner Daniels moved to go with Broyles, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch handed out proposed additions from Halcomb Construction for new landfill cell. Commissioners will ask County Counselor Johnson to look this over.

Terry Johnson, citizen, joined meeting.

Commissioner Lee asked Mitch about a trash baler. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked if there is equipment in a hangar that we could be leasing. Mitch suggested a maintenance shed.

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, talked on the traffic signals, will have to go with Road Safe, regarding project in Humboldt. He reported NextEra will be widening out roads, working for the transmission lines. They will be restored when done.

Chairman Symes asked if Mitch & Jeremy could have a rep at meeting next week, since they will both be absent.

Commissioner Daniels asked about distributor truck. Jeremy explained.

Becky Johnson, Multi County Health Dept, handed out information on the health dept to the commissioners. There are two nurses taking certification classes on lead activity firm. There are not many in the state that offer this. Becky shared much more and upcoming events. The health dept is asking for \$115,000 budget, same as last year.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive, gave commissioners a funding request that needs signature to keep the Rural Water Dist. 8 water line project moving forward, per grant funds. Commissioner Daniels move to sign, Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jessica explained the emergency solutions grant focused on emergency housing. Funding would be to get motel vouchers, assist people who are here for just a day or two as they transition from one home to another or one community to another. It must go through the county for Thrive to apply for it. Hope Unlimited is already doing it as well. Jessica explained the need for this. Commissioner Lee moved to do a vote of support for the 2024 emergency solutions grant, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Contract negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep and Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for trade secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson, and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, and Chase

Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for trade secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson, and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson, and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep. Commissioners reconvened at 10:45 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) SEKMHC budget request
- b) CTD #10 minutes
- c) SEKMCHD info
- d) ACRH bond entity financials
- e) Added – OIL, Value 427, \$59.02, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers –5/9/24 - \$1,157,730.67, 5/13/24 - \$83,952.08 & special payout \$317,040.00
- b) Payroll – Mileage Reimb T Call
- c) Abatements – OIL, Value 427, \$59.02, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 16, 2024

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, Commissioner Jerry Daniels (phone), Commissioner David Lee, Bruce Boettcher (phone), BG Consultants, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor rep, Corey Schinstock, City of Iola, Jessica Thompson and Jared Wheeler, Thrive and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Symes opened the special meeting for contract negotiations regarding the 22-124OE Allen County Airport Industrial Park Improvements – BASE grant.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Those present will be the commissioners, Chase Vaughn, Jared Wheeler, Jessica Thompson, Bruce Boettcher (phone) and Corey Schinstock.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for another 30 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be the commissioners, Chase Vaughn, Jared Wheeler, Jessica Thompson, Bruce Boettcher (phone) and Corey Schinstock.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, joined the meeting.

Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Lee moved to approve Option #4 of BG Consultants 22-1240E Allen County Airport Industrial Park Improvements project, awarded to Nowak in the amount of \$2,601,323.10 to be funded at \$ 2,401,323.10 out of ARPA and BASE Grant funds and \$200,000.00 out of PILOT funds, pending review from the County Counselor. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m. until Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 21, 2024

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

Kim Riebel, Public Works employee, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Thaniel Monaco, BG Consultants, Corey Schinstock, City of Iola, Anthony Maness, Sheriff candidate, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Kim Riebel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting and the May 16, 2024 special meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Thaniel Monaco, BG Consultants, presented Change Order No. One (1) for the Airport Industrial Park Improvements. He explained the change order includes the lift station. This change order will change the substantial completion date to December 15th and the final completion date to December 27th. The addition of the change order will increase the amount \$628,183.20 to become a total of \$2,601,323.10. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept Change Order No. One (1) with Nowak for the Airport Industrial Park Improvements. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mary Heard, Hospital Board, joined the meeting.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, reported on conflict-of-interest letters emailed yesterday. This is a requirement from the Department of Commerce for the airport project. Jessica explained the need for the letters. Commissioner Lee moved to approve Chairman Symes signature on the confirmation of no conflict-of-interest letters. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels explained the history of the project. This puts us one step close if not shovel ready for an industrial park on the west side of the airport.

Commissioner Daniels stated they have closed the intersection at Hawaii and 1100th St. He spoke with the job foreman and they were saw cutting the asphalt due to needing to put in drainage pipes.

Commissioner Daniels said he had been speaking with Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, and they are not wanting to do anything with the speed changes on Hawaii Rd just yet. Commissioner Daniels said he feels like we need to go ahead and get the change made at Industrial Rd., going from 45 mph to 30 mph. There will be a stop sign there. Discussion followed.

Paul Zirjacks, citizen, asked about the house at the corner of 8th and Cherokee. Commissioner Daniels stated they are doing a market analysis before placing a listing price. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked Robert Johnson, County Counselor, how the pandemic backload with the judicial districts is coming along. Bob stated it is getting better. They then discussed the addition of zoom meetings when the pandemic hit. Commissioner Lee asked about the clients within the juvenile detention. Chairman Symes explained some of the numbers. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, for any updates from Thrive. Lisse stated they are continuing to get Allen Regional Transit ready to be their own non-profit. She said it is going very well. Lisse reported they are waiting for the next round of USDA grants to open up. They had previously gotten one specific to lola; to work with low-income individuals to upgrade and make their houses safer, could renovate or rehabilitate houses that need repair. Lisse explained the projects that they were able to complete with the first grant. They will be applying again for this next round. They are hoping to apply on behalf of Allen County this go round, and widen the area. The resident has to complete an application and provide proof of low income. It will be a first come first serve basis, with each house allowed up to \$10,000. Commissioners asked if the names on the waiting list would still be there? Lisse stated no, they would have to reapply since they plan on opening it up a broader area. Discussion followed.

Terry Sparks, Hospital Board, joined the meeting. Loren Korte, Hospital Board, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes asked the Hospital Board members if there is anything they would like to update the commission on. Terry stated they are doing as well as can be expected. Reimbursement in health care is very difficult. On the positive side the BJC and Saint Lukes merger created a link to a system that is very strong. Commissioner Lee asked if we had seen anything with this merger. The ground work is still being laid as this is such a large merger. Terry stated they are starting to see a slimming down on administration. Health care like any other business is you get big or you get out. They do have an interim administrator. Commissioner Lee asked with the regional VA clinic, will this benefit the hospital at all? Terry is hoping there will be collaboration between the two entities. Just this year pain management practitioner went from 1 day to 2 days a week as the need was there. Terry said the remodels are paying off. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Loren Korte, Hospital Board, Terry Sparks, Hospital Board, Mary Kay Heard, Hospital Board, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:51 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Loren Korte, Hospital Board, Terry Sparks, Hospital Board, Mary Kay Heard, Hospital Board, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:11 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) April monthly report from District Court

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$85,042.42
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Lisa Dobyns
- c) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Gary Henderson, 22 hours
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Shannon Patterson, Bruce Symes, Jill Allen
- e) Clerks Journal Entry #16

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. until Tuesday, May 28 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 28, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, Steve Green, citizen, Chase Riebel, citizen, Bob Franklin, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the special meetings on May 22, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Steve Green, president of the Iola Amateur Radio Club, stated they recently lost access to the tower where their repeater was

located. The repeater is needed to be able to communicate longer distances. They are looking for a new tower to put this on. They are wondering if they can use the county tower. Commissioner Lee asked what height they are looking at. Steve stated 150 feet. The antenna itself is an 18-foot vertical antenna. They would need to set up a portable building at the base of the tower as well, that would house the radio equipment. Sheriff Murphy stated there is enough room out there and they do have it set up with the capability of running a separate meter for their electric needed. Discussion followed.

Nathan Fawson, Job Springer, Ken McWhirter, SEK Mental Health Center, joined the meeting

Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, reported on the progress of the new landfill cell. Right now, the contractors are constructing the bentonite amended clay liner. This has taken a little longer than anticipated. Jared then went through the history of the project. He explained how they came up with the new completion date when adding in their inclement weather days. Jared recommends adding the additional 45 days for inclement weather as well as Halcomb's request for 45 additional days. Halcomb is also asking for \$129,072 to cover 2 months for 1 reclaimer, 1 water truck and 1 smooth drum roller. The additional 90 days would make a revised finish in August. Will Rogers and Ed Rogers, Halcomb Construction, explained a little more on what they found before being able to start on the liner. They explained how the rain and weather has hindered progress. Commissioner Lee asked how come the soil issue was not found with the initial testing. Jared explained how their testing process is done and their findings. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to issue the 45-day extension. Chairman Symes states he agrees with the time extension. He believes we need to agree to compensation request as well. They will revisit the additional compensation after the final testing. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Nathan Fawson, SEK Mental Health Center, presented their 2025 budget request. Nathan gave a brief history of the Mental Health Center and their growth in the recent years. They are now a Certified Community Behavior Health Clinic. With this certification it now looks to them to merge with Ashley Clinic to provide whole person care. They utilize the county's funding to treat those individuals who are unable to pay for their services. They are requesting \$167,038 for 2025, an increase of \$5,648. Commissioner Symes asked if the fundings from all counties are the same. Nathan stated no every county is different based on the scope of services. They are an affiliate provider with the VA. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the grant for the taxiway extension. The County's local share cost will be \$6,367.

Mitch reported that Heartland is there and trenching the line into the ground. They will not hook the electric from the North hangar and the t hangar, we will have to have our electrician do that.

Mitch reported that Robert Mills of the Topeka Air Museum, wants to build a hangar as we are building our new hangar. Discussion followed on space availability for future hangars.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported he is planning to start repairs on West Virginia Rd and Petrolia Rd within the next couple of weeks. Distributor truck is back. Discussion on how to keep public informed on the "priority" list. Maybe put them on the calendar area of the agenda. Discussion followed.

Jeremy presented bids on tires for the loader in the quarry. He received two bids, J.D.'s Automotive, Tiron 29.5-L25 E5-L5, \$13,206.83 for 2 tires, and Sigg Tire & Repair, Weslake WR04 E4/L4, \$7,500 for 2 tires. Jeremy recommends going with JD, even as the price is higher; the tires are better and will last longer. Commissioner Lee moved to purchase the

tires from J.D.'s Automotive for \$13,206.83. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy stated he is going to pick up traffic signals from El Dorado today for the Humboldt project.

Commissioner Lee would like to thank all the organizations that participated in the Memorial Day celebrations.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:25 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:25 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Save the Date for the Annual General Commission Meeting of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission
- b) State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation by the Governor

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - none
- b) Payroll – Enrollment forms for Christopher Bowman, Connor Martin
- c) Payroll – Change form for Jami Clark
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Jill Allen, Misty Rice
- e) Payroll – April Process Service for Brian Plumlee, Daren Kellerman, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth, Marion Carson
- f) Abatements – TR, Value 157, \$21.82, Year 2023
Oil, Value 11,911, \$1,728.00, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m. until Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Anthony Maness, Republican candidate for Sheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive, Tom Nevans, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 28, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Tom Nevans updated the commissioners on some improvements being made to the Veterans Wall Memorial. They are also extending the deadline to get the banners to be placed around the square.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported most of the electric work is done at the airport.

Mitch stated that equipment has been delivered to begin on the sewer line project.

Mitch reported that Richard Hutz, Halcomb Construction owner, would like to come speak to the commissioners next week as he was unable to be here last meeting. Discussion followed.

Mitch discussed the changes to his budgets. Commissioners asked for copies of his budget request. He will come back with them to finish discussion.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported they will begin working on West Virginia Rd around the 10th of June, then move to Petrolia black top.

Jeremy reported the mower crews are out but the ditches are wet so they are getting what they can.

Jeremy stated they will be renting a water truck from Neese in Fort Scott to go along with the project on West Virginia.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, discussed her budget requests. She explained the reasoning for a slightly lower election and service to the elderly budgets. The clerks budget increased slightly due to postage rate increases as well as the possibly personnel raises.

Mitch Garner, presented copies of his budget requests. Mitch explained the increases in the airport budget. Chairman Symes asked about the telephone increase, is there anything that can be done about AT&T that keeps increasing. Paul, citizen, says his personal AT&T keeps increasing as well. Discussion followed.

Mitch discussed the noxious weed budget. He explained the increase in wages as the additional staff beginning earlier in the year. Phone is the same as airport so he will check into alternate options for it as well. Chemical costs have increased. Questions were asked about the increase in KPERS, it is because of a working after retirement employee and the rate is higher.

Terry Johnson, citizen, joined the meeting.

Mitch then discussed the solid waste budget. Commissioners asked about the engineering fees, once the new cell is done will that go down. Mitch stated if we keep working on the C&D and monofill then we will continue to need the engineers. Mitch stated he is waiting on the new cell to be finished before looking into any new equipment. A new backhoe is needed but it can wait.

Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, presented her budget request. She reported on her capital outlay increase, she needs new index books. She explained what the purpose is of the index books and the need to have them replaced all at once.

Darolyn (Crickett) Maley, Treasurer, presented her budget request. She explained her increases. Discussion followed.

Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, presented the Appraisers requested budget. She explained the decrease in salaries and the few increases they have proposed. She explained Field Mobile, a program and device, that she is looking into which would be a little more efficient. Discussion followed.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Director, presented her budget requests. She explained the increase in office equipment as they are needing to replace the consoles and possibly adding a 4th console to our center. Commissioner Lee asked about possibly replacing one console at a time. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, presented budget requests. Jeremy explained the proposed increases. The main increase, other than personnel, would be paving materials. Discussion followed.

A discussion was had on a starting point when looking at raises for next year, for budget purposes.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:35 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:45 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:46 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:51 a.m. No action taken.

Shannon, on behalf of Red Cross, asked for permission to use the Moran Senior Center for a blood drive and waiving the rental fee. Commissioners approved the request.

Commissioner Daniels reported on the contractors meeting held last week for the Airport Industrial Project.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) May monthly reports for Public Works, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Attorney
- b) Tax Appeal Hearing letter

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$200,921.01
- b) Payroll – Change forms for Danielle Louk, Dallas Merritt
- c) Clerks Journal Entries - #17
- d) Abatements – PP, Value 0, \$358.64, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn,

Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. until Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

June 11, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Anthony Maness, Sheriff candidate, Richard Huthsing, Halcomb Construction, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Sarah Haney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 4, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the contractors for sewer line project are dropping off the pipes for the project.

Mitch stated they are working on the AWOS today, hopefully done Thursday for inspection.

Mitch presented chemical purchase numbers from last year. Last year we spend \$132,798.17 on chemical and this year we have spent \$58,670.00 so far this year. Just ordered some more so will have more bills coming in. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy joined the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported crews were out Sunday in the Northern part of the county working on washouts.

Jeremy reported the 2011 F150 that we pull the pothole patcher with is down. Jeremy received a quote from Twins for \$20,800 to fix the engine. It currently has 177,000 miles and we use it as a plow truck and also has a dump bed. Discussion followed on the need for a new truck or just rebuild this engine. Could we get quotes from other places? Commissioner Daniels moved to approve getting the engine rebuilt. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 2-1-0.

Jeremy stated they are starting to move equipment to West Virginia. Work will begin once the crews are done working the washouts.

Dawn Murray, ACARF, and Julie Payne, ACARF, joined the meeting.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, reminding the commissioner about the Iola Community Conversation, 6 p.m., at the Iola High School Science Building. This will be livestreamed on YouTube.

Richard Huthsing, Halcomb Construction, asking for clarification on what decisions were made two weeks ago regarding the additional equipment and time for the landfill project. It was decided to approve the extension, and then revisit the additional costs for equipment once the project was done. Discussion followed.

Dawn Murray, ACARF, president of ACARF board, requesting to be added to the budget. They provide yearly microchip and nail trimmings, taking dog and cat to nursing homes weekly, food bank for those who cannot afford food for their pets, Perry Trust vouchers for spay/neuter program, emergency shelter for pets when homes are lost. Most of ACARFs funding comes form Second Chance, private donors. Second Chance is the second-hand store run by volunteers and all proceeds go to ACARF. Discussion followed.

Colleen Riebel, Conservation District, district manager, Amber Johnson NRCS Supervisor, presented their 2025 budget request. They are asking for the same amount as last year, \$45,000.00. Discussion followed. Amber explained that her role is on the federal level and the partnership between federal agency and county agency goes back to the 1930s.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, presented updated information on the consoles she is requesting for next years budget. Her vendors recommend not splitting up the consoles for replacement. The warranties per console would differ and possibly cause confusion. Every 6 months pricing goes up due to their costs increasing. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee would like to stop by the center to be able to see what a console is. The commissioners would like a more detailed bid for them, instead of just a budgetary proposal to just get a rough number for budget discussion.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy, presented his 2025 budget proposal. Chairman Symes asked about the Sheriff's VIN account. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Email regarding the Moderate-Income Housing grant
- b) May report from Noxious Weed, Treasurer
- c) May Fund Status report
- d) FEMA information

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$30,951.25
- b) Payroll – Change form for Patrick Cash

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until Tuesday, June 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

June 18, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on June 11, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented quotes for installation of wiring to replace overhead service wire with new underground services in two hangars and remove old wiring. Two quotes were received, CDL Electric Company, Humboldt, KS, for \$19,550 and KJ Electrical Contracting, Yates Center, KS, for \$10,155.29. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from KJ Electric for \$10,155.29. Chairman Symes seconded. Motion was tabled by Commissioner Lee.

Mitch reported they are working on the sewer line and water line. Robert Johnson, County Counselor, mentioned he noticed they could possibly damage a small amount of the corn crop of land tenant. Bob is working with the tenant to reduce the July rent payment to reflect the loss of crop due to the line work.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, reported on a meeting with all the individuals involved with the Airport Industrial Park project. He and Mitch presented a map reflecting the revised location of the fire hydrant, which will result in an additional cost of \$20,440. Jared stated if this change is approved today, it would take roughly one week to receive the materials.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, discussed proposed Resolution 202406 Adopting the Kanas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained that every 5 years the State contracts with a private contractor to complete a mitigation plan with the counties in their respective regions. There is no cost to adopt this resolution to participate in the mitigation plan, other than the cost of Jasons salary to attend 2 meetings in the 5 years. The plan covers region H, but it is broken out by entity within the plan. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Resolution 202406 Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Symes revisited the motion to approve KJ Electrical Contractors for \$10,155.29. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Symes moved to approve the change order to move fire hydrant for \$20,440. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, is out doing dust control so he is absent from the meeting today.

Chairman Symes discussed the budget requests for 2025.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) May report for District Court
- b) May financial reports for Hospital Board from Larry Peterson
- c) Kansas Public Notice No. KS-Q-22-112

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$242,310.71
- b) Payroll – May Process Service for Brian Plumlee, Dallas Merritt, Marion Wayne Carson, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth, Daren Kellerman
- c) Payroll – Mileage Reimbursement for Jerry Daniels, Misty Rice

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. until Tuesday, June 25 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

_____absent_____
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

June 25, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor representative, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Terry Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 18, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the landfill cell is about 90% done with the bentonite.

Mitch reported that the last three Sundays when Heartland has been out there working on the electric, spray planes were not able to stop and refuel. Mitch asked about getting a generator. Commissioners asked Mitch to check with Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, on using their generator when needed.

Commissioner Lee asked what happens next on the landfill. Mitch explained once bentonite is done, then they will put a few screenings down and another company will come in a put down the liner. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the dust controls are completed for the paid residences.

Jeremy asked for clarification on the location to reduce speed on 1100th St. Commissioner Daniels says put the reduced speed of 30 mph somewhere around industrial street. Might also look into putting a "reduced speed ahead" sign a little before that. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated the crews are out patching and mowing right now. They are still working on West Virginia Road as well.

Commissioner Lee noticed that the driveway where they used to get the dirt is blocked off on 2000 St, south of 54. He is asking where they are getting their dirt now. Jeremy stated just west of the new John Deere building.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, joined the meeting.

Judge Daniel Creitz and Dina Morrison, 31st Judicial District Court Clerk, presented their 2025 budget requests. Dina explained the increases/decreases on certain line items. Legal Services increase of about \$35,000 was the largest increase. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked about the backlog from the pandemic. Dina and Judge stated they feel they are making headway. Discussion followed.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, presented quotes for 3 new consoles for at the 911 Dispatch Center. They were received from Evans \$61,615.99, Xybix \$65,432.12, and Russbassett \$80,636.80. Chairman Symes asked if they are comparing "apples to apples", Chelsie stated yes, they are. Xybix has a \$750 allowance to buy back the old consoles. Chelsie stated her preference would be for Xybix, then RussBassett. Evans would be last as Thad Parker, Console Cleaning Specialists, is not certified to work on Evans products. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$467,695.56
- b) Payroll – Change form for Douglas Campbell
- c) Abatements – SA, \$300.00, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m. until Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

July 2, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Rodney Burns, Auditor, Arlyn Briggs, citizen, Robert Franklin, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Arlyn Briggs, citizen, reported he recently moved to Allen County. He stated he hopes by having dialog with the county commissioners that it would. He stated he will not run for an elected office, but he will continue to try to have input on ways to make things better for Allen County.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they are still working on the lines for the water and sewer lines.

Mitch reported he has 3 contractors coming out to look at what is needed for generators at the airport. Commissioner Daniels stated he has had several calls on the lack of power to fuel planes when the outages have happened. Mitch stated he did speak with Jason, we could use theirs, however if the city is out, they have priority. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented bids for topcoat at the landfill. 3 bids were received. LSC Environmental Products, Apalachin, NY, 900 bags for \$21,440.00, LSC Environmental Products, 880 bales for \$22,193.00, and Profile Products, Buffalo Grove, IL, 880 square bales for \$24,600.80. Mitch recommends LSC Environmental bags, not bales. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee approved to accept the bid from LSC Environmental Products, Apalachin, NY, 900 bags for \$21,440.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported they put a roll off at the landfill for those citizens to drop off used fireworks, just as a precaution. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked how the landfill progress is going. Mitch stated they had just received a few more bags of bentonite. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the mowers are out in their districts mowing. Bettis Asphalt is working on McAtee and then Dodge Drive. Bettis has a few openings this month for patching that needs done should we choose to do so. This would be for washout areas due to the weather. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved Jeremy to speak with Bettis about the areas needing repaired.

Jeremy stated West Virginia will be getting chip sealed on the 9th, then they will move to Petrolia. He stated the pothole patcher truck down, but is being repaired.

Discussion began on the 2025 budget. Rodney discussed Draft #2. Interest on idle funds could be adjusted due to 2024 trends. Rodney will adjust the 2024 estimated interest income to reflect more receipts. Chairman Symes discussed the requests from Southeast Kansas Mental Health.

Chairman Symes also discussed the request from ACARF. Commissioners are discussing possibly using PILOT funds to help out ACARF. Chairman Symes stated he would like to see us contributing \$1500 per month, Commissioner Daniels stated we were thinking \$1000 per month, and Commissioner Lee stated he was considering \$2000 per month. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to support ACARF with \$24,000 a year starting July 1, 2024 with the intent based upon budgetary discussion to continue with monies coming from PILOT funds. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes brought up the request for consoles for the dispatch center. Rodney discussed the use of the special equipment fund and how this could be used to save up for replacement items. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked Rodney how having a sales tax to help fund the Ambulance service. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes stated he got a response from Chelsie regarding the consoles and if they payment for these could be spread out for 3 years, such as a lease/own option. Discussion followed. Commissioners are going to remove the budget request of \$100,000 for consoles, as they are going to use PILOT funds to purchase these.

Commissioners discussed the meals on wheels budget items for the jail fund. Shannon explained that the elderly funds pay back to the jail fund each month for the meals.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

John Stranghoner, citizen, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes discussed the proposed hangar budget request. Mitch had budgeted for 2 hangars but they could cut the cost of one hangar. Discussion followed on rental amounts. Commissioner will remove \$125,000 from capital outlay to reflect construction of only 1 hangar.

Chairman Symes asked about cutting \$10,000 from chemical costs from the Noxious Weed budget. Discussion followed. Rodney will take out \$10,000 from the chemical expense.

John Stranghoner, citizen, stated he owns 20 acres of pasture on Nebraska Rd, where a bridge had been replaced. He felt it was wrong that as a landowner he was not notified of the work being done. An old bridge had been dug out and whistles put in until a new structure could be put in. John would like to have the dirt returned to his property, which was put on the adjacent landowner's property. Discussion followed. Commissioners asked Jeremy to go ahead and get the dirt moved back and a fence replaced.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the lola community conversation. lola citizens stated the trails, community support, Bowlus, hospital, courthouse square are great things for our community. Areas for growth could include food truck village, water stations, continuous sidewalks near G&W and elementary school, more communication about events, public restrooms near the square, improved billboards, recycling. The top three priorities would be tourism readiness, community communications, infrastructure. Discussion followed. Commissioners would be open to discussion with the City about partnering on a public restroom.

Discussion continued on possible cuts in the budget.

Commissioner Lee moved to move forward with putting a sales tax question on the November ballot to go towards Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed. 3-0-0.

Commissioners were presented with Resolution 202407 Reducing Speed Limit. This will be for the area where the Last Mile trail crosses US 169 at Hawaii Rd. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202407. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on BG change order with overage to come out of Pilot funds. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to designate Friday, July 5th, 2024 a county holiday. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) June monthly reports for Attorney, County Clerk, Public Works, Register of Deeds
- b) KDHE Public Notice No. KS-AG-24-172
- c) KDHE Public Notice No. KS-Q-22-124

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – Enrollment form for Edward Donovan
- b) Payroll - Change forms for Jill Allen, Amy Wilson, Thad Parker
- c) Payroll – Reimbursement to Patrick Cash
- d) Clerks Journal Entries - #18, 19, 20, 21
- e) Abatements: RE, Value 322, \$66.66, Year 2023
RE, Value 3,526, \$708.64, Year 2021
PP, Value 3,2023, \$533.36, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m. until Tuesday, July 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

July 9, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jared Wheeler led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the water line for the hydrant is in.

Mitch stated they are moving right along with the sewer line.

Mitch reported that Jason Trego had told him about a grant opportunity for a generator. The grant would be a part of the hazard mitigation plan and would pay 75% of the price. Mitch said he as a couple bids back but still waiting on one. Discussion followed on type of generator.

Mitch explained the process of a voucher system for the chemical sales. He is getting more information on this and who would participate in this area. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked how the landfill project has been going. Mitch stated there was water standing in the new cell this morning after the rain last night. Discussion followed.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, presented two pay applications, one for the water line portion of the airport industrial park project to Midwest Engineering \$114,307.61 and one for the sewer portion of the project to Nowak \$220,549.15. Bennet has expectation to finish this week on the water line. They will test the water and then disinfect. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on the two pay applications. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared reported they had promoted and offered technical assistance for a small business grant through Main Street America. There were 7 awardees in Kansas, 4 of those were in Allen County, Studio K, Mildred Store, Marmaton Market, and Lola Register. They received \$10,000, and could possibly get \$30,000 more with another application.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, joined the meeting. Pastor Neely had asked Ron to pass along these requests for the Humboldt Food Pantry. There will be no expense to the county; they will pay for these themselves. They want another mini split put into the building. The back room where the receiving area is, they want to put insulation in there. They would also like to get an outside freezer. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved the requests.

Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, reported everything is at the title company now and waiting on that step before filing for the tax sale. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed draft #3 of the 2025 budget.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting. Arlyn stated he spoke to Terry Sparks about the Moran medical clinic. He was told it had an open-ended contract. He is asking if the commissioner agree that this is correct. If it is that way, then it can be unused for a long time. He is still interested. They would like to provide a space for caregivers to take their charges if they need to conduct their own business.

Arlyn also wanted to visit about the incident at the jail. He feels mental health has reached a critical state. He thinks the county needs to take a look at the budget in regards to mental health. Discussion followed.

He discussed his facility in Gas City and how he intends to use it.

Mitch stated the parts are here for one of the fuel trailers are in so Broyles is coming to get it and put them in/on.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) June Fund Status Report
- b) June Monthly Report for Noxious Weed, Treasurer
- c) June Solid Waste Financial report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$37,624.83
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Alyssa Sigg
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries –#22

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25

a.m. until Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

July 16, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson II, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Rodney Burns, Auditor, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Rodney Burns led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, presented a letter stating there is no conflict of interest with the company that did the archeological survey for the BASE Grant. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented an amendment to agreement between Schwab-Eaton P.A. Consulting Engineers and Allen County, Kansas. This is needed for the extension of services for landfill project. The fees went from 1\$66,900 to \$196,300. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on the amendment. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported they are waiting a survey to be done to begin putting the pad down for the airport hangar. Electric should begin on the hangars to the north in the next week or so.

Mitch reported both fuel trailers are done and back at the airport.

Mitch stated he still only has 2 of the bids back for a generator at the airport. Commissioner Lee mentioned there is a company in Garnett that he might reach out to. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported they are finishing up in Mildred this week. Moving to Petrolia blacktop after that.

Jeremy stated he is getting a bid from Bettis for the bridge on 1600 north of the county line. We could save money if we move the lay down machine ourselves. He will bring the bid once he receives it.

Jeremy reported the 980 CAT loader at the quarry is down. He presented a bid from Foley for repairs \$21,229.59, rebuild with adders \$410,957.00, or a rebuild without adders \$383,721.00. A new loader would be over \$600,000. Discussion followed. Commissioner

Lee moved to go with the rebuild with adders for \$410,957.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Daniels reported on an email he received from citizen with their concerns about Petrolia Road. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated the MowerMax is down. Still waiting on two different pumps to get it back up and running.

Commissioners began working on Draft 4 of the 2025 budget. Discussion followed on the general transportation fund and the monies left in it. Commissioner Lee moved to close the general transportation fund and transfer monies back into general fund. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Discussion followed on a special capital project fund.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Litigation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:25 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 11:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed Draft 4 of the 2025 budget. Chairman Symes moved to approve the proposed 2025 budget for publication to hold a revenue neutral rate hearing and budget hearing on August 27th at 9 am. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) June report for District Court
- b) June financial statements for Hospital Board
- c) Kansas Public Notice KS-Q-22-130 KDWP-Lehigh Portland State Park

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$135,737.80
- b) Payroll – Change form for Colton Slocum, Levi Lampe
- c) Abatements – PP, Value 2,710, \$451.26, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. until Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

July 23, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Tim Osborn,

citizen, Terry Johnson, citizen, Arlyn Briggs, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Tim Osborn, citizen, introduced himself. Tim wanted to come in and say how nice his roads are now. He lives out in the Dodge Drive area.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, spoke about the roads. He also wanted to speak about the pending lawsuits against the county. He is speaking specifically about the Sigg lawsuit. He stated who all he had reached out to discuss this. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported West Virginia Rd. is completed. They are moving to the Petrolia blacktop.

Jeremy stated the MowerMax is still down and hope to start working on it next week.

Jeremy reported on where the mowing crews and ditching crews are currently at.

Commissioner Daniels asked if Bettis is still in the area. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels asked where the chip sealing will be taking place after Petrolia. Jeremy stated 1900 and New Mexico. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee discussed the new bridge on 2200 and Nebraska and the approaches to the bridge. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, Ems Director, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported that Halcomb completed the bentonite and fill. The liner is next. There will be another contractor for the liner. The owner of Halcomb wants another meeting with the commissioners and the engineers. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he had quite a bit of fireworks left in the dumpster and they soaked them.

Mitch reported the electric has been moved to the other two hangars so now we just need to remove the old poles. One more pole at landfill to set for the meters. Site prep for the new hangar should begin soon. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked with the new landfill cell if the quarry is still able to be in the same location. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked how many aircraft would be able to be in the new hangar. Mitch stated it is a 50x50 so it depends on size of aircraft. Discussion followed on rates for the hangar.

Mitch stated the water line is almost done for the airport industrial park project. And the sewer line is moving along.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, presented the quarterly report. Calls are down for the past quarter. Discussion followed.

Michael stated he did call about the remount and we are about a year out on it.

Commissioner Lee asked about the relationship between EMS and the hospital. Michael stated it is good. They do still take several transfers up to the Kansas City area as well as some to Wichita.

Michael said he feels Med 35 or Med 32 should be the next ones to be scheduled for remount. Commissioners asked what would happen if we let Med 35 (Chevy) run until it dies and then not replace it? Would this put us in a bind with just having 4 units? Discussion followed.

Michael stated he has been speaking with Stryker and they do have some refurbished monitors. He has not gotten the pricing yet. They also do lease options and trade ins.

Robert Jonhson, would like to commend the EMT's for a call that had taken place for a family member. Fast response time and very professional.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported the President signed off on the disaster declaration for the storms at the end of April. Jeremy and Mitch have been working on the paperwork for the county side of it. Discussion followed.

Shannon presented an Agreement for Capital and Operating Assistance Funds for State Transportation Projects. This is an agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Allen County for our 5310 Elderly Services. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes signature on the agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported on information he gathered regarding adding the HAM Radio Clubs antenna to our tower. He stated Sheriff Murphy contacted Heartland and they can mount it for \$58,000. Jason Trego will be working on a Memorandum of Understanding.

Chairman Symes reported on the fair dinner for 4-H appreciation. He will not be available to attend.

Mitch stated on July 28th at round 10:30-11:00, weather permitting, Beth will fly in with her B28.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:28 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:38 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road and Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:43 a.m. No action taken

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$68,138.42
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
- c) Payroll - Meal reimbursement for Breail Thompson, Chelsie Decker
- d) Payroll – June Process Service for Brenda Beth, Haley Donovan, Brian Plumlee, Steve Womack
- e) Payroll – Vacation Carryover of 95 hours for Jeremy Hopkins

f) Clerks Journal Entries - #23, 24

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until Tuesday, July 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

July 30, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the special meetings on July 23, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Commissioner Lee wanted to express his thanks for all those involved in making the Allen County Fair a success.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the clay/bentonite is still being tested. They had sent out 10 tubes to be tested and 9 have come back as passed.

Mitch reported the 2019 compactor will need to be rebuilt at some point. It currently has 11,000 hours and he was advised that at 14,000 it should be rebuilt. He is getting prices for it. We would need to rent one while this is being rebuilt. Commissioner Daniels asked about trading in the older compactor for a new one/used one to keep 2 running. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the 6" pump at the landfill is down and it is in Wichita being looked it. They found the engine is fine but the pump is bad. Mitch is checking on prices for a new one.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported that Thursday evening a 2014 John Deere tractor burnt up. It did burn the front of the mower as well. Jeremy is wondering if we should just lease one for now. Insurance has been notified and they are working on it. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated they are going to help Woodson County; they will be spraying oil with the distributor for them. They will be just over the county line.

Jeremy reported the mini excavator was delivered yesterday. Replaced the backhoe with this.

Commission Lee asked if Jeremy had talked with any of the implement businesses here about a tractor to replace the burnt one. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated that they should begin chip sealing Petrolia blacktop next Tuesday and then move into the town of Petrolia.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, reported on a preliminary substantial completion statement from Holly with BG Consultants. Jared explained the punch list she sent. Jared will have Holly add the turning of the hydrant to the list. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes reported on the Juvenile Detention Center board meeting. He explained the insurance carrier recommended having a cyber security policy. He is suggesting that all county correspondence go through county emails and not personal emails. He proposes we start moving forward to policy and procedure of county emails and multi-factor authentication. He thinks there may be a need to do so.

Dimity Lowell, lola Seniors Inc, joined the meeting. She reported she has been looking for another facility to send their overflow. She was contacted by a business from Dallas, Texas, and they sent a trailer. After a given period of time, they will weight it out and they pay .06 per pound, then they will take away and send the items to a third world country.

Dimity stated they have given \$15,000 back to the community. They also spent \$6,000 to buy basic sets of supplies for 220 elementary students and 110 middle school students. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes reported that they received word Linn County will no longer be a member of the South East Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center. This will leave 10 counties. The director has gotten the SEKRJDC a \$60,000 grant that should help offset losing Linn County. They are charging \$175/day for those that are not a part of this consortium. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:03 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:18 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes reported that Jeremy Hopkins will be moved from Interim Road & Bridge Director to the Director.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$382,620.07
- b) Payroll – Change form for Steve Womack, Jeremy Hopkins
- c) Payroll – Mileage for Bruce Symes
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries –#25

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. until Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

August 6, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Danielle Louk, Deputy County Appraiser, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 30, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented drawings of hangar placement and the FAA's recommended adjustments. Their recommended placement will put the hangar on top of the existing water meter. Mitch stated they have a crew out there working on a water leak now so he may see if they can move the meter while working on this. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported they are still waiting on the last tube of samples to be tested. The liner cannot be placed until the results come back. They are still working other aspects of project while they wait. A trench needs to be dug at the north edge of the existing landfill. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated one company did not want to bid on the generator for the airport. He has bids from CDL and KJ Electric. Commissioner Lee gave Mitch a recommendation of another company to reach out to. Commissioner Daniels asked if Mitch has asked Caleb if there are any grants out there to help with the generator. He will check on that.

Corey Isbell, Iola Fire Chief, and Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the crews currently chip sealing the Petrolia black top today and then will go into Petrolia. They will move to 1800-1900 on New Mexico next.

Jeremy reported Loren Korte is working on the insurance for the tractor that burnt up. Robert Storrer, Storrer Implement is working on the lease option for a replacement.

Jeremy presented a proposal for a rental loader for the quarry while ours is being repaired. Foley Rental quoted \$28,178.92. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the quote for \$28,178.92 for a rented loader from Foley Equipment. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, reported they have 2 vehicles in the shop currently. The 2011 Chevy is going to Twins for a major oil leak. They will not be able to look at it until the 13th or 14th. The 2016 Ford is in Olathe right now for major vibrations. They found issues in the rear end and they are estimating \$4500.00. Commissioner Lee has asked Michael if

there is a way to rent or lease an ambulance to get us by while these are. Discussion followed.

Michael stated he did reach out the Stryker about refurbished cots and monitors or leasing option. He is still waiting on them to get him the numbers. Discussion followed.

commissioner Lee asked how the relationship between our services and the Hospital is going? Michael stated it is still good. Transfers do tend to stay with the St Lukes system.

Corey Isbell, Iola Fire Chief, explained why we have such long waiting times on new ambulances. When the shutdown due to Covid happened, the orders did not. So, they are now working on getting all the orders caught back up.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, requested on behalf of the Moran Days Committee for a donation toward their festivities of \$1500.00. Moran Days will be held on September 21, 2024. Commissioner Lee moved to approve a donation of \$1500.00 toward Moran Days. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, presented information on the foundation issues. He stated Trasher would not be able to help the problem but to possibly look at a landscaping company. None of our area landscapers could do this either, however LACO Seamless Guttering gave a bid to put in French drains for \$5500.00. Discussion followed on why this is needed. Commissioners asked what French drains are and Rick Aiello, employee, explained. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve installing French drains by LACO Seamless Guttering for \$5500.00. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, speaking about the Moran Clinic again. He wanted to make sure the commission understands what he would like to use the clinic for. And to make sure who is supposed to speak with the facilities board.

Arlyn stated he sees a need for the County to either work independently or with the City of Iola to address the issues of homeless individuals and children who are taken from parents to be able to stay local. This made him think of the facilities he owns that could be used to help with these issues. Arlyn would like to commissioners to think about this and let him know if they would like to proceed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:34 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:36 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:41 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:43 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:58 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- d) Fair Expense reports

- e) July Fund Status Report
- f) July monthly reports for Public Works, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Attorney
- g) Drug Court Graduation invitation

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 8/1/2024-\$350,536.84 & 8/5/2024-\$12,013.29
- b) Clerks Journal Entries - #26

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:59 a.m. until Tuesday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

August 13, 2024

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

Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Daren Kellerman, Allen County Undersheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the rain has delayed chip sealing in Petrolia today.

Jeremy stated they are doing routine maintenance and grinding up the spots that were affected during the flooding. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported he got a leased tractor yesterday to replace the one that was burnt up. They are out doing a second pass. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported the MowerMax repairman was here over the weekend to work on the machine.

Daren Kellerman, Allen County Undersheriff, reported that they have a deputy getting ready to go to academy.

Daren reported on a few activities that they have participated in, Water Wars, National Night Out at Allen Community College.

Daren reported that with school starting back up, Deputy Plumlee will be back in the three schools.

Daren spoke about City Hall Selfie Day, which has expanded to include all government employees. Daren presented the flyer with the website.

Daren brought up the County Commission Facebook Page. He is suggesting using it to post more important items that are happening. He is just asking the commission to consider it.

Daren reported Farm City Days will be held October 18 & 19, 2024. He requested on behalf of Farm City Days Committee to use the courthouse lawn on the week surrounding that date for preparation and clean up. They are also requesting a \$1500.00 donation toward the festivities. Commissioner Lee moved to approve use of the lawn and the \$1500.00 donation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, presented the July 6 to August 8 progress report for the water portion of the Airport Industrial Park Project, a change order, a pay application, and the final invoice for Midwest Engineering. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve signatures on these documents. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared reported the Gas Community Conversation will be August 27th at 6 pm at the Gas Community Center.

Nicki Gossett, Elmore Day Committee Member, joined the meeting. Nicki reported Elmore Days will be September 14, 2024. They are requesting \$1500.00 donation towards the festivities. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the donation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Lee reported he spoke with the Hospital Board and at this time they would like to hold on to the Moran Clinic.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, possible litigation, and existing litigation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Georgia Masterson, Humanity House, is requesting a letter of support for a grant through T-Mobile. She explained what this grant will be used for. Commission Lee moved to approve signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, land acquisition. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:16 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) July report for Noxious Weed
- b) July financial statements from Larry Peterson regarding Hospital Board

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$106,763.14
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Thomas Fudge Jr
- c) Payroll - Changes for Angela McCain, Cody Heslop, Kayla Garber,

- Jeanne Carson, Seth Pollet,
 d) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 66 hours for David Heiman
 e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Darcy Burton
 f) Clerks Journal Entries - #27

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m. until Tuesday, July 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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 Bruce Symes, Chairperson

 David Lee, Commissioner

 Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

 Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK August 15, 2024

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 2:00 p.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, Commissioner David E. Lee, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk. Commissioner Daniels called in by phone.

Rick Aiello, county employee, Paul Zirjacks, citizen was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Symes opened the Canvass of the August 6, 2024 Primary Election. Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, presented the provisional ballots. She explained the reasonings for such provisional ballots. There are 32 total. Of the 32 ballots, 17 were counted and 15 were not.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m. until Tuesday, August 20, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

 Bruce Symes, Chairperson

 David E. Lee, Commissioner

 Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

 Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK August 20, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Rick Aiello, employee, Alan Weber, Your Community Foundation, Job Springer, Your Community Foundation, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 13, 2024 and the special meeting on August 15, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Marcia Davis presented a flyer for the Gas Community Conversation on August 27th at 6 p.m. at the Gas Community Building.

Alan Weber, Your Community Foundation Secretary/Treasurer and Job Springer, Your Community Foundation President. Alan gave a little background information on the Allen County Environmental Fund. Alan also explained the purpose of the fund and what the balance of the fund is. Discussion followed on what the funds could be used for.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are finishing chip sealing in Petrolia today. Then he will move to 1800 & New Mexico.

Jeremy stated the environmental company will not be pulling dirt from 2000 Rd. He plans to chip seal from US Hwy 54 south on 2000 to repair that area.

Jeremy presented a bid from Bettis for asphalt work to be done on the 1600 Rd bridge and Nebraska Rd bridge. If Bettis hauls the equipment, it will cost \$29,930.80. If the County moves it, it will cost \$25,690.80. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the asphalt work, with the County moving the equipment for \$25,690.80. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the last test tube results have come back and it has passed. Now they will call and speak with the liner people to move on to that portion. Commissioner Lee asked who does the testing, and Mitch stated the samples are given to KDHE.

Mitch reported Halcomb wants to schedule in for next week to discuss their portion of the project. Jared will be here as well.

Mitch reported he and Robert will be attending the Four State Airport Conference.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, reported they run a generator test every Sunday. This Sunday it set off an alarm. They had to have a tech come out Sunday, found the starter had gone out. The part should be here and installed today. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked about the consoles and Chelsie stated they will not start with those until next year.

Sandra Drake, employee, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes reported there was a pay application for Nowak for approval. Commissioner Lee moved to approve signature on the pay application. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting. Arlyn stated he had reached out to Lola City Mayor Steve French about the use of his properties. Arlyn explained about a conversation he had with an individual from overseas on buildings and their ages. Arlyn would like to withdraw his offer to use his lola square property for reasons discussed at a prior meeting.

Commissioner Lee spoke about an email from Terry Call regarding the storage of batteries. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee reminded about the RNR Hearing and Budget Hearing next week.

Commissioner Lee discussed the environmental fund with Your Community Foundation. He expressed his idea of waiting until it hits the \$100,000 mark and then pay out the recommended 5% to an environmental project. Discussion followed on recycling efforts.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sandra Drake, employee, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action taken.

Steve Strickler, citizen, and Karen Gilpin, citizen, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:29 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sandra Drake, employee, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Steve Strickler, citizen, stated he has 3 8-yard dumpsters full with glass. They would like to get them hauled to Kansas City to be recycled. Steve stated he contacted one trucking company that can take it to Kansas City to get it recycled at \$1.00 per mile. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested on behalf of Saint Lukes Senior Life Solutions to place teal and purple awareness ribbons on the lamp poles on either side of the Veterans Memorial as well as a yard sign geared towards Suicide Awareness Month in September. Commissioners approved this request.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Update from Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants
- b) Letter from City of Moran
- c) Summary Decision for V&N Oil Company, Board of Tax Appeals
- d) Allen County Environmental Fund balance

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$38,478.99 & August 16, 2024 payout \$226,590.76
- b) Payroll – Process Service for July for Brian Plumlee, Thad Parker, Patrick Cash, Daren Kellerman, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth
- c) Abatements – OIL, Value 3370, \$486.44, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

August 27, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Tim Stauffer, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Bruce Boetcher, BG Consultants, Jennifer Hill, Attorney, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Terry Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 20, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are on schedule with the chip sealing. They will be moving to the cities next.

Jeremy reported the bridges needing overlayed have been completed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar has been delivered to the contractor. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated one of the noxious weed departments seasonal employees is done. There are only two employees now, one in office and one spraying.

Mitch reported the electric has been put in at the landfill.

Commissioner Daniels reported on the airport conference he attended last week with Mitch Garner & Robert Poydack. Discussion followed.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, presented a pay application from Nowak for the sewer line portion of the Airport Industrial Park Project. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the pay application to Nowak in the amount of \$314,871.23. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared presented close out documents for the water line portion of the project and the final pay application from Bennet. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the pay application from Bennett Construction in the amount of \$39,101.20. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Steve Green, citizen, joined the meeting.

Bruce Boetcher, BG Consultants, presented progress reports and maps for the Airport Industrial Park. Bruce explained the maps. We are at about 50% completion in terms of contract time. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes opened the RNR Hearings for Allen County, Kansas, Allen County Rural Fire District No. 2, Allen County Rural Fire District No. 3, Allen County Rural Fire District No. 4, Allen County Sewer District No. 1, and Allen County Sewer District No. 2 at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners listened to comments from Rex Heap, Humboldt, Mike Bright, Petrolia, Curtis Weiland, Petrolia, and Steve Green, rural Moran.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202408, A Resolution of Allen County, Kansas to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Symes – Aye, Commissioner Lee - Aye, Commissioner Daniels – Aye.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202409, A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Rural Fire District No 2, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue

Neutral Rate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Symes – Aye, Commissioner Lee – Aye, Commissioner Daniels – Aye.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202410, A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Rural Fire District No 3, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Symes – Aye, Commissioner Lee – Aye, Commissioner Daniels – Aye.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202411, A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Rural Fire District No 4, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Symes – Aye, Commissioner Lee – Aye, Commissioner Daniels – Aye.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202412, A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Sewer District No 1, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Symes – Aye, Commissioner Lee – Aye, Commissioner Daniels – Aye.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202413, A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Sewer District No 2, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Symes – Aye, Commissioner Lee – Aye, Commissioner Daniels – Aye.

That concluded the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearings.

Chairman Symes opened the 2025 Budget Hearing. No public comments were given. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the 2025 Budget for Allen County as published. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Bruce Boetcher, BG Consultants, back to discuss the preliminary plat. Discussion followed on what is needed for the county and the city.

Richard Huthsing & Will Rogers, Halcomb Construction, and Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, joined the meeting. Jared explained a little bit of the history of the soil liner area of the landfill project. Commissioner Lee asked how the testing worked for finding out if the soil was good or not for the liner. Halcomb Construction is asking for a 90-day extension. Jared believes that they could get the cell done within 45 days to where they could get their sample sent in, and then the remaining 45 days they could do finish work. Jared recommends granting at 45-day extension to get the cell to substantial completion. Halcomb asked in the spring for an additional \$129,072 due to the bentonite issues. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the full change order payment of \$129,072 and a 60-day extension. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Floyd Thompson, Biblesta representative, requested a donation for \$1500.00 for the Biblesta event. Commissioner Lee moved to approve a donation of \$1500.00 towards the Biblesta event. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, discussed Resolution 202414 A Resolution Authorizing And Providing For The Calling Of A Special Election In Allen County, Kansas, For The Purpose Of Submitting To The Electors Of The County The Question Of Imposing A One-Half Percent (0.50%) County-Wide Retailers' Sales Tax For The Purpose Of Funding Emergency Medical And Ambulance Health Care Services In The County. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve Resolution 202414, with an amendment of adding a 5-year sunset date. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:10 a.m.

Those present will be Commissioners, Jennifer Hill, Attorney, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioner reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:21 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jennifer Hill, Attorney, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:31 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:33 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:43 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) July monthly report for District Court
- b) Letter from KWORCC regarding premiums

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$940,024.79
- b) Payroll – Change form for Dinah Glaze
- c) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 22 hours for Heath Womack

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m. until Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

September 3, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Sarah Haney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Commissioner Lee commented on the appearance of the Courthouse square. He wanted to pass along his appreciation for those that make it so.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the FAA will complete the flight check on the lights this weekend. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the liner is getting put down in the new cell.

Mitch reported on the 6" water pump that is down in the landfill. He has looked at Sourcewell and Surplus. It will cost \$60,000 for new pump or \$20,000 to fix the housing around the pump.

Chairman Symes mentioned Jeremy would not be at the meeting as the road and bridge crew is out chip sealing today.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, came to report on the Gas community conversation. The citizens stated their likes were that they had less people, taxes are affordable, 4 houses were built this last year and shorter lines on election day. Some items they feel could be better would be the trash or equipment in yards, more police presence during the day, and more business. Thrive then asked what they would like to see Gas like 20 years from now. The citizens stated more business, more people, street and gutters, more walking on south side of highway, flower shop, and the library open more hours. The top three things they would like to see; trash / equipment in yards, more policing during the day, safer walking area on south side of highway.

Marcia informed the commissioners the next community conversation will be in Savonburg on September 17th.

Arylyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on the information he forwarded on last week about battery storage. He has reached out to the surrounding counties and got copies of their ordinances. He is checking ours to see if we need to have wording in our ordinances that just says this type of business will need to go before zoning board. These types of places are storage containers full of lithium batteries, and should there be a blackout they can pull energy from there. However, this could potentially be dangerous should it catch fire. Discussion followed.

Terry reported Jay Stodgell's Liberty Landing is still progressing. He does have a food truck out there on Thursdays that is going over pretty well.

Commissioners discussed having some meetings to promote the sales tax question. They are also looking at attending area events. Discussion followed.

Arlyn stated he has been speaking with Allen County citizens, and taxes are the major issue being talked about.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:02 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:07 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel, Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners approved a request for the usage of the bandstand for a revival week.

Chairman Symes reviewed an agreement of services submitted by Tri-Valley. Chairman Symes moved to approve the commissions signatures on the agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) August monthly report for Attorney's office

- b) Letter from Division of Property Valuation informing we are in compliance

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$365,153.20
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Esmerelda Vargas, Tyler Roush, Hector Tornel
- c) Clerks Journal Entries - #28

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. until Tuesday, September 10 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

September 10, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on August 27, 2024 and the September 3, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Cole Herder, Humboldt city Administrator, reported Humboldt Lions Club is sponsoring the circus in Humboldt this weekend. This will be held at the Sport Complex at 2 pm and 4:30 pm.

Cole reported Humboldt City approved a resolution to annex the sports complex. Cole stated the school district has asked for this, and explained why they requested. Discussion followed. He will come back next Tuesday to formally request approval of the annexation from the Commissioners.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar was delivered last Thursday. They are beginning to work on the pad.

Mitch reported the evaporators for the leachate ponds have not been ordered yet; once ordered we are looking at 8-10 weeks. They will need a pump for the cell as well, but not sure on timeline for it. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the airport phone lines were down for a few days, the line had been mismarked and was hit during a dig.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the chip spreader went down so they are slightly behind schedule for Gas City. They will be going to Moran, Gas, then Humboldt once fixed.

Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy to look into how much it would cost to asphalt the old highway going North out of Iola.

Commissioner Daniels stated Neosho County is looking to put in a new river bridge, he does not know the timeframe yet. But said Jeremy might want to reach out to Neosho County to see how this will affect Allen County roads.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, presented a flyer to review to promote the sales tax question. Commissioners suggested getting yard signs as well. Terry will make the changes they suggested and research costs for printing the flyers and possible postcard mailings. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes read a letter of support for the 5310 Elderly Services. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) August monthly reports for Register of Deeds, Public Works, County Clerk, Treasurer
- b) August Fund Status Report
- c) Letter from City of Iola regarding zoning
- d) Letter from Humboldt Historic Preservation Alliance

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$395,695.11
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Daniel Boeken
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Jerry Daniels, Terry Call, Robert Poydack
- d) Payroll – Vacation Carryover of 79 hours for Dewayne Zimmerman
- e) Clerk's Journal Entries – #29

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. until Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Lola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Terry Sparks, Hospital Board Member, Loren Korte, Hospital Board Member, Pat Patton, Hospital Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jerry Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Terry Sparks and Loren Korte, Hospital Board Members, introduced Pat Patton as the new Hospital Administrator. Pat explained a little about his history.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the contractors for the sewer line will be back next week instead of waiting until October.

Mitch stated the liners have all passed inspection in the new landfill cell. Rock will now be placed to cover the liner. Engineers are done with their inspections so they will not be on site any longer. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they completed chip seal in the City of Moran. City of Gas will be tomorrow and Thursday. Then they will move to Humboldt next week. Moran took 2 tankers, Gas will have 2 tankers, and Humboldt is estimated for 3-4 tankers. Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy to get estimates of putting asphalt on 1400 instead of chip seal. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Jeremy stated the pot hole patcher truck is back in use so they have been out with it as well.

Jeremy stated they will need to blast at the quarry possibly next week.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, presented an Emergency Management Performance Grant. Jason explained the purpose of this grant application. Jason presented the pages that require signatures. This is a reimbursement towards salary. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the chairman's signature on the grant application. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jason presented a bid for drilling through rock to place the utility pole for the Mildred storm siren. This company is who was recommended by the siren company. Commissioners have asked Jason to get more bids on this. Chairman Symes suggested reaching out to Corey Schinstock with the city of Lola to see if their bit would work for this or not.

Chairman Symes asked about an email Jason had sent regarding the SBA Rural Disaster Declaration and funding available for this. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes reported he had asked Jason to check into having the repeater for the radio club added to our tower. Jason further explained the information he collected on

this. It does not seem that putting their equipment on our tower will be feasible. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, presented possible flyers and yard sign ideas, as well as pricing. Discussion followed. Arlyn Briggs, citizen, voiced his opinions on the sales tax question advertisement. Commissioner Lee moved to approve printing of 100 yard signs by Iola Register for \$895.00, running a ¼ page ad 3 times in Iola \$918.85, Humboldt \$253.13/run, and Chanute \$204.75/run, and doing a mailing done by EDDM for \$2566.80. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, discussed a Real Estate Lease Agreement for an easement to allow emergency vehicles access to the state park. Commissioner Daniels moved the chairman's signature on the lease agreement. Commission Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee asked about how it works when it comes to salaries of elected officials when a new one comes on board. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Email from KDOT regarding 5310 services
- b) August Financial report for Hospital Board
- c) August monthly report for Noxious Weed

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers –9/12/24-\$320,751.19 & 9/17/24-\$141,290.54
- b) Payroll – Change form for Patrick Cash
- c) Payroll – Appellant Brief for Brandon Cameron
- d) Payroll – Meal reimbursements for Hector Tornell, Roy Harman
- e) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 120 hours for Kim Riebel

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

September 24, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Arlyn Briggs, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Arlyn Briggs revisited the sales tax question that will be on the ballot. He brought up the language of it may lower property tax, not will lower property tax. He thinks that since they represent the entire county, it would be best to allow the others who are against the sales tax to voice their opinions along with promoting the sales tax.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported Nowak will not be here this week after all due to the weather. They will be here Monday, September 30.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the rain has delayed the chip sealing in Humboldt. They will likely be back at it tomorrow.

Jeremy presented bids for 200 tons of de-icing salt. He received three bids; Frank Bills Trucking for \$11,500, Central Salt for \$12,174, and Kansas Salt, LLC for \$14,000. Jeremy recommends going with Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Frank Bills Trucking for \$11,500. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy reported a few motor graders over 20,000 hours so he is asking permission to seek bids for new.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County joined the meeting.

Jeremy stated Neosho County will be closing the Neosho River bridge on September 27. Contractors will take care of all signage, other than we may have to put one up. This project is estimated to take a year and half. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about any storm damage from this weekend. Jeremy stated just a few areas needed clean up.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, updated the commission on the Savonburg community conversation. The had 8 residents in attendance. The things they considered good were that their community is quiet, there is tree trimming is happening, and their library. Areas they feel could be better are the roads, sewer & electrical, cell service, waters spicket at the park, businesses, and communication. Their top three wants would be the roads, electrical/sewer, and better cell service.

Marcia stated the next community conversation will be in Mildred on October 1st at 6 pm. This will be held at the Mildred Store.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client, Possible Litigation. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, Possible Litigation. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) August Monthly report from District Court
- b) Pay application for Nowak Construction
- c) Letter from Allen Community College Entrepreneurial Series

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$347,918.14

- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Robert Hyden
- c) Payroll - Change for Robert Poydack

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. until Tuesday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

October 1, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on September 24, 2024

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, thanking the county for the chip sealing around 99 blocks within the city.

Cole reported on a few more items going on in Humboldt. Biblesta is this Saturday, October 5, 2024, the new car wash has been opened and the last mile project is nearly complete.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported Nowak came back Monday. The concrete for the lift stations is put in place.

Mitch stated hangar work is moving along. Discussion followed on need for hangars.

Chairman Symes asked how the progress is at the landfill. Discussion followed.

Donita Garner & Kayla Knavel, Hope Unlimited, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee stated he spoke with Jeremy Hopkins, Road and Bridge Director, and they should be finishing up chip sealing on Delaware and they will move to Elsmore next. Jeremy does plan to attend the Mildred community conversation tonight.

Donita Garner and Kayla Knavel, came to ask for a proclamation of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Donita presented statistics on Hope Unlimited's numbers when it comes to domestic violence. Commissioner Lee moved to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, presented information on a USDA Housing Preservation Project grant they were awarded. This will be the second USDA grant. This grant is for areas other than just Iola, like the last grant was for. This will help rehabilitate and/or remodel low & very low income homes. USDA has the income guidelines set, and depends on each household statistics. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported the yard signs have been delivered to the county clerk's office. Discussion followed on possible locations for signs. Commissioner Lee reported he will be on the bandstand this Thursday at 5:30, as well as Thursday October 17 to answer any questions. He will also attend the candidate forum put on by the Register and will have the appraiser and treasurer with him to help answer questions.

Bob Franklin, citizen, joined the meeting.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, reported the SEK Multi-County Health Department will be here on Thursday, October 17th to give flu shots.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 9/30/24-\$34,892.26 & 9/27/24-\$501,014.51
- b) Payroll – Mile reimbursements for Bruce Symes & Misty Rice
- c) Payroll – August Process Service for Brenda Beth, Haley Donovan, Thad Parker, Steve Womack
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #30

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. until Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

October 8, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Bruce Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 1, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the airport pad is ready to be poured tomorrow. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the landfill cell most likely will not be ready by October 15. The contractor has the pump ready to be installed. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented bids for generators for the airport. Three different options were bid, natural gas, propane, diesel. Asked for 4 companies for bids and three responded.

**Generator Proposal
October 8, 2024**

Company	Generator	Price	Run Time	Delivery
CDL Pittsburg, KS	48 KW Natural Gas	\$29,645.75		7 weeks
CDL Pittsburg, KS	48 KW Propane	\$29,645.75		7 weeks
CDL Pittsburg, KS	48 KW Diesel	\$32,323.17	57 gallon tank 28.2 hours	11 weeks
KJ Electrical Contracting LLC Yates Center, KS	48 KW Propane	\$32,492.70		
KJ Electrical Contracting LLC Yates Center, KS	48 KW Natural Gas	\$32,712.36		
KJ Electrical Contracting LLC Yates Center, KS	48 KW Diesel	\$35,537.60		In Stock
Kansas Generator & Outdoor Equipment Westphalia, KS	NO Bid			
Stout Electric Iola, KS	48 KW Natural Gas	\$30,818.33		In Stock
Stout Electric Iola, KS	48 KW Propane	\$30,818.33		In Stock
Stout Electric Iola, KS	48 KW Diesel	\$36,060.87	Long run tank	11 weeks
Stout Electric Iola, KS	48 KW Diesel	\$35,516.97		15 weeks

Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee asked if Mitch would bring this back to them next week.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are done with chip sealing for now. He is thinking about getting the last two loads of oil from the refinery at a reduced rate. He stated he would probably work on Texas Rd with that oil.

Jeremy stated all machinery is up and running. The pot hole patcher will be going towards Savonburg soon, then the old highway north of Iola.

Jeremy introduced the new salesman from Foley, Jerad Heckman.

Jeremy presented bids from a new 140-15AWJ MotorGrader for \$384,931.00, that does include a \$30,000 trade in for a 2010 Komatsu LTD. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the purchase of the 2024 Caterpillar MotorGrader for \$384,931.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chelsea Lea, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy how the rest of the equipment is working and which ones are next to be traded/replaced. Discussion followed.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, presented pay application no. 4 for the Airport Industrial Park project. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairmans signature. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared reported Marcia Davis will be present next week to discuss the Mildred community conversation.

Chelsea Lea, citizen, requested permission to put Christmas lights up on the square again this year. She is hoping to start putting them up beginning the first of November. Chairman Symes moved to approve Chelsea putting Christmas lights up on the square. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes stated they are adding 2 categories for float judging at Farm City Days; mayor's choice and commissioner's choice. Commissioner Lee asked Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, to get a booth for Farm City Days. He will man the booth and be available to discuss sales tax question.

Chairman Symes spoke about the proposed 2025 holidays. Discussion followed on the Christmas holiday as Christmas Day is on a Thursday in 2025. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the 2025 holidays, with the adjustment of working a ½ day Christmas Eve, closure on Christmas Day and December 26 (Friday). Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed cancelling the meeting the week of Christmas as it would fall on Christmas Eve, which we have off for a holiday. They will also have their year end meeting on Monday, December 30th, time to be determined.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client – Possible Litigation. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) September monthly reports for Attorney, County Clerk, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Treasurer
- b) September Fund Status Report
- c) September Solid Waste Financial

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$346,045.03
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Diane Rogers
- c) Payroll – Change form for Dylan Blanchard
- d) Payroll – Supplies reimbursement for David Lee
- e) Clerks Journal Entries - #31, 32, 33
- f) Abatements – PP, Value 90, \$13.36, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m. until Tuesday, October 15 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Misty Rice, Allen County Register of Deeds, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner David Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 8, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, presented bids for new indexing books. Two bids were received, Navrats and Salina Blue. She will be purchasing them from Navrats as they were a couple thousand dollars cheaper.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the pad for the new hangar has been poured. It will need 14 days before they will put the building up.

Mitch presented new information on generator bids, these prices are good for 30 days and they cannot guarantee any pricing for after the first of the year. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Stout Electric for \$30,818.33 for a natural gas generator. This could possibly be paid out of either PILOT funds or the general fund. Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners asked about the approach to the new hangar. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked how the work at the landfill is coming along. They are running a little behind and now saying a couple more weeks. Discussion followed.

Debbie Bearden, GROW Council, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported chip sealing is completed for the season. His crews are out patching pot holes and getting ready for cooler weather.

Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy when we will need to turn in our leased tractors. Discussion followed.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Mildred community conversation. They love that their area is quiet, residents are helpful and support each other well, and they love their Mildred Store. Some needs or concerns would be more funding, blighted properties, lack of housing. With the blighted property concerns, they are worried about squatters staying in those properties. One of the items needed for funding would be the fire contract with Moran City. Roads were another concern, the block from the store to the highway. Some items they would like would be a walking trail, signs, working on getting a non-profit for Osage Township to apply for grants, gas station, develop the old community building. Top priorities were town cleanup, blighted properties, street repairs, and recreation. Discussion followed.

Marcia stated the next conversation will be October 22 at 6:30 in Elsmore.

Debbie Bearden, GROW Council, requesting to hold a Summer Food Festival, next summer. She is requesting use of the square to hold the on June 21, 2025. They are hoping to pass out save the date cards during Farm City Days this weekend. Commissioners asked Ron Holman, House and Grounds Director, his thoughts on if it would be an issue with the electrical outlets that we have on the square. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved Debbie's request to use the square on June 21, 2025.

Chairman Symes read a proposed letter of commitment for local matching funds for the 5310-grant application. Commissioner Lee moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on the letter of commitment. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) September Hospital Board financials
- b) September monthly report for Noxious Weed
- c) Thrive Allen County Annual Award Celebration invitation

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$680,567.67
- b) Payroll – Change forms for Colton Slocum, Mandy Smoot, Hector Tornel
- c) Payroll - Mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
- d) Payroll – Motor vehicle compensation for Darolyn Maley
- e) Payroll – Election compensation for Shannon Patterson

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m. until Tuesday, October 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

October 22, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Debbie Bearden, GROW Council, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 15, 2024

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the frame for the new hangar is up and they are starting to put the tin on. The door company has come to measure and the door could be in next week. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he does not have any bids for asphalt yet, and only one for concrete. The pipe is being put in by road and bridge now.

Commissioner Daniels asked about the 2025 hangar project. Mitch stated he is checking on prices now for it.

Commissioners discussed the water meter that needs installed for the new lift station with the sewer project.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are out doing normal operations.

Commissioner Lee read a thank you to letter received from the City of Elmore regarding Jeremy and his road crew.

Commissioner Daniels asked about Savonburg. Jeremy stated he will be meeting with them on Friday to discuss what can be done there.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, reported on Farm City Days.

Ron stated he has some left-over Christmas lights so he is asking to put the extra on the 911 Communications building. Commissioners approved this request.

Ron requested to put in a dog waste station on the square. He has been approached by some citizens asking this as we have several individuals who walk there dogs here. Commissioners approved this request. Chairman Symes suggested putting two out, one on North and South side of the square.

Ron reported they will be lighting the Courthouse up green for Veteran's Day again this year.

Debbie Bearden, GROW Council, presented recommendations for two new council members, Kelly Sigg and Dwight Hawkinson. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Kelly Sigg and Dwight Hawkinson to the GROW Council. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, joined the meeting.

Debbie presented the 2025 State Policy Platform. She is asking if Allen County has any resolutions in regards to the food system. We do not believe so. Would the commissioners like to see support going forward to legislature for any of these. She explained as the GROW council they are often asked to go to the state and support certain topics. She is asking if they are asked to write a letter of support, would commissioners be okay with such. Chairman Symes stated he would like for the GROW council to advocate for more local avenues. Debbie asked if the County would consider partially funding a market director? She will also be asking the city. Grants are funding the director now. Discussion followed.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, reported Allen County 911 is now a Medical Accredited Center of Excellence (ACE). We are the 341st Medical ACE in the world. Chelsie explained how to become an ACE. You must maintain the national standards for 3 months before you can even apply for such. Must maintain those standards, submit reports quarterly, and reapply every 3 years. Chelsie reported Allen County is the 3rd county in Kansas, along with Franklin and Johnson counties to hold a Medical ACE, and the only county in Kansas to have a dual ACE. We are also a Fire ACE, which was received 3 years ago. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on the two nuisance letters he had sent out. The property on Holiday Ct has been taken care of. The second property, south of LaHarpe, has passed their 10 days period to request a hearing, and are now about half way through the 30 days to clean up. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes spoke about Allen County's 5310 Service to the Elderly operation. We will be applying for the grant again this year. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the KDOT 5310 application. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Possible Litigation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:32 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee asked how much methane is lost at the landfill. Is it feasible to capture it and use it. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee stated he was able to have a conversation with Gail Klaassen, Neosho County Commissioner on Saturday at his booth at Farm City Days. She had spoken with Commissioner Lee previously about how Neosho County funds their EMS with the help of sales tax revenues.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Thank you letter from City of Elsmore

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$185,881.55
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Rikki Witchley and David Heiman
- c) Payroll – Commodities reimbursement for Jerry Hathaway
- d) Payroll – Boot reimbursement for Jake Bland

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

October 29, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Danielle Louk, Deputy County Appraiser, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, Will Rodgers, Halcomb

Construction, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Bruce Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 22, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar is up, and the door company will begin installation of the door today.

Mitch presented bids for concrete and asphalt for the apron of the new hangar. Discussion followed on the last items needed for the hangar. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Precision Enterprises, Garnett, KS in the amount of \$18,900.00 for the concrete. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported the 2010 Bomag, trash compactor, had a rod go out in the engine. It currently has 18,000 hours. Mitch said he would be looking at pricing options to replace it.

Mitch stated the 2013 loader, which has 23,000 hours, has hydraulic pumps going bad. Discussion followed. He will be checking Sourcewell for options.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported his crews are laying hot mix patches around the county. The new motor grader was delivered yesterday. Jeremy stated he would most likely need to purchase one more motor grader, and could be looking at a 1% increase in cost next year.

Jeremy stated he will be attending the Savonburg City council meeting next Monday.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Elmore community conversation. They had 10 in attendance. Their likes are: it is quiet, welcoming, residents are helpful, lake, good hunting, great location. The items they felt needs improvement: more involvement with younger generation, housing, RV park possibly, families moving in, drainage and ditches (Mayor Boyles will take care of this), electrical upgrade needed, downed trees or limbs on wires, key card system to get into weight room. The items they stated were the priorities: electrical, city hall upgrades, key card system, housing for workers, new residents, hunters. Commissioner Lee said he is communicating with Jason Trego to have him do some checking on the storm siren in Elmore as they feel it isn't working as well as it should be.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, presented pay application number 5 prepared by BG Consultants on behalf of Nowak for \$674,021.10. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the pay application. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes presented a letter from Troy Smith. Eric Thomason has resigned his position on the 31st Judicial District Advisory Board. Debbie Higginbotham, Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center, has stated she is willing to serve. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Debbie Higginbotham to serve on the advisory board. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting. Michael presented 2nd Quarter EMS information. He stated they taught an AEMT (advanced emergency medical technician) class, testing will be done shortly. One ambulance needed new rotors and brake pads. Discussion followed.

Michael stated they applied for a grant to get new cots, 100% cost covered.

Commissioner Daniels stated he has had a couple calls from family members of patients needing ambulance service and it was not in Humboldt, had to wait for one to come from Iola.

Chairman Symes reported on the meeting he attended for the Juvenile Detention Board. Senate bill 367 took away the ability to house juvenile offenders who needed to be taken from the situation. Now they are proposing Secure Care accommodations in centers who provide housing for CINC. The director is seeking a Secure Care grant to allow for housing for such. He asked that counties write letters of support for his application. Judge Creitz will draft a letter and so will Kevin McGuffin. Discussion followed.

Terrys EMS campaign reimbursement will be paid out of the commissioner's department within the general fund.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 11:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:18 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Jared Brooks, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action taken.

Terry stated the nuisance properties time will be up next week, so he will be making his rounds to check on them. There are three properties.

Mitch presented an amendment to agreement between Schwab-Eaton and Allen County. This amendment extends their services for the landfill project. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the chairman's signature on the amended agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Fair Board expenses for July, August, September

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 10/25/24-\$228,592.31 & 10/29/24-\$182,220.96
- b) Payroll – Training reimbursement for Jason Trego
- c) Payroll- EMS Campaign hours worked by Terry Call
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes
- e) Payroll – September Process Service for Brenda Beth, Thad Parker
- f) Clerks Journal Entries - #34

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m. until Tuesday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Daren Kellerman, Allen County Undersheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Brian Plumlee, Sheriff Deputy, Anthony Maness, Sheriff candidate, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 29, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Jessica Thompson, reported on a letter of support for the SEED Grant being applied for Elsmore City. This would help them with building renovations. Chairman Symes moved to approve the commissioners' signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, reported there will be an information gathering meeting at 4:30 p.m. on November 12th for the Historical Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grant. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar is all enclosed and the door is installed.

Mitch presented two cancellation documents. KDOT put the wrong entity name on the project. Commissioner Lee moved to sign the cancellation of agreement. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported he only received two hangar bids for next year's hangar. One company does not do metal hangars.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported there were minimal washouts after the rain this weekend. Normal maintenance at this point.

Jeremy stated he will be looking into a new semi with a low boy for next year's budget. Commissioner Lee asked about possibly getting another MowerMax. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on the letters from the City of Iola regarding the urban boundary area. It is the classification of certain roads within the shaded area on the maps given to commissioners. Eligible for federal funding on the new classification of roads. Commissioner Daniels moved to sign the letters. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry reported he has been contacted by Mission Clean Energy about battery storage. He thinks it would be best for the county to have an ordinance in place before they approach us. Commissioners asked if Bob and Terry could do a moratorium until more research can be done on these battery storage facilities. Then the commission could work up an ordinance if they wish to allow this type of facility. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported on the storm siren in Elsmore. The county can submit for a grant on behalf of the city to place a storm siren within the city. Blue

Valley said siren is very old and does not cover the entirety of the city. They recommend what we put in Mildred to replace the Elsmore one. Discussion followed.

Jason stated he is working on a mitigation grant that would allow us to put cellular modules in the control boxes of the sirens, this would sound the siren if they are within the polygon. It would sound automatically. Discussion followed.

Daren Kellerman, Undersheriff, on behalf of Farm City Days, thanking the county again.

Daren stated the Crime Stoppers Advisory Board is starting back up.

Daren presented Resolution 202415 Resolution of Support for Operation Green Light, recognizing all veterans. Commissioner Lee moved to support and sign Resolution 202415. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported on the letter of support he drafted for the grant for the juvenile detention center. Commissioner Lee moved to sign letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) September report from District Court
- b) October reports from Attorney, County Clerk, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Treasurer

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$1,337,142.73
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Christopher Sayles, Matthew Sullivan
- c) Payroll - Change for Jason Kegler
- d) Payroll – Training stipend for David Sager
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Amy Wilson & Kayla Garber
- f) Payroll – Appeal Brief for Brandon Cameron
- g) Payroll – Vacation Carryovers for Crystal Richey 60.25 hours, Mitchell Garner, 75 hours, Kevin Covey 40 hours.
- h) Clerks Journal Entries - #35

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

November 12, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, John Brocker, County Commissioner Elect, Anthony Maness, Sheriff Elect, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Anthony Maness, Sheriff Elect, reported the Kansas law enforcement training center invited Anthony to attend the new sheriff training. He stated he has reached out to Sheriff Murphy about the transitional period. Anthony also discussed his plans for an undersheriff and speaking with current employees should they wish to.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they did the flight inspection after the runway projects. We will be receiving a reimbursement of \$22,348.00, this is for time paid for but not used on the inspection.

Mitch stated they are waiting on electric and apron work for the new hangar. Commissioner Symes asked if Mitch would be able to create a spreadsheet that shows the different incomes for the airport.

Mitch reported they are pumping water out of the new cell, and have been working on the trenching to the north.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported on the heavy rains, minimal washouts and the crews are out working on them.

Jeremy stated he is still in the process on purchasing another new motor grader. It will probably be a carbon copy of the one just purchased. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, stated he will have 3 assignments to be signed next week, this will be for the sewer project.

Bob stated the tax sale is coming along, 88 tracks had title work done.

Commissioner Lee would like to thank all those who participated in the veteran's day events.

Commissioner Lee stated he had a conversation with Michael Burnett, 3 cots were being purchased by the awarded Patterson Family grant. Michael reported to Commissioner Lee that they are applying for another grant to aid in the purchase of 2 new monitors.

Commissioner Symes appreciates Judge Creitz, Troy Smith for writing letters of support for the care grant.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, John Brocker, Commissioner Elect, Anthony Maness, Sheriff Elect, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) October financial report for Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency
- b) October Fund Status Report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$254,004.91
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Doug Campbell
- c) Payroll – Changes for Curtis Ellis, Bill Wilson
- d) Payroll – Mileage Reimbursement for Amy Wilson

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to

adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. until Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

November 14, 2024

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 1:00 p.m. with Commissioner David E. Lee, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk. Chairman Symes was absent.

Rick Aiello, county employee, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, John Brocker, Commissioner Elect, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, was present to observe the meeting.

Shannon Patterson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Daniels opened the Canvass of the November 5, 2024 General Election. Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, presented the provisional ballots. She explained the reasonings for such provisional ballots. There are 120 total. Of the 120 ballots, 41 were counted and 79 were not.

Commissioners certified the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. until Tuesday, November 19, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

absent
Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David E. Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

November 19, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, John Brocker, County Commissioner Elect, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor representative, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Kaysin Crusinberry, Thrive Intern, Max Anderson, Thrive Intern, Robert Franklin, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Rick Aiello led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the November 5, 2024, November 12, 2024 and November 14, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented bids for topcoat used at the landfill. LSC Environmental, Apalachin, NY for a total of \$21,452.00 (bags) and Profile Products, Buffalo Grove, IL for a total of \$24,300.80 (bales). Mitch's recommendation is LSC. Commissioner Lee moved to purchase landfill cover from LSC for \$21,452.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented the airport revenue information requested last week. He showed the three revenue sources and comparison from 2022, 2023, and 2024. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported he received the final bid for the hangar this morning. He will have that ready for the commission next week.

Chairman Symes asked how the new cell is coming along. Mitch stated they are pumping more water out again but still working on other aspects of the project. He will be having a conference call with Will Rodgers, Halcomb, and Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, later this afternoon.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported his crews are out working on washouts again, just normal maintenance.

Chelsie Decker, 911 communications Director, joined the meeting.

Jeremy presented a bid for another motor grader. He will be trading in a 2004 with 21,000 hours for a \$30,000 allowance. The new mower grader will be \$384,931.00. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to purchase the new motor grader for \$384,931.00. Commissioner Daniles seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners asked Jeremy what equipment would be next for replacement. The new semis should begin coming in shortly. And he would like to look at another mower max or brush cutter.

Max Anderson and Kaysin Crusinberry, Thrive Interns, introduced themselves and their purpose. They have spoken with lola and Moran. In lola they met with each grade separately. Main points of discussion were lack of activities and not feeling safe, such as drug use. Some suggestions from lola would be getting the carnival back, they miss the bowling alley, and they would like ice skating, roller skating. In Moran their main concerns were drug/alcohol abuse in the community, they would like to see community cleanup such as roads and sidewalks, and control of the abandoned animals (cats/dogs). Discussion followed.

Bruce asked about letter form KDOT received this morning about a new van. Discussion followed.

Bruce asked if we could get a representative from Cox or Pinnacle to discuss the requested letters of support for the BEAD Grant.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Michael reported that with the help of Thrive they were awarded a grant that allowed them to purchase 3 new cots. He would like to apply for a matching 50/50 grant to purchase 2 monitors. The match would be \$50,000. This grant requires 15% match, but Michael states he feels we have a better chance of getting two monitors if we state we will match 50%. These monitors are also defibrillators, EKGs, take blood pressures and

other readings. Main tool in the ambulance. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the grant application with a 50% match from the county. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael reported they had their annual review. Discussion followed.

Arlynn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Trade Secretes. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:07 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, John Brocker, Commissioner Elect, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, Trade Secretes. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:18 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, John Brocker, Commissioner Elect, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action taken.

Robert Franklin, citizen, discussed having one meeting a month in the evening for those that are not able to be here during the day. Discussion followed.

Arlynn Briggs, citizen, suggested the department heads make available what will be discussed the Friday before, so it can be put on the web for the public to review.

Commissioner Daniels stated he was considering asking Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, to create a spreadsheet to track the expenses with the EMS fund. He also thought creating an EMS advisory board for a slightly better form of communication when it comes to the spending. Arlyn voiced his opinion on the EMS subject and the spending. Discussion followed. Robert Franklin, citizen, wants to speak on behalf of the staff of the EMS. He gives them a thumbs up from his family as he states they have received amazing service and response from them.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter from KDOT regarding Carbon Reduction Program award
- b) Letter from ART for monetary support
- c) October monthly report for District Court, Noxious Weed
- d) October financials for hospital board

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$183,520.59 & \$254,004.91
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Sarah Insley
- c) Payroll – Change form for Ethan Collins
- d) Payroll – Election pay for Jeremy Hopkins
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Jill Allen
- f) Payroll – Vacation Carryover for Kayla Garber 6 hours
- g) Payroll – 5, 10, 15, 20 years of service bonus
- h) Payroll – Sick Leave payout
- i) Payroll – Longevity as of 2025

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. until Tuesday, November 26 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

November 26, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Bob Johnson, County Counselor, Rodney Burns, Auditor, Anthony Maness, Sheriff-elect, John Brocker, Commissioner Dist. #3 – elect, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Terry Johnson, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the November 19, 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Daniels asked for public comment. Sheriff-Elect Maness reported on employee meetings. Sheriff Murphy allowed the employees to partake in said meetings.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds, discussed roof problems; district court & register of deeds. Commissioners approved Ron to do whatever necessary for the roof issue.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, passed out two bids for the hangar; One from Precision and one from Koehn. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee suggested they wait until the meeting of December 10 to make a decision. Chairman Symes would be present then.

Mitch reported on generator and the possibility of KDEM grant.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported on salt and ice control material for the upcoming winter months. He said the 980 only really had a flat tire, so will be ready to go soon.

Megan Bottenberg, Director of Government Affairs for Cox Communications in Kansas joined meeting. She passed out info on Cox Communications and discussed broadband expansion. Megan asked the commissioners sign a letter of support. Kansas Office of Broadband Development is online if people want to see a map. Commissioners agreed to table signing the support letter until December 10, when Chairman Symes is back. Paul Zirjacks asked if the broadband would replace coaxial cable. Megan responded.

Rodney Burns, Auditor, reported on the 2023 audit of Allen County. He discussed the ambulance billing and AIMS. The landfill closure was mentioned. Solid Waste fund was discussed. A budget amendment will need to be done, County Clerk Patterson had talked to Rodney about this.

Rodney presented his audit contract for next year and the audit report. The price of such is up \$600.00. Commissioners will wait until December 10 when Chairman Symes is back to approve contract.

Bob gave the commissioners Right of Way Easement for the commissioners to sign. It assigns our assignee rights to the City of Iola. Jerry moved to approve Right of Way Easement, Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Terry Call, Zoning administrator, reported an interest in battery storage facility, BESS (battery energy storage System) in Allen County, 15-30 acres needed, discussion followed. Commissioners requested Terry ask BESS to get on the agenda, then of course a zoning hearing will be needed.

Rob Faulkner and Chris Crowe, Pinnacle Broadband, called in to the meeting. Chris requested commissioners' support. Commissioner Daniels stated they will likely approve letter of support when Chairman Symes is present as well.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Kelly Sigg, Iola Area Chamber of Commerce to use the east side of the courthouse lawn for the annual Christmas block party on Friday, December 6, 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS, reported on new cots soon to be delivered. He explained the flexibility of the new cots. Michael reported on ambulance needing repairs. Commissioner Lee moved to have the ambulance repaired by Twin Motors, cost to be around \$9,000, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lee asked Michael to be a part of the budget discussion and share what will be needed in regards to expenditures.

Commissioner Lee stated no commission meeting next week December 10, as commissioners will be at KAC.

Commissioners wished employees Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Appraiser's monthly money collected (cash)

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$231,836.12 & 11/25/2024-\$466,250.96
- b) Payroll – Sheriff's process servers
- c) Payroll - payroll change for A Haney, enrollment for A Maness
- d) Permission to shred 2020 vouchers, adds & abates, daily work PR dup checks, MV per KSA 75-3504 & KAR 53-2-115

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m. until Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson (absent)

David Lee, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

December 10, 2024

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Terry Call, Zoning

Administrator, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Rick Aiello, employee, John Brocker, County Commissioner Elect, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Cole Herder led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on November 26, 2024

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the new motor grader should be delivered at the end of the month. The mower max is headed to the Elsmore area. Norman maintenance going on around the county.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, reported the city is doing a 13-million-dollar water project, with the assistance of USDA Rural Development funding. They are having to move the water lines farther away from the sewer lines, so he is asking for an additional easement. The county owns one of the 65 areas that will need the additional easement. He is asking the County if they would be willing to donate. Cole would like to revise the right of way easement that will be filed to only say donated and then will bring back for the signature. He would just need to agreement signed for now. Commissioner Lee moved to donate the requested 10' easement behind the ambulance station at 808 Osage, and approved the Chairman's signature on the agreement and easement (once revised). Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported on a request from the City of Iola for an annexation of the property involved in the Airport Industrial Park improvements. Commissioner Lee stated he thought we would do this once the sewer project was completed. Discussion followed on the timeline. The request asked today is just a prelim to the annexation. Letter states we are requesting the annexation of the property. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the signature on the annexation consent request. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, was asked where we stand with the state of our roofs and time frame of when we will need a new one. Typically, they say 20 years life span, with the courthouse roof being put on in 2007 and the sheriff/jail section being put on in 2015. Ron stated that yes, he believes we should start budgeting for the replacement. Zack Morrison, H&H Roofing, came to look at the roof and he will be back to give his recommendation of what needs to be done, especially over District Court.

Commissioner Lee asked Terry Call if he had any more information on the battery farm. Terry stated the company will like to make a presentation, but that it will be after the first of the year.

Gary McIntosh, Your Community Foundation, joined the meeting.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, reported the courthouse will close to the public at noon on December 30th to conduct year end procedures. She asked the commission what time they would like to hold their meeting, as Tuesday December 31st is a holiday for the county. The commission will hold their regular meeting on Monday, December 30th at 1:00 p.m.

Shannon then asked if they were still considering moving their January 14th regular meeting to the 13th for swearing in. Since the commission will have a request from the city (the City of Iola meets the evening of January 13th) coming in on the 14th, they will hold their meeting on that Tuesday as normal.

Robert Johnson, reported a family is moving to a property just outside the south city limits of Iola. There is an adjacent lot owned by the county, not by the property owner, as

originally thought. The county had purchased the lot from FEMA after the flood. Bob is asking the commission to consider selling said lot. Bob stated he would advise them to make an offer and then the commission could open the offer at a later meeting. John Brocker stated he believes no structure can be placed on the lot. Discussion followed. They will hold off until next meeting and let Bob do a little more research into it.

Chairman Symes brought up possibly making an official pull off area on the west side of old highway south of Iola. He stated currently not official pull off and not safe. Discussion followed.

Alan Weber, Your Community Foundation, joined the meeting.

Alan Weber spoke on a change needed in order for our environmental fund to be eligible for the Patterson grant. The commission would need to be changed to an advisory role and then the Your Community Foundation would be the final deciders. Allen County funds are only available to fund projects to better the environment. Alan stated it could be broadened depending on what was wanted. Commissioner Lee stated he was inquiring about the community events. Alan stated he would not advise using it for that, but use it for something above and beyond what county already is doing. Discussion followed. Commissioners are considering contributing no more than 8,000 and no less than 5,000. John Brocker will take a request to the hospital facilities board meeting to use the sales tax funds to donate to the hospital fund at Your Community Foundation, to go towards the Patterson Family Grant match.

Commissioners discussed the easement presented last meeting in regards to the sewer line project. Commissioner Daniels moved approve Chairman Symes' signature on the easement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the audit engagement letter and engagement letter for budget preparation assistance presented by Rodney Burns at the last meeting. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on the two engagement letters. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner discussed the two letters of support for Cox Communications and Pinnacle Broadband to apply for the BEAD Grant. Commissioner Daniels moved to sign the letters of support. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner discussed a letter submitted by Jared Gilmore Phillips to continue to prepare the Schedule of Bond Activity for the Allen County Regional Hospital for \$3,750.00. Commissioner Lee moved to approve Jared Gilmore Phillips to prepare the schedule of activity. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the hangar bids that Mitch presented at the last meeting. Koehn Construction Services for \$221,747.07 and Precision Enterprises for \$132,862.00, for purchase after January 1 to hit the 2025 budget. John Brocker, County Commissioner Elect, asked if we have an idea of what we will be renting it out for. Discussion followed on area airports and what rents are being charged. Chairman Symes stated he would like to wait until next week when Mitch will be here to answer a few questions.

Debbie Bearden, Farmers Market, joined the meeting. Debbie is requesting to have a representative from the County to be on a Farmers Market Working Group. She will be asking the cities to have representation as well. The purpose of the group is to work together to keep the farmers markets going. The commissioner will official appoint someone at the January meeting when all other appointments are made. For now, Commissioner Lee stated Debbie could contact him.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) November reports: County Clerk, Treasurer, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Attorney
- b) November Fund Status Report
- c) League of Kansas Municipalities yearly letter and information
- d) 2025 budget for SEK Mult County Health Department
- e) Add – PP, Value 555, \$88.80, Year 2024
TR, Value 760, \$128.06, Year 2024
Oil, Value 2,243, \$367.70, Year 2024

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$982,059.14 & 12/9/2024-\$31,989.25
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Jody Potter
- c) Payroll – hotel & mileage reimbursement for Robert Johnson
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Shannon Patterson, Jerry Daniels, Jami Clark
- e) Payroll – November process service for Haley Donovan, Thad Parker, Steve Womack, Brenda Beth
- f) Abatements – RE, Value 47,301, \$9,641.90, Year 2024
RE, Value 1,080, \$224.20, Year 2022
RE, Value 1,080, \$217.06, Year 2021
PP, Value 35,595, \$5,392.30, Year 2024
TR, Value 3,891, \$588.16, Year 2024
Oil, Value 5,583, \$878.70, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 a.m. until Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 9:54 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK December 17, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Danielle Louk, Deputy County Appraiser, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor Representative, John Bocker, County Commissioner Elect, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Anthony Maness, Sheriff Elect, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Danielle Louk led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 10, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Anthony Maness, Sheriff Elect, reported he completed the new sheriff schooling. He is going to utilize the commission room to hold meetings, as was offered previously. He is extending the offer for any of the commissioners to reach out should they like to speak with him.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they will start pouring concrete Thursday for approach to the new hangar.

Mitch presented revenue and expense totals for the airport. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported on the new landfill cell and its progress. Halcomb claims they should be done by the end of the month. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Precision Enterprises for a 50 x 50 hangar with the cost of \$132,862.00. Commissioner Lee seconded. Commissioner Daniels added this will be taken out of the 2025 budget. Commissioner Lee would like to have future discussions on the rent of the hangars. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Arylnn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, reported the grant opened up for the new monitors. The state will only pay \$20,000 per monitor this year. He recommends only applying for 1 monitor instead of the 2 as previously discussed. One monitor will now cost the county \$31,700. He stated we will need to replace a ventilator now, which would be \$7,000 to \$8,000. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the county's share of \$31,700 toward a monitor. Commissioner Daniels seconded; however he asked if we needed the monitor right now or can it wait for this grant. Michael stated it can wait. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee asked about the 10 individuals that took the training. Discussion followed.

Commissioners opened the Allen County 2024 Amended budget hearing. Shannon explained the airport and ambulance funds needed to be amended. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the amended 2024 budget. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented gross revenue for the landfill at the commissioner's request.

Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, asked to transfer \$40,000 to the special equipment fund. Resolution 202418 would authorize such transfer. Chairman Symes moved to approve Resolution 202418 to transfer \$40,000 from the appraiser's fund to the special equipment fund. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed. 3-0-0.

Danielle stated there is a notification of county appraiser change form that needs to be signed and sent into the Division of Property Valuation. This is the official document notifying the state that our current appraiser is retiring. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the signatures on the notice of change. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:12 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, John Brocker Commissioner Elect, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:17 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, John Brocker Commissioner Elect, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:22 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, John Brocker Commissioner Elect, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:27 a.m. No action taken.

Joe Holdenried & Stephen Euston, Bukaty Companies, joined the meeting.

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, joined the meeting.

Joe Holdenried and Stephen Euston, Bukaty Companies, presented a review of our current plan. Overall claims are down. Discussion followed.

Stephen discussed the wellness blood draws.

Joe and Stephen presented information on the Employee Assistance Program Overview. Currently we have a program free with our Guardian coverages. Discussion followed.

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, reviewed the Airport Industrial Park project. He also presented final payment applications for Nowak and BG Consultants. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve pay application 6, pending receipt of the contract documents. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Lee moved to approve final payment to BG Consultants. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the closeout paperwork pending County Counselor and engineer's approval. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairman's signature on a request from the Department of Commerce. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners began discussing raises. They were given the proposed tiered raises, 2% increases, and 3% increases. Commissioner Lee requested a new spreadsheet for annual gross of \$50,000 and below will be receive a \$1.00 increase and above \$50,000 will be 2.75 % or 3%. Commissioners would like to review all of these figures again for next meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) FEMA letter
- b) November report – Noxious Weed
- c) November hospital board financials

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$529,809.55
- b) Payroll – Changes for Kay Shults, Lisa Dobyms
- c) Payroll – Reimbursements for Anthony Maness, David Lee
- d) Payroll – Appeal Brief for Jerry Hathaway
- e) Clerks Journal Entries - #36
- f) Abatements – RE, Value 194, \$26.24, Year 2023
RE, Value 327, \$43.52, Year 2024
PP, Value 327, \$56.28, Year 2024
TR, Value 2016, \$288.44, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. until Monday, December 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

December 30, 2024

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor representative, Anthony Maness, Sheriff-elect, John Brocker, Commissioner Dist. #3 – elect, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Doris Forshee, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 17, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the two motor graders have been delivered.

Jeremy reported on the current fuel system. The company used is no longer in business and now they cannot get fuel reports. Jeremy will be looking for a new system.

Jeremy stated he plans to grind up Texas Rd from old highway into Carlyle, and possibly Rhode Island from 1000-1200. He will also be doing patch work on other roads around the county.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Sandra Drake, employee, and Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the apron for new hangar has been poured. They are waiting on Heartland to put the meters up before electric can be run. Mitch also discussed a grant to purchase up to 3 generators for the airport, county share would be 25%. Discussion followed.

Mitch state the landfill has electric in and pump is in. Thursday, Schwab Eaton will be here to do final inspection and report to KDHE. Discussion followed.

Mitch asked the commissioners their thoughts on rent amount for the new hangar. \$450-\$500? Discussion followed.

Commissioners opened the zoning hearing. Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on the zoning hearing that was held on December 19th. Joe Works is wanting to change 6 acres from agriculture to heavy industrial, as heavy industrial allows for bulk propane storage, conditional use allows for retail. This is located on 1400th St between Hawaii and Georgia. Terry stated the 2 land owners nearby didn't have any issue as long as it was just the 6 acres. The zoning board recommends approval pending the survey and sale to David Gant. Doris Forshee, citizen, lives across the road and they do not want this change to happen. She is concerned that her home will lose 30% of its value. She is suggesting adding a privacy fence as well. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the recommendation of the Allen County Zoning Board to rezone the

6 acres from agriculture to heavy industrial, pending the survey and sale to David Gant. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes presented Jami Clark a plaque for her retirement.

Marilyn Logan, Marmaton Market Inc, seeking a letter of support for a \$152,645.00 grant. Grant will replace freezer, upgrade electric. Marilyn explained the need. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202419 which amends Resolution 202417, transferring \$265,000 to special machinery instead of \$600,000. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202419. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, presented a letter to go along with a grant he is applying for. He explained the letter needs signature confirming county's portion of putting smart modules on the 3 storm sirens. This is part of a mitigation project. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the letter. Commissioner Lee seconded. Commissioner Lee asked if this is just a control box? Jason explained. Motion and a second; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed raises for 2025. Commissioner Symes moved \$1.00 for under \$50,000 and 3% for those above. All employees including elected officials. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 2:02 p.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road and Bridge Director, John Bocker, Commissioner Elect and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor representative. Commissioners reconvened at 2:12 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 2:13 p.m. Those present will be Commissioners, John Bocker, Commissioner Elect and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor representative. Commissioners reconvened at 2:23 p.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Inventory – Iola Seniors Inc, Public Works, Road & Bridge, Treasurer, Elderly Van, Maintenance, Register of Deeds, Meals on Wheels
- b) December report – Attorney
- c) Your Community Foundation thank you letter
- d) Historical Society letter regarding Brown Brothers' Garage and Store (86 3rd St., Mildred)
- e) Adds – RE, Value 3,617, \$673.62, Year 2024
OIL, Value 1,306, \$179.90, Year 2024

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$1,185,243.95
- b) Payroll – Change forms for Wayne Carson, Edward Donovan, Terry Call
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries - #37, 38, 39
- d) Abatements – RE, Value 13,672, \$2,006.80, Year 2024
PP, Value 14,212, \$2,299.70, Year 2024
TR, Value 547, \$78.22, Year 2024
OIL, Value 1,306, \$179.90, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to

adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 p.m. until Tuesday, January 7, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner