

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, Vicki Moss, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Craig Isom, AMR/GMR, Rachel Moore, Thrive Allen County, Jason Trego, Allen County Emergency Management, Jeremy Armstrong, Saint Luke's Hospital, Terry Sparks, 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 April 4, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment; there was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported on estimates for fencing around the landfill. Mitch stated he would like to go out for formal bids for the fencing. Another option would be to build up dirt to block some of that. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported that the noxious weed department is out spraying and they have been selling quite a bit of chemical.

Chairman Lee reported on multiple phone calls concerning the trash that has been blown out of the landfill. Discussion followed.

Chuck Apt, Attorney, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Chuck Apt, Attorney, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:50 a.m. No action taken.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported on changes coming from the state when it comes to inspecting bridges. Rated 4 bridges will be getting checked every year. Divers will be needed for water bridges. Discussion followed.

Mark stated they are making progress on West Virginia Rd. The weather has prevented beginning on 2000th St. Mark will be in contact with Bettis to see when they can begin on their projects.

Mark plans to bring pricing for a new track hoe next week.

Mark reported the smaller tractor should be here shortly and the mower will then be attached. The larger tractor should be in middle of June and the mower is ready when it gets here.

Craig Isom, GMR/AMR, presented the commissioners with a contract for review. Craig reported on what is in the contract. This contract is for 911 services only, transfers are not included. Discussion followed.

Carol Olson, ACMAT, joined the meeting.

Carol Olson, ACMAT chair, requesting permission to use the courthouse lawn on June 8, 2023 for the annual Family Safety Night. Carol explained what ACMAT is and the services

they provide. Family Safety Night is free to the public. The event will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the farmer's market. They are also trying to bring a food truck in. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the use of the courthouse lawn, with a \$100 donation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Rachel Moore, Thrive Allen County, presented the commissioners with an addendum to the original Moderate-Income Housing (MIH) Grant. Allen County was awarded an additional \$7500.00. Yutzy Construction is working on the outer shell of the house. Campestral is working on the inside features of the house. Discussion followed. Chairman Lee asked what the total cost of this project will be. Rachel will research that. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the addendum to the MIH Grant. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jay Kretzmeier, Sunflower Rail Trails, joined the meeting.

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

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

Jay Kretzmeier explained that he is the manager of the Sunflower Rail Trail system. He is requesting the commissioners to approve and sign a management agreement. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the management agreement. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter from Allen Community College
- b) Schedule of bond activity for Allen County Regional Hospital
- c) Solid Waste Financial Statement for March 2023
- d) March Fund Status Report
- e) February Monthly report for Sheriff's office
- f) March Monthly reports for Attorney, District Court, Noxious Weed, Public Works, Sheriff, Treasurer

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$161,394.67
- b) Clerk's Journal Entry - #21
- c) Payroll – Enrollments for William Maggard, Johnny Cox
- d) Payroll – Changes for Angela Tatman, Ilya Huddleston, Kayla Garber, Alex Reynolds, Arin Roecker
- e) Payroll – Reimbursement for Cara Bowen
- f) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Debra Ludlum

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. until Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner