

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.

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Planning & Zoning Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Craig Isom, AMR, 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 meetings on April 11, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the SPRINT Grant. He will not know until May now on if we are awarded any of the grant.

Mitch wanted to thank Mark Griffith and his crews for coming out and helping pick up trash. They are currently working on getting some trash picked up on the west side from the winds on Saturday. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated that they are still selling quite a bit of chemical.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are done with most of West Virginia, should finish it up today. Discussion followed on dust control for the roads that have been torn up.

George Levins, citizen, joined the meeting.

Judge Daniel Creitz and Troy Smith joined the meeting.

Bruce reported on a call he received about a bridge with a pothole on West Virginia. Discussion followed.

Jerry complimented Mark on his work.

Judge Creitz & Troy Smith, Drug Court Director, reported on the \$28,282.59 of Opioid funds that the county has been awarded. Judge Creitz is requesting that these funds be distributed to Drug Court. Troy explained the breakdown on the funds from the Opioid settlement. 25% was sent directly to the County. 75% is then available for grant application. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the Judge's request of \$28,282.59 for drug court. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Johnson reported that we will be getting a contract from the architect soon.

Cameron Carter, Biblesta Committee, joined the meeting.

John Brocker, joined the meeting.

Cameron Carter, Biblesta Committee, requested continued support for Biblesta. He is asking for a donation given to the increased cost to put on the festival. Commissioner Daniels moved to donate 1500 for Biblesta. Symes 3-0-0.

John Brocker, citizen, reported on a study he received on the increase of taxes. He is here to relate this to the ambulance situation. Discussion followed.

Dimity Lowell, Iola Seniors Inc, joined the meeting. Dimity reported the building is ready to get the electric put in.

Dimity reported they will be hosting one of the Thursday ice cream socials in conjunction with the city band performance.

George Levins, citizen, came before the commissioners to discuss the trash out at the landfill. He reported on a program when he was a Judge in Allen County. He would have inmates come out to clean up the trash.

Mr. Levins asked how many of the audience had to call for an ambulance. He is concerned with response time if we have to wait for an ambulance from Linn County. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson reported on a request from Jack Bender to clean the head stones at the Evan Young cemetery. Commissioners are okay with Mr. Bender having the head stones cleaned.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client for possible land acquisition and litigation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:48 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 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.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:03 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Terry Call, Planning & Zoning Administrator. Commissioners reconvened at 10:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:21 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Terry Call, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Craig Isom, AMR, and Jason Jenkins, AMR (on conference call). Commissioners reconvened at 10:36 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:37 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Terry Call, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Craig Isom, AMR, and Jason Jenkins, AMR (on conference call). Commissioners reconvened at 10:52 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:54 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Terry Call, Planning & Zoning Administrator, Craig Isom, AMR, and Jason Jenkins, AMR (on conference call). Commissioners reconvened at 11:04 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to cancel the meeting next week due to the Kansas County Commissioners conference. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moves to approve the services agreement with American Medical Response with contingencies as discussed. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter regarding Kansas State Revolving Fund
- b) March Financial Reports for Hospital Facilities Board

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 4/14/2023-\$325,106.86 & 4/17/2023-\$19,459.56

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. until Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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David E. Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner