

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Lee, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Daren Kellerman, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Lisse Regehr and Johnathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Carl Slaugh, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjack, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 19, 2022.

No public comment.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the crews are working in LaHarpe on roads. Two graders are still down.

Mitch is getting updates to install restrooms at the county barns.

Commissioner Lee requested Mitch review a road; 1500 Street.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, presented a cleaned-up copy of ARPA funding:

ARPA Report for April 26, 2022 to Allen County Commission

ARPA Requests	Total \$ Requested for Project	\$ Obligated for Tranche 1	\$ Expended for Tranche 1	\$ Obligated for Tranche 2	Notes
Administrator	\$96,101.00	\$48,050.50	\$48,050.50	\$48,050.50	\$48,050.00 paid on 10/15/2021
Storm Shelters	\$254,300.00	\$254,300.00	\$254,300.00	\$0.00	6 storm shelters have been delivered. \$254,300 paid 4/1/2022
Storm Shelters (additional costs)	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	Additional costs incurred for Filing Agreements with Register of Deeds \$190.00 to be paid out 04/01/2022
County Labor Study	\$11,332.00	\$11,332.00	\$11,332.00	\$0.00	Approved by the commissioners: 10.12.2021 \$11,332 paid out 10/29/2021
Communications Tower	\$875,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$775,000.00	County approved Hayden Tower Service bid at \$875,000.00.
Courtroom remodel	\$10,894.00	\$10,894.00	\$10,894.00		Money spent thus far is for architect (Zingre)
Courthouse Security Upgrades	\$20,330.00	\$20,330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	Upgrading security system with distress buttons, alarms, control panel, etc.

Rural Water Dist#8 or necessary water lines to Airport Industrial Park	\$641,000.00				Airport infrastructure project total is \$3,873,460.00. BASE award amount \$2,905,095.00 requires match of 25% of project amount, so a total match of \$967,965.00. Already provided \$19,600 toward match (preliminary engineering report), so need additional \$968,965.00 to reach required match amount. Necessary water lines (10 inch) for airport industrial park: \$1,675,000 Water tower: \$1,150,000-\$1,900,000
Airport Industrial Park (BASE match part 2)	\$327,965.00				
County Barns - 3 restrooms & concrete floors throughout building	\$81,680.25				\$27,226.75 per barn renovation
Transportation, thru June 2022	\$34,000.00	\$10,383.94	\$10,383.94	\$0.00	General Transportation has received \$7,151.89 of ARPA thru Q1, 2022 and \$3232.05 for Q2 2022 as of 4/18/2022
911 Backup office	\$28,801.00				Chelsea in location selection now; getting bids for 1 and 2 workstation spaces
Allen County; security barriers	\$56,637.00				
K State Building	\$7,262.00				
Courthouse renovations (water treatment system)	\$925.00				Per quote on 2.7.22
Rural Water District 2	\$103,226.61				Asked by Commission to be put back on the list, as it is a cooperative ask between Bourbon, Neosho and Allen Counties. The amount requested is roughly 46% of the
Register of Deeds	\$28,000.00				Cara Barkdoll contacted Thive with this request before presenting to the County Commission
Total Requested, Obligated, or Expended So Far	\$2,577,643.86	\$455,480.44	\$335,150.44	\$48,050.50	
Award Amount	\$2,402,533.00	\$1,201,266.50	\$1,201,266.50	\$1,201,266.50	
	Total request	Tranche 1 Ob	Tranche 1 Exp	Tranche 2 Ob	
Total remaining	-\$175,110.86	\$745,786.06	\$866,116.06	\$1,153,216.00	

She discussed the rural Water District #2 being added back in. RWD#2 is shared by Bourbon and Neosho Counties; Neosho will be making payment towards the improvement.

Lisse presented information on Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: A Historical Investment in Water.



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: A Historic Investment in Water

President Biden's leadership and bipartisan Congressional action have delivered the single-largest investment in U.S. water infrastructure ever. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests **more than \$50 billion** through EPA's highly successful water infrastructure programs.

- \$20+ billion for safe drinking water.**
- \$15 billion in dedicated funding to replace lead pipes.**
- \$12+ billion to ensure clean water for communities.**
- \$1.8 billion to protect regional waters.**
- \$135 million for additional water improvements.**

With this funding, EPA, states, Tribes, and localities have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to strengthen and rebuild America's water infrastructure. EPA will ensure that all communities get their fair share of this federal water infrastructure investment—especially disadvantaged communities. This funding will put Americans to work in good-paying jobs and support a thriving economy.

Safe Drinking Water

There are still an estimated 6 to 10 million lead service lines in cities and towns across the country, many of which are in low-income neighborhoods and communities of color. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver resources to remove these lead pipes, in line with President Biden's goal of removing 100% of lead service lines. This means that millions of families will be able to rely on drinking water that is safe from lead and other contaminants.

Clean Water for Communities

The nation's wastewater and stormwater management systems that are critical to safely returning used water to the environment are aging and breaking down. With more than \$12 billion for clean water infrastructure, communities will be able to upgrade these critical systems. This means that more people will be able to swim, fish, and play in their waters and the environment will be cleaner and more vibrant.

Protecting Regional Waters

Investing in regional waters—from the Chesapeake Bay, to the Great Lakes, to the Puget Sound—will better protect the nation's largest and most treasured waters to ensure that they continue to serve as vital economic and recreational assets.

Water is life. It keeps us healthy, sustains vibrant communities and dynamic ecosystems, and it supports the economy. **Water infrastructure** is essential to delivering reliable, affordable, and safe water. When water infrastructure fails, it threatens people's health, peace of mind, and the environment. The **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law** provides a historic investment to replace pipes, upgrade water treatment facilities, and ensure that America's water systems are resilient for the future.

Safe Drinking Water

\$15 billion

Lead Service Line Replacement through the [Drinking Water State Revolving Funds](#)
49% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans.
State match is not required.

\$11.7 billion

Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
49% of funds will be provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
51% of funds will be available to communities for low-interest loans.
State match is reduced to 10%.

\$4 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants through the Drinking Water SRF
Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water.
All funds provided to communities as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
State match is not required.

\$5 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants in Disadvantaged Communities
Funding through [Small, Underserved, and Disadvantaged Communities Grants](#)
Can be used to remediate PFAS in drinking water.
Provided as grants.
State match is not required.

Clean Water for Communities

\$11.7 billion

Clean Water State Revolving Funds ([CWSRF](#))
49% of funds will be available for grants or principal forgiveness loans.
51% of funds will be available for low-interest loans.
State match is reduced to 10%.

\$1 billion

Addressing Emerging Contaminants
Funding through Clean Water State Revolving Funds.
All funds provided as grants or principal forgiveness loans.
State match is not required.

Protecting Regional Waters

\$1.7 billion

Geographic Programs
Funding directed to 12 federally recognized geographic programs.

\$132 million

National Estuary Program ([NEP](#))
Funding to be distributed across 28 Federally recognized estuaries to restore vulnerable coastal areas and communities.

Additional Investments in Water

\$60 million

Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force ([HTF](#))
Funding to be divided equally across 12 Hypoxia Task Force states.

\$50 million

Underground Injection Control Grants (UIC)

Funding to support states' efforts to attain Class VI primacy.
100% of funding provided as grants.
State match is not required.

\$25 million

Permitting Class VI Wells (Class VI Wells)

Support to EPA for carbon sequestration programs.

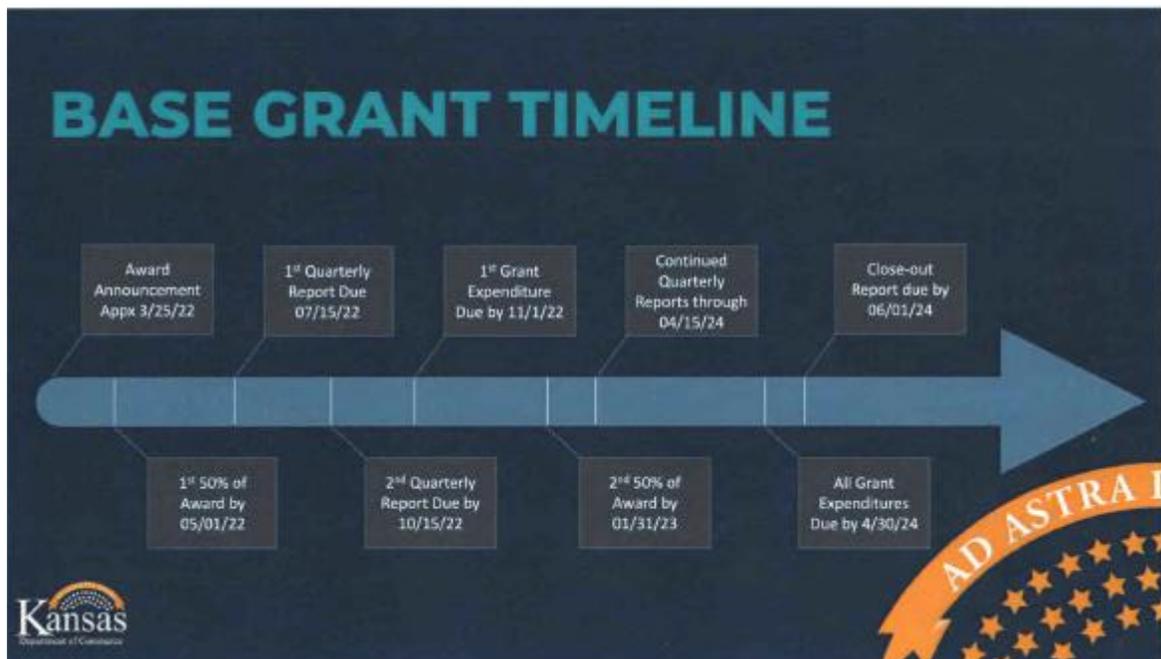
She is hoping the other water districts requesting funding is on this list with the EPA.

Lisse discussed General Transportation and ARPA need if the county uses it from matching funds.

Lisse has added the match for BASE Grant. Sherrie verified what was in PILOT fund at his time; \$115,000. Discussion followed on what funds could be used for the match.

The ARPA funding continued to be discussed.

Johnathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, discussed the BASE Grant and presented a timeline:



In the Resolution they will need to decide how much is coming out of what fund for the BASE Grant. Discussion followed. They are all due the middle of May, so they need the funding decided before the Resolution.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for attorney client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Johnathon discussed the Allen County Regional Airport Master Plan update. He presented information:

AGENDA

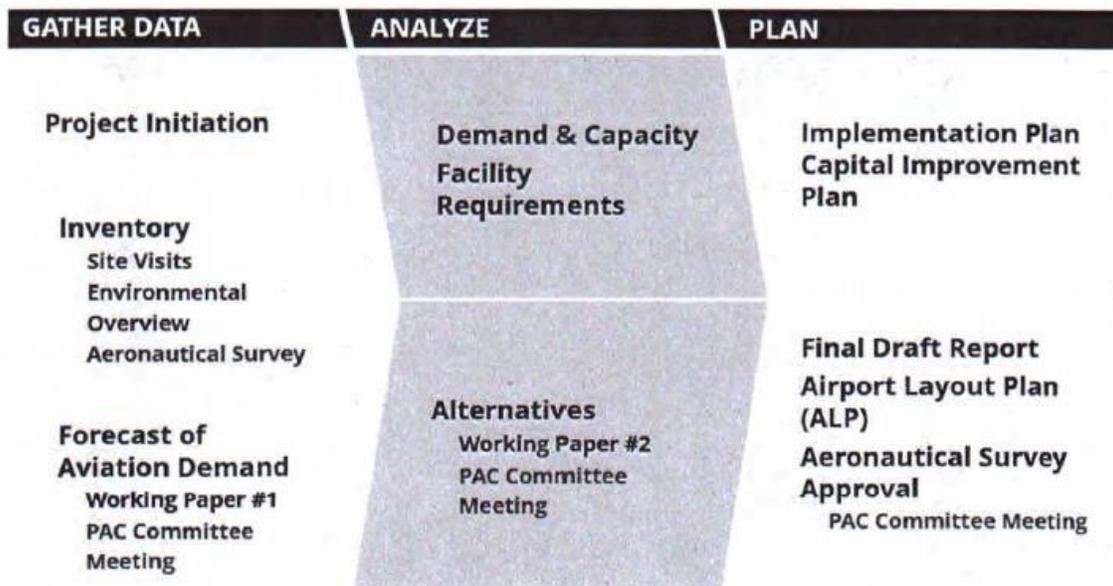
1. Introductions
2. Discuss Purpose and Scope of Project
3. Discuss Focus Areas of AMP
4. Role of the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC)
5. Complete SWOT Analysis
6. Schedule/Next Steps

WHAT IS AN AIRPORT MASTER PLAN UPDATE?

An airport infrastructure development plan that:

1. Provides a realistic roadmap for future infrastructure development.
2. Establishes clear development priorities.
3. Serves as a "tool" that improves how you manage your airport.

The Process



Focus Areas of this ALP Update

- Eliminate Crosswind Runway
- Maximize Industrial Development
- RPZ Risk Assessment
- Evaluate $\frac{3}{4}$ vs. 1-mile approach minimums
- Terminal Area Planning
- Develop Implementation Plan to Get the Most Benefit from Available Grant/Local Dollars
 - *Airfield Pavement*
 - *Airfield Lighting & NAVAIDs*
 - *Utilities for Industrial Development (West Side)*
 - *Terminal Area Development (Hangars & Utilities)*

Role of the PAC?

1. Guide the Direction of the Project.
2. Review and Provide Feedback on Project Documents.
3. Serve as a Link to Airport Stakeholders.

SWOT Analysis

Strengths:

What does our Airport have going for it? Our community (related to airport)?

Opportunities:

What opportunities exist that we should pursue/consider?

Weakness:

What challenges does our Airport have? Our community (related to airport)?

Threats:

What outside threats could hurt our airport?

Schedule

SCHEDULE	
Kickoff Meeting	4/19/2022
Submit Working Paper #1 (Inventory and Forecast)	7/31/2022
PAC Meeting No. 1	8/1/2022
FAA Approval of critical aircraft and forecast	8/31/2022
Submit Working Paper #2 (Facility Req. and Alternatives)	11/30/2022
PAC Meeting No. 2	12/1/2022
Submit CIP	2/28/2023
Submit Draft ALP and Exhibit A	2/28/2023
FAA Approval of Airspace	4/30/2023
Final ALP and Exhibit A Submittal	5/31/2023
Aero Survey/ADIP Approval	5/31/2023
Final Report and Closeout	6/15/2023
Closeout Meetings & Final Presentation	6/30/2023

Next meeting will be late July or early August. Chairman Daniels expressed his appreciation of the contactors job.

Jessica Sager, CDL, she explained all the company offers to the Allen County and area. List the inside brochure explaining what all CDL can do; from Plumbing, Warning systems, Radios, Solar, Security, Generators and more.

Jessica stated they are also the General Machinery and Supply Company, INC. who offers more, such as materials and they also have SEK Overhead Doors as well. She discussed current door work at the airport. Chairman Daniels thanked Jessica for CDL investing in Allen County.

Dorothy Sparks, Hope Unlimited Executive Director, expressed their need for a new facility and requested the Commissioners submit a support letter:

April 26, 2022

Community Service Tax Credit Program
Dustin Gale, Program Manager
Kansas Department of Commerce
1000 SW Jackson Street – Suite 100
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1354

Dear Mr. Gale:

We are pleased to offer a letter of support and cooperation for Hope Unlimited's new shelter to be located in Iola, Kansas. We firmly support their request for community services tax credits from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Since 1984, Hope Unlimited has provided crucial, frontline safety net services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse in Allen, Anderson, Neosho and Woodson Counties. The COVID pandemic revealed the need for a new shelter facility that will provide the space needed to safely house women, children and men who have experienced abuse. Hope Unlimited has been a valuable community partner and has grown over the years. The agency now operates a Child Visitation Center and Child Advocacy Center in addition to the shelter program; and provides a critical partnership in the community. With a new facility, Hope Unlimited can move forward with its vision which includes an on-site child care center for shelter and outreach clients, a learning lab for students who are residing in shelter and sufficient space to allow individuals and families to recover from trauma.

A new shelter facility is greatly needed and will be of significant value to the Allen, Anderson, Neosho and Woodson counties. This one-time effort will create lasting value for children and families. As a critical investment in the community, this endeavor will bring more services and more employment opportunities to the local community. Approval to receive Kansas Community Service Tax Credits will have a positive impact on the region and that is why we wholeheartedly support their efforts in seeking a new shelter facility.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee asked about what Hope Unlimited does. Dorothy stated it started in 1984 when the need was recognized. They have been filling gaps for needs. Allen, Woodson and Neosho Counties are participating counties. 45 bed facility for families to stay in one room not several families in one room. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the commission sign the support letter for Hope Unlimited. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Daren Kellerman, Deputy, discussed the ARPA funding, specifically Employee Premium Pay. Discussion followed on each Commissioner meeting since March 2020. Daren presented a letter to the commissioner requesting the essential employee pay. Chairman Daniels discussed the merit that the Sheriff gave to employees is an on going pay not a one time. Commissioner Symes expressed his concerns and employee appreciation. Discussion followed. Chairman Daniels thanked Daren for his comments but the commission did increase the wages 6.5 % across the board and then the Sheriff submitted increases for his staff.

Daren presented the commission with a letter from the following deputies:

4/26/2022

To the Board of Allen County Commissioners,

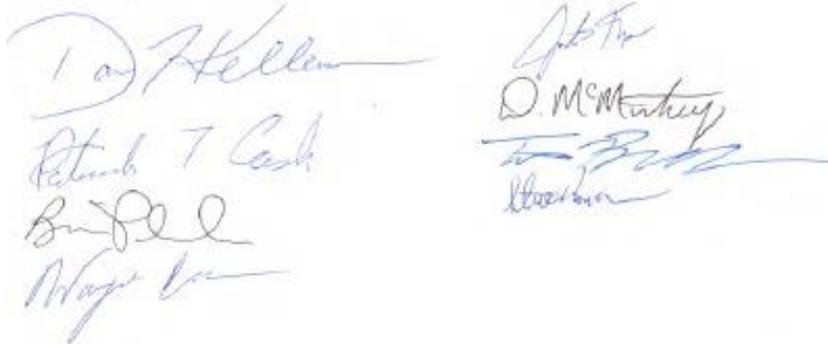
We, the undersigned full-time employees of Allen County, each being sworn as a Deputy Sheriff, understand we may be required to exceed our normal expected employment responsibilities from time to time.

We recognize that many public employees have been or were deemed or classified as "essential" or "front/forward-facing" workers during not just normal times, but also during a declared emergency or time of pandemic.

Further, all Allen County public employees, full and part-time, are an integral part of the infrastructure of Allen County and should be supported as such.

In consideration for all other eligible employees of Allen County receiving "premium pay" through use of American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds, we hereby relinquish any eligibility to the same.

Sincerely,

The image shows six handwritten signatures in blue ink. On the left side, from top to bottom, they are: 'Alan Weber', 'Karen Gilpin', 'Janie Works', 'Lorraine Kuzen-Stephens', 'Dan Davis', and 'Steve Strickler'. On the right side, there are three signatures: 'John P.', 'D. McManis', and 'Bob Franklin'.

Alan Weber, Karen Gilpin, Janie Works, Lorraine Kuzen-Stephens, Dan Davis and Steve Strickler, representatives for recycling joined the meeting.

Bob Franklin mentioned remembering the commission approving an increase so that all county employees would benefit, not just a few.

Alan discussed the Rotary starting up the recycling but was overwhelmed. They have formed a 501C3 as of March 1, 2022. He discussed the Allen County's concern about the county not helping a non-county entity. Discussion followed. Alan requested the county being able to haul items back up to Burlington except for the cardboard. They would handle plastics and not a money-making proposition. Alan reported there is about \$80,000 in the endowment currently that could be used towards the effort. Alan asked how the commission felt about recycling. They would like help right now on the transportation to the collection site.

Commissioner Symes discussed that recycling is not a money making but it does keep things out of the landfill, so he could mitigate some funding especially since it goes back into the community. He continues with concerns. Commissioner Symes stated since the change that he thought the county should step back since it wasn't a county function. Alan stated the income doesn't go to the volunteers, but could go back into education of recycling. Discussion followed. He requested help starting the transportation of recycling to Burlington. Alan explained the value of preserving the community.

Dan Davis explained the metal recycling; it goes to the public schools in Iola.

Commissioner Lee asked about a time line. Chairman Daniels asked how often the need is for transfers and open for consideration.

Dan explained the plan was the community would all be helping with the recycling. There is a small group that still wants to help the community recycling.

Steve stated it would probably be quarterly on the need for transfer. Dan stated it would be more if more individuals buy in to the recycling. Commissioner Symes stated fuel and man power would be the cost to the county.

Commissioner Lee discussed the bailer and sizes. Steve explained the process, Coffey County being the best friends they can have for education and help. He stated the trips would have heavier loads than now.

Lorraine stated they keep very good records. Commissioners requested to take under consideration for a week.

Carl Slaugh, City Council discussed the city discussing trash pick up and what changes could happen. Discussion followed.

Sherrie discussed getting with Mitch to get a list of auction items.

Jami Clark updated the commission on the Personal Property and notices for April 29, 2022. She reported anything heavier than 16/20M trucks will be extremely high valuation; assuring the public that it is not the County Commissioners, Not the County Appraiser but the State of Kansas. She stated the cost went from retail value example of what was valued at 412 originally will be valued at 2222; 14,800 will be 50,520. She has to do what the State has required, they said it is due to truck supply and demand.

Commissioner Symes reported Larry Crawford, Allen County Fair Board, requested funding for Fair purposes. Larry is requesting \$5,000 for cement and work on the Horse Barn. The Fair Board Building fund was budgeted to have \$35,858 in it for 2022. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the expenditure of \$5,000. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner 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 10:29 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Mitch and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:39 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner 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 10:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:35 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Email from Mandy Fulsom, Kansas Department of Transportation concerning the 5311 General Transportation Grant.
- b) Letter of awards from the Kansas Department of Transportation for the 5310 and 5311 Grants.
- c) Added Tax Statements - SAU, Val 15159, \$2114.70, Year 2021
- d) Suite from Great Southern Bank vs Deidra Johnson et. al.
- e) Notice of Project Construction and Intent to Obtain Coverage for Construction Activities within Allen County; Wolf Creek-Blackberry Transmission Line Project – NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest.
- f) Kansas Pipeline Association 2022 Pipeline Safety & Land Use Planning Guide

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers \$135,872.04
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries: #23, #24, & #25
- c) Payroll – reimbursement of mileage for Cara Bowen and Dana Dawn
- d) Payroll – Pay increases for Jill Allen, Shannon Patterson, and Amy Wilson
- e) Payroll – New hire Shea D. Cox for Road and Bridge

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: 37 a.m. until Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner