

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Jay Kretzmeier, citizen, Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 28, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Jay Kretzmeier presented the commissioners with a new agreement for the rail trail for review. He would like to come back next week to have action taken on it. Discussion followed.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented information about the projects done at the airport. It outlines what the county's share has been compared to grant payments. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he does have some employees out picking up trash from the landfill that blew out with the high winds last week.

Judge Daniel Creitz joined the meeting.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported that he has a 2009 track hoe that is in need of repair. Mark also discussed other equipment and their ages, parts not in production any longer. He will present a list of equipment that may need to be replaced soon. Discussion followed.

Mark stated they are out working on West Virginia Rd and Wisconsin road, tearing out and putting rock down. Discussion followed.

Representatives with Hope Unlimited, CASA, KCSL, DCF joined the meeting.

Hope Unlimited presented a proclamation recognizing April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the proclamation. Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Discussion followed on the different agencies present. Commissioners moved outside to plant pinwheels.

Commissioners reconvened after planting the pinwheels.

Judge Daniel Creitz reported on the request for proposals sent out for architectural services for the courtroom expansion project. Gravity Works was the only company that submitted a proposal. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee discussed two letters of support needed by The Growing Place in Humboldt. They are going for two grants needed to expand. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the letters of support for the Growing Place. Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, presented a new lease for the medical arts building. Saint Luke's Hospital will leave a portion of the Medical Arts Building for \$4900 a month. This lease will allow the hospital facilities board to lease the remaining rooms to other specialists looking to come to Allen County. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the lease. Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported we are in a wind advisory for today.

Jason reported he reached out to surrounding emergency managers to see how they handle individuals burning during burn bans. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson reported that the tax foreclosure sale has been set for June 8, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. There are approximately 62 parcels up for sale. Discussion followed on the process.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Chairman Lee, Commissioner Symes and Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter of Support for Saint Luke's Hospital
- b) ESG Grant payment remit for FFY2022
- c) KDHE Update on Tank Permits
- d) March monthly report for County Clerk, Register of Deeds

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$160,911.76
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – # 19 & 20
- c) Payroll – Enrollments for Eula Hutton, Rhea Johnson, Earl Valentine
- d) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Shannon Patterson

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m. until Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's 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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Absent  
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner