

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

April 21, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson William H. "Bill" King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, and Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels discussed an email from Larry Manes, Moran Pride/Thrive Group requesting food pantry monies for Moran area:

Dear Sirs,

My name is Larry Manes and I believe most of your at least know who I am. I am writing to you on behalf of the Moran Pride/Thrive Group. For the past six years we have run a monthly food distribution program in conjunction with the Feed American Program. In this effort, much of our food has come from the Chanute Wal-Mart. They donate nearly out-of-date food, expiring perishables, and damaged canned goods. Since the quantity and variety if these vary from month to month, we supplement their delivery with goods purchased at our local store. We do this with funds from local churches, organizations, and individuals. Over the past few months, the volume of food we receive from Wal-Mart has been markedly reduced and we have had to order (and pay for) additional food through the local market.

Last month we received nothing from Wal-Mart and we have received word from them that they are not distributing any Feed America donations during the Covid-19 virus shut down. This is at a time when more of our local residents have been laid off and need the service more. I would like to apply for help similar to that approved for the food pantries in Iola and Humboldt. I am aware that we are "the back woods" of the county, but that also means it is harder for us to raise money within our own, local community. Staying at home also limits our ability to get out and seek financial help.

Basically, I'm asking for monetary help from the County. Can you tell me how to do this? If necessary, I could come to the next Commission meeting, but both my wife and I are in the "endangered population" due to age and some health problems so I would prefer not to. Is there another way I can present our case? Any information you can give me would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Larry Manes
Member, Moran Pride/Thrive Group

Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve \$500 donation to the Moran Pride/Thrive Group. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels discussed a little about the Governor's conference call last Friday. Governor Laura Kelly is ordering more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the State. She is hoping to be able to offer more loans to small businesses, and to offer more funds to support food pantries. Allen County Commissioners have already sent some funding to food pantries in Allen County.

Chairman King complimented department heads on their conduct and that of their employees during this trying time.

Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, discussed temporary security plexiglass dividers for separating the public from employees for

added protection from COVID -19. Crickett had checked on bids from Jayhawk Glass and Harbor Retail. Jayhawk Glass told Crickett that they were not able to bid on the plexiglass dividers. Harbor Retail sent a proposal for a basic shield for \$60.00 each. Discussion followed on benefits and other departments as well as elections. Commissioners discussed employees and their health; such as checking for fevers when they come into the office to work. Commissioner Symes stated when the courthouse opens back up to the public that there should still be just one entrance on the north side. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve purchasing 12 sets of basic shields from Harbor Retail. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman King asked the other two commissioners what their thoughts were on opening the courthouse back up at the first of May. Commissioner Daniels stated that since Governor Kelly has issued the Stay at Home orders until May 3, 2020 before she reviews again that the commissioners should keep the courthouse closed at least until next week and discuss again next weeks meeting. Crickett stated May 3rd should be okay since taxes are due May 10, 2020. This is not something the Governor waivered for due date like she did for Motor Vehicles. Commissioner Symes stated since the Governor has issued May 3, could the county remain closed but have departments take appointments. Crickett stated she is not taking appointments that most are meeting them at the doors or mailing in taxes. Commissioner Daniels moved to "stay as is" until April 28, 2020. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, requested Jimmy Skaggs be allowed to carry over 68 hours of vacation. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the carryover to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch discussed the detour on US Hwy #169 north in Anderson County. The State is detouring traffic around but several motorists are using county roads (Anderson and Allen County) instead of the detours which are causing issues. He stated there are detour signs up but several are ignoring the signs. Chairman King suggested putting up "No Through Traffic" signs. Semi-trucks tear up the roads. He stated the Sheriff's office could help when semi-trucks don't follow signs. Commissioner Symes asked Mitch when the project will be over. Mitch stated at the end of 2020.

Commissioner Symes asked how the quarry was going. Mitch stated they are still crushing rock but it goes on the road as soon as it is crushed. They are still purchasing some rock to keep up.

Commissioners asked Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial/Zoning Director, about the bids he had gotten for storm shelters. Bids were received from Atlas Safe Room for a 8'5"x12'9"x8'5'h accommodate 20 people at 5 square foot per person, Steel Construction, county to provide concrete pad (which would cost the county \$1,000 for concrete and rebar) for \$16,095.00 each; Oklahoma Shelter for a 8'x10'x7'h accommodate 20-26 people, Steel Construction, county to provide concrete pad (which would cost the county \$1,000 for concrete and rebar) for \$9,600.00 each; Protectionshelters for a 10'x10' accommodate 25 people, Concrete Construction, county to provide level site for \$21,345.79 each; J&J Contractors for a 8'x16'x8'h accommodate 32 people turn key, Concrete Construction for \$22,050.00 each; D of K Vaults for a 6'x8'x6'5'h accommodate 12 people standing or 9 sitting, Concrete Construction, county to dig hole and backfill for \$2,690.00 each. Discussion followed on where storm shelters are needed: Mildred, Carlyle, and Petrolia were all discussed as well as above ground verses below ground. Commissioners requested Terry to find out if Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director or Thrive had found out anything on available grants. No action was taken at this time.

Terry updated the commission on the Humboldt and Moran Ambulance stations construction and progress. He stated Humboldt's might be ready by May 1st.

Mitch reported the Allen County Rural Fire Station (that Allen County has paid for and is helping with projects) has requested for Public Works to rock the area between the concrete apron and 1400 Street for the drive.

Sherrie asked the commission if they wanted to discuss the Allen County Sales Tax Election that was to have been held April 7th. Discussion followed on what would be thought to be the safest time to have the election. Sherrie stated probably the August 4th Primary. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to have the Allen County Sales Tax Question on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners adjourned to the Commission Room. The time is now 9:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:12 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 more minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened in the assembly room at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Trevor updated the commission from Thrive on the storm shelters. He said Lissa Regehr, Thrive Executive Director, stated there are grants available to apply for from USDA, EDA and FEMA, some of them are matching grants. Trevor said that Savonburg should be included into the storm shelter need. Commissioners thanked Trevor for the update.

Chairman King discussed Allen County's 2020 Meritain Amendment. One amendment is in regards to how Air Ambulance is paid for out of network (which almost all air ambulance is out of network). The other change is transplants are now listed as not covered as we have added the fully insured transplant coverage this year for Allen County. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Chairman King's signature on the amendment. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – new hire Rickie W. Aiello
- b) Payroll – Carryover 68 hours of Vacation for Jimmy Skaggs to be used by October 16, 2020.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. until April 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner