

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

Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Jessica Thompson, Becky Voorhies, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Jason Trego, Emergency Management, Terrill Mueller, Murphy Tractor, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Sharon Sigg led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, joined the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2021.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, introduced Sharon Sigg as a new employee, who will be part time helping him with flower gardens and other needed areas.

Sherrie introduced Chad Turner. Chad will be driving the General Transportation Van once it is received.

Jason Trego, Emergency Management Director, updated the commission on weather forecast presented last week. Allen County is no longer in severe forecast but could get up to two inches of rain with some localized flooding.

Johnathon Goering, Thrive Economic Development Director, discussed the utility expansion at the Allen County Regional Airport. He asked if the commission had made a decision. Discussion followed. Johnathon stated the previous grant for \$13,000 could be used for fuel, salaries, paint, lights and such but not towards the utility's expansion. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve using BG Consultants for \$19,000. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Johnathon discussed housing study in Allen County. It will be housing and economic development meetings for the public to weigh in; some will be in person and some will be offered virtual.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed landfill expansion. It will be a large amount of money but have not let for public bids yet. There is about 8-9 years left in the current cell. The new cell will be able to be used for the next 40 years once it is finished in 3 years. Discussion followed on the procedure and process. Mitch requested permission to start expansion.

Mitch discussed the 4-year-old crusher (2,000 hours on it) it is down and needs to go to the shop to be fixed. Approximately 90 hours to repair with a cost of approximately \$40,000. Discussion followed. Mitch reported with the electrical parts it is down quite a bit. He discussed options for having rock on hand for county use so the county doesn't have to purchase rock. Commissioner Lee moved to proceed to fix the crusher. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch asked about rock. Commissioners asked to see what options will be.

Kim Ensminger, USD #256 Superintendent and Bob Rhodes, USD#256 Board member, joined the meeting to convey their communities' thoughts about the monies for the PILOT from the wind farms. Superintendent Ensminger stated the reason why the people even

agreed to the wind farms were to help families and school districts; if monies were distributed equaling to USD's, then USD 256 would receive 70 % in their district and 30% in USD 257. They need the monies in their district; they need the monies sooner than 8 years. She asked the commission to please reconsider how the monies are distributed. She stated they (USD 256) do not have the valuation in the district like the other area schools; reconsider the resolution on how to divide among the schools. Monies would go to the two schools by percentage, and the tech center certain portion. Mr. Rhodes reiterated what Superintendent had said. Commissioners based on the foot print of the windfarm, 70% USD 256 and 30% USD 257, expressing for the whole community. A discussion on taxes and what it would mean to the county as a whole. Commissioner Daniels stated the original resolution from the wind PILOT was designated for security for ALL students and will take the PILOT year to year. Chairman Symes asked about a school safety committee and stated monies have been spent to help security in each of the schools. Superintendent Ensminger explained what security has been addressed. They received free money for maintenance and the school slide due to COVID, to increase staffing, more individualized with students. This funding would help to keep those people in place when COVID monies are done. State funding is \$3 million spent on salaries and insurance for the most part.

Sherrie received request for funding for cremation on an indigent death. Commissioner approved the \$1,000.

Chairman Symes discussed a request for \$500 from the Veterans Honor Flight secretary Don Meats. Honor Flights were cancelled in 2020 but are scheduled to restart June of 2021. Commissioners discussed the request and will consider at a later meeting.

Chairman Symes discussed the SEK Regional Meeting hosted in Woodson County last week, April 27, 2021. He explained the commissioner meeting had a guest speaker on Economic Development and Jay Hall, KAC Attorney was guest speaker at the luncheon covering new legislation. Sherrie stated the SOS Scott Schwab spoke at the County Clerk's meeting on the 2020 Presidential Election and the future of security of elections.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Terry Call, EMS Financial, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Chuck Apt, attorney. The time is now 9:25 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Terry Call, EMS Financial, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Chuck Apt, attorney. The time is now 9:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:01 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Terry Call, EMS Financial, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Chuck Apt, attorney. The time is now 10:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:23 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:33 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:44 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie discussed policies for Senior Center Van and General Transportation Van. She stated she would like to mirror the General Transportation policy so they are consistent with each other. Commissioners approved.

Commissioner discussed the Master's Leasing & Rental van contract through Thrive's grant. Commissioner Daniels moved to authorize Chairman Symes initials and signature on the contract contingent on Counselor Johnson reviewing. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed housing for the new van. Mitch said he would see if he could consolidate vehicles and such. Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, stated there are grants for building structures at an 80/20 match. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels discussed using the \$13,000 grant to paint and stripe the runway and a few roads including the new pavement in Humboldt; 9th Street and Bridge Street faded already; needs redone again.

Chairman Symes reported the annual Kansas County Commissioners Association (KCCA) meeting will be June 8 to 10 at Liberal, Kansas. Sherrie will find out more details.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Allen County Regional Hospital Saint Luke's Health System letter

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$145,400.10
- b) Journal Vouchers - #17
- c) Payroll – Expense voucher for Cara Barkdoll for mileage and SEK ROD dues
- d) Payroll – New Hire Chad Turner for General Transportation Van's driver

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. until Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner