

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Rick Aiello, employee, Alan Weber, Your Community Foundation, Job Springer, Your Community Foundation, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 13, 2024 and the special meeting on August 15, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Marcia Davis presented a flyer for the Gas Community Conversation on August 27th at 6 p.m. at the Gas Community Building.

Alan Weber, Your Community Foundation Secretary/Treasurer and Job Springer, Your Community Foundation President. Alan gave a little background information on the Allen County Environmental Fund. Alan also explained the purpose of the fund and what the balance of the fund is. Discussion followed on what the funds could be used for.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are finishing chip sealing in Petrolia today. Then he will move to 1800 & New Mexico.

Jeremy stated the environmental company will not be pulling dirt from 2000 Rd. He plans to chip seal from US Hwy 54 south on 2000 to repair that area.

Jeremy presented a bid from Bettis for asphalt work to be done on the 1600 Rd bridge and Nebraska Rd bridge. If Bettis hauls the equipment, it will cost \$29,930.80. If the County moves it, it will cost \$25,690.80. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the asphalt work, with the County moving the equipment for \$25,690.80. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the last test tube results have come back and it has passed. Now they will call and speak with the liner people to move on to that portion. Commissioner Lee asked who does the testing, and Mitch stated the samples are given to KDHE.

Mitch reported Halcomb wants to schedule in for next week to discuss their portion of the project. Jared will be here as well.

Mitch reported he and Robert will be attending the Four State Airport Conference.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, reported they run a generator test every Sunday. This Sunday it set off an alarm. They had to have a tech come out Sunday, found the starter had gone out. The part should be here and installed today. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked about the consoles and Chelsie stated they will not start with those until next year.

Sandra Drake, employee, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes reported there was a pay application for Nowak for approval. Commissioner Lee moved to approve signature on the pay application. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting. Arlyn stated he had reached out to Lola City Mayor Steve French about the use of his properties. Arlyn explained about a conversation he had with an individual from overseas on buildings and their ages. Arlyn would like to withdraw his offer to use his lola square property for reasons discussed at a prior meeting.

Commissioner Lee spoke about an email from Terry Call regarding the storage of batteries. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee reminded about the RNR Hearing and Budget Hearing next week.

Commissioner Lee discussed the environmental fund with Your Community Foundation. He expressed his idea of waiting until it hits the \$100,000 mark and then pay out the recommended 5% to an environmental project. Discussion followed on recycling efforts.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sandra Drake, employee, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action taken.

Steve Strickler, citizen, and Karen Gilpin, citizen, joined the meeting.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:29 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sandra Drake, employee, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Steve Strickler, citizen, stated he has 3 8-yard dumpsters full with glass. They would like to get them hauled to Kansas City to be recycled. Steve stated he contacted one trucking company that can take it to Kansas City to get it recycled at \$1.00 per mile. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested on behalf of Saint Lukes Senior Life Solutions to place teal and purple awareness ribbons on the lamp poles on either side of the Veterans Memorial as well as a yard sign geared towards Suicide Awareness Month in September. Commissioners approved this request.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Update from Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants
- b) Letter from City of Moran
- c) Summary Decision for V&N Oil Company, Board of Tax Appeals
- d) Allen County Environmental Fund balance

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$38,478.99 & August 16, 2024 payout \$226,590.76
- b) Payroll – Process Service for July for Brian Plumlee, Thad Parker, Patrick Cash, Daren Kellerman, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth
- c) Abatements – OIL, Value 3370, \$486.44, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner