

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

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Terry Call, Zoning administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Crystal Richey, employee, Debbie Bearden, Farmer's Market, Shane Lamb, FMS North America Tires, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on July 25, 2023.

Chairman Lee wanted to thank all those involved with putting on the successful 2023 fair.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Shane Lamb, FMS North America Tires, is present to discuss the tires being brought in by them to the landfill. There is a concern about some of the tires not "originating" from Allen County. If tires are brought in from Allen County the price is \$5.50 per ton, or the cost would be \$130.00 per ton for tires brought in from out of county. Most of the tires collected are from farms and there are some local tires shops / dealerships that call for pickup. Discussion followed.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Terry Call, Zoning administrator, reported that he has been reaching out to ambulance suppliers and is finding that Type 1 ambulances are about 2-3 year out. If ordered now it would not be ready until 2026. Type 2, or transfer units, would possibly be available September 2024. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported the storm that came through on Sunday evening was not as bad as they were calling for.

Jason also advised that Allen County will be in an excessive heat advisory until Thursday.

Debbie Bearden, Farmer's Market, requested from the commissioners to continue to be the fiduciary agent for their grants. The commissioners have agreed to continue as fiduciary agent.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the fire at the landfill Friday. Moran rural fire, LaHarpe rural fire, and Allen County rural fire all responded. Holcomb also helped with use of the dozer and water truck. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported Purple Wave came to look at the old Hydro Seeder; it was quoted to bring \$3500 to \$4500. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the new Hydro Seeder is scheduled to be here August 9 possibly

Mitch reported all the barrier fencing is put in place.

Commissioner Symes asked Mitch about mixing the shredded tires with the dirt to cover. Mitch stated the reason he does not do this is because of the risk of fire. Having tires mixed with the dirt could cause the fire to burn hotter and be more difficult to put out. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, asked Shane Lamb if he would be able to identify what tonnage is being brought in from other counties. Shane stated they have to track such for KDHE so it would be possible. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:35 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:40 a.m. No action taken.

Dennis Wall, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-Elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:44 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for non-Elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:56 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:01 a.m. No action taken.

Dennis Wall, citizen, came to ask if anything has been done about his walnut tree. Mitch stated he provided information to the insurance company that they requested. Discussion followed.

Shane Lamb asked if anything has been decided on him bringing tires to the landfill. Commissioner Daniels stated that they asked Mitch to do some more research into pricing from other landfills. Commissioners said he could offload what he has currently. Shane stated he could divert the next few weeks to Chanute.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) July monthly report for Attorney's office
- b) KWORCC inspection report
- c) Added – TR, value 1713, \$249.18, year 2022
- d) Escape – TR, value 2015, \$287.36, year 2021

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$596,501.06
- b) Payroll – Enrollment forms for Cole Hanson, Dallas Merritt
- c) Payroll – Change form for Cody Craft
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes
- e) Clerk's Journal Entries –
- f) Abatements – RE, value 12,981. \$ 3,019.82, year 2022
RE, value 21,595, \$4,340.06, year 2021

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. until Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the

courthouse.

David E. Lee, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner