

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

Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Daren Kellerman, Allen County Undersheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 6, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the rain has delayed chip sealing in Petrolia today.

Jeremy stated they are doing routine maintenance and grinding up the spots that were affected during the flooding. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported he got a leased tractor yesterday to replace the one that was burnt up. They are out doing a second pass. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported the MowerMax repairman was here over the weekend to work on the machine.

Daren Kellerman, Allen County Undersheriff, reported that they have a deputy getting ready to go to academy.

Daren reported on a few activities that they have participated in, Water Wars, National Night Out at Allen Community College.

Daren reported that with school starting back up, Deputy Plumlee will be back in the three schools.

Daren spoke about City Hall Selfie Day, which has expanded to include all government employees. Daren presented the flyer with the website.

Daren brought up the County Commission Facebook Page. He is suggesting using it to post more important items that are happening. He is just asking the commission to consider it.

Daren reported Farm City Days will be held October 18 & 19, 2024. He requested on behalf of Farm City Days Committee to use the courthouse lawn on the week surrounding that date for preparation and clean up. They are also requesting a \$1500.00 donation toward the festivities. Commissioner Lee moved to approve use of the lawn and the \$1500.00 donation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, presented the July 6 to August 8 progress report for the water portion of the Airport Industrial Park Project, a change order, a pay application, and the final invoice for Midwest Engineering. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve signatures on these documents. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jared reported the Gas Community Conversation will be August 27th at 6 pm at the Gas Community Center.

Nicki Gossett, Elsmore Day Committee Member, joined the meeting. Nicki reported Elsmore Days will be September 14, 2024. They are requesting \$1500.00 donation towards the festivities. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the donation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Lee reported he spoke with the Hospital Board and at this time they would like to hold on to the Moran Clinic.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, possible litigation, and existing litigation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Georgia Masterson, Humanity House, is requesting a letter of support for a grant through T-Mobile. She explained what this grant will be used for. Commissioner Lee moved to approve signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, land acquisition. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:16 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) July report for Noxious Weed
- b) July financial statements from Larry Peterson regarding Hospital Board

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$106,763.14
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Thomas Fudge Jr
- c) Payroll - Changes for Angela McCain, Cody Heslop, Kayla Garber, Jeanne Carson, Seth Pollet,
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 66 hours for David Heiman
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Darcy Burton
- f) Clerks Journal Entries - #27

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m. until Tuesday, July 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner