

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, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Rick Aiello, employee, 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 August 8 and August 15, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Paul Zirjacks, citizen, wanted to say that the incident that happened in Marion County just goes to show how important local newspapers are.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the dozer will be here next week; which is earlier than expected. The dozer currently at landfill is being traded in.

Mitch stated the new hydro seeder is working well. The employees at the landfill really appreciate being able to get the new one. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported that he and Robert Poydack will be attending the Four State Airport Conference in Kansas City on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

Mitch reported he has been contacting those that dispose of tires at the landfill and filled them in on the changes to the policy. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he is waiting on permitting to have a separate site for electronic disposal. This would be to keep the lithium batteries separate. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes brought up a discussion on coming up with maximum limit in tonnage for tires allowed to be disposed of at the landfill. The initial thought is to limit to 20-25 tons. He suggested making a second tier should someone bring in more than the allowance. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported that he spoke with our insurance and they can't do a claim for the tree because in county's right of way. Discussion followed.

Dick Works and Randy Misenhelter, citizens, joined the meeting.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported the MowerMax is in and the gentleman should be here today to do the training.

Mark reported two mowers had been down and one is back in service today.

Mark reported the distributor truck is down but the part should be in today.

Chairman Lee was asked by a citizen on 2000th Rd if it was on the list for maintenance now that the EPA work is done. Discussion followed.

Mark reported that the section of the old highway from Alabama to Connecticut is on hold. It was not a part of the initial list with KDOT. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:53 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:58 a.m. No action taken.

Ray Maloney, Steve Green, Eugene Weatherbie, Eric Maxwell, citizens, joined the meeting.

Chairman Lee opened the county's Revenue Neutral Rate (RNR) Hearing at 9:00 a.m. Discussion with citizens voicing their concerns followed. Commissioners took a roll call vote for exceeding the county's RNR.

Roll Call Vote			
A Roll Call Vote of the Allen County Commissioners To Levy a			
Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on August 22, 2023			
Resolution No. 202307			
Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
David Lee, Chairman	X		
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner	X		
Bruce Symes, Commissioner	X		
TOTAL	3		

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202307.

Resolution No. ~~202307~~

A RESOLUTION OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS, TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for Allen County, Kansas, was calculated as 58.343 mills by the Allen County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas, will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on August 22, 2023 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and


WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

Allen County, Kansas shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 58.343 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2023 and SIGNED by the County Commission Chairman.



 Chairman

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202307 A Resolution of Allen County, Kansas, to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners took a roll call vote to exceed the revenue neutral rate for Allen County Rural Fire District #2.

Roll Call Vote			
A Roll Call Vote of the Allen County Commissioners To Levy a Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on August 22, 2023 Resolution No. 202308			
Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
David Lee, Chairman	X		
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner	X		
Bruce Symes, Commissioner	X		
TOTAL	3		

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202308.

Resolution No. ~~202308~~

A RESOLUTION OF ALLEN COUNTY KANSAS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2, TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 2, was calculated as 4.603 mills by the Allen County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 2, will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on August 22, 2023 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and


WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 2, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2:

Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 2 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 4.603 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2023 and SIGNED by the County Commission Chairman.



 Chairman

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202308 A Resolution of Allen County Kanas Rural Fire District #2 to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners took a roll call vote to exceed to revenue neutral rate for Allen County Rural Fire District #3.

Roll Call Vote			
A Roll Call Vote of the Allen County Commissioners To Levy a Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on August 22, 2023 Resolution No. 202309			
Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
David Lee, Chairman	X		
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner	X		
Bruce Symes, Commissioner	X		
TOTAL	3		

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202309.

A RESOLUTION OF ALLEN COUNTY KANSAS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4, TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 4, was calculated as 4.837 mills by the Allen County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 4, will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on August 22, 2023 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and

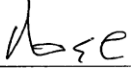
WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 4, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 4:

Allen County, Kansas Rural Fire District No. 4 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 4.837 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2023 and SIGNED by the County Commission Chairman.



Chairman

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202309 A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Rural Fire District #4 to Levy a Property Tax Rate Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners took a roll call vote to exceed the revenue neutral rate for Allen County Sewer District #1.

Roll Call Vote			
A Roll Call Vote of the Allen County Commissioners To Levy a Hearing to Exceed Revenue Neutral Rate held on August 22, 2023			
Resolution No. 202310			
Governing Body Member	Yes	No	No Vote
David Lee, Chairman	X		
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner	X		
Bruce Symes, Commissioner	X		
TOTAL	3		

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202310.

A RESOLUTION OF ALLEN COUNTY KANSAS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1, TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE;

WHEREAS, the Revenue Neutral Rate for Allen County, Kansas Sewer District No. 1, was calculated as 7.851 mills by the Allen County Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the budget proposed by the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas Sewer District No. 1, will require the levy of a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body held a hearing on August 22, 2023 allowing all interested taxpayers desiring to be heard an opportunity to give oral testimony; and


WHEREAS, the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas Sewer District No. 1, having heard testimony, still finds it necessary to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1:

Allen County, Kansas Sewer District No. 1 shall levy a property tax rate exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate of 7.851 mills.

This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect until future action is taken by the Governing Body.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2023 and SIGNED by the County Commission Chairman.



Chairman

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202310 A Resolution of Allen County Kansas Sewer District #1 to Levy a Property Tax Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Rate. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to end the RNR hearing and open the budget hearing. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Lee the opened the budget hearing at 10:20 a.m. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the proposed 2024 budget. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to close the budget hearing. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

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

Commissioner Daniels asked Mark what the plans will be for the old highway from Connecticut south. He would also like the listing from KDOT.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Resolution for consideration for adding special question to November election
- b) CTD 10 minutes from May 17, 2023 meeting

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers \$34,129.14
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Angela Pruitt
- c) Payroll – Changes for Angela Tatman, Brian Thompson
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
- e) Clerk's Journal Entries – #40

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 10:41 a.m. until Tuesday, August 29, 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