

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Jeff Keithly, Thrive Allen County, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, 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 August 22, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, reported he had Thrasher Foundation had come to look at the foundation of the courthouse. There has been some water damage noticed recently. Commissioner Daniels asked if anyone else would be willing to bid on this. Commissioner Symes continental restoration. Commissioners gave the okay to get more bids for this project.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the new proposed pricing for tire disposal at the landfill.

In Allen County:

Tires- Passengers & Light Trk.	\$1.00 each
Truck & Implement	\$3.50 each
Heavy Truck	\$5.50 each
Tractor-Loader etc.	\$10.00 each
Cut Tires- first 25 tons per month	\$5.50 per ton.
Cut Tires-Over 25 tons per month	\$100.00 per ton.
Tire Bales	\$16.50 per ton

Out of Allen County:

Tires- Passengers & Light Trk.	\$2.00 each
Truck & Implement	\$7.00 each
Heavy Truck	\$11.00 each
Tractor-Loader etc.	\$20.00 each
Cut Tires	\$130.00 per ton
Tire Bales	\$130.00 per ton

Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the new dozer was just delivered and they will take the older one with them for the trade-in.

Commissioner Daniels asked about a proposed tire disposal site. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the proposed rates for tire disposal at the landfill. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented documents given by the engineer for road repairs that will be funded by KDOT. Chairman Lee asked for a prioritized list in reference to these projects. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes asked about the bridge at Moran and Nebraska road. Mark is talking with the engineer about what the best course of action to repair these roads.

Chairman Lee asked how the MowerMax was working out. Discussion followed.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, reported on the community discussion held in Elmore. 15 residents turned up for this discussion. Discussion followed on the topics brought up by the citizens. The top 3 needs were decided as City Hall improvements, cell service issues, and volunteers for the food pantry. The next community conversations will be held September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Savonburg and October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in Mildred. Commissioner Daniels asked Lisse to get some numbers on what a HVAC system would cost for Elmore City Hall.

Jeff Keithly, Thrive Allen County Transportation Director, wants to start a conversation on merging the Allen County Service to the Elderly Transportation program with their Allen Regional Transit (ART) program. He is proposing to take over our services. He reported on information regarding their program and numbers of trips and purposes. Commissioners asked for Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, to get the figures on what part of the Elderly Fund levy is paid out for the transportation; maintenance and wages. The commission also asked Jeff to inquire as to what would happen if they took over, but then realized it wasn't working out; how would County then take it back over. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested on behalf of City of Moran to appoint Ken McWhirter to the Moran Senior Center Board. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Ken McWhirter to the Moran Senior Center Board. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon reported on a request from Kelly Klubek to use the bandstand on October 1-8, 2023 for a church revival. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the request to use the bandstand for a church revival from October 1st to October 8th, 2023. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon requested to schedule flu shots for county employees on September 28, 2023 from 3:30 – 5:00, given by the SEK Multi-County Health Department. Commissioners okayed.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client Land Acquisition. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:40 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client Land Acquisition. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:42 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action taken.

Shannon presented Resolution 202311 A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Calling of a Bond Election in Allen County, Kansas for the Purpose of Submitting to the Qualified Electors of the County the Question of Issuing General Obligation Bonds of the County to Finance Improvements to the Allen County Courthouse; and Providing for the Giving of Notice of Said Bond Election. Robert Johnson, County Counselor, explained the purpose of this resolution. Commissioner Symes moved to adopt Resolution 202311 A Resolution Authorizing and Providing for the Calling of a Bond Election in Allen County, Kansas for the Purpose of Submitting to the Qualified Electors of the County the Question of Issuing General Obligation Bonds of the County to Finance Improvements to the Allen County Courthouse; and Providing for the Giving of Notice of Said Bond Election. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$41,987.45
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – # 41
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Jerry Daniels

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 9:52 a.m. until Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

David E. Lee, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner