

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.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Danielle Louk, Deputy County Appraiser, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, 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 July 30, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented drawings of hangar placement and the FAA's recommended adjustments. Their recommended placement will put the hangar on top of the existing water meter. Mitch stated they have a crew out there working on a water leak now so he may see if they can move the meter while working on this. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported they are still waiting on the last tube of samples to be tested. The liner cannot be placed until the results come back. They are still working other aspects of project while they wait. A trench needs to be dug at the north edge of the existing landfill. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated one company did not want to bid on the generator for the airport. He has bids from CDL and KJ Electric. Commissioner Lee gave Mitch a recommendation of another company to reach out to. Commissioner Daniels asked if Mitch has asked Caleb if there are any grants out there to help with the generator. He will check on that.

Corey Isbell, Iola Fire Chief, and Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the crews currently chip sealing the Petrolia black top today and then will go into Petrolia. They will move to 1800-1900 on New Mexico next.

Jeremy reported Loren Korte is working on the insurance for the tractor that burnt up. Robert Storrer, Storrer Implement is working on the lease option for a replacement.

Jeremy presented a proposal for a rental loader for the quarry while ours is being repaired. Foley Rental quoted \$28,178.92. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the quote for \$28,178.92 for a rented loader from Foley Equipment. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, reported they have 2 vehicles in the shop currently. The 2011 Chevy is going to Twins for a major oil leak. They will not be able to look at it until the 13th or 14th. The 2016 Ford is in Olathe right now for major vibrations. They found issues in the rear end and they are estimating \$4500.00. Commissioner Lee has asked Michael if there is a way to rent or lease an ambulance to get us by while these are. Discussion followed.

Michael stated he did reach out the Stryker about refurbished cots and monitors or leasing option. He is still waiting on them to get him the numbers. Discussion followed.

commissioner Lee asked how the relationship between our services and the Hospital is going? Michael stated it is still good. Transfers do tend to stay with the St Lukes system.

Corey Isbell, Iola Fire Chief, explained why we have such long waiting times on new ambulances. When the shutdown due to Covid happened, the orders did not. So, they are now working on getting all the orders caught back up.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, requested on behalf of the Moran Days Committee for a donation toward their festivities of \$1500.00. Moran Days will be held on September 21, 2024. Commissioner Lee moved to approve a donation of \$1500.00 toward Moran Days. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, presented information on the foundation issues. He stated Trasher would not be able to help the problem but to possibly look at a landscaping company. None of our area landscapers could do this either, however LACO Seamless Guttering gave a bid to put in French drains for \$5500.00. Discussion followed on why this is needed. Commissioners asked what French drains are and Rick Aiello, employee, explained. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve installing French drains by LACO Seamless Guttering for \$5500.00. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, speaking about the Moran Clinic again. He wanted to make sure the commission understands what he would like to use the clinic for. And to make sure who is supposed to speak with the facilities board.

Arlyn stated he sees a need for the County to either work independently or with the City of Iola to address the issues of homeless individuals and children who are taken from parents to be able to stay local. This made him think of the facilities he owns that could be used to help with these issues. Arlyn would like to commissioners to think about this and let him know if they would like to proceed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:34 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman 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 9:36 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:41 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:43 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:58 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Fair Expense reports
- b) July Fund Status Report
- c) July monthly reports for Public Works, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Clerk, Attorney
- d) Drug Court Graduation invitation

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 8/1/2024-\$350,536.84 & 8/5/2024-\$12,013.29
- b) Clerks Journal Entries - #26

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 9:59 a.m. until Tuesday, August 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner