

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, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, Matt Korte, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, Justin Tucker, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, 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 1, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented bids for a GEM5000 Portable Gas Extraction Monitor. These are used to take monthly readings the gas in the wells at the landfill, to be reported to Schwab Eaton and then on to Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). QED quoted a price of \$14,675.00 and Pine quoted a price of \$14,970.00 Commissioner Symes moved to approve the purchase from QED for \$14,675.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported the Hydro Seeder is ready, will be delivered Monday with a trainer coming as well.

Mitch reported the dozer has an oil leak. Berry is coming to look at it.

Jarred Brooks, Schwab Eaton, reported on the progress of the new landfill cell. They have received contract pay application #4; representing 20% completion. They are currently 1-2 months behind the initial schedule, mobilized a little later than anticipated. Working on the earthwork right now. Contract is 365 calendar days-until end of March 2024. KDHE requires a 3rd party for construction quality assurance inspector. Schwab Eaton is that 3rd party for this project. Currently cell 2 is being constructed and the county is permitted to have 4 cells. One thing to watch for is that we are starting to run low on suitable soil to use for the clay liner. This cell should last 10-15 years. Might need to look at tracts to get soil from when working on cell 3 & 4.

Jared also stated that the waste tire and rubber disposal area is reaching the height limitation. Tire deposit sites are not required to be on a certain type of liner as with the MSW landfill permits. He would suggest keeping the tires separate as there are additional hazards should they catch on fire. Commissioners asked what is the minimum requirements in order to put a new disposal area for tires. Landfill fires are becoming more common and problematic. Each fire requires notification to KDHE. They are becoming more common due to lithium-ion batteries which are common in today's electronics. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are almost completed on brush cleanup. Hoping to get back to chip sealing next week. Discussion followed.

Mark stated the MowerMax should be here in the next few weeks.

Matt Korte, Humboldt Chamber of Commerce, introduced Justin Tucker as a new board member. The organization is evolving as development continues within Humboldt. They hired a part time director last year, as organization is volunteer based. They are going to

show a deficit of around \$5,000 in their budget with the addition of the director. They have the funds to sustain for right now but would like to see the budget back in the black. Would commission be willing to extend support in an economic development capacity? Discussion followed. The commissioners would like to think on this a little more.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:15 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:20 a.m. No action taken.

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 9:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m. No action taken.

Mitch reported that the QED quote has been updated with a lesser price. The price is now \$13,207.50.

Terry Call reported he is still researching the Type 2 ambulances and talking to agencies that have them.

Commissioners asked Jared to get more information on what it would take to propose a new site for tire disposal. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) 2023 City of Iola Pay Scale
- b) July 2023 Solid Waste Financials
- c) July 2023 financials for Hospital Board
- d) July 2023 monthly report for District Court, Sheriff's office, Register of Deeds office, Treasurer's office, Public Works office, Appraiser's office, County Clerk's office
- e) May 2023 monthly report for Sheriff's office
- f) June 2023 monthly report for Sheriff's office
- g) Noxious Weed corrected monthly reports for April 2023, May 2023, June 2023
- h) July 2023 Fund Status Report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$334,110.35 & special payout 8/7/23-\$101,398.86
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – # 38 & 39
- c) Payroll – Enrollment form for William (Bill) Wilson
- d) Payroll – Change forms for Rusty Jones, Levi Seilonen, Rikki Witchley
- e) Payroll – Cell reimbursement for Bill Wilson
- f) Payroll – June process servers for Brenda Beth, Steve Womack, Daren Kellerman, Wayne Carson
- g) Payroll – July process servers for Brenda Beth, Haley Donovan, Daren Kellerman, Steve Womack

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until Thursday, August 15, 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