

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

Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Jonathon Goering, Lisse, Becky, Jessica, Thrive Allen County, Cheslie Angleton, 911 Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Matt Rehder, City of Iola Administrator, John Fewins, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens was present to observe the meeting.

Becky Voorhies led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on August 3th and special meeting on August 5th, 2021.

No public comments.

Mitchell Gardner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the crews are chip and sealing this week; finishing up on 4400th St.

Mitch reported they are out trimming and mowing as well, but one mower is down and one brush hog.

Mitch reported Murphy Tractor is still trying to get the crusher up and running full time; electrical issues.

Commissioners asked about pot hole patching machine. Mitch is still gathering information on it; one sliding in. Mitch reported one truck of the trucks ordered is currently at the factory waiting to be painted and the others are close behind.

Chelsie Angleton, reported they had their dispatch review and steering meeting last week on Thursday for the fire departments; everyone except for LaHarpe, Elsmore, and Savonburg. The review is a requirement for the ACE application. She explained about plans going forward are to help the fire departments and dispatch work better together over all. Meetings must be held twice a year but for now they are trying to do quarterly. The meetings must be geared to dispatch review and steering meeting. Chelsie reported they were ACE Standard for medical and fire July month which could be the 1st month of their required 3 months. They have been consecutive in fire for a few months.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported FEMA, in coordination with the FCC, will conduct a national test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system on Wednesday August 11th at 1:20 pm. The messages will clearly state that it is a test. In the event of widespread severe weather, the backup date of August 25th will be used. The National Weather Service will not convey any national testing of the NOAA Weather Radios.

Jason reported there is a LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting today at 2:00 pm at the Bowlus Fine Arts Center. They will be discussing upcoming exercise goals and transition from the Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW) to the Integrated Preparedness Planning Workshop (IPPW). For the purposes of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG), the county is required to have two exercises in 2021; one exercise would be the IPPW (at the October LEPC meeting), and they recommend that the county use the COVID response as a real-world incident for exercise credit.

Jason updated the commission on the current and upcoming weather. A Heat Advisory was issued for Allen County from 12:00 noon on Monday through 8:00 pm Wednesday. Heat index values of 103° to 108° are possible, although the latest report has 107° for Allen County today, and 104° tomorrow.

Jason covered Emergency Operations Plan; the county's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was last updated in 2019 and expires in 2024. However, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM) has realigned the expiration dates of all county EOPs by region; creating 5 regions in Kansas. While Allen County's plan was grandfathered in and is valid until 2024, the regional expiration date would be 12/01/2021. Jason explained updating the plan now puts Allen County in a better position to fall in line with the state's regionalization scheme. If we don't do it now, we'll have to do it the next planning cycle. Since the plan was approved two years ago, only minor updates should be necessary; contact/personnel information, and ensuring the plan conforms to the Kansas Planning Standards (KPS) that were revised in 2019-2020. The regional expiration scheme was brought about because 75% of counties expired in the same year, which stretched their plan reviewers thin when everyone wanted their plan reviewed all at once. Then for the other 4 years, they didn't have enough work to keep them busy. The regionalization also facilitates counties working together at the regional level to collaborate on their planning efforts.

Chairman Symes asked about PPE supplies. Discussion followed. Jason stated they have plenty to hand out.

Jason Jenkins, AMR joined the meeting.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, discussed long term intent of out of county transportation. She stated Thrive is currently filling a gap and their intent is to make sure that gap stays filled in whatever way they can. Lisse produced data from the last three month for review:

	Allen County Public Transportation			Thrive Allen County Non-Emergent Transportation Service		
	May	June	July	May	June	July
# of Riders	92	176	210	37	44	59
# of Trips	177	346	436	74	88	118
# Miles Traveled	797.90	1,712.30	1,603.2	2,289	3,324	3,591.6
Miles/Trip	4.05	4.94	3.68	61.87	75.55	60.87

Future Grant opportunities for Thrive Allen County:

- **K-DOT- Hire an additional driver and purchase a wheelchair accessible vehicle**
- **HRSA- provide transportation for drug court participants**

Thrive Allen County Non-Emergent Transportation Service is strictly out of county information. Thrive has two cars they use as Thrive cars. Discussion followed on riders, trips and grants they apply for this service. Health Resources Services Administration(HRSA) grant it is a Federal grant. Lisse stated she would like to see it handed off. Thrive was not put in to existence to do long term, what Thrive does is fill the gaps with hopes to hand that off. Her intent right now is to find an entity to handle it, they are currently writing grants to continue Thrives cars. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked if riders are the same persons over and over. Sherrie stated some of them are. Discussion followed.

Rodney Burns, auditor, joined the meeting.

Becky Voorhies, Thrive Allen County, presented Allen County Storm Shelter Project 2021:

Allen County Storm Shelter Project 2021

Estimated total cost if the County applies for a CDBG Funds:

Name of Firm	Location of Firm	Average Preliminary architect report	Total Construction costs <i>Estimate</i>	Total Project costs (construction/engineer/administration) <i>Estimate</i>
Zingre and Associates	Ft. Scott, KS	\$ 70/hour-can negotiate price \$ 3,000-\$ 5,000	Depends on size of shelter (30 person shelter would be roughly \$ 48,000.)	\$ 275,000
Incite Design Studio	Overland Park, KS	Negotiate price	N/A	
Deam & Deam/ Blue Valley Consultants	Junction City, KS	Negotiate price	N/A	
BG Consultants	Manhattan, KS	Negotiate price	N/A	

Pre-Fab Shelters:

Name of Co.	Location of Co.	Size of Shelter	Max. Occupancy	*Total Price
Protection Shelters	Wichita, KS	10' X 24'	45	\$ 228,500 or \$ 47,500 each
Protection Shelters	Wichita, KS	10' X 16'	30	\$ 178,725 or \$ 35,746 each

*** Does not include compost toilet/ handwashing station or site preparation**

Estimated price of compost toilet and handwashing station is \$ 1,500 for each shelter or total of \$ 7,500

She reported the estimated cost is \$275,000 at \$48,000 (30-person shelter) each using the CDGB Grant. Allen County would need to prepare the site and parking. Becky stated she had contacted Rick Zingre an architect in Fort Scott, that charges \$70 hour or the commission could say they only have \$3,000 to spend he will give that much time for a plenary architect work. Chairman Symes asked about the current storm shelters located elsewhere and types. Discussion followed on the costs whether it is a grant or otherwise. Becky stated the grant is due in October, and sites would have to be picked ahead of time. Commissioner Lee asked how long a person would be in the shelter? Jason would check on timing but normally they don't tell people when they could come out of shelter. Architect/Engineer is required by the grant. Chairman Symes stated he would be in favor of pursuing the shelters on our own without grant funding. Commissioner Daniels stated he would be in favor of spending less and the county providing shelters without the required architect costs. If Allen County can buy five shelters and place them ourselves with the help of the company for \$125,000 or less that the county should do that. Terry stated the companies he had looked at might have the cost higher. Commissioners agreed to do it on their own for next season.

Joyce Adair and Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center, Inc., joined the meeting.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, reported Allen County was selected out of a handful of airports in Kansas for the Fly Kansas Air Tour scheduled for September 23, 2021, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. He would like to make it a very public event. They want include school kids to businesses; it is a great opportunity to showcase Allen County Regional Airport. There will be 40 plus airplanes with pilots and other people so possibly 65 to 70 people. Planes will take off from Wellington and fly to Fort Scott, then Allen County and go on from there. This Friday, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Jerry Daniels, Commissioner, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director and Robert Poydack, Allen County Airport Manager will be meeting to start the planning process.

Chairman Symes stated Allen County will be hosting Southeast Kansas Regional meeting that day in the morning. It will be perfect timing for the 17 counties to stick around for the fly in.

Jonathon reminded the commission the RFQ for the airport layout plan are due at the end of the month (August 31), they will need to select a consultant by September 21, 2021, so the process is continuing. Jonathon does not have a recommendation at this time.

Chairman Symes asked about labor study proposals and land banks. Jonathon is still working with Robert Johnson, II, on land bank information and resolution. He is on funding with other entities to join in the study, since Evergy is funding it they want to stay on it.

Joyce Adair, Iola Senior Center Inc. Director, reported the Iola Senior Thrift Store is now open 5 days a week; Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They also will be opening the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Joyce repeated they have a full crew with 14 members.

Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center Inc., requested the commission to approve an addition to the south side of the building:

IOLA SENIOR CITIZENS, INC.

We are asking you to:

Approve adding a 20 x 50 ft. room onto the south side of our building. This will almost double our display area.

Projected cost (Estimates)

Room add on	\$55,000
Heating and air	15,000
Carpeting	2,700
	\$72,700

Financing

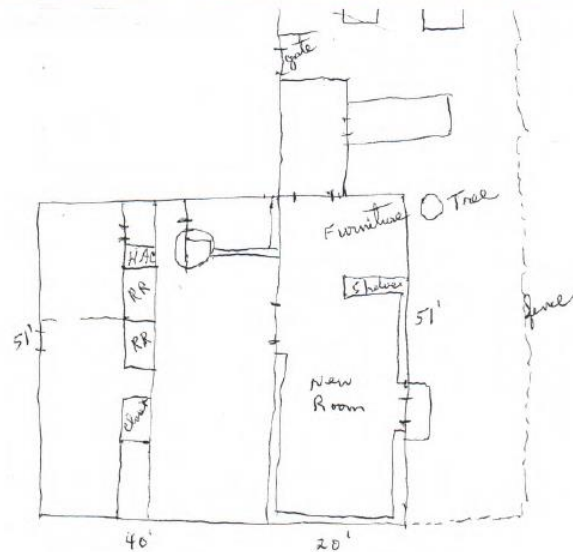
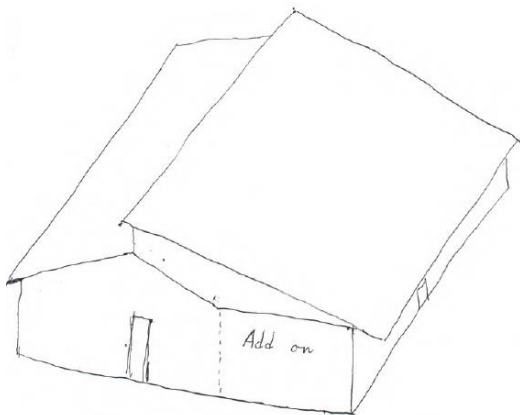
Maybee Foundation Grant	20%	\$14,540
Public Donors	40%	29,080
Other	40%	29,080

Alternative financing

Senior Center	100%	\$72,700
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What we need from the county commission

- Approval to add a room onto the building
- Removal of a tree in the south lot
- Designate the Senior Citizens as a permanent lessee
- Possible help on financing



Joe stated they are requesting 20X50 foot room addition. If they kept the donations, instead of giving back to the community they would be able to build the addition themselves. Discussion followed on space and costs. The Maybee Foundation Grant accepts applications quarterly, specifically for building construction but they do require the applicant to come up with 40% public donations as well and 40% would have to come from other which he would like it to come from the county. Joe would like to have approval from the commission to build the addition and remove a tree in the south lot, designate the lola Senior Center, Inc. as a permanent lessee (which is required by the Maybee Foundation) and help with the funding. He explained they really aren't a lessee as they do not pay rent. Commissioner Daniels asked if the expansion would be due to social distancing so funds might be available for such. Discussion followed on grant requirements and whether the percentages could be different. Joe stated they could not, the grant is offered to a 4 or counties, non-profits in the area strictly for building construction. He would give a form for the commission to go with the grant stating "As the owners the building occupied by the lola Senior Center, Inc., we the Allen County Commissioners hereby declare the lola Senior Center, Inc. to be permanent lessees of the property located at 223 N. State." Joe would appreciate the commissioners to take under consideration.

Rodney Burns, discussed changing the General Capital projects line to adjust the mill levy to 61.5 which is still down from 2020 taxes. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniel suggested the RNR hearing and Budget Hearing be held on August 31, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and 9:10 a.m. respectively. Rodney discussed the Sewer Districts and Fire Districts levies. Sherrie discussed the requested mill levies. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve draft 6 and publish the RNR and Budget hearings for August 31, 2021. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes stated he has checked with the athletic director at the Allen County Community College to serve food on September 23, 2021 or if any other person has suggestions.

Commissioner Daniels asked about remodeling with ARPA funds. He would like to see security barriers in the Clerk's and Treasurer's offices. Sherrie will check.

Commissioner Daniels asked Sheriff Murphy about food for the jail. Sheriff Murphy stated they have been dropped by SYSCO due to lack of drivers. He stated they do check costs around to the county stores.

Commissioner Lee discussed a citizen wanting the county to consider bridges (15 tons) in the rural areas due to the age, they are not designed for the 18 wheelers of now days. It is suggested they be considered to replace. Mitch reported Allen County has bridge inspections about every 3-4 years, not everything is considered a bridge, depends on axels. KDOT only covers bridges not culverts, most have a 15-ton limit. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee stated the second thing was noxious weeds. If you have weeds in your field, you get dinged by the state and when the right of way has Johnson Grass it is thrown in the fields is frustrating. Noxious weed department does sell chemicals to farmers but they aren't in the office when they are out spraying. They could use maintenance personal at the shop to run over and sell the chemical. Discussion followed on certification and rotation.

Chairman Symes suggested a 3-minute break. The time is 9:47. Commissioners agreed.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:52 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:04 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:09 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie asked about clarification on Sewer District #1 and #2, Fire District #2, 3, & 4 2022 budgets. Commissioners agreed Sewer District #1 should be 9 mills, Sewer District #2 should be 20 mills, and each of the three fire districts should be at 5 mills.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney Client Privilege negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Charles Apt, III, Attorney and Terry Call, EMS Financial Director/Zoning Administrator. the time is now 10:14 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:24 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney Client Privilege negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Charles Apt, III, Attorney and Terry Call, EMS Financial Director/Zoning Administrator. the time is now 10:26 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:36 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Symes asked if Kent Thompson, State Representative be invited to the SEK Regional Meeting. Discussion followed. Commissioners suggested all of our representative should be invited. Sherrie will extend an invitation to Senator Tyson, and representatives Kent Thompson and Ken Collins.

Chairman Symes invited both the City of Iola and AMR. Matt Rehner, stated their willingness to continue to serve as Allen County EMS service with their dedicated staff. Jason Jenkins, AMR, stated his proposal stands as presented. They would be able to customize their service for Allen County.

Sheriff Murphy requested to continue to do the RFP for the proposed tower and getting an engineer study. Discussion followed on grant. Commissioner Lee stated the engineer study is already good.

John Fewins, asked about cutting brush along the railroad. Mitch state he would look at it.

Chairman Symes reminded persons about the "Big Boy" historical train going through City of Moran on Wednesday from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter from US Department of Labor – Employee Protections Referral of Pending FTA Grant Application KS-2021-013-00
- b) Diamond Coach Corporation Purchase order
- c) Letter from Office of Recovery on expansion of the courtroom.
- d) Allen County Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency dtd 07/02/1997
- e) Monthly reports from Court Clerk, Public Work Director, Noxious Weeds,
- f) Fund and Budget Status reports for July 2021
- g) The Kansas Prosecutor magazine.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$57,491.51
- b) Journal Vouchers - #50 & #51
- c) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Seth Pollet of 84 hours to be used before January 24, 2022.
- d) Payroll – new hires, Alex Reynolds (Jailer), Jacob Avery (Equipment Operator) and Troy Smith (for Drug Court)
- e) Payroll – 1 year pay increase for Ethan T. Tavarez (Jailer)

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. until Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner