

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman William "Bill" H. King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS, Rodney Burns, Allen County auditor, David Lee, Commissioner District #2 candidate, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed metal at the landfill; it has been piling for 2 years. Two years ago, it was \$125.00 per ton. He presented bids from Ray's Metal Depot for \$80.00 per ton; 54 Rebuilders – no bid and HIS Solutions, LLC – no bid. Discussion followed on need and demand. There is not really a market for metal at this time. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Ray's Metal Depot for \$80.00 per ton. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michelle Meiwes, Commissioner District #2 candidate, joined the meeting.

Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC., Allen County's auditor, presented Allen County's 2021 proposed budget for review. Discussion followed concerning the tax lid; what is under it and what is not. Sherrie stated she has scheduled the budget hearing for September 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. if that works for the commission. Commissioner Symes moved to approve for budget for hearing publication. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension District Executive Director, dropped off a thank you note from the Southwind 4-H Livestock Judging Team for allowing the use of the courthouse for their State 4-H Sweepstakes Contest. It was the perfect space for them to be successful as a team for a first-time virtual experience. They participated in Livestock & Meats judging, Livestock Skillathon and Quiz bowl. There were 13 of the youth. Commissioners expressed their support of 4-H.

Terry presented a maintenance agreement for the two new generators at both the Humboldt and Moran Ambulance Stations.



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## Maintenance Contract

This Maintenance Contract is between Howard's Electric LLC and Allen County for the generators at Humboldt, KS and Moran, KS buildings. The contract runs for one year. In this contract, Howard's Electric will visit both generators twice a year to check for leaks and to check the functionality of the generator.

We will change the oil once a year. The cost of this service is \$1,000 per year.

If so agreed to these terms, please sign below:

Commissioners reviewed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the contract with Howard's Electric LLC. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King signed.

Terry discussed the issue of a water spot at Moran station. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels will talk to Humboldt City about a grand opening for their new station and Chairman King will talk to Moran City about a grand opening for theirs.

Lisse Regehr, President of Thrive Allen County, gave an update on SPARKS. She said they are waiting approval from the state. There will be a zoom meeting this week for anyone that will be a recipient of the funding. She will be at the commission meeting next week to ask for approval of a process that recipients will have to go through to receive the funding.

Becky Voorhies, Thrive Director of Health Programs, presented information to the commission on CDBG-CV Round 2, that ended on Friday. She passed out the matrix of info on the four businesses that had submitted all necessary documents. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King's signature on the four applications that qualified, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. She stated that 13 businesses have been approved for funding. There were four that did not qualify for CDBG- CV; however, they can maybe qualify with SPARKS next year, it will be first come first serve.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss trade secrets. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Lisse Regehr and Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Nathan Mentzer, joined the meeting to discuss broadband internet for the northwest corner of Allen County. He has been meeting with David Lee of New Wave Broadband and passed out some information on such to the commissioners. He stated there are funds from the CARES act for this endeavor. He explained the current service area of New Wave. Letters of support were presented for approval. *"Allen County Commissioners fully support New Wave Broadband's connectivity grant to increase opportunity for distance learning, telework, and telehealth capabilities by expanding much needed bandwidth in Northwest (Geneva area). In general, Allen County has limited, spotty and inconsistent access to high speed internet necessary to conduct business. We appreciate the opportunity of increasing access to high speed internet to better serve our communities education, business, and health needs."* Commissioner Symes moved that commissioners sign letters of support for New Wave Broadband in Bayard/Mildred area and Geneva area, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Angie Murphy, 911 Director, talked to commission about grants for storm shelters through FEMA. She said it is a very competitive grant. It would be for safe rooms, storm shelters for as many areas as possible. If approved, it could take up to one year. Lisse stated that Savonburg needs them, as does Carlyle, Petrolia and Mildred. Lisse learned of these needs through community conversations. Angie said we could put in a letter of interest and see what happens. She will work with Terry on this.

Angie reported that Lola High School is wanting to do an intern program. There would be two students, an hour and 45 minutes per day. The students would receive class credit for this. The Sheriff's Department has participated in this before, but 911 had not been asked until this year. Sheriff Murphy said the school wants to do internships with the Sheriff's Office, 911 Dispatch and County Attorney. There are three students interested. Counselor Johnson mentioned they need to think about confidentiality. Commissioners commented it's a great deal, but need to be selective. Angie stated students would go through the same security screening as any new hire would.

Angie discussed "spoofing" on caller id. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels mentioned it would be good if Code Red calling in could show up as something other than just the number. People may not answer if they don't know it's Code Red calling them.

Chairman King asked about work comp for Fire Districts. Sherrie reported Fire District #3 said they cannot get coverage through a third-party insurance. The state insurance commission said the county has to provide such. Sherrie asked KWORC; she will find out the cost. Rural Fire District #3 will pay the cost. It will most likely happen with all the fire districts.

Sherrie asked on behalf of Deb Greenwall, Lola Reads Program, to put lavender ribbons on the lamp posts around the square from October 1 – October 31 for cancer awareness. Lola Reads book this year is "Defiance" by Valerie Hobbs. The book is about a child with cancer. She said Deb encourages everyone to wear lavender on October 29 for cancer awareness. Commissioners approved request.

Sherrie said each county will receive two drop boxes for ballots. They will need to be placed in secure areas. She is thinking a box will be in Lola and one in Humboldt. Sherrie stated that our local post office works really well with our election office.

Sherrie discussed meals on wheels in desperate need of carriers. She has talked to the Lola Area Chamber of Commerce to see if any businesses would like to volunteer. There is a business located in Garnett that comes down to deliver meals for Allen County people one day a week. Discussion continued.

Mitch reported on a couple dump trucks that are almost out of commission at the landfill. There are two that need replaced for the road department. He also needs a motor grader. There are over 500,000 miles on some of his trucks. It would be January before delivery was made, if they get ordered now. Sherrie stated it would come of this year's budget if ordered this year. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Terry Call and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:35 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:37 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:42 a.m. No action was taken.

Sheriff Murphy mentioned the tower; he requested the commission to keep in thoughts for near future. This expenditure would not qualify for CARES money. Lisse discussed this and stated there is the December 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and likely no way to make that work in that time frame. Sheriff Murphy stated he has been looking for grants. Commissioner Daniels said the lease-purchase idea is an option if necessary. Sheriff Murphy said two more providers could go on tower as well.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 8/19/2020-\$196,534.91 & 8/24/2020-\$11,701.10
- b) Payroll – Pay increases effective August 16, 2020 for Christopher Bowman, Patrick Cash, Jennifer Friend, Stacey Jones, Matthew Komma, Timothy Komma, Douglas Krogh, Daniel McMurray, Diane Rogers, Martin Schomaker, Hayden Seabolt, Lisa Sears, and Nicole Stiffer.
- c) Payroll – Pay increases effective August 30, 2020 for Dalton Altis, Jeanne Carson, Matthew Komma, Timothy Komma, Tanner Porter, and Justin Thompson.
- d) Payroll – reimbursement for mileage &/or goods –Bruce Symes and Terry Call
- e) Journal Entries - #36
- f) Abatements: TR, Value 1584, \$218.58, Yr 2019  
TR, Value 1213, \$166.60, Yr 2018

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m. until September 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner