

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 Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Daniel Schowengerdt, County Counselor Representative, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive, Terry Johnson, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the landfill cell. The projected completion date is the end of March.

Mitch reported on the airport project. He will get three bids for both wooden hangars and metal hangars.

There will be a container for #2 milk jugs at the landfill. There will be barrels for different batteries. The batteries will end up in Pittsburg at Southeast Kansas Recycling.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported on the final checklist for the bridge on Nebraska & 2200 St.

Mark discussed the road agreement for Blackberry.

Chairman Lee asked about the pothole patcher. Mark explained how the cold affects the use of such.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, reported the copier in her office is beyond repair. She shared the bids she got from Copy Products - \$2895.00 Toshiba or \$1495.00 Brother & Modern Copy - \$1050.00 Kyocera or \$1363 Kyocera. She has money in the GIS fund. Jami will find out the price toners will be for said copiers and make a decision.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:58 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Daniel Schowengerdt, Mark Griffith and Patrick Huff, James New & Chad Clancy, Mack Truck Representatives by phone. Commissioners reconvened at 9:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney/Client Privilege, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:19 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Daniel Schowengerdt, Mark Griffith and Patrick Huff, James New & Chad Clancy, Mack Truck Representatives by phone. Commissioners reconvened at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Allen County Maintenance Dept Inventory
- b) Services to the Elderly Van Inventory
- c) Register of Deeds Inventory

d) Escape – Oil, Value 17,509, \$2,872.26, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$112,442.47
- b) Payroll – Payroll changes for Doug Campbell & Lisa Sears
- c) Payroll – Reimbursements for Terry Call, Rhegan Fischer, Shannon Patterson, Mitch Garner
- d) Payroll – Process servers for Brenda Beth, Dallas Merritt, Daren Kellerman, Steve Womack & Haley Donovan
- e) Abatements - RE Value 26,162, \$3,843.08, Year 2023  
PP Value 20,140, \$3,220.70, Year 2023  
TR Value 3,053, \$ 423.80, Year 2023  
Oil, Value 17,509, \$2,872.26, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m. until Friday, December 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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David E. Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner