

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 12:30 p.m. with Chairman David E. Lee, Jerry Daniels, Commissioner (by conference call), Bruce Symes, Commissioner, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor (by conference call), Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 19, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, presented a draft flyer on battery disposal and plastic recycling. Commissioner Symes suggested to change wording about the recyclables. Mitch stated he has ordered 6 barrels to have at the landfill.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported they received the pot hole patching material. He explained this material works better during the winter when its not warm enough for the oil. Discussion followed on difference between hot mix and cold mix.

Mark reported they have been working on tree cleanup.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported on the Hazard Mitigation Funding Grant that he applied for to install a new storm siren for Mildred. This application was denied. Jason has estimated that it will cost \$23,000 to fully replace the siren, pole and electric. The current siren in Mildred is not functioning at all at this time. Discussion followed. Chairman Lee asked Jason to speak with Thrive about grant opportunities and then bring this back into discussion on Tuesday.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy asked if a decision had been made on the starting wage increases? Sheriff stated he has done 3 interviews as of today. He is currently 1 short in the jail. He has moved one from jail to the road and has one deputy hired, so that puts him currently 3 short now. He is requesting \$17.00 for the jail and \$20.00 for deputies. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee read Resolution 202314 Allen County Special Machinery Fund.

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 202314  
ALLEN COUNTY SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

WHEREAS, in accordance with K.S.A. 68-141F and K.S.A. 68-141G will hereby transfer \$600,000.00 from Allen County Public Works Fund to Allen County Special Machinery fund an amount not to exceed twenty-five (25%) credit to the Public Works Fund. All moneys credited to the Special Machinery Fund shall be used by Allen County for the purpose of purchasing road or bridge building machinery or equipment or the building of bridges and such fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 to 79-2937 or acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, except that in making the budgets of Allen County the amounts credited to and the amount expended there from shall be shown thereon for the information of the taxpayers of Allen County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 29th day of December 2023.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

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David E. Lee, Chairman

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Daniels, Commissioner

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Jerry

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Symes, Commissioner

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Bruce

ATTESTED:

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Commissioner Symes moved to approve Resolution 202314. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee reported on some paperwork from Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips, PA. The hospital facilities board would like to work with them for the Schedule of Bond Activity. They have used BKD in the past. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Lee's signature for Jarred, Gilmore & Phillips letter. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported the survey of the land for the airport industrial park project is done and we have received the report. Everything was fine on the study. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Phase II Archaeological Survey for the Allen County Airport Industrial Park Improvements Project Report
- b) December monthly reports for Attorney's office, Sheriff's office,
- c) November monthly report for Sheriff's office
- d) Inventories – Allen County 911, Treasurer's office, Road & Bridge, Public Works, Iola Seniors Inc, Meals on Wheels.
- e) Add: Gas, Value 770, \$114.07, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$176,589.73
- b) Payroll – Cleaning stipend paid to Darcy Burton
- c) Clerk's journal entries #61, 62, 63, 64
- d) Abatements: PP, Value 3,382, \$ 511.78, Year 2023  
TR, Value 647, \$111.56, Year 2023  
Oil, Value 769, \$113.92, Year 2023

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 12:57 p.m. until Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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David Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner