

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner David Lee, Commissioner John F. Brockner and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Bob Johnson, County Counselor, Anthony Maness, Sheriff, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 4, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Daniels asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they are still waiting on the gas line for the generator to be installed. Mitch stated due to wet weather; they have not gotten the other pad poured for the newest hangar. Chairman Daniels asked about the electric being ran. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the MowerMax representative brought the Gen 4 MowerMax to be demoed. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated his crews are ready for the winter storm should it hit us.

Jeremy reported a grader went down. He got with Foley and received a quote for the repairs. This grader has 14,000 hours. They will have to pull the engine and repair; just shy of a full rebuild. Discussion followed Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Foley to rebuild the engine for \$65,051.98. Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy what his thoughts are on having a citizens group to sit down and discuss the prioritize the roads and repairs. Discussion followed.

Chairman Daniels reported on a zoning application from the City of Iola for the acreage that will be annexed for the Airport Industrial Park. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the application for zoning to annex the acreage. Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to pass Resolution 202503 Authorizing Participation in Rural Opportunity Zone Student Loan Repayment Program for Calendar Year 2025. Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee mentioned he asked Gary McIntosh to look at both insurance proposals after next week's meeting since he has insurance knowledge.

Commissioner Brockner moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:07 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public

Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:19 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:29 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:31 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:36 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner invitation
- b) January monthly department reports from Noxious Weed, County Clerk, Treasurer
- c) January report for Solid Waste Financial
- d) 2024 report for Solid Waste Financial
- e) January financial report from Larry Peterson for Hospital Board
- f) January fund status report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$152,475.65
- b) Payroll – Change for Robert Poydack
- c) Payroll – Boot reimbursement for Chris Craft
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
- e) Court request to sell stenography machine and laptop to Darcie Cruz
- f) Abatements – RE, Value 1,324, \$300.18, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m. until Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner