

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, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Decker 911 Communications Director, Anthony Maness, Sheriff, Tim Stauffer, Iola Register, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Brockner led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 28 2025 meeting.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the gas company requires paperwork and payment before the will come run the gas line. For being a first-time customer, they are giving the first 200' free and we will pay for the remaining footage, approximately 100'. Discussion followed.

Mitch discussed a few grants that were applied for 2025 and 2026. This would allow to extend the taxiway. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported he spoke with two individuals that want to build a hangar and then rent it out to others. They would have to lease the land and they would build the structure. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the Bomag compactor that is down will cost about \$100,000 to fix and this one has over 20,000 hours. He is hoping to have some quotes for a new one within the next week or two. Discussion followed on rebuilds versus buying new and which companies offer rebuilds.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, joined the meeting.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on a request from GeoCore. They are working with KDHE in regards to monitoring and tracking groundwater contamination at the former Johnson's General Store in Humboldt. They will be putting in a monitoring well on the north side of ambulance station. Terry explained what the process and reasoning for this is. They are needing a signature for the easement to allow them to place such in county property. Commissioner Brockner moved to grant GeoCore the right to put in testing well. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chelsie presented revised Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) with Woodson and Anderson Counties since they have new Sheriffs. She explained what each one was for and that these must be updated when a new office head comes in. Nothing in the agreements has changed other than names and dates. Commissioner Lee moved to approve all appropriate signatures on the new MOUs. Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Franklin joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee asked Chelsie about her emails regarding hearing testing for potential employees. She stated she has reached out to Community Health Center (CHCSEK) and they do not offer such testing. She stated she has a place in Chanute that can do it on a walk-in basis right now. Commissioner Lee suggested speaking with the Multi-County Health Department (SEKMCHD) and seeing about getting our pre-employment physicals

done there as well as hearing tests if they are offered. Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, explained that CHCSEK allows us to send pre-employment physicals as walk-ins currently but that she would request information from the SEKMCHD on pricing and what is offered.

Cory Boren, Boren's Roofing, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Maness reported he will have a meeting with Adam Chriss of KDEM about encryption. He has spoken with Iola PD and Chief Warner is moving forward. He has also spoken with other police departments and also the EMS with their encryption requirements. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee asked Sheriff Maness to explain what the encryption requirements are. Sheriff Maness explained what he knows of this.

Zack Morrison and Josh Heller, H & H Roofing & Restoration, joined the meeting.

Zack Morrison and Josh Heller, H & H Roofing & Restoration, explained Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, had reached out to them due to some leaks being reported. He has done the inspections of the roof for the courthouse and jail. He has broken down the different areas and price points. Discussion followed.

Cory Boren, Boren's Roofing, reported they did the roofs originally. He stated they have done multiple attempts to seal off the pipes that are causing the leaks. He explained all that has been done to the roofs. The jail was done in 2015 with a 15-year warranty. Courthouse roof has 20-year warranty and was done in 2007; 2 years left of warranty. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:35 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Allen County Conservation District Annual Dinner invitation
- b) Your Community Foundation letter
- c) District Court inventory
- d) January monthly report for Public Works, Attorney
- e) Annual reports for Logan Twp, Deer Creek Twp, Elsmore Twp, West Cottage Grove Cemetery, Allen Co Rural Fire Dept #3

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$180,757.65 & 1/30/2025-\$242,871.88
- b) Payroll – Change for Troy Smith
- c) Abatements – RE, Value 626, \$141.16, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Brocker moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m. until Tuesday, February 11 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