

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Bruce Symes, Commissioner, David E. Lee, Commissioner, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Bob Franklin, and Paul Zirjack, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 11, 2022.

Robert E. Johnson, Allen County Attorney, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, and Randy Riebel, citizen, Georgia Masterson, Humanity House representative, joined the meeting.

Phil Drescher, Bukaty Company, Matt Baki (via phone), Tria Health, explained benefits for employees for controlling overall health. 2009 company in Overland Park. Matt continued with a power point presentation explained how Tria Health could help Allen County employees. Incentive implementations, internal promotion and Tria Health Outreach were discussed. Phil asked about pricing, \$20,000 monthly for the service (\$85/engaged employee). There have been 60 employees recognized to benefit from this program. Commissioner Symes asked if any of this service is duplication? Phil stated yes, but doctor times are limited and they don't always know the complete drug use. Discussion followed. Phil recommendation is for the county to implement it for one year to see what benefit Allen County sees; a second year then drop it because these employees will know what to do. Discussion followed. Phil suggested a reference from Tria. Phil would like a decision by next Tuesday so it could be presented if needed on the Open Enrollment BCBS Meeting scheduled to be held on February 23, 2022. Commissioners requested to get references.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented an agreement between Secretary of Transportation and Allen County for KDOT Bridge Project #1C-5099-01; on Nebraska Road just past 2200 Street. The project cost is \$289,000; Allen County's portion is \$139,786; the State's portion is \$150,000. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported they are having Small Mine Safety Training this week for three days. He is staggering the crews for distancing purposes. The way he has training set up they will still be able to cover the roads if the weather is bad.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, discussed the BG Consulting Group has completed the independent fee estimate for the airport. This is part of the airport layout plan project process. He is still waiting on Garber to get him their fee. Then they will be able to get together the FFA Grant application so that they can apply for the 90/10 split on the funding; then the commissioners can decide if they want to have that application submitted contingent upon receiving FFA funds. Results will probably be known in March.

Jonathon reported the City of Moran received CDBG grant funding for their water lines and City of Humboldt received some CDBG grant funding for their streets. Thrive wrote Moran's grant and Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission helped Humboldt.

Commissioners discussed City of Iola's council meeting last evening approving housing development in Iola.

Chelsie Angleton, Allen County 911 Director, gave Jason's weather report: The National Weather Service in Wichita has issued the attached Situation Report to address the various weather hazards expected this week.

Tuesday

Wind gusts – 43 mph

Grassland Fire Danger Index – Catastrophic

A Red Flag Warning is in effect from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm today

Wednesday

Wind gusts – 39 mph

Severe storms forecasted, but should be south of Allen County

Thursday

Expected snow – 4 inches

Low end – 1 inch

High end – 8 inches

89% chance of receiving at least 1 inch

57% chance of receiving at least 4 inches

12% chance of receiving at least 8 inches

Jason will keep the commission posted as the weather comes in.

Georgia Masterson, Humanity House, requested a letter of support to Health Forward for grant funding every year except last year the Kansas Health Foundation did last year. They are requesting \$75,000 this year; \$40,000 Tracy's salary, \$25,000 to employee an advocate. Georgia discussed needs. Commissioner Lee moved to support Humanity House request for funding. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners signed.

Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, presented bids for a used Epson from Crawford County for \$115.00 so she will be delivering it during the Regional Meeting.

Cara requested ARPA funds for a Register of Deeds to digitize deeds for the public to use; there are two annually and one quarterly. She explained how the system works. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs, landowner, visited with the commission about a venture to form a new company E-TV. He explained what the company would do; virtual meetings. Arlyn is requesting infrastructure help from the commission. He continued his talk on all he is doing. Don't stand in his way, cut out the negativism.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, discussed Postalocity doing the mailing for tax notices for \$5,128.29 out to the public; could be less. Commissioner Symes moved to fund the mailing for tax notices by Postalocity. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0

Jami stated valuation notices will be mailed out in about 4 – 6 weeks. Valuation is going up. She will be happy to visit with any landowner that has concerns but wanted the commission to be informed.

Sherrie reminded the commission they need a replacement on Fire Board #2 and Zoning Board. Commissioners are still contacting persons.

Sherrie mentioned a letter from Brenda Sharpe, Reach Healthcare Foundation's nomination of Patti Miklos-Boyd to serve on the Reach Foundation Board of Directors. Commissioner Lee moved to appoint Patti Miklos-Boyd to serve on the REACH Healthcare

Foundation Board of Directors, the term would run from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2024. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie presented two contracts with Advantage Computers; one for Annual Retainer for NW & PC labor at \$75/hr. for \$1,200 from 4/1/2022 to 3/31/2023 and one for WEB Annual Hosting SSL for \$105.00, for 4/14/2022 to 4/13/2023. Commissioner Lee moved to sign the two contracts with Advantage Computer Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0

Sherrie discussed an invitation to the Southeast Kansas County Officials Regional meeting Thursday, March 17, 2022. Commissioners Lee and Symes stated they would attend.

Sherrie informed the commission on a call from KWORCC, Allen County's work comp carrier. KWORCC reported that Allen County's work comp rates would be increasing \$19,685 due to pay increases.

Sheriff Murphy gave an updated quote on the Secure Tech for Wave; this one includes 41 Virtual Button Licenses per computer for \$14,810.00. It will take around 30 days to implement once a decision is made. Commissioners are considering ARPA funding.

Sheriff Murphy asked about where the commissioners were at on the communications tower bids. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Hayden tower for \$875,000. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Sheriff said thank you.

Arlyn discussed the Attorney General and investigations. Discussion followed.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:05 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for non-elected, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:17 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:37 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected, Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:40 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:45 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for attorney client, Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:46 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:56 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Daniels reported there is \$1.9 million in the special bridge fund. Commissioner Symes moved to proceed with the KDOT Bridge Project #1C-5099-01 replacement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Daniels discussed a resolution for road construction limiting traffic, speed limit and bridge weights. Discussion followed. He would like to get it done.

Commissioner Lee asked if the commission wanted to discuss the PILOT (Windfarm monies). Commissioner Symes discussed the breakdown of schools per capita of students and what it is based on \$50,000. USD #256 has 253 students using \$50,000.00 equals \$197.62 per student, USD #257 has 1,200 students using \$50,000.00 equals \$41.66 per student, USD #258 has 636 students using \$50,000.00 equals \$78.61 per student. Commissioner Symes stated Moran students are getting twice what the Humboldt school district is getting with the \$50,000 and four times more than lola students are getting. Commissioner Symes discussed past PILOT funding and what it was used for. Commissioner Symes would like to distribute similar to last year. Commissioner Lee discussed the Tech (RLTC)school as well; not opposed to the USD's getting some PILOT monies. He is not ready yet to make a call. Chairman Daniels stated the tech school does still have the windmill classes. To Moran's argument if taxed the Moran's school district would make around \$60,000. He trusts the school boards to spend the monies wisely. Commissioner Lee is not opposed to Moran getting monies equal to what taxes would be. Chairman Daniels discussed \$60,000 for Moran, \$50,000 for lola and Humboldt and would defer to tech center later. No decision was made at this time.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Journal Entries – #7 (not approved)
- b) Payroll – pay increases for attorney office person, all of sheriff's office and jail (not approved)
- c) Allen County Conservation ballot (no action)
- d) KWORCC Inspection report
- e) Kansas Department of Health and Environment for Monarch Sow Farm letter
- f) Reach Healthcare Foundation letter of nomination.
- g) Corrected Form 1099 from Community National Bank & Trust for Allen County Solid Waste Assurance Trust Agency

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- h) Clerk's Vouchers – \$92,443.09
- i) Abatements – PP Value 5170, \$655.36, Year 2021
- j) Payroll – 2021 back pay on employee
- k) Payroll – 6 month increase on Alex Reynolds
- l) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 59 hours for Dathan McMurtrey to be used by June 16, 2022.
- m) Payroll – New hires Kristin Stotler as Admin. Assistant Attorney's office, Ilya Huddleston as Correction Officer
- n) Annual reports for Logan Township and Fire District #2-lola.
- o) Annual inventory for Attorney's office

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. until Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David Lee, Commissioner