

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Lisse Regehr, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No one for public comment.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the storm received last week.

Richard Luken, Iola Register, and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Mitch reported he has sent bids out for oil for dust abatement.

Randall Riebel, joined the meeting.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, discussed the ARPA requests. She explained the Steering Committee had rated the projects requested:

All requests

ARPA Requests	\$ amount	Score of Work	Possible leverage funds	Notes
Administrator	\$96,101.00	Thrive - 4% = \$96,101.32		
Storm Shelters	\$254,300.00			
County Labor Study	\$11,332.00	Beneficial for future planning of Allen County		Approved by the commissioners 10.12.2021
1 Communications Tower	\$969,269.33	Because it is needed to reach the non reaching areas of Allen County for employee and citizen safety		01/27/2022- Two bids. Tower Systmes at \$969,269.33 and Hayden Tower Service at \$875,000.00
2 Rural Water Dist#8 or necessary water lines to Airport Industrial Park	\$640,641.00	Waterline replacement out to the industrial park	Possible CDBG & KIDHE Loan, Possible BASE grant	BASE grant requires at least 25% match. Necessary water lines (10 inch) for airport industrial park: \$1,675,000 Water tower: \$1,150,000-\$3,900,000
3 County Barns - 3 restrooms & concrete floors throughout building	\$81,680.25	There is no place at the current barns for restroom access; dirt floors are not fit for purpose		\$27,226.75 per barn renovation
4 Courtroom remodel	\$2,354.20	Tight quarters with COVID - no social distancing		Money spent thus far is for architect; need final amount for whole remodel
5 Transportation; thru June 2022	\$34,000.00			
6 911 Backup office		Backup 911 system.		Chelsey in location selection now; getting bids for 1 and 2 workatation spaces
7 Allen County; security barriers		Add Security barriers in the Treasurer's and Clerk's office		The treasurer's office does not want barriers and clerk's office has not received a quote. 10.27.2021
8 K State Building	\$7,262.00	Update two Restrooms for ADA compliance		
9 PPE County Employees	\$22,515.00			
10 Employee Premium Pay for county employees	\$159,955.25	This was for all public-facing workers.		All county employees are eligible automatically under the Final Rule (effective 04/01/2022) whether public facing or not.
	\$2,279,410.03			
ARPA Funding 2021 - May 19, 2021	\$1,201,266.50			
ARPA Funding 2022	\$1,201,266.50			
Total remaining	\$123,122.97			

Discussion followed on each item on the list. Lisse discussed the communications tower grant is probably not going to cover the installation of the communications tower. She suggests the commission go forward with the ARPA funding for the tower. Lisse discussed the BASE grants might be able to use towards the water line project. Jonathon discussed in a couple of weeks BG Consultants will be present to discuss the airport project.

Discussion followed on costs for industrial area at the airport. Jonathon stated since the engineering is done it would have a great chance. 25% match can be covered by ARPA funding.

Commissioner Symes discussed the Steering Committee's list. Commissioners will make the final decision. Chairman Daniels commented on the list. He requested Lisse to look at the Elmore request on their water district. Discussion followed.

Jonathon discussed the modern housing grant. Commissioner needs to be on the contact list. Commissioners agreed that it would be Commissioner Symes.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, they are not suggesting PPE needs anymore. She said they don't see a need to order PPE any longer. Nursing homes are the only area that could use immediate need if an out break happens. They are comfortable with the supplies they have.

Chelsie presented information about starting wages for area dispatch centers:

County	Population	EMD	EFD	Accredited	NCIC	Standalone	Starting wage
Anderson	7900	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	\$ 17.09
Andover	14000	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 15.69
Chianute	9100	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 17.13
Coffey	8300	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	\$ 17.63
Cowley	35000	Yes	No	No	Some	Yes	\$ 13.29
Ellsworth		Yes	No	No	Yes	No	\$ 14.74
Franklin	25000	Yes	No	Yes	Some	Yes	\$ 14.76
Garden City	45000	No	No	No	Some	No	\$ 18.43
Harvey	37000	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 16.45
Hays	29000	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$ 17.00
Jefferson	16000	Yes	No	No	Some	Yes	\$ 14.00
Johnson	65000	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	\$ 20.88
Kingman	7800	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$ 16.50
Lyon	50000	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 16.90
McPherson	29000	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 16.96
Mitchell	8000	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 14.50
Overland Park	197000	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$ 26.00
Riley	75000	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	\$ 19.10
Sedgwick	50000	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	\$ 17.82
Sumner	22800	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 14.81
Johnson Sheriff	250000	No	No	No	Some	No	\$ 23.31
Woodson	2500	No	No	No	Yes	No	\$ 14.00
Bourbon	14500	Some	No	No	Some	Yes	\$ 12.50
Neosho	16000	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	\$ 15.00

She discussed the ones close. Allen County's starting wage is \$15.45. We are ahead of 3 adjoining counties on starting wages. Chelsie said they don't cover the same things as what Allen County does. Chelsie would like to start at \$17.00 with no experience, then .25 cents increase for each previous years of service. She said this would affect the current wages of the 911 staff. Discussion followed. She has interviews scheduled; she is down 4 employees.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, updated the commission on the Humboldt Senior Center. He had the sign picture and 3 vat sink. Ron discussed the need for the stove and little refrigerator. He stated the cost of an apartment size stove is \$719.00 and refrigerator is \$699.00. Discussion followed on size. Commissioner Lee moved to go ahead and accept the bids for the two appliances. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron presented a bid for a filter system for the current heat and air system which would prolong the life of the system. The bid is from CE Water Manage for a FA900AL Bypass Filter Feeder \$925.



2-7-22

QUOTE

Customer: Attn: Ron Holman Allen Co Courthouse Iola, KS	JOB: Allen Co Courthouse HVAC Treatment System Iola, KS
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WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS PER PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS			
Qty.	Equipment	Per	Ext Total
(1)	FA900AL Bypass Filter Feeder	\$925.00	\$925.00
Subtotal			\$925.00
Not including any applicable taxes, freight, or installation. Installation is the responsibility of the customer.			
Adding filtration to the closed loop will remove the excess iron that is in the closed loop. Excess iron can impact efficiency and may shorten the equipment lifespan, filtration will significantly reduce these risks.			

The above quotation excludes receiving, setting and all mechanical or electrical installation. Installation is the responsibility of the customer. This quote is valid until March 31, 2022.

TOTAL QUOTE: \$925.00

(Not any including applicable taxes, installation, freight, or delivery.)

Ryan Kelley
CE Water Management
ryankelley@cewater.com

3250 Brinkerhoff Rd Kansas City, KS 66115

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the filter system. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:03 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sheri Smith, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m. No action taken.

Sherrie reminded the Commission of a vacancy on the Fire District #2 Board that needs a replacement.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, discussed wage increases for all his employees. He feels like this is to increase starting wages. Discussion followed on questions from the commission. Sheriff stated he would not put in the update wages if it wasn't greatly needed. He has it in his budget.

Randall Riebel, citizen, discussed voting records. Comments were made.

Bob Franklin, citizen, believes we do the best we can in Elections but it is at a state level.

Paul Zirjacks, citizen, stated he feels if every person voted it would make a difference.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:58 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:13 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:15 a.m. Those

present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:31 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:46 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for attorney client privilege. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners suggested putting Iola Senior Center, Inc. on the ARPA list. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Monthly documents: Treasurer's, Court Clerk, Attorney's, Appraiser's, Noxious Weed, Public Works, County Clerk's and Register of Deeds offices
- b) Budget Status report for month ending January.
- c) Fund Status report for month ending January.
- d) Allen County Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency reports for the year 2021 and January 2022
- e) Security 1st Title Warranty Deed and Owner's Policy of Title Insurance for 908 Central Street, Humboldt (new senior center)
- f) Cox Business correspondence letter
- g) Surplus Property letter of approved eligibility of Allen County.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 2/3/2022-\$277,769.81 & 2/7/2022-\$6,885.67
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – #5 & #6
- c) Payroll – Position Change for Brandon Vink (Equipment operator to Special Bridge Foreman.
- d) Payroll – Pay change for Jackson Meats, 911 dispatcher
- e) Inventory for Allen County 911, Meals on Wheels coolers,

Commissioners tabled the following documents:

- a) Year old pay increase for Sheriff employee
- b) .95 cents increase for 28 Sheriff employee's
- c) New hire Ilya Huddleston for Corrections officer
- d) Six month increase for Alex Reynolds Corrections officer
- e) Vacation Carryover for Dathan McMurtrey for 59 hours to be used by 6/16/22

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m. until Tuesday, February 15, 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 E. Lee, Commissioner