

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Tim Osborn, citizen, Terry Johnson, citizen, Arlyn Briggs, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 16, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Tim Osborn, citizen, introduced himself. Tim wanted to come in and say how nice his roads are now. He lives out in the Dodge Drive area.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, spoke about the roads. He also wanted to speak about the pending lawsuits against the county. He is speaking specifically about the Sigg lawsuit. He stated who all he had reached out to discuss this. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported West Virginia Rd. is completed. They are moving to the Petrolia blacktop.

Jeremy stated the MowerMax is still down and hope to start working on it next week.

Jeremy reported on where the mowing crews and ditching crews are currently at.

Commissioner Daniels asked if Bettis is still in the area. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels asked where the chip sealing will be taking place after Petrolia. Jeremy stated 1900 and New Mexico. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee discussed the new bridge on 2200 and Nebraska and the approaches to the bridge. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, Ems Director, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported that Halcomb completed the bentonite and fill. The liner is next. There will be another contractor for the liner. The owner of Halcomb wants another meeting with the commissioners and the engineers. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he had quite a bit of fireworks left in the dumpster and they soaked them.

Mitch reported the electric has been moved to the other two hangars so now we just need to remove the old poles. One more pole at landfill to set for the meters. Site prep for the new hangar should begin soon. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked with the new landfill cell if the quarry is still able to be in the same location. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked how many aircraft would be able to be in the new hangar. Mitch stated it is a 50x50 so it depends on size of aircraft. Discussion followed on rates for the hangar.

Mitch stated the water line is almost done for the airport industrial park project. And the sewer line is moving along.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, presented the quarterly report. Calls are down for the past quarter. Discussion followed.

Michael stated he did call about the remount and we are about a year out on it.

Commissioner Lee asked about the relationship between EMS and the hospital. Michael stated it is good. They do still take several transfers up to the Kansas City area as well as some to Wichita.

Michael said he feels Med 35 or Med 32 should be the next ones to be scheduled for remount. Commissioners asked what would happen if we let Med 35 (Chevy) run until it dies and then not replace it? Would this put us in a bind with just having 4 units? Discussion followed.

Michael stated he has been speaking with Stryker and they do have some refurbished monitors. He has not gotten the pricing yet. They also do lease options and trade ins.

Robert Jonhson, would like to commend the EMT's for a call that had taken place for a family member. Fast response time and very professional.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported the President signed off on the disaster declaration for the storms at the end of April. Jeremy and Mitch have been working on the paperwork for the county side of it. Discussion followed.

Shannon presented an Agreement for Capital and Operating Assistance Funds for State Transportation Projects. This is an agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Allen County for our 5310 Elderly Services. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes signature on the agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported on information he gathered regarding adding the HAM Radio Clubs antenna to our tower. He stated Sheriff Murphy contacted Heartland and they can mount it for \$58,000. Jason Trego will be working on a Memorandum of Understanding.

Chairman Symes reported on the fair dinner for 4-H appreciation. He will not be available to attend.

Mitch stated on July 28th at round 10:30-11:00, weather permitting, Beth will fly in with her B28.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:28 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:38 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road and Bridge Director,

and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:43 a.m.
No action taken

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$68,138.42
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
- c) Payroll - Meal reimbursement for Breail Thompson, Chelsie Decker
- d) Payroll – June Process Service for Brenda Beth, Haley Donovan, Brian Plumlee, Steve Womack
- e) Payroll – Vacation Carryover of 95 hours for Jeremy Hopkins
- f) Clerks Journal Entries - #23, 24

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until Tuesday, July 30 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner