

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Danielle Louk, Allen County employee, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Ron Holeman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment; there were none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works director, presented bids for side-by-side vehicle. He discussed the phone bids. Gas but no price was given. Diesel prices went up 10% since last bid. Commissioner Symes stated he is still interested in the gas one. Mitch will get the bids for gas and four-seater or two-seater.

Mitch stated they are starting on repairs of the black top and starting striping on the airport runways. Discussion followed on how to solve the problems to keep them from reappearing; It is not funded by the airport project.

Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director, discussed the reported mowers down but back up and fixing pot holes with the pot hole machine. They will be starting chip and seal soon. He will bring a list of who is getting the chip and seal.

Mark presented bids for Culvert pipe from Welborn Sales and J & J Drainage. Bids were

**Culvert Pipe
July 12, 2022**

Company	Type	Size	Price per Foot	Quantity	Total
Welborn Sales	14GA	15x40	\$22.70	10	\$114,440.00
		18x40	\$26.95	10	
		21x40	\$31.35	10	
		24x40	\$35.75	10	
		30x40	\$44.55	10	
		36x40	\$53.75	10	
		48x40	\$71.05	10	
J & J Drainage	14GA	15x40	\$25.38	10	\$132,133.00
		18x40	\$30.24	10	
		21x40	\$35.10	10	
		24x40	\$40.32	10	
		30x40	\$49.50	10	
		36x40	\$59.04	10	
		48x40	\$88.74	10	

Phone bids.

receive from Welborn Sales and J & J Drainage. Commissioners asked if they need all the pipe at one time; the cost has increased significantly. Discussion followed on when the pipe is needed and what is needed now and when the other will be needed. Mark stated some is needed right now. They need at least 10 of each in stock for their projects. Commissioners agreed that they should purchase what is needed from Welborn.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, discussed the weather that came in this Tuesday morning; nothing severe in Allen County.

Crickett Maley, Allen County Treasurer, and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Councilman, joined the meeting.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County discussed a grant that Allen County could pursue; a 10% matching grant for removing lead paint from old homes within Allen County. The minimum request to receive is \$1,000,000 and max is \$4,000,000. She wanted to know if the commission would be interested in pursuing. It is a HUD Grant and the county's match would be \$100,000. She needs to know by August 8, 2022 to submit the grant, it just opened up. Discussion followed on need in the area and cost. Commissioners asked for more information for next weeks meeting. Cole discussed it some; stated he thinks the county would have more opportunities in the cities and county.

Johnathan presented information on Resources for Revitalizing Southeast Kansas Communities Workshop that will be held in Bowlus Fine Arts Building on Thursday, July 28, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. He is requesting \$200 from the commissioners to help cover costs of the workshop. Jonathan stated they are capping it at 40 persons, due to where they are holding it; Creitz Center in the Bowlus. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the \$200 towards the workshop. Commissioner Symes seconded with the comment he would like to see it not capped. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Dimity Lowell and Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center Inc., joined the meeting.

Jonathan requested Commissioners keep considering a county landbank. The county would be the landowner to maintain the property. Commissioners asked about taxes Allen County would get, what happens to county property taxes? Jonathan stated there would not be too much taxes because they are vacant properties. The landbank can be moved forward on and wait until a business wants to build on it. Discussion followed. Chairman Daniels discussed being picky on the lots the county acquires in different ways. Cole explained advantages the county could get due to not already getting monies on the property. Jonathan stated unpaid taxes would get dissolved. Cole explained what they have done without a landbank on properties. Discussion followed. Carl explained some of the city's issues on vacate lots; the county would have the liability on it. Commissioner Symes would like to look at it as an opportunity for housing shortage. He went on to elaborate other areas that are prospering. Jonathan stated there are already persons ready to donate land. Chairman Daniels asked about decisions on the purchased property. Commissioner Lee asked about mowing and maintaining properties. The landbank can say "No" if they don't want the donated property. Discussion followed. Chairman Daniels stated Commissioner Lee could sit on this committee. Crickett stated she wanted to know what her part would be on a landbank. Jonathan will schedule a meeting with Commissioner Lee and Counselor

Jonathan stated Thrive has finalized paperwork for BASE so they are moving forward on the BASE to received \$1.45 awarded to the county.

Commissioner Symes asked about ARPA funding, he wants to keep it on the front burner.

Jonathan discussed BG Consultant on the airport project.

Sherrie requested a time for canvas on August 9, 2022 August Primary Election. Commissioners agreed to hold the canvas at 9:00 a.m.

Sherrie asked about publishing the speed limit on portions of south Allen County. Commissioners stated to publish on July 28, 2022 because it will be enforced upon publication.

Dimity Lowell and Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center Inc., have done all the building they can do to expand the current Iola Senior Center Inc. They want permission to purchase their

own building and put it on the property. Joe explained how they accumulate the monies, \$26,000 since last year. Adding on to the current building to add to the display area. He continued on his request; stating he recognizes it is the County's building. Estimated 4 to 5 years to collect labor, materials with set when purchased. If no, they will disburse out to other organizations who need the monies. Up to \$4,000 toward CURB for utility needs. Dimity stated they have looked at a 50' X 16' Amish building to adjoin to the building; cost is about \$22,000. Joe stated they would be building into the lot next to it. Commissioner Symes stated they have needs or do with existing monies. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested some of the details are made sure to see if it is even allowed. Commissioner Lee asked if they have looked for another building? Joe stated they are established in that area and the cost might be more. The preference would be to stay where they are at. Commissioner Symes would be appreciative of using their monies to do the add on and make sure to check with contractors on the construction. Commissioner Lee asked about attaching for convenience, but not comfortable for a yay or neigh. Joe stated they would put a big door in to move furniture in and out in this new area. Discussion followed to continue as they currently are doing; saving monies.

Carl Slaugh, City of lola council, discussed sewer for the Allen County Airport. The airport would have to be annexed into the city of lola. So, might want to consider other options. The City of lola would be able to handle the sewer with an annexation. The City's current code requires annexation to follow code. Costs are associated with the maintenance of the upkeep sewer. Discussion followed on questions and options.

Cole discussed about E-community to sell tax credits at 75%. He explained what it is. If persons want to know more, they can contact Cole. Discussion followed.

Chairman Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:22 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:32 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:32 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:42 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:42 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:52 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:52 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:57 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Daniels stated the commission needs to take action on the \$12,650 to BG Consultants so they can do the analysis to run sewer to the Allen County Regional Airport. Commissioner Lee moved to pay. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes discussed a meeting on the Juvenile Detention meeting this evening. He stated Allen County pays less than we have in the past. New Director coming up in October.

Sherrie asked about department budgets and who needs to see the commissioners about budget at next week's meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Financial Statements for June 2022
- b) Monthly reports from District Court, Treasurer's office, Noxious Weeds, and Register of Deeds office
- c) Monthly report on Kansas Housing MIH Grant
- d) Letter from Saint Luke's Health System
- e) Form from Emprise Bank
- f) Receipt of funding on General Van
- g) June report on Allen County Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency
- h) United States Bankruptcy Court for the State of Delaware on Mallinckrodt Plc
- i) Monthly department status report
- j) Fund Status report for the month of June

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$14,645.18
- b) Payroll – Position and pay change for Raymond Hale
- c) Payroll – Vacation carry over for Brenda Beth of 35.5 hours to be used by 12/23/2022

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. until Tuesday, July 19, 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