

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, Robert Johnson II, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Rodney Burns, Auditor, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Rodney Burns led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 9, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, presented a letter stating there is no conflict of interest with the company that did the archeological survey for the BASE Grant. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented an amendment to agreement between Schwab-Eaton P.A. Consulting Engineers and Allen County, Kansas. This is needed for the extension of services for landfill project. The fees went from 1\$66,900 to \$196,300. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Symes' signature on the amendment. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported they are waiting a survey to be done to begin putting the pad down for the airport hangar. Electric should begin on the hangars to the north in the next week or so.

Mitch reported both fuel trailers are done and back at the airport.

Mitch stated he still only has 2 of the bids back for a generator at the airport. Commissioner Lee mentioned there is a company in Garnett that he might reach out to. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported they are finishing up in Mildred this week. Moving to Petrolia blacktop after that.

Jeremy stated he is getting a bid from Bettis for the bridge on 1600 north of the county line. We could save money if we move the lay down machine ourselves. He will bring the bid once he receives it.

Jeremy reported the 980 CAT loader at the quarry is down. He presented a bid from Foley for repairs \$21,229.59, rebuild with adders \$410,957.00, or a rebuild without adders \$383,721.00. A new loader would be over \$600,000. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to go with the rebuild with adders for \$410,957.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Daniels reported on an email he received from citizen with their concerns about Petrolia Road. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated the MowerMax is down. Still waiting on two different pumps to get it back up and running.

Commissioners began working on Draft 4 of the 2025 budget. Discussion followed on the general transportation fund and the monies left in it. Commissioner Lee moved to close

the general transportation fund and transfer monies back into general fund. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Discussion followed on a special capital project fund.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Litigation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:25 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 11:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed Draft 4 of the 2025 budget. Chairman Symes moved to approve the proposed 2025 budget for publication to hold a revenue neutral rate hearing and budget hearing on August 27th at 9 am. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) June report for District Court
- b) June financial statements for Hospital Board
- c) Kansas Public Notice KS-Q-22-130 KDWP-Lehigh Portland State Park

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$135,737.80
- b) Payroll – Change form for Colton Slocum, Levi Lampe
- c) Abatements – PP, Value 2,710, \$451.26, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. until Tuesday, July 23, 2024 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