

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Crystal Richey, Allen County employee, Vicki Moss, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Corey Schinstock, City of Iola, Matt Rehder, City of Iola, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Jay Weseloh, Prairieland Partners, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 18 & 20, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported Caleb checked the taxiway, they are going to need to put another layer of sealant on it before it can be striped. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported on Sunday the B25 bombers flew in, and they will be back this Sunday depending on the weather. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about the damage to the hangar doors. Discussion followed.

Mitch re-presented the bids on the Hydro Seeder. The frame on the used model does not have a warranty, but the engine is still covered until April 2024. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved approve the purchase of the used 2021 Panther T12 Hydro Seeder for \$304,500. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

The commissioners would like for Mitch to look at selling our used Hydro Seeder.

Chairman Lee asked Mitch about the last of the barrier fences. Mitch stated he is cross training some employees and have not had them putting the fences together because of this. They will be assembled and put in place shortly.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported where all they are helping with limb pickup. Discussion followed.

Mark reported that the overlay projects for Country Club Heights and section of 1400 from Alabama to Connecticut is scheduled to begin the middle of August.

Mark stated one of our older mowers needs a new box to run the electrical. This mower is old enough that Case stated they cannot get the part that is needed. Discussion followed. Mark will put together a list of our equipment that they are not making parts for anymore.

Matt Rehder, City of Iola, wanted to thank the commission for reaching out and offering help after the storm.

Matt reported that Sarah Huskey is asking for her 105 acres of land to be annexed into the City. There is a three-step process needed to get this done. The city passed the resolution at last night's meeting. The Commission now needs to approve the request; then the city will pass an ordinance to annex the property. This land will be for the Prairieland development. Robert Johnson has reviewed and he recommends approval.

Jay Weseloh from Prairieland Partners states 25 acres of the 105 being annexed will be for their development. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the request to annex 105 acres. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee asked Jay when they think we will see the development begin. He stated the end of August.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Lee reported on the meeting held last Thursday that was held to work the budget. The proposed budget being published has a mill levy decrease of about .5 mills. The RNR hearing and budget hearing will be held August 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Mitch stated that at the August 8 commission meeting, Jared with Schwab-Eaton will be present. He will come in with Mitch and update on the landfill's new cell project.

Paul Zirjacks voiced his concerns on the recycling efforts. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Kansas Public Notice No KS-Q-22-142 (2)

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$182,382.47
- b) Clerk's Journal Entry #37
- c) Payroll – Enrollment forms for Levi Lampe and Zachar Wilhite
- d) Payroll – Change forms for Dinah Glaze

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m. until Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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David Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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