

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman William "Bill" H. King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Lieutenant Colonel Justin Rutledge, 891<sup>st</sup> Engineer Battalion, Michelle Meiws, Candidate for Commissioner District #2, Robert & Juanell Garrett and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the Special July 2 meeting and regular meetings on July 7 and July 14, 2020.

Mitch reported on grader training; it went well and was very beneficial. The crews have been working on trimming trees along California Road between 2400 Street and 2600 Street. They are also working on Elsmore Road fixing soft spots. The reclaimer is still at Berry Tractor in Wichita waiting on parts. They are using the Scarifier to help with working on the road.

Mitch discussed a call he received from a County-line citizen about dust problems. Mitch reported it is a Bourbon County maintenance road.

Lieutenant Colonel Rutledge thanked the commission for the community support and proclamation for the 891<sup>st</sup> as they were leaving for Kuwait for a year. He explained how the 891<sup>st</sup> partners up with the community promoting free education young adults can receive when joining with Kansas National Guards.

Sherrie requested Commissioners reappoint John McRae to the Tri-Valley Development Services Board of Directors to serve a three-year term (July 01, 2020 to June 30, 2023). Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint John McRae to serve a three-year term on the Tri-Valley Development Services Board of Directors. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Juanell Garrett present updated information on COVID 19 concerning mask wearing and cases.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, Becky Voorhies, Thrive Allen County Director of Health Programs, Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County Economic Director, joined the meeting to discuss the applications from Allen County businesses applying for the CDBG-CV funding. Lisse explained the requirements to qualify. She requested the commission change the funding amount to \$7,500 for Micro business and \$12,000 for small businesses; that they can invoice up to those amounts; businesses have only one time whether Round 1 or Round 2 to submit their invoices. Lisse mentioned that Round 2 should be opened and plan on emptying the \$132,000 of funding.

Becky Voorhies stated 7 micro businesses and 1 small business qualified for the CDBG-CV funding out of 12 applications. They will be working with these businesses that qualified to receive funding. Commissioner Symes asked about oil companies and Lisse stated yes, they would probably qualify and should apply for Round 2 funding. Lisse stated if they need help, they should always check with Thrive; they will assist them.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the 8 applicants that have passed the process, immediate opening of Round 2 and authorize Chairman King to sign off on the applicants. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to approve the SPARKS/CARE funding agreement for administering consultants' services with Thrive Allen County. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:12 a.m. No action was taken.

Counselor Johnson explained the Sales Tax Question that is on the August Primary Ballot is not a new tax but a continuance of the current sales tax for the next 5 years. The purpose is to allow the trustees, the landlords of the hospital – St. Luke's, to make improvements to the bricks and mortar. There are a lot of new federal guidelines, there is some remediation in the radiology department, some new pharmacy guidelines, most costs hundreds of thousands of dollars. The idea is the sales tax money sent to the lease will be held by the trustees to make improvements to the building. He stated Loren Korte stated Allen County has a 30 million hospital and it is going to take money to keep the facility up. St. Luke's is making the bond payment which alleviated that burden to the tax payers. The benefit to the sales tax is because everyone passing through the county pays that sales tax, if the sales tax does not pass the commissioners will have to levy 3 mills property tax to support the trustee's effort to keep the building in shape. The property tax is on the residents of Allen County. Traci Plumlee is working on the advertisement for education and understanding of the sales tax; it is not a new tax just a continuation of the current tax.

Commissioner Daniels discussed a request for a special question on the November General ballot for economic development opportunities. Commissioners will be discussing more.

Commissioner Symes reported he will be attending the school reopening committee on Thursday, Bowlus commission Thursday and Juvenile Detention meeting on Tuesday.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Bill King
- b) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 210 hours for Nathen Jackson to be used before 12/27/2020
- c) Payroll – New hire, Sandra Drake, part time field appraiser
- d) Payroll – Election Advanced Poll Workers - Joyce Foster, Sharon K. Utley, Tommy Sayles & Charmanne Sayles
- e) Payroll – 6 month increase for Dana Dawn
- f) Clerk's Vouchers – 6/25/2020-\$233,993.24 & 6/29/2020-\$45,460.15
- g) Abatements:
  - RE Value 150, \$21.12, Yr 2017
  - RE Value 150, \$20.58, Yr 2018
  - RE Value 150, \$23.30, Yr 2019

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 9:21 a.m. until Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of the courthouse.

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner