

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, Tim Stauffer, Iola Register, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Juanell & Robert 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 regular meeting on July 21, 2020.

Chairman King read a thank you note from citizen who appreciated work done at their area of the county.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported he has an employee going after the reclaimer as it is done. He discussed trying to get water to the two new hangers. They are not able to at this time due to lack of pressure. They hopefully will be able to get them on rural water before too long.

Mitch requested an executive session for non-elected personal. Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:32 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:42 a.m. No action was taken.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting. Chairman King commented on a statistical compliance report from the State of Kansas. He thanked Jami for the great work. Jami thanked him for the complement and stated she has good staff which helps her to be in compliance with residential and commercial. Jami's department works hard to keep up with what is going on out there. She stated the pandemic has caused sales to look strange. Commissioners thanked her again for making Allen County look good.

Paul Cloutier, representative for Bolder Humboldt, discussed new work opportunities for businesses within the county. He said one of the economic development opportunities would be for the commission to put a special question on the November General Election allowing the sale of alcoholic liquor by individual drink in Allen County be allowed in public places without a requirement that any portion of their gross receipts be from sales of food? Discussion followed on whether cities have their own options. Commissioner Daniels stated it would be a voter decision. Commissioners requested a week to consider.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS, reported the ambulance personnel have set up Friday, Saturday and Sunday for river rescue training. Rescue Training International will be doing the training. Commissioner asked if all the equipment has been received; Terry state it has.

Terry updated the commission on the Moran Ambulance Station. Koehn Construction has turned the building over to Allen County with very few "punch" items left. Commissioners all expressed their appreciate to Terry and Mitch for work on both the Humboldt and Moran Ambulance Stations and how nice they look.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, discussed increasing her purchasing card to \$8,000 until August 31, 2020 so that she can purchase Personnel Protection Equipment (PPE) in bulk for the county and entities that can't find PPE. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Angie's request with the caveat that it is used for COVID-19 related items. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie explained the Kansas Department of Transportation has opened grants up due to COVID for extra funding for 2020. Allen County has a 5310 van due to selective clientele; Service to the Elderly van which is currently funded \$5,000 per year. She requested Chairman King to sign the grant application. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve and authorize Chairman King sign the application. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County Director of Development, discussed the CDBG-CV grant applications for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of funding. Application are available at [www.allencounty.org](http://www.allencounty.org)

Sherrie presented information for the hospital sales tax for a signature. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King sign. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Juanell Garrett presented new COVID information to the commission. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 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 9:19 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:24 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – new hire Ryan “Shane” Smith
- b) Payroll – Process Server payments
- c) Clerk's Vouchers – 7/23/2020-\$236,199.38 & 7/27/2020-\$46,025.21
- d) Abatements: RE Value 431 \$100.06, Yr 2016  
RE Value 431, \$101.26, Yr 2017  
RE Value 431, \$101.02, Yr 2019  
PP Value 334, \$65.48, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner