

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on June 11, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented quotes for installation of wiring to replace overhead service wire with new underground services in two hangars and remove old wiring. Two quotes were received, CDL Electric Company, Humboldt, KS, for \$19,550 and KJ Electrical Contracting, Yates Center, KS, for \$10,155.29. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from KJ Electric for \$10,155.29. Chairman Symes seconded. Motion was tabled by Commissioner Lee.

Mitch reported they are working on the sewer line and water line. Robert Johnson, County Counselor, mentioned he noticed they could possibly damage a small amount of the corn crop of land tenant. Bob is working with the tenant to reduce the July rent payment to reflect the loss of crop due to the line work.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, reported on a meeting with all the individuals involved with the Airport Industrial Park project. He and Mitch presented a map reflecting the revised location of the fire hydrant, which will result in an additional cost of \$20,440. Jared stated if this change is approved today, it would take roughly one week to receive the materials.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, discussed proposed Resolution 202406 Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan. He explained that every 5 years the State contracts with a private contractor to complete a mitigation plan with the counties in their respective regions. There is no cost to adopt this resolution to participate in the mitigation plan, other than the cost of Jason's salary to attend 2 meetings in the 5 years. The plan covers region H, but it is broken out by entity within the plan. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to adopt Resolution 202406 Adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region H Hazard Mitigation Plan. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Symes revisited the motion to approve KJ Electrical Contractors for \$10,155.29. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Symes moved to approve the change order to move fire hydrant for \$20,440. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, is out doing dust control so he is absent from the meeting today.

Chairman Symes discussed the budget requests for 2025.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those

present will be Commissioners, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) May report for District Court
- b) May financial reports for Hospital Board from Larry Peterson
- c) Kansas Public Notice No. KS-Q-22-112

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$242,310.71
- b) Payroll – May Process Service for Brian Plumlee, Dallas Merritt, Marion Wayne Carson, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth, Daren Kellerman
- c) Payroll – Mileage Reimbursement for Jerry Daniels, Misty Rice

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. until Tuesday, June 25 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner