

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor representative, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Terry Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 18, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the landfill cell is about 90% done with the bentonite.

Mitch reported that the last three Sundays when Heartland has been out there working on the electric, spray planes were not able to stop and refuel. Mitch asked about getting a generator. Commissioners asked Mitch to check with Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, on using their generator when needed.

Commissioner Lee asked what happens next on the landfill. Mitch explained once bentonite is done, then they will put a few screenings down and another company will come in a put down the liner. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported the dust controls are completed for the paid residences.

Jeremy asked for clarification on the location to reduce speed on 1100th St. Commissioner Daniels says put the reduced speed of 30 mph somewhere around industrial street. Might also look into putting a "reduced speed ahead" sign a little before that. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated the crews are out patching and mowing right now. They are still working on West Virginia Road as well.

Commissioner Lee noticed that the driveway where they used to get the dirt is blocked off on 2000 St, south of 54. He is asking where they are getting their dirt now. Jeremy stated just west of the new John Deere building.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, joined the meeting.

Judge Daniel Creitz and Dina Morrison, 31st Judicial District Court Clerk, presented their 2025 budget requests. Dina explained the increases/decreases on certain line items. Legal Services increase of about \$35,000 was the largest increase. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes asked about the backlog from the pandemic. Dina and Judge stated they feel they are making headway. Discussion followed.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, presented quotes for 3 new consoles for at the 911 Dispatch Center. They were received from Evans \$61,615.99, Xybix \$65,432.12, and Russbassett \$80,636.80. Chairman Symes asked if they are comparing "apples to apples", Chelsie stated yes, they are. Xybix has a \$750 allowance to buy back the old consoles. Chelsie stated her preference would be for Xybix, then RussBassett. Evans

would be last as Thad Parker, Console Cleaning Specialists, is not certified to work on Evans products. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$467,695.56
- b) Payroll – Change form for Douglas Campbell
- c) Abatements – SA, \$300.00, 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 9:03 a.m. until Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner