

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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, and Paul Zirjack, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 26, 2020.

Chairman King thanked the department heads for joining the meeting. He asked Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, when the security paddle locks would be installed on the outside doors. Ron said they are expected to be in the week of June 8th.

Ron stated his department hasn't had any issues with the cleaning around the courthouse – inside and out. Commissioner Symes ask Ron if they clean the room after every commission meeting. Ron replied yes. A discussion followed on the assembly and conference room. Commissioner Symes asked about capacity of the assembly room. Commissioners agreed that the room could be open up during the day for meetings but stress they encourage social distancing as much possible.

Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported the treasurer's office has been steady except for Friday and Monday they were swamped with customers, it was the end of one month and the beginning of another.

Commissioner Daniels moved to open up the courthouse to 30 customers using a single entrance at the north door and use of all the rooms during business hours. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman King commented on a walk-through Humboldt Ambulance Station for a punch list before turning the building over to Allen County by Koehn Construction. Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, and Commissioner Symes will be attending.

Chairman King asked about the plaques for the buildings. Terry stated they are waiting for final review and approval. They wanted to make sure all involved in the donation were included.

Terry reported the City of Iola Fire crews took out both new boats over the Memorial Day weekend to Elks Lake to check them out.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported his crew had delivered dirt to the Humboldt Ambulance Station for the grounds workers to have to finish up the station.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, discussed Judge Creitz's mitigation plan and how that will affect his office staff. As of July 1st, the court clerk's office will be open to the public. They will only be using the large courtroom to allow for social distancing. Judge Davis will be using that room as well. Jerry stated the Supreme Court Judge has not addressed jury trials at this time; to pick 12 jurors they have to bring in 150 people to pick from, so they are still trying to figure that out. He stated his office is "humming" as normal; plenty of cases are being filed. Commissioner

Symes asked about the date published in the paper as to when court offices will open. Jerry wasn't sure.

Crickett stated customers are always staying 6' back but they are managing. Opening the courthouse to more customers won't really affect her office as they are limiting how many come in at a time. She stated the deputies at the entrance are really helping control on how many can come in the building for the treasurer's office.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, stated they have had customers in and it is working well in their office. She stated she has had lots of calls since deadlines are moving.

Commissioner Symes reported Governor Kelly vetoed the tax deadline bill last evening.

Chairman King asked about the news release on taxes sent by Angela Murphy. Crickett stated she hadn't received it except through Angie's email.

Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, stated her office is fully staffed and running same as usual.

Angie stated the phones at 911 are not ringing as much with issues on COVID. She did mention her staff has not been able to take vacations because places they were going has been shut down. So, lots of vacation is stacking up. Commissioner Symes stated this is not good but the county has policy for using vacation or losing it. At least Allen County gives a six-month extension if a form is filled out and submitted to the clerk's office for Commission approval. He requested employees are made mindful of it.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported he had opened up jail visitation two weeks ago.

Chairman King asked about thoughts on opening the Senior Centers. Commissioner Symes commented the senior centers are the places where the most age demographic are most susceptible to COVID 19; especially for handling cards and dominos. His suggestion is to go with the health departments recommendation of waiting until June 15th. Commissioner Daniels would like to prepare to start June 15th; to see where we are at not just flat out say June 15th.

Bryan requested the commission to consider bumping the cost of the Meals on Wheels to \$3.00 from the current \$2.50 costs. Discussion followed on meals and what they are getting. Commissioner Symes requested to discuss it next week so there is time to think about it.

Paul Zirjacks asked when Allen County Regional Hospital was going to open back up for meals? He eats out there and has been calling and no one knows. Paul asked who makes the decision to open back up or not? Angie stated there is a group that meets to discuss issues at the hospital that usually goes off of the recommendation of the health officials. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes stated he would check on it.

Commissioners reviewed proposed Resolution 202008 extending the declaration of disaster for COVID 19.

Allen County

COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXTENSION RESOLUTION 202008

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas declared there was a state of local public health emergency in Allen County, Kansas resulting in potential or occurring Pandemic known as COVID 19, in Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of Allen County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

That the state of local public health emergency in Allen County, Kansas declared on the 17th day of March, 2020, shall continue and remain in effect until modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Allen County, Kansas and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.

That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law until such time as the commission modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Chairman King discussed a motion to renew it. Commissioner Symes stated he had attended a Zoom meeting with Kansas Association of Counties recommending the adoption of a new extended resolution.

Mitch mentioned his crews have been catching up on items out and about. He discussed what rock they are crushing, i.e. 3 inch rock.

Mitch presented a bid for lighting in the blue equipment building at the landfill. CDL proposed \$13,810.00; Kale Electric declined to bid and Stout Electric proposed \$6,885.00. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid proposal from Stout Electric for \$6,885.00. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes reported on the Detention Center meeting he attends. Discussion was to cut their budget request from the counties by 10%. Commissioners stated they appreciate the cut.

Commissioners and Angie discussed the proposed resolution 202008. Angie stated it has to start at March 17, 2020 to qualify for funding with no laps and needs to continue without a 60-day limit.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes 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 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Symes 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 9:26 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:31 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to adopt and approve Resolution 202008. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 61.5 hours for Becky Walker to be used by Nov. 18, 2020.
- b) Payroll – payroll reimbursement for mileage for Bruce Symes
- d) Clerk's Vouchers – 5/29/2020-\$171,562.97 & 6/1/2020-\$151,044.26
- e) Clerk's Journal Entry #24 & #25
- f) Abatements: Special Assessment, Value \$1731.00, Year 2018

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. until June 9, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner