

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Lee, and Sherrie Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No one for public comment.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, discussed the weather that had come in last week. They are working on patching pot holes and such. Commissioners requested Mitch continue looking for a pot hole patching machine.

Mitch reported they are working on the pads for the storm shelters. Discussion followed. All areas have been located except for one area.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, reported he has submitted the BASE grant for 4 million dollars; the deadline was Monday, February 28, 2022.

Jonathon requested commission approve the Garver contract for the Airport Layout Plan. Apply for the FFA Grant 90/10 split to fund the project. The county's portion would be \$21,200. Chairman Daniels explained the difference in the grants and what they would do for Allen County. Jonathon stated we would know something in about 45 to 60 days on the FFA, BASE Grant in 30 days. Discussion followed on costs occurred outside the contract. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the Garver Contract. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, EMS Billing, discussed ambulance bills that need written off in the system due to death or bankruptcy of \$98,000. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the write off of ambulance collections. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners discussed having write off's done every 4 years. Terry will let AIM Software know.

Sherrie reminded the commission of the needed appointments to Fire District #2 and Zoning Board.

Sherrie mentioned to the commission that they need to find a Public Building Commissioner to replace Jean Barber, who served on that commission. Discussion followed.

Sherrie discussed Allen County Services to the Elderly Van Policies and Procedures and the Allen County General Transportation Services. She requested to update the van schedules on both to accommodate an afternoon service to the outlying cities and area. Discussion followed.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Clara Wicoff to appoint Marcia Davis to the Allen County Grow Food and Farm Council. Commissioner Symes so moved. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0

Commissioner Symes moved to approve the changes and sign the updated policies and procedures on both van services. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed a Representation Letter to BKD, LLP, (CPA's and Advisors) an engagement letter to Allen County from BKD, LLP and a draft report for Allen County, Kansas -Schedule of Bond Activity for Allen County Regional Hospital from BKD, LLP. Commissioner Symes moved to authorize Chairman Daniels sign the documents for BKD, LLP. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jonathon discussed and introduced BG Consultants on the Allen County Regional Airport Layout Plan. Bruce Boettcher and Jerad Mann, MEP Department were present for presentation of what BG Consultants will do as Bruce explained key information. Buildings range from 56,000 square feet to 580,000 square feet. Bruce explained the utilities information and need; street/roadway, electrical, natural gas and communications. The streets and roadways would be 3 lanes, 10" concrete pavement, 6" AB-3 Base. The electric would require a load center from Evergy (18 to 24-month lead time). Jerad explained the electric meetings they have had with Evergy. Natural gas proposed a new main running south from Minnesota Road along 1600 Street; assumed usage was for water and space heating not for industrial processes. Quick Com will have a fiber optic line ran for Phase 1 Development.

Bruce continued through each exhibit overview. He stated they evaluated with a 15,000 square foot facility (possibly county road and bridge facility.) Bruce discussed water and how it is more beneficial to use a tower as not to attract birds being around an airport. Discussion followed on concerns on water lines and road ways.

Bruce discussed Case Study 2 for if two facilities were put in. Evergy would install it but the county would have to finance the installation. Discussion followed. Jerad stated the speculations are on the utilities and the business would have to build their own buildings.

Commissioner Symes asked about the funding and what the County and Thrive has pursued thus far. What would the order of the process be? Bruce stated the starting point would be with whatever the industry would need; he then expanded on a proposed industry. A rural water district pipes would not sustain large consumption.

Jerad explained what each would accomplish. Jonathon stated they would just keep certifying the property for future use. Chairman Daniels discussed the county and water districts water.

Terry reported the Zoning Meeting held last Thursday, February 24, 2022 for a self-standing tower. The zoning board recommended to the commission to approve the tower. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to accept the zoning boards recommendation to accommodate the tower.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, reported she received a letter stating Allen County Emergency Communications is officially the 61<sup>st</sup> Fire Accredited agency in the WORLD. They will start on their medical accreditation soon. Discussion followed on the conference. Chelsie explained medical is a little more intense than some of the other, but they are working towards that.

Chelsie stated she had a new hire start last week. They are still down 3 employees.

Chairman Daniels asked to meet with Ron Holman, Cindy Scovill and Jerry Neely about the out building at the Humboldt Senior Center.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:53 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works

Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:03 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:05 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:19 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:29 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Added- TR Value 371, \$54.84, Year 2021  
Escapes- TR Value 168, \$24.00, Year 2021  
TR Value 612, \$83.10, Year 2020
- b) Monthly reports from Attorney's office,
- c) Humboldt Senior Center at 908 Central, Humboldt Inspection report
- d) Two exemption filing notices for Allen County buildings.
- e) Letter from Kansas Department of Health and Environment
- f) Bond Activity Statement Summary for Series 2013-2

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$204,164.28
- b) Payroll – Process Service for Nathen Jackson
- c) Payroll – Reimbursement for Sherrie L. Riebel for supplies
- d) Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report 2021
- e) 2022 Management Plan for Noxious Weeds
- f) Abatements - PP Value 4250, \$702.02, Year 2021  
TR Value 3445, \$491.42, Year 2021

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m. until Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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David E. Lee, Commissioner