

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Anthony Maness, Sheriff, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Susan Lynn, Iola Register, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Sheriff Anthony Maness led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 4, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the Noxious Weed management plan and the Noxious Weed annual report. Mitch explained the items. The commissioners signed the plan and annual report to be submitted.

Mitch reported payment has been made to Heartland, so they should be there soon to put the electric boxes in for the hangars. The electrician has come to scope out what he will need to bury the line. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about the landfill progress. Mitch stated Halcomb will not meet this latest deadline. Discussion followed on options.

Commissioner Lee asked about when spraying will start for noxious weeds. Mitch stated within a day or two they will be getting their truck back from Road and Bridge and then they will begin. Commission Lee asked about employees needed. Mitch stated two will be spraying and one will be in the office for sales. Commissioner Lee asked if it would be possible to work with Jeremy and have one of the shop guys go make the sales if someone shows up, to either save the expense of a third employee or possibly put that third person out on the roads. Mitch stated he only has two vehicles at this time, so that might be a discussion for later to add a third truck.

Sheriff Anthony Maness, discussed the courthouse security position. This position has also had a presence in the schools. Sheriff is asking the commission what their intention would be for this position. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, reported she got a price quote for moving some records to Underground Vaults and Storage. She explained that her space to store the "keep forever" records has run out. It will be at a minimum of \$200.00 per year, and for what was quoted, we will be under the minimum amount. This allows us to add more boxes as we go. Commissioners are okay with moving forward with this.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) February Hospital financials from Larry Peterson
- b) February fund status report
- c) January monthly report for Sheriff
- d) February monthly report for Sheriff, Noxious Weed, Treasurer

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$151,427.15
- b) Clerks Journal Entries - #7, 8
- c) Abatements – RE, Value 8,946, \$1,840.56, Year 2023
PP, Value 3,919, \$860.04, Year 2024

TR, Value 0, \$104.72, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Brocker moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. until Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner