

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

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Lisse Regehr, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Robert Rice, President, Russ Essman, Dan Snider, American Flight Museum, Matt Orth, citizen, and Paul Zirjack, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 22, 2022.

No public comments.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, presented and explained the ARPA Grant report in detail:

ARPA Report for March 29, 2022 to Allen County Commission

ARPA Requests	\$ amount	Scope of Work	Possible leverage funds	Notes
Administrator	\$96,101.00	Thrive: 4% = \$96,101.32		\$48,050.00 paid on 10/15/2021
Storm Shelters	\$254,300.00	6 Storm Shelters		6 storm shelters have been delivered. \$254,300 paid 4/1/2022.
Storm Shelters (Additional costs)	\$190.00	Additional costs incurred for filing Agreements with Register of Deeds		\$190.00 to be paid out 04/01/2022
County Labor Study	\$11,332.00	Countywide labor study to benefit future planning of Allen County		Approved by the commissioners 10/12/2021 \$11,332 paid out 10/29/2021
1 Communications Tower	\$875,000.00	Needed to reach the currently non-reachable areas of Allen County for employee and citizen safety		County approved Hayden Tower Service bid at \$875,000.00
Communications Tower (Additional Costs)	\$350.94	Gates purchased for the Tower at the landfill site		
2 Rural Water Dist#8 or necessary water lines to Airport Industrial Park	\$640,641.00	Waterline replacement out to the industrial park	Possible CDBG & KDHE Loan, Possible BASE grant	BASE grant requires at least 25% match. Necessary water lines (10 inch) for airport industrial park. \$1,675,000 Water tower: \$1,150,000-\$3,900,000 Utilizing BASE, would mean between \$706,250 - \$1,393,750
3 County Barns - 3 restrooms & concrete floors throughout building	\$81,680.25	There is no place at the current barns for restroom access, dirt floors are not fit for purpose		\$27,226.75 per barn renovation
4 Courtroom remodel	\$10,894.00	Tight quarters with COVID - no social distancing		Money spent thus far is for architect (Zingre). Zingre has received \$6471.00 as of 03/28/2022
5 Transportation, thru June 2022	\$34,000.00			General Transportation has received \$7,151.89 of ARPA thru 01/01/2022 to 02/04/2022
6 911 Backup office	\$28,801.00	Backup 911 system.		Chelsie in location selection now, getting bids for 1 and 2 workstation spaces
7 Allen County, security barriers	\$56,637.00	Add Security barriers in the Treasurer's and Clerk's office		
8 K State Building	\$7,262.00	Update two Restrooms for ADA compliance		
9. Courthouse renovations	\$925.00	Water treatment system for courthouse		Per quote on 2.7.22
10 Employee Premium Pay for county employees	\$159,955.25	This was for all public-facing workers		All county employees are eligible automatically under the Final Rule (effective 04/01/2022) whether public facing or not.
Rural Water District 4	\$16,400.00		Total project is \$82,000. 20% of the project is in Allen County, meaning 20% of the cost is	Asked by Commission to be put back on the list, as it is a cooperative ask between Bourbon, Neosho and Allen Counties
Iola Senior Center		Building upgrades/renovations		Commissioners requested this be added to the list on Feb. 8, 2022
Register of Deeds	\$32,000.00	Digitizing public records, so in case of emergency the staff can work remotely without slowing down real estate business in the county.		Cara Birkdoff contacted Thrive with this request before presenting to the County Commission
Courthouse Security Upgrades	\$14,810.00			Upgrading security system with distress buttons, alarms, control panel, etc.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy discussed the tower project has started; they are working on the prep work. He stated Mitch has had his crew do a lot of the prep work. Discussion followed. They are looking at leasing some space on the tower.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, discussed the current General Transportation van which is owned by Thrive Allen County and the work needed on it. They are planning on paying to for the maintenance on the van to get it up to par.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Topeka trip Iola Industries took last week. Discussion followed.

Jonathon commented some on housing and possible grant funding later in the year.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, stated KDOT is looking to open the US 54 Highway east of Moran between the first of May 2022 or mid-May; the over pass replacement. He stated it would be mid-June 2022 for south US 169. Commissioners suggested publishing around May 1st.

Mitch discussed starting on the more bids so the Shop restrooms can be installed. Commissioners approved more bids. This will be paid for with ARPA funding.

Mitch reported they are still waiting for Allgeier Martin and Associates to come look at the airport for hanger placements.

Mitch mentioned it has been 2014 since the rate for out of county dumping at the landfill. He would like to commissioners to consider raising a little bit.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, reported on behalf of Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, about a high wind advisory in Allen County 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Chelsie stated she was going to postpone the training in Texas until next year; since 911 has a lot going on this year. Discussion followed on other available training.

Commissioner Symes asked about the need of a resolution for a burn ban. Sheriff Murphy explained it is plenty wet around here.

Amy Daniels, CASA, Donita Garner, Hope Unlimited, and Cathy Lynch, CASA volunteer, discussed the:

Allen County Proclamation

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2022

WHEREAS, we can build healthier, safer, and thriving communities if we take the same approach to raising families that we do to tending a community garden on a shared piece of land; and

WHEREAS, children are locally grown and have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, hope and commitment are powerful fertilizers that strengthen and support Kansas families thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and

WHEREAS, we must come together as partners to nurture, heal and grow together because prevention happens in partnership; and

WHEREAS, by growing a better tomorrow for all children, together, we can ensure that Kansas children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation;

THEREFORE, We, County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as Child Abuse Prevention month.

Amy explained what CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) does and partners with Hope Unlimited. There were 46 children in CASA system in 2021. Chairman Daniels moved to sign the Allen County Proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Amy stated they could use a lot more volunteers; in 2021 there were 124 children removed from their homes in the entire judicial district.

Donita mentioned they also partner with the Children's Service League; they were unable to come today; prevention education. She explained they deal with the children while investigations are going on. They serviced 85 kids in 2021. The group also hosts a Color the Pinwheel coloring contest in which 3,000 kids participate.

Commissioners went outside to plant pinwheels. Commissioners reconvened inside.

Matt Orth, citizen, Central Ag Air, he expressed where all he has hangers. He would like to build a 80X80 hanger with small living quarters for pilots to live in. He would like to lease for 25 or more years for the land. Chairman Daniels stated the current one is 20 years with option to renew after that for another 20 years. Discussion followed. Matt asked what happen after 40 years. Chairman Daniels explained the FAA recommends not to go over 50 years after that the asset goes to the county. He stated usually the building itself doesn't usually last much past that. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes asked where the advisory board comes into play on placement of hangers. Discussion followed. Mitch stated they have to follow the Airport plan, which a new one is being worked on. Chairman Daniels discussed two kinds of hangers, the county needs one for overnight stays. FAA won't let the county sell land thus leasing for building or renting hangers. Matt would like to start in winter of 2022. Robert Johnson, II, will be sending the current lease for review. Commissioners will check on property tax for the hangers to see what they can legally do. Discussion followed. Matt would pay for the hanger and part of the update; he would like the county to pay for the pavement attaching the hanger to the runway. Advisory board look at a general policy for building and leasing for a consistent document for new builds. Commissioner Lee asked about being out a way since he has chemicals. Chairman Daniels discussed water needs will be increased.

Robert Rice, President, Russ Essman, Dan Snider, American Flight Museum, were present to speak with the commissioners on a museum. Robert presented some information about the American Flight Museum. The museum has been opened since 1997 and grown. They are a flying museum. They would like to move to Allen County. They would like to have a 150 X 200 hanger. Chairman Daniels asked if it would be a living museum so school groups can come to see. He is hoping for some local volunteers to help as well. Robert explained about plans for May. Discussion followed.



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March 28, 2022

ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION
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Dear Commissioners:

The American Flight Museum (AFM) is submitting this letter with the intent to convey our interest in relocating our aircraft and artifacts. Our intent is based on the condition of partnership with Allen County Airport.

As an established pillar of the historic aviation community the American Flight Museum has developed a need for upgraded facilities, specifically more hangar space. The AFM's fleet of aircraft has grown and now needs a hangar to include office and storage space, a minimum of 30,000sqft (150x200).

Partnership with the American Flight Museum offers benefits to include: long-term hangar revenue, increased fuel sales, the creation of economic opportunity related to destination aviation attractions, community investments through aviation education, and lastly a magnet and medium for our veteran's legacies to endure. The AFM brings economic promise and invaluable American aviation history to Allen County and the surrounding community.

Precedents and examples of the types of events include our "Warbirds and Legends" event in 2013 where we hosted 5,000 in attendance and sold 2,500 gallons of fuel. Additionally, the AFM provided the centerpiece at the 2018 "Oshkosh Warbirds in Review" for a televised interview with Legendary Vietnam era AC-47 Aircraft Commander Mike Trahan. The Museum most recently had a key role in the 2021 "Thunder over the Heartland" airshow. AFM provided event preparation, ramp volunteers, leadership, and multiple historic aircraft.

These examples demonstrate the potential positive impact our relocation can have for Allen County.

The American Flight Museum indicates that the official details would need to be negotiated and executed through a formal agreement in the future.

The American Flight Museum is excited for this opportunity and wishes to move expeditiously through the process if agreed upon. AFM is flexible as far as a timeline of events and can accommodate the timing and schedule of other parties involved.

Respectfully,
Robert H Rice IV
President
American Flight Museum

Commissioner Symes asked why this area. Robert stated they are good friends with Vince Hill and they all like to get together and they can see it as a special smaller airport. It is great size. They would bring people in who would eat, stay and spend monies in Allen County. They willing to start anytime commissioners approve. It would be great for the community.

Commissioners reviewed a renewal of contract for available bed spaces with Wyandotte County. The renewal contract is for additional 3 years for any available bed space at the daily rate of \$40.00. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Chairman Daniels' signature. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented information on current and requested landfill rates. ...Discussion followed on reasons and charges.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for non-elected, Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:14 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:24 a.m. No action taken.

Mitch discussed tonnage and cost per some counties.

Sheriff Murphy asked about the security buttons on the computers. He would like to add SEK Multi County Health to the system for an extra \$1,700. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee moved to go ahead and approve the courthouse security upgrade and include the SEK Multi County Health department. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Tria Health Agreement
- b) Hope Unlimited disbursement

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$ 753,632.62
- b) Journal entry - #12, #13 & #14
- c) Payroll – new hires Harry (Marcus) Cain, Angela J. Redpath, John B. Walker
- d) Payroll – approved 65.5 hours of vacation carryover for Daren Kellerman to be used before September 11, 2022.
- e) Abatement – PP Value 2834, \$569.58, Year 2021

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. until Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David Lee, Commissioner