

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 L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Robert Johnson, II, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Michael and Jeanna Church, Carl Slaugh, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, 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 8, 2022.

Michael Church, Carlyle Citizen, discussed the storm shelter in the Carlyle area. He stated the church board revisited the topic, liability issues and decided it was okay to place the storm shelters. He stated the church is the most agreed area of the 21 citizens of Carlyle; the other 7-8 have their own shelter. There is not any site preparation at either site. Jason stated there is a place to put the shelter at the church. Commissioners' consensus is to place the storm shelter at the church.

Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, they have submitted the grant for the airport project.

Jonathan stated the Airport Advisory Board will be meeting Saturday at the airport at 3 p.m. Commissioner Lee will represent the commission.

Daniel Creitz, 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Chief Judge, joined the meeting.

Jonathan stated Allen County should know if they will receive any of the BASE grant first of April.

Judge Creitz discussed update construction of the courthouse area. They had to make changes to the plan. He stated they will have a price tag later this week. It is a need not a want. Judge Creitz stated commissioners will be able to plan for the future.

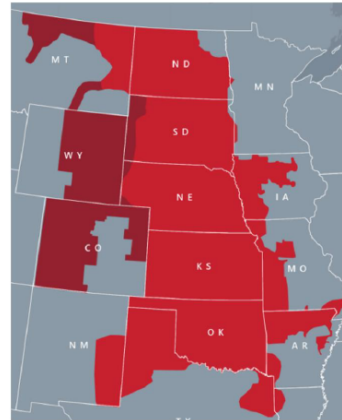
Judge Creitz reported Kansas Supreme Court Chief Justice Marla J. Luckert and Kansas Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Wilson will be in Iola on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be at the Bowlus for a public speaking event and will be visiting the USD's and College.

Andrew Schulte, Polsinelli Law, on behalf of NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest, conference called Commissioners for an update on the Wolf Creek – Blackberry 345 kV Transmission Line Project that will run through Allen County. Marcus with NextEra Energy, discuss the Power Point sent down during the week. He discussed the project from the presented power point:

## Background – Project Need

### Southwest Power Pool (SPP)

- A non-for-profit, regional transmission organization (RTO) mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to ensure safe, reliable and cost-effective transmission infrastructure in the central region of the country
- In 2019, SPP identified the need for this project in its annual Integrated Transmission Plan (ITP)
- In 2021, through a competitive solicitation process which included 7 qualified bids, SPP selected NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest (NEET Southwest) to design, finance, build, operate and maintain this project

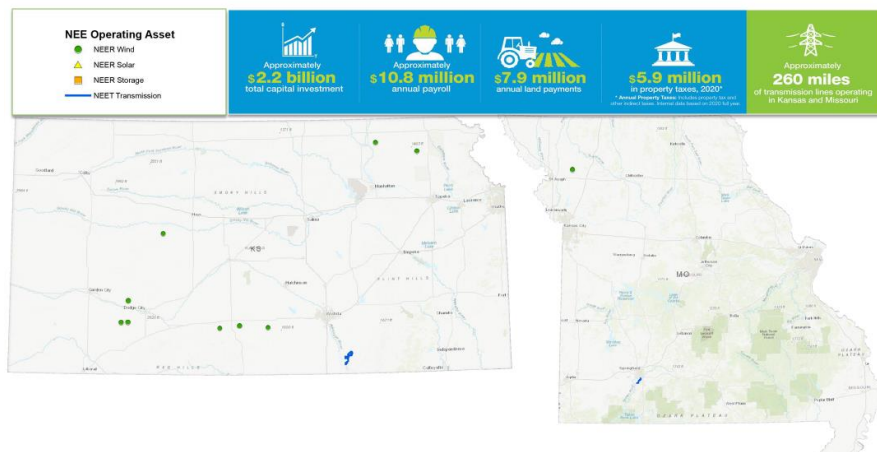


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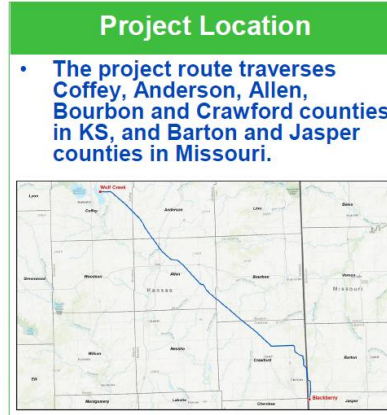
## Wolf Creek – Blackberry Project

- **What Is The Project?**

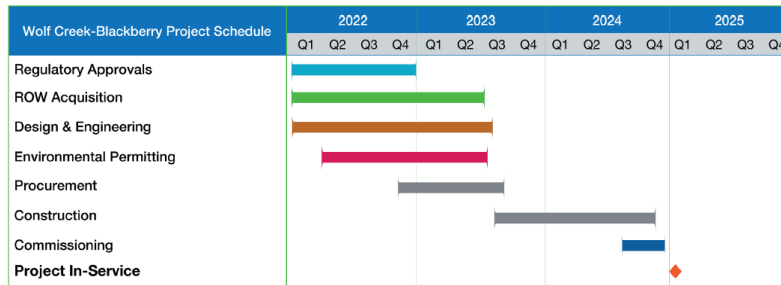
- This project is a new 94-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) regulated transmission line that runs from the Wolf Creek substation (Evergny) in Kansas to the Blackberry substation (AECI) in Missouri.

- **Why Is It Needed?**

- The Wolf Creek-Blackberry Project is part of SPP's 2019 Integrated Transmission Plan to address the needs for a more reliable and cost-effective grid.
- This project will reduce congestion and provide market efficiencies and benefits to customers.



### Project Timeline



David asked what the county will be doing for NextEra Energy? Road use permits. David asked about landowners? Phone was disconnected. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Management, 35 persons attended the Fury on the Prairie last evening. He explained what was learnt.

Jason discussed the sites for the storm shelters and getting agreements. Storm shelters will be arriving in a couple of weeks.

Sherrie reminded the commission of the SEK Regional Officials meeting in Anderson County on Thursday.

Sherrie presented Debbie Bearden's request:

“RE: Use of the Southeast Corner of the lola Square for weekly Farmers' Markets

We are requesting to use the Southeast Corner of the lola Square every Thursday evening from May 7th through October, from 5:05 pm to 7:10 pm for the purpose of accommodating the Allen County Farmers' Market where the vendors who sell from their vehicle will be setup in the street and those who are willing to carry their merchandise onto the grass to sell from a table or display will be setup on the courthouse yard. We understand that there are to be no vehicles on the grass. On occasion, entertainment providers may need to access electricity.

Thank you for supporting this family-friendly, entrepreneurial economic incubator and educational outing that creates an environment where everyone feels they belong.

Submitted for consideration by,  
Debbie Bearden  
Board Secretary  
Allen County Farmers' Market”

Commissioners approved the request.

Sherrie reminded the commission about the vacancies on the Fire District #2 Board, Planning Board and Public Building Commission.

Sherrie explained the General Transportation Van and the 5311 Grant.

Ron discussed the Humboldt Senior Center. He presented a bid from Cleaver's for \$3,558; Carson Construction for \$3,928; and Kent Stockebrand is 2 years out on projects. Discussion followed. Ron suggested Carson Construction because he could provide it quicker. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the bid from Carson Construction for \$3,928. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Zak and Archie Smith, Universal Construction, reported they have visited Judge Creitz and Sheriff Murphy on what the project need is. Discussion followed on construction costs due to COVID and construction materials. Archie wants their company to be involved with the project for costs. He submitted information for an RFQ for a construction manager at risk service for the Allen County Courthouse Additions and Renovations. Commissioner Symes asked if this is separate from the architect. Archie stated yes, they would work with the architect. The Construction manager would be the construction person bidding out the parts of construction needed. Zak stated they would monitor the budget and risk. Bob asked if the project goes to bond and election and it fails what happens? Archie stated if the funding fall through what is the exposure to those entities. They usually say they would waive if it fails. Commissioner Symes asked where in the process does this make sense? Now or when it is closer to the project. Archie stated now would be better.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Added – PP Value 174, \$30.70, Year 2021
- b) Virtual Open House information from NextEra Energy Transmission Southwest for March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Persons must register on line to attend.
- c) Moving Health Forward booklet from Health Forward Foundation

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers \$72,226.24
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries: #9, #10 & #11
- c) Payroll – 9 month increase for Frederick (Alex) A. Henderson
- d) Abatements: PP Value 9059, \$1526.28, Year 2021  
TR Value 378, \$54.00, Year 2021  
TR Value 195, \$26.40, Year 2020

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 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly 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