

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Interim Road & Bridge Director, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor Rep, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Anthony Maness, Republican candidate for Sheriff, Jessica Thompson and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Anthony Maness led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 30, 2024 & May 7, 2024 meetings.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch reported runway lights are on at airport. He presented information on hangars, discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels suggested asking airport advisory board about purchasing more hangars through Precision.

Mitch handed out email regarding airport fuel trailers. Commissioner Daniels moved to go with Broyles, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch handed out proposed additions from Halcomb Construction for new landfill cell. Commissioners will ask County Counselor Johnson to look this over.

Terry Johnson, citizen, joined meeting.

Commissioner Lee asked Mitch about a trash baler. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked if there is equipment in a hangar that we could be leasing. Mitch suggested a maintenance shed.

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, talked on the traffic signals, will have to go with Road Safe, regarding project in Humboldt. He reported NextEra will be widening out roads, working for the transmission lines. They will be restored when done.

Chairman Symes asked if Mitch & Jeremy could have a rep at meeting next week, since they will both be absent.

Commissioner Daniels asked about distributor truck. Jeremy explained.

Becky Johnson, Multi County Health Dept, handed out information on the health dept to the commissioners. There are two nurses taking certification classes on lead activity firm. There are not many in the state that offer this. Becky shared much more and upcoming events. The health dept is asking for \$115,000 budget, same as last year.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive, gave commissioners a funding request that needs signature to keep the Rural Water Dist. 8 water line project moving forward, per grant funds. Commissioner Daniels move to sign, Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jessica explained the emergency solutions grant focused on emergency housing. Funding would be to get motel vouchers, assist people who are here for just a day or two as they transition from one home to another or one community to another. It must go

through the county for Thrive to apply for it. Hope Unlimited is already doing it as well. Jessica explained the need for this. Commissioner Lee moved to do a vote of support for the 2024 emergency solutions grant, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Contract negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep and Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for trade secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson, and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for trade secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jessica Thompson, and Jared Wheeler, Thrive, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Rep. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action taken.

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Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) SEKMHC budget request
- b) CTD #10 minutes
- c) SEKMCHD info
- d) ACRH bond entity financials
- e) Added – OIL, Value 427, \$59.02, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers –5/9/24 - \$1,157,730.67, 5/13/24 - \$83,952.08 & special payout \$317,040.00
- b) Payroll – Mileage Reimb T Call
- c) Abatements – OIL, Value 427, \$59.02, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. until Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner