

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

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Shannon Patterson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the special meetings on May 2, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the bids for the hangars at the airport. Precision Enterprises stated they are currently 4 months out on the steel frame and 3 months out on post frame. The duration of the job would be roughly 4 weeks. Chairman Symes asked about the funding. Mitch stated when working on the 2024 budget we had \$150,000 allotted for a new hangar. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid for the pre-engineered metal building frame with metal siding for \$128,730. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented bids for items needed on the Airport Fuel Trailer. Mitch explained the requirements from the FAA. The scope of work detailed in the bids is to install meters, fuel filter system on the two fuel trailers. Hoidale Co., Inc., Wichita, for \$23,138.10 and Broyles Petroleum Equipment, Co, Humboldt, for \$20,793.16. Commissioners requested Mitch to see if Hoidale could reduce their price to match Broyles and how quickly would each company be able to start the project. Mitch will report next week on this.

Mitch stated Evergy has the poles set at the landfill but the wires are not hooked up yet.

Mitch stated the Engineer and the Contractor for the landfill project will be coming to the commissioners to possibly ask for more time on the project. Discussion followed on the reasons for the request.

Jeremy Hopkins, Interim Road & Bridge Director, reported Burlington Construction is working on widening the intersection at 1100 & Hawaii, as a part of the last mile project. Jeremy presented bids from two companies to rent traffic signals for one month. Roadsafe Traffic Systems for \$7,400 a pair and Heartland Traffic Services for \$17,000 a pair. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Roadsafe Traffic Systems for the last mile project in Humboldt. Commissioner Daniels seconded. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee amended his motion to accepting Raodsafes Traffic Systems for \$7,400 should Jeremy not be able to find a set to borrow. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-1-0. Chairman Symes opposed.

Jeremy stated they are still working on the roads. They are having to buy rock from local quarries. Commissioner Lee asked about the temperatures and how they effect our road projects. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported that while in the EOC Monday evening, Commissioner Lee joined for a short time. There were a few areas of brush covering roadways and the officers were able to handle that. Jason explained that we do not need to extend our disaster declaration for the work continuing from the original disaster.

Damage assessment questionnaires from the state and he has sent those out to the cities and schools. They will then be turned into KDEM.

Jason had access to the new Humboldt radar during the storm last night. He stated he thinks it will give us new visibility to local storms. He feels this is a huge bonus for us. This is offered for free to public safety officers in Allen County. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes stated he reached out to Jason on storm spotting and the communication that goes with this. Discussion followed on the difference between storms at night that are radar dependent and then storms that are during light hours when spotters can be used. Unincorporated areas have their sirens sounded upon word from the Sheriff. There is a list of approved personnel who can make the decision to sound the sirens.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, reported she has had some questions about relief from the flooding. She presented the real property relief application. Because we declared the flooding event a state of disaster, we can offer real property relief. If the dwelling has 50% or more damage to their structure, they can file for relief before August 15. They will need to provide information from their insurance company or FEMA that shows the amount of damage. That amount is then prorated and abated off the taxes. Jami stated she was told that there are about 20 houses damaged and that 14 people had been rescued. This is for residences only, not commercial properties. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to enact the Real Property Relief Program. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes read an email from Troy Smith, Director of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Community Corrections and Juvenile Services. Scott Carson's term on the Advisory Board expired on May 6, 2024 and he is willing to serve another term as the Education representative. Commissioner Lee moved to reappoint Scott Carson to the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Community and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board beginning May 6, 2024 to May 6, 2026. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, reported that Union Works Brewing dropped of flyer to Thrive with job openings.

Chairman Symes reported that they took action Thursday at their special meeting to move forward with the airport project. A smaller scope of project was agreed upon and the notice of award was given to Nowak Construction Company, with project amount of \$1,973,139.90.

Commissioner Daniels asked when the 1100 and Hawaii project would begin. He would like to see the speed limits reduced by the time the traffic control begins. He is speaking of the limit on 1100. Jeremy has been in contact with Cole Herder about the limit on Hawaii Rd and they are still discussing this area. Daniels stated he would like to see the limit slowed down to 30 at Industrial Rd.

Commissioner Lee asked about the status of Mildred's siren as there will be a town hall meeting there Thursday. Jason stated it has been shipped. Discussion followed.

Chairman 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 9:32 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:42 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:43 a.m. Those

present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:53 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:56 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:07 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Allen County Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:12 a.m. No action taken.

Mitch reported that Hoidale stated they can only come down 500 from price. He is still waiting to hear back from Broyles on when they would be able to begin the work, Hoidale stated they can start next day.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation by the Governor
- b) April Monthly reports for Appraiser, Attorney, County Clerk, Noxious Weed, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Treasurer
- c) April Fund Status Report
- d) April Solid Waste Financial Assurance report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$64,024.97
- b) Payroll – Change forms for Steve Womack, Wayne Carson, Jake Bland, Rusty Jones, Levi Seilonen, Macallister Simpson, Brandon Vink
- c) Payroll – Vacation Carryover for Breail Thompson 40.5 hours, Jason Trego 49 hours
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #15

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m. until Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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Bruce Symes, Chairperson

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David Lee, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner