

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, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjack, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 3, 2022.

No public comments.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed tower costs of in-kind costs occurred by the Public Works Department.

Mitch discussed dust abatement and tanks. There will be 37 landowners that have paid for it.

Mitch reported the crews are out mowing around cemeteries currently. There are four mowers running; 3 boom mowers and one black top mower. Still needing seasonal guys for some of the mowers.

Commissioners reviewed the requested for landfill expansion. Commissioner Symes moved to approve ...Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director, reported he is still in learning Allen County mode.

Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, reported Rachel submitted the ARPA report before deadline. He discussed the other issues Thrive has been active in.

Jonathon discussed the moderate-income housing funding from the State of Kansas.

Sherrie reported she has filed for the 2nd Tranche of ARPA funding.

Sherrie discussed Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging fund request.

Rebecca Johnson, SEK Multi County Health Executive Director, discussed the annual budget request for SEK Multi-County Health Department. She explained some of the reactivated activities important to the communities. \$115,000 is the request for 2023, which is the same as 2022. Rebecca reviewed other services they provide. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about grant advantages the service has applied for. Rebecca stated some that helped with staffing, LEC grant which helped with staffing, they are looking at getting a new parking lot in Allen County, some grants were with limited time to spend (she explained) a use it or lose it grant which hurts in the next year.

Commissioner Lee asked about a formula shortage in the United States. Rebecca stated yes, that is why they are teaching and helping mothers on breast feeding.

Commissioner Lee asked if there is going to be a fourth shot for COVID. She stated there already is, they can get through the health department by appointment. Discussion followed on staffing and KDHE's participations. Commissioners thanked Rebecca for her continued service.

Commissioners asked about the support letter request on behalf of Mildred Store.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:06 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:16 a.m. No action taken.

Marsha Davis, Thrive Allen County...discussed the support letter requested for the Mildred Store for internet café and museum. United Pacific for building a museum next to the Mildred Store. Commissioner Symes asked for the purpose of the museum. Marsha explained the intent of the new building. Union Pacific would provide up to \$25,000 and would be working towards more funding. It would be a metal building. Commissioner Lee moved to sign and support the Mildred request to Union Pacific. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$224,215.82
- b) Journal entry - #28
- c) Payroll – Merit increase for Jason Trego, Breail Thompson, Jackson Meats, Sheri Smith, Roy Harman, Theresa Francis, Roberta Ellis, Karen Kimball, and Chelsie Angleton.
- d) Payroll – New hire Raymond Hale for Sheriff Deputy.
- e) Payroll – Meal reimbursement for Jason Trego and Sherrie L. Riebel
- f) Payroll – Truck Use Benefit for Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director
- g) Payroll – 84 hours of Vacation carry over to be used by October 26, 2022 for Steve Womack and 82.5 hours of vacation carry over to be used by December 19, 2022 for Gary Henderson.
- h) Payroll - Cell phone reimbursement for Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director, of \$40.00 per month.

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 9:27 a.m. until Tuesday, May 17, 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