

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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Greg Kaufman, Paul Zirjacks, citizens, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk, and Mitch Garner, Public Works Director was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May, 2020

Rebecca Johnson, SEK Multi County Health Department, passed out a brochure for the department and the letter sent to request funding. Rebecca stated the health department requests \$115,000.00 for 2021. This is an increase of \$15,000 from last year. She told the commission about the new employee the health department has hired. They did receive a one-time grant that will end in 2021 to assist in paying the new employee as well. She thanked the commissioners for their continued support. Commissioner Symes asked Rebecca to remind them of the funding from the other counties. It is not equal across the board. Allen County currently contributes \$100,000. Chairman King complimented the health department for working hard to seek out grants. Commissioner Symes asked about the new legislation providing counties to make decisions on phasing back in, he is asking the advice of the health department regarding these decisions and making recommendations. Should the commission ask Rebecca specifically? She stated that would be preferred if possible. He also asked if the way the courthouse is currently operating seems appropriate. Rebecca said it is being handled correctly as she had her temperature taken at the one and only door open, lines on the floor six feet apart, etc. Trevor asked Rebecca what proactively could the county do to prepare for a possible second shut down? Rebecca said a plan should be made for the fall, if not sooner than that and replace the responsibility back on the people. Mr. Zirjacks asked about the swimming pool in Iola opening. He asked Rebecca's opinion. She stated they could limit how many are in the pool, keep distance between people, so open it with some restrictions. Commissioner Symes discussed Lake of the Ozarks recently with the holiday weekend and people not observing restrictions. Chairman King thanked Rebecca for coming in and stated they'd take her request under consideration.

Debbie Bearden, citizen, representing LaHarpe Day committee asked about the contribution given by the commissioners, since the event has been cancelled. She returned the check.

Greg Kaufman, citizen from Humboldt, came in to discuss ditches and his pastures. He wants the chance to explain to the commissioners what the issue is. He stated there is lack of drainage. There is barely any ditch and only one culvert to handle all the water coming off of Humboldt hill. This causes water to be forced into the road. The brush and trees are not being cleaned up, therefore blocking the culverts. He understands how the crews go out after the rains to put rock down, etc. He stated the ditches have to be put in place or you'll be hauling rock all the time. They need to look at it when it's raining, can't make a decision on it when it's dry. He put some fence in 2014. This problem is cutting into his productivity of this pasture. He sprays all the Johnson grass on his property himself and has for years. Is the county going to clean this up yet, what can be done is his question? Mitch stated he is aware of this; they have a list that this is included. Chairman King reiterated all the miles of road to be covered in the county. Commissioner Daniels asked Mitch to visit with Mr. Kaufman in his office after the meeting to get to this problem sooner. Mr. Kaufman stated this is not a new problem, he's been

trying to get help on it for years. There needs to be a sign of warning of possible high water at the area he's talking about.

Sherrie asked the commissioners about the senior centers and the meals on wheels program. Do we wait to start them back up? She stated lola Senior Center can have up to 19-20 people coming in. Commissioner Symes said June 8 the number of people is going up to 45. He said he feels more comfortable using that as a guideline. Commissioner Daniels suggested we wait to June 8, but discuss it at next week's meeting. Sheriff Murphy stated he feels better about waiting for Phase 3, June 8.

Commissioner Symes reported on Bowlus meeting he attended.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action was taken.

Trevor asked about the schedule for road repair. Chairman King said requests that come in are evaluated. We have had more rain than the drainage solutions are designed for as of recent. The public may not realize the amount of territory that has to be covered in the county. Priority is based on need. Commissioner Symes stated Mitch shares road issues with the commissioners and they have input on the road plan. Trevor stated there is a fundamental misunderstanding of how the county road system is approached.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Bill King,
- b) Payroll change for Ron Holman
- c) Clerk's Vouchers – \$63,000.42
- d) Abatements: RE Value 1918, \$375.88, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m. until Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner