

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 Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Daren Kellerman, Allen County Undersheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Brian Plumlee, Sheriff Deputy, Anthony Maness, Sheriff candidate, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 29, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Jessica Thompson, reported on a letter of support for the SEED Grant being applied for Elsmore City. This would help them with building renovations. Chairman Symes moved to approve the commissioners' signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, reported there will be an information gathering meeting at 4:30 p.m. on November 12th for the Historical Economic Asset Lifeline (HEAL) grant. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar is all enclosed and the door is installed.

Mitch presented two cancellation documents. KDOT put the wrong entity name on the project. Commissioner Lee moved to sign the cancellation of agreement. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported he only received two hangar bids for next year's hangar. One company does not do metal hangars.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported there were minimal washouts after the rain this weekend. Normal maintenance at this point.

Jeremy stated he will be looking into a new semi with a low boy for next year's budget. Commissioner Lee asked about possibly getting another MowerMax. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported on the letters from the City of Iola regarding the urban boundary area. It is the classification of certain roads within the shaded area on the maps given to commissioners. Eligible for federal funding on the new classification of roads. Commissioner Daniels moved to sign the letters. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry reported he has been contacted by Mission Clean Energy about battery storage. He thinks it would be best for the county to have an ordinance in place before they approach us. Commissioners asked if Bob and Terry could do a moratorium until more research can be done on these battery storage facilities. Then the commission could work up an ordinance if they wish to allow this type of facility. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported on the storm siren in Elsmore. The county can submit for a grant on behalf of the city to place a storm siren within the city. Blue

Valley said siren is very old and does not cover the entirety of the city. They recommend what we put in Mildred to replace the Elsmore one. Discussion followed.

Jason stated he is working on a mitigation grant that would allow us to put cellular modules in the control boxes of the sirens, this would sound the siren if they are within the polygon. It would sound automatically. Discussion followed.

Daren Kellerman, Undersheriff, on behalf of Farm City Days, thanking the county again.

Daren stated the Crime Stoppers Advisory Board is starting back up.

Daren presented Resolution 202415 Resolution of Support for Operation Green Light, recognizing all veterans. Commissioner Lee moved to support and sign Resolution 202415. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes reported on the letter of support he drafted for the grant for the juvenile detention center. Commissioner Lee moved to sign letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) September report from District Court
- b) October reports from Attorney, County Clerk, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Treasurer

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$1,337,142.73
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Christopher Sayles, Matthew Sullivan
- c) Payroll - Change for Jason Kegler
- d) Payroll – Training stipend for David Sager
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Amy Wilson & Kayla Garber
- f) Payroll – Appeal Brief for Brandon Cameron
- g) Payroll – Vacation Carryovers for Crystal Richey 60.25 hours, Mitchell Garner, 75 hours, Kevin Covey 40 hours.
- h) Clerks Journal Entries - #35

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 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, November 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner