

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Carl Slaugh and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment; Carl Slaugh said he had something to speak about. Carl presented information to the commissioners about a Veterans' dinner at 6 pm at the north community building on Friday, November 11, 2022. A ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 11 a.m. behind the Veterans wall.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, requested for the commissioner's signatures on a commitment of county funds contract for project number 001 C-5001-01, STP-C494(321). The project will cost the county \$52,000. The work to be done will be on a bridge 1 mile south and 2 miles east of Carlyle, located at North Dakota and 2000 Rd. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the gator was delivered to the airport yesterday. They were able to deliver it early; however, they are still waiting on the fuel trailers.

Mitch reported Kevin Turner, noxious weed employee, has passed all 3 of his tests. All he has left is the week-long director's class. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes moved to sign the commitment of county funds contract in the amount of \$52, 000 for the bridge project. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Gregg Hutton, City of Iola, Darolyn (Crickett) Maley, Allen County Treasurer, and Sheriff Bryan Murphy joined the meeting.

Mark Griffith, Road and Bridge Director, presented the estimates of cost for the 4 tractors per year that was requested by the commissioners. This estimate does not include fuel or tires. Discussion followed. Discussion followed.

Mark reported that he hired a truck driver for district 3.

Mark reported that the county auction on Saturday went smoothly.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, reported that Steven from TBS will be coming down to look at what is still usable for the back up center.

Chelsie reported that she and Jason will be going to Navigator conference in Denver Colorado in April 2023. Chelsie was chosen to teach Achieving ACE as a Small Agency. Jason was selected to teach How to Excel with Advanced Data Spreadsheets. The conference will be held April 18-20, 2023, and there will be no cost for Chelsie and Jason to attend due to them being selected to teach. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported on an email he received from the National Weather Service. They are predicting severe weather west of Wichita. Allen County could see rain from this storm system, possibly up to 2 inches.

Jason stated a representative from Kansas Division of Emergency Management will be here to test out the Mega-Go device that he presented information on last week.

Commissioner Daniels asked Sheriff Murphy about the tower. It is up and running. Discussion followed on others joining on the tower.

Gregg Hutton, City of Iola, presented a renewal of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) for Iola. The city of Iola would like to change it from a 3-year renewal to a 5-year renewal. They would also like to change it to 100% refund for the full 10 years, instead of 100% for 6 years and then decreasing the refund percentage for the remaining 4 years. The hope is that with these changes more people will look into building more housing in Iola. Commissioners asked Crickett Maley, County Treasurer, what information she had on the NRP. In 2013 there were only 59 parcels in the NRP plans, and in 2021 there were 161 parcels. Out of the 161 parcels she paid out 154 checks; 93 in Iola, 42 in Humboldt, 9 in Gas, and 10 in LaHarpe. The refunded tax has gone from approximately \$122,000 in 2013 to approximately \$665,000 in 2021. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested that Crickett reach out to other counties to see if any others have tried the 100% for the full 10 years.

Vincent Cramer, citizen, joined the meeting.

Jami Clark, Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Vincent Cramer, citizen, came before the commission to get a starting spot for an easement to his property. His property is landlocked, he is just trying to get an entry point to it. Robert Johnson II, county counselor, reported that this is a private issue; what really needs to be done is his attorney needs to reach out to the landowners. Discussion followed.

Danielle Louk, zoning, reported on the zoning meeting held last Thursday the 27th of October. The zoning board voted to recommend granting Daniel Coltrane his variance use permit. He is planning on building a structure that will be used for living quarters (upstairs) and his civil engineering office downstairs front. The back portion of the building will be used for farm implements, work space. Commissioner Symes moved to grant the approval of the variance use permit. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passes 3-0-0

Commissioner Symes moved to sign a letter of support for the Coordinated Transit District #10. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to accept the Disclosure Compliance Services Proposal from GilmoreBell for a \$7,500 for 5 years. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported survey work for the new cell at the landfill will begin tomorrow.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:39 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:44 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:46 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:56 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:56 a.m.

Those present will be Commissioners and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:07 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:12 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes reported that the City is wanting to re-negotiate the EMS contract. The commissioners wish to keep running under the current EMS agreement at this time while they look into all options. Commissioner Daniels would like to thank our first responders for all of their hard work.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Zoning minutes from October 27, 2022
- b) Services to the Elderly weekly trip sheets for 10/17/2022 – 10/21/2022 & 10/24/2022 – 10/28/2022
- c) September 2022 Monthly statement for District Court

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – --
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – # 69, 70, 71, 72
- c) Payroll – Change forms for Kevin Turner & Rikki Witchley
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for David Lee, Cindy Scovill, Bruce Symes
- e) Payroll – Process Servers for Daren Kellerman, Brenda Beth, Steve Womack, Dathan McMurtrey, Travis Buck, Tyler Powelson

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. until Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner