

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 Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, Chelsea Lea, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on November 1, 2022.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment. Chelsea Lea, citizen, requested to put out Christmas tree displays for the holiday season. She explained where she is planning to put the displays, one set on the southwest corner, one on the southeast corner, and possibly lining the middle sidewalk leading to the courthouse. She will also place a large snowman in the south side with a small arrangement near the veterans' wall. Commissioners approved her to put out the lights.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, spoke with the commissioners about Operation Green Light. He explained the statewide effort from the Kansas Association of Counties to get counties to light up their courthouses green. He requested the commissioners adopt Resolution 202214. Commission Lee moved to adopt Resolution 202214, A Resolution of Support for Operation Green Light. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the runway work has started. He said they are looking at 52 days for the runway to be closed; they work 10-hour days Monday thru Thursday. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported on an incident at the shop. A dump truck driver had his bed raised and pulled down a line, no injuries.

Mark introduced Chris Mathews, Prairieland Partners, to speak about the lease options presented to the commissioners previously. The John Deere tractors would be fully warranted but routine maintenance will be paid by the county. There will be charge per hour over 350 hours. Chris stated he believes this lease program will be something that will be done long term, it is for government entities. Prairieland Partners isn't going anywhere, as they will be building at a new location in the future. Discussion followed.

Rachel Moore, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

Mark presented bids for the power washer he is looking to buy. He received three bids from Wholesale Washer Company, Hy-Flo Equipment Co., Superior Service Co., Inc. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Wholesale Washer Company for \$4800.00. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passes 3-0-0.

Mark updated the commissioners on the Mower-Max. With the insurance payment from the damaged mower and profit from auction, the county would be looking at approximately \$120,000. The Mower-Max is more off-road than John Deere. The attachments we have right now would be able to be used with this machine. In the current cost estimate, it includes the mulching head and a brush mower. This one machine will replace 3-4 brush cutters that we currently have. Discussion followed. Chairman Daniels requested contacting KDOT to see how they like them and how they

are working for them; and putting together exactly what he would like and the cost for such.

Mark reported he signed up for Sourcewell. Discussion followed.

Mark stated he will be taking his first test for noxious weed on the 15th.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported that the demonstration with Kansas Division of Emergency Management has been pushed back until next Wednesday.

Jason stated he has been in contact with Sheriff Murphy and they feel we are safe to lift our burn ban. Commissioner Lee moved to lift burn ban, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Allen County Airport committee, and the discussion taking place to bring the airport flight museum to Allen County. Jonathon presented an application for KAIP. Discussion followed. They are needing a conceptual design drawn up and a steering committee needs to be appointed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve submitting the application. Commissioner Symes second; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jonathon reported on conversations he had about landbanks with communities within the county. Of those he spoke with Lola, Humboldt, LaHarpe, and Gas would be interested. Chairman Daniels stated he felt that acquisition and maintenance of each parcel should be looked at on a case-by-case basis. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes asked Jonathon his thoughts on the Neighborhood Revitalization Project and is there success in other communities that participate in the 10 years 100% rebate. Discussion followed.

Rachel Moore, Thrive Allen County, presented the commissioners additional information on the BASE Project. Commerce told Thrive they did not like the process of RWD#8 on choosing Midwest. They recommend following the counties procurement process. In order to use the BASE project funds, the county would need to waive the sealed bid process and just send out request for qualifications (RFQ). Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Thrive to send out RFQs and waive the formal sealed bid process, due in 10 days. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Johnson II, County Counselor, would like to recognize the veterans in the room.

Bob reported that Humboldt football won their game last Friday. They will be hosting their opponents on Friday; first time hosting a semi-final game since 2007.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:57 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Motion for confirming Sheriff's sale
- b) 2023 budget for Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Department

- c) KWORCC Annual Meeting minutes
- d) Services to the Elderly Van weekly trip sheet 11/1/2022 – 11/4/2022
- e) Solid Waste Financial Statement for October 2022
- f) Attorney Office October monthly statement
- g) Treasurer's office October monthly statement
- h) Fund Status Report January thru October 2022
- i) County Clerks October monthly statement
- j) Public Works October monthly statement
- k) Register of Deeds October monthly statement

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$
- b) Clerks Journal Entries - #73, 74, 75, 76
- c) Payroll – Longevity for 2023
- d) Payroll – Change form for Kevin Turner, Sean Cox
- e) Payroll – Enrollment form for Richard Womelsdorf, Jr
- f) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Kevin Covey

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m. until Tuesday, November 15, 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 Lee, Commissioner