

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

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Lisse Regehr, Becky Voorhies, Johnathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, and Tom Nevans, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Becky Voorhies, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 26, 2021.

Tom Nevans, Veteran's Representative, reported the veteran's committee is getting ready to start on the brick wall. He explained what they were going to do; replacing the tile with concrete on the ground and the names from the tiles will go on the bricks. The walls will be 8' out from the existing wall to the east and west.

Tom complimented Ron Holman and how great of a job he does and his politeness.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented bids for de-icing salt. Bids were received from Frank Bills Trucking for \$48.75 per ton, 150 ton equals \$7,312 and will be delivered as needed; Central Salt for \$58.74 per ton, 150 ton equals \$8,811 and will be delivered as needed; Arlyn Briggs – No bid; Cargill Salt declined to bid. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the purchase of salt from Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported the bucket truck is still down. They had trees down while the wind was blowing last week, no major washouts from the rains. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels complimented Mitch and Crews on the chip seal road projects that were completed.

Lisse followed up on the request for transportation received last week from Jessica Thompson. She mentioned that the hospital and mental health each would donate \$2,500 towards the service and waiting on CHC. She explained the cost for local match on each of the proposals for expanded transportation and status quo transportation. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes discussed the test for need for riders for this year. He expressed his position on the filling the need for a few dozen persons. Discussion followed on the grants both federal and state and status of vehicle.

Commissioner Lee discussed the riders, who were repeat users, 24 to 26 riders. Lisse discussed Thrive is picking up some of those that the other two vans can not pick up. Discussion followed. Larger service would serve more people. Commissioner Lee stated he is not comfortable with having it. Discussion followed. The county match can be ARPA funds.

Arlyn Briggs, joined the meeting.

Lisse stated those willing to donate towards the vans would like to put public information on the van. Chairman Symes discussed he thought continuing as status quo for now. He is still considering but struggling with public funds to get people to work.

This addendum is revising the original agreement established on page number two, entry number seven. The current entry reads as follows:

7. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the fiscal agent for the operation of the Thirty-First Judicial District Community and Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board shall be rotated among the four counties as follows: Wilson County will serve a five (5) year term as the fiscal county beginning on January 1, 2012, followed by Woodson County serving a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2017, then Neosho County serving a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2022, then Allen County serving a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2027 and so forth.

The addendum will create a new agreement exclusively for entry number seven and will read as follows:

7. Unless otherwise agreed upon, the fiscal agent for the operation of the Thirty-First Judicial District Community and Juvenile Correctional Advisory Board shall be rotated among the four counties as follows: Woodson County will serve a five (5) year term as the fiscal county beginning on January 1, 2022, followed by Allen County serving a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2027, then Wilson County serving a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2032, then Neosho County serving a five (5) year term beginning January 1, 2037 and so forth.

This addendum exclusively to page two, entry number seven, to the original interlocal agreement is approved by the following listed parties on the dates shown.

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He explained the rotation of every five years so Allen County will have it in January 2027. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve. Commissioner Lee seconded; discussion and review. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Kevin thanked the commission for the expanded space in the offices.

Rodney Burns, Rodney Burns LLC, Allen County Auditor, discussed the audit. He discussed the hospital needs to have an audit to comply with PBC issuing the bonds. Discussion followed. Robert Johnson, II discussed an audit with the hospital from July 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021. He suggested an annual audit for the hospital until bonds are satisfied.

Rodney reported no budget violations and the general fund is trending downward. ½ of what we had 4 years ago.

Rodney discussed the Landfill closure, Bob had to apply for the variance letter.

Rodney discussed the audit from SPARKS funding.

Rodney presented a contract for 2023 budget prep for \$1,400 and the 2021 audit for \$17,200 plus \$2,000 for a Federal Audit prep due to ARPA funding. Commissioner Lee moved to accept Rodney Burns budget prep and audit proposal. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners continued the discussion towards status quo with transportation, to continue adding a manager cost would be more due to adding a person. Discussion on past discussions of fares and donations. Discussion followed. Chairman Symes moved to approve pursuit of the 5311 grant that will allow us the status quo with no transportation manager through June of 2023, Federal and State match, our local match of \$19767.00, contributing agencies putting in \$7500.00, will discuss fares later. Commissioner Daniels said he will second if included in later discussion that some or all of those funds be ARPA. Commissioner Symes said he took for granted that was part of his motion, but will now make that part of his motion. He moved to take back part of his previous motion and moves to approve pursuit of the Federal and 5311 grants to continue our transportation program status quo with no transportation manager through June of 2023 using ARPA funds as the commission deems appropriate with appreciation to the contributing healthcare agencies. He then stated appreciation to Thrive for securing these grants

and leading our discussions on this program. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-1-0.

Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, reported on the MOU for the MIH Grant which will allow the commission to make the decision. He asked if commissioners are ok with that. Chairman Symes said he looked through it and it's ok.

Jonathan discussed the project at the airport. Applications have been submitted to KDOT.

Garber is putting together the airport layout plan. They will need a second fee estimate to make sure Garber doesn't charge too much. The bulk of the fee (\$1500) will be paid for by federal funding and ...90% 10% split, by federal government. Chairman Symes asked for additional information. They do not have to make a decision today, but would be good to study on how soon to start the program.

Becky stated ARPA funding is going well.

Arlyn Briggs, stated he wanted to address 6 things. 1. No free money – grant monies are not free. 2. Roads - specific location – trees growing up on the sides. 3. MOU – option depending on it being done, but haven't seen it yet. 4. Commissioners need to look at using Hoyle's Rules of Order for running their meetings. 5. He doesn't feel that Allen County has leadership they should have. 6. Helicopters and cost of the runs. 7. Superintendent of Moran school asked about disbursement of funds from the windfarm, needs to be definitive clarified on how that's to be done. 8. Van tags for the county wide vehicle is tagged in Missouri (Commissioners explained it is a leased van). 9. Time to be a little clearer, grants are taxpayer's monies.

Mitch stated he visited with Mike Church and he knows the bucket truck is down. Arlyn stated all the roads in the county on West Virginia Road to the east to the county road need attention.

Mitch stated he has to get with the Kansas Department of Transportation person out of Garnett since it was a State project in Anderson County. Discussion followed. Mitch stated he is working on the list for road projects. Arlyn stated he does not want to get privilege priority.

Sherrie reported on the City/School Election. She reported there has been 147 early voters, 73 advanced ballots returned for a total of 220 voters so far. November 2, 2021 City/School Election will be canvassed on November 9, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. during the regular commission meeting.

Chairman 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 10:15 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:25 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee stated persons north of Peerless are requesting a storm shelter in their area. He stated he would look to see where the closest place for them would be.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Monthly reports of Public Works Department, Appraiser's office, Attorney's office, Allen County Clerk's office
- b) Fund Status Report for the month ending October 2021
- c) Treasurer's monthly report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 10/28/2021-\$212,342.28 & 11/1/2021-\$8,964.01
- b) Payroll – pay increase for Breail R. Thompson – deputy position
- c) Payroll – reimbursements for Kevin Covey, Jill Allen, Bruce Symes, Cindy Scovill, David Lee, and Bob Johnson.
- d) Payroll – vacation carryover of 112 hours for Mitchell Garner to be used before June 16, 2022.
- e) Journal Vouchers - #64, #65, & #66

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David Lee, Commissioner