

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.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on September 24, 2024

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, thanking the county for the chip sealing around 99 blocks within the city.

Cole reported on a few more items going on in Humboldt. Biblesta is this Saturday, October 5, 2024, the new car wash has been opened and the last mile project is nearly complete.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported Nowak came back Monday. The concrete for the lift stations is put in place.

Mitch stated hangar work is moving along. Discussion followed on need for hangars.

Chairman Symes asked how the progress is at the landfill. Discussion followed.

Donita Garner & Kayla Knavel, Hope Unlimited, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee stated he spoke with Jeremy Hopkins, Road and Bridge Director, and they should be finishing up chip sealing on Delaware and they will move to Elsmore next. Jeremy does plan to attend the Mildred community conversation tonight.

Donita Garner and Kayla Knavel, came to ask for a proclamation of October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Donita presented statistics on Hope Unlimited's numbers when it comes to domestic violence. Commissioner Lee moved to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, presented information on a USDA Housing Preservation Project grant they were awarded. This will be the second USDA grant. This grant is for areas other than just Iola, like the last grant was for. This will help rehabilitate and/or remodel low & very low income homes. USDA has the income guidelines set, and depends on each household statistics. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported the yard signs have been delivered to the county clerk's office. Discussion followed on possible locations for signs. Commissioner Lee reported he will be on the bandstand this Thursday at 5:30, as well as Thursday October 17 to answer any questions. He will also attend the candidate forum put on by the Register and will have the appraiser and treasurer with him to help answer questions.

Bob Franklin, citizen, joined the meeting.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, reported the SEK Multi-County Health Department will be here on Thursday, October 17th to give flu shots.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 9/30/24-\$34,892.26 & 9/27/24-\$501,014.51
- b) Payroll – Mile reimbursements for Bruce Symes & Misty Rice
- c) Payroll – August Process Service for Brenda Beth, Haley Donovan, Thad Parker, Steve Womack
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #30

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m. until Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner