

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Vickie Moss, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 10, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported that the hangar doors will be delivered today. The breakers have been changed to accommodate the new doors.

Mitch reported the painters have been scheduled to come finish the painting on the runway and taxiway.

Mitch reported that the noxious weed spraying is almost complete.

Chairman Lee asked about the landfill project. Mitch stated we are a couple weeks behind as we are waiting on more testing for the clay. They will also have to amend their operating plans in order to receive the permitting for lithium battery disposal.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported he is still researching into the curves west of Humboldt.

Mark stated we are still waiting on a third party to look into the trucks.

Mark reported he will be at the community conversation in Mildred this evening.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, presented information on replacing the Advance Headset Interface Box. She explained the importance of the box. She presented bids for replacing all three boxes for \$9250.00, replacing two for \$6300.00, or just replacing one for \$3750.00. Discussion followed on the different options. If she were to purchase all three at once then there will just be the one installation fee. If she only purchases two right now and then purchases the last one at a later date, she will have to pay two installation charges, which will result in a total of \$10,050.00. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the purchase of 3 new console boxes for \$9250.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Marie Parker, CASA, representing ACMAT today. They will be conducting a food drive from November 1st to December 10th. She is requesting to put a collection box by the west entrance for a food drive that will go towards the local food banks. The commissioners okayed this request.

Dee Yount, Director of Transportation CHCSEK, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed the purchasing policy and if the limit for approval should be amended.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:51 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:56 a.m. No action taken.

Becky Gray, Building Health Inc., joined the meeting. Becky and Dee Yount, CHCSEK Transportation, presented information on transportation needs. They provide free transportation for any needs, any age. They work closely with Thrive Allen County, also a member of the CTD 10 program. They are requesting a letter of support to bring general transportation to the Allen County CHCSEK clinic. Allen County would have at least one vehicle stationed at the CHCSEK clinic, with the possibility of having a second one. Discussion followed. Commissioners would like to wait a week and discuss again next meeting.

Kent Thompson, citizen, joined the meeting.

NextEra representatives joined the meeting.

Justin Wall, A-Lert Roofing, joined the meeting.

Nick Fuhr, NextEra, came with an update on their project going through Allen County. In May they received their line sighting approval from the FCC. The next item needed is the road use agreement. They plan to begin tree clearing in November. Once the road use is approved, they will do a pre-construction inventory. This is when they then video and picture the roads being used, and the county will receive a copy of this. After construction is complete, a post-construction inventory is taken. Any maintenance will be taken care of, they will repair what they think needs, they try to leave it how it started or better. NextEra has a list of items that will need to be addressed on the proposed road routes, ie: concrete culverts will be pulled out and replace with the recommended tubes. Commissioners asked if the county can contract out the road maintenance? Dick stated yes and they will pay. Counselor Bob Johnson is working with NextEra counsel on the completing the road use agreement. NextEra reported 88% of easements are completed. Discussion followed.

Donita Garner and Michelle Meiwes, Hope Unlimited, joined the meeting.

Donita Garner & Michelle Meiwes, presented a proclamation to make October Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Michelle explained how Hope Unlimited helps those who are victim of domestic violence and sexual assaults. Commissioner Daniels moved to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commission Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes asked how the capital campaign is going for the new facility. Donita explained where in the process they are. The current shelter can only house 12 and they have been full for the last year.

Justin Wall, A-Lert Roof Systems, presented information on the company. A-Lert specialized in metal roofing. Designing, engineering, manufacturing, and installation are all done in-house. They offer a 20-year warranty on all roof systems. They can also do metal buildings. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:42 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Lee reported on his trip with Mark to Coffey County to see the recycling. It is housed in a large metal building with multiple bins. Currently they recycle 10 to 12 different types of materials, cardboard to glass to the different plastics, and newspapers. Coffey County's recommendation is to decide on 2-3 different materials to recycle and set bins at the landfill, start small and grow with the demand. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Invitation for Thrive's annual banquet
- b) September monthly statement for Hospital Board
- c) September monthly statement for Noxious Weed Department
- d) City of Iola letter regarding issuance of industrial revenue bonds

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 10/12/2023-\$369,649.81 & 10/16/2023-\$21,221.75

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. until Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

David Lee, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner