

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

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Jason Trego, Allen County Emergency Management, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, and Paul Zirjacks, 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 October 11, 2022.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported that the Tri-City Seal Company will be here next week to start the sealing process on the runway. They will come in and section off. Once the sealing is done the striping can be completed.

Mitch reported hangar roof work is completed on all but one. Robert will be checking since the rain to make sure there are no more leaks. Discussion followed.

There is a need for more hangars. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported he is down 3 people in the landfill.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented the commissioners with a contract with John Deere to lease 4 new tractors. \$56,000 to \$60,000 a year for 4 tractors. Mark wants to keep the 4 tractors that we currently have as back up. Commissioner Lee would like to lease 2 at this time. Discussion followed.

Mark reported on the quote for the MowerMax he received. Commissioner Lee asked if there were items on the quote that could be taken off. Discussion followed.

Mark stated he is still looking for a mechanic.

Mark reported the county auction will be this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the county shop.

Commissioner Symes reported on a conversation that was had at KAC. It focused on equipment sharing with other municipalities.

Commissioner Daniels reported on a few concerns he has about potholes on 1600 and a stop sign that needs looked at.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, presented the commissioners with bids to purchase a cellular hotspot. This hotspot will be more powerful. Jason would like to go with FirstNet (provider). The equipment would be Mega-Go for a cost of \$4,199.00. A monthly cost for the FirstNet service is \$38.00. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested to test one of these in Allen County to make sure that it will have service.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioners asked Jason what his recommendation is for the burn ban currently in place. He suggests leaving as is for the time being.

Jonathon Goering, Thrive Allen County, updated the commissioners on the ARPA funds. Two changes since the September report; three payments made towards the tower project, and the final administrative payment for Thrive has been made. Discussion followed.

Jonathon presented the commissioners with updated information on the Moderate - Income Housing project. There is additional funding available so Jonathon is asking the commission for their blessing on applying for a portion of that additional funding. Commissioner Lee moved to have the chairman's signature on the request letter. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, discussed one of the constitutional amendment questions on the November 8, 2022 ballot. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested the commission to set a time for the canvass of the November 8, 2022 election. Commissioners will have the canvass on November 15, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:29 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:40 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 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 9:51 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:56 a.m. No action taken.

Mark asked the commissioners if they were okay with him turning in scrap metal to Rays and putting the money back into Road & Bridge.

Mark reported he is going to get bids on a power washer to be able to wash the salts off of the trucks this winter.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Quote received from Atmax Equipment Co. on a MowerMax Boom Gen 3
- b) Email and invoice to be paid for the hospital facilities board
- c) Letters to residents concerning removal of "extra" rock
- d) Services to the Elderly Van weekly trip report
- e) Thank you card from Sherrie Riebel
- f) Kansas Historical Society Letter listing the Kress Building in the National Register of Historical Places
- g) Claim letter from EMC
- h) September financial reports for Saint Luke's from Larry Peterson
- i) September monthly report for County Clerk and Noxious Weed
- j) Court documents regarding the estate of Roberta McGie

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers \$134,082.45

- b) Payroll – Payroll change forms for Michael Larios, Sean Cox, Billy Meins, Christopher Craft
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Jerry Daniels, Danielle Louk, Robert Johnson II, Bruce Symes
- d) Payroll – Meal reimbursement for Bruce Symes
- e) Payroll – Hotel stay reimbursement for Bruce Symes
- f) Clerks Journal Entries - # 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m. until Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner