

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.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Danielle Louk, Deputy County Appraiser, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Jared Brooks, Schwab Eaton, Will Rodgers, Halcomb Construction, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Bruce Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 22, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar is up, and the door company will begin installation of the door today.

Mitch presented bids for concrete and asphalt for the apron of the new hangar. Discussion followed on the last items needed for the hangar. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Precision Enterprises, Garnett, KS in the amount of \$18,900.00 for the concrete. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported the 2010 Bomag, trash compactor, had a rod go out in the engine. It currently has 18,000 hours. Mitch said he would be looking at pricing options to replace it.

Mitch stated the 2013 loader, which has 23,000 hours, has hydraulic pumps going bad. Discussion followed. He will be checking Sourcewell for options.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported his crews are laying hot mix patches around the county. The new motor grader was delivered yesterday. Jeremy stated he would most likely need to purchase one more motor grader, and could be looking at a 1% increase in cost next year.

Jeremy stated he will be attending the Savonburg City council meeting next Monday.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Elsmore community conversation. They had 10 in attendance. Their likes are: it is quiet, welcoming, residents are helpful, lake, good hunting, great location. The items they felt needs improvement: more involvement with younger generation, housing, RV park possibly, families moving in, drainage and ditches (Mayor Boyles will take care of this), electrical upgrade needed, downed trees or limbs on wires, key card system to get into weight room. The items they stated were the priorities: electrical, city hall upgrades, key card system, housing for workers, new residents, hunters. Commissioner Lee said he is communicating with Jason Trego to have him do some checking on the storm siren in Elsmore as they feel it isn't working as well as it should be.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, presented pay application number 5 prepared by BG Consultants on behalf of Nowak for \$674,021.10. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the pay application. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes presented a letter from Troy Smith. Eric Thomason has resigned his position on the 31st Judicial District Advisory Board. Debbie Higginbotham, Southeast

Kansas Mental Health Center, has stated she is willing to serve. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Debbie Higginbotham to serve on the advisory board. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting. Michael presented 2nd Quarter EMS information. He stated they taught an AEMT (advanced emergency medical technician) class, testing will be done shortly. One ambulance needed new rotors and brake pads. Discussion followed.

Michael stated they applied for a grant to get new cots, 100% cost covered.

Commissioner Daniels stated he has had a couple calls from family members of patients needing ambulance service and it was not in Humboldt, had to wait for one to come from Iola.

Chairman Symes reported on the meeting he attended for the Juvenile Detention Board. Senate bill 367 took away the ability to house juvenile offenders who needed to be taken from the situation. Now they are proposing Secure Care accommodations in centers who provide housing for CINC. The director is seeking a Secure Care grant to allow for housing for such. He asked that counties write letters of support for his application. Judge Creitz will draft a letter and so will Kevin McGuffin. Discussion followed.

Terrys EMS campaign reimbursement will be paid out of the commissioner's department within the general fund.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Danielle Louk, Deputy Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 11:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:18 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Jared Brooks, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action taken.

Terry stated the nuisance properties time will be up next week, so he will be making his rounds to check on them. There are three properties.

Mitch presented an amendment to agreement between Schwab-Eaton and Allen County. This amendment extends their services for the landfill project. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the chairman's signature on the amended agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Fair Board expenses for July, August, September

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 10/25/24-\$228,592.31 & 10/29/24-\$182,220.96
- b) Payroll – Training reimbursement for Jason Trego
- c) Payroll- EMS Campaign hours worked by Terry Call
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes
- e) Payroll – September Process Service for Brenda Beth, Thad Parker
- f) Clerks Journal Entries - #34

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at

9:41 a.m. until Tuesday, November 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner