

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

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Rick Aiello, employee, 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 September 26, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment, Paul Zirjacks asked about the recycling that has been shut down for the current time. Would the landfill be able to take over the recycling effort?

Diana Holmes, citizen, spoke about her concerns on the recycling effort that has stopped for now. Discussion followed.

Steve Womack, Sheriff Deputy, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the B25 Miss Mitchell coming to airport tomorrow 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm, weather permitting. Rides will be given, at a cost. Must have 6 people signed up to go up.

Mitch reported on the open house at the airport Saturday. He estimates 25-30 people attended. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes asked about the batteries at the landfill. Mitch stated they are still waiting on the permitting. Discussion followed on what happens if someone brings in electronics/batteries.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported on a meeting with NextERA for the powerlines being put in. They are asking to have the county work on some of the roads they will have to travel, they need new culverts put in to support the weight of the trucks. They will pay the county to put in these new culverts. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested that Mark and NextERA look at options on if the county does it or could they contract out to get this done.

Mark presented an email between himself and Monarch. They would like to propose repair work on the intersection of Delaware & 1600<sup>th</sup>. This is the entrance to their east quarry. Monarch would be willing to supply to concrete should the county wish to use it instead of asphalt chip and seal. Discussion followed.

Mark will be meeting with Bill Delich, Bettis Asphalt, this afternoon to finalize the projects being completed this year.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported on different trainings he has been a part of the last couple of months. He also attended the KEMA conference in September.

Jason stated Allen County hosted the G300 class, which is an incident management training. He will be hosting G400 training in November. Kansas Division of Emergency Management sends the instructors. Discussion followed.

Jason reported that Roberta Ellis retired after 25 years. Dispatch has had one new employee start last month, one started this week and another will start next week. This will put them at full staff until the next retirement.

Jason reported that dispatch will be getting a multi-band 800 radio console that plugs in to our system. This is provided by Homeland Security and will be no cost to the county. Discussion followed.

Jason reminded the commission that the emergency alert system test will be at 1:20 pm on Wednesday.

Jason stated he will be attending the four corners conference in December in Branson Mo. It will consist of a couple days of training with diverse group of attendees.

Chairman Lee asked about an email received from Chelsie about an Advanced Headset Interface Box. Jason will check and report back.

Chairman Lee asked about the storm siren in Mildred. Jason stated he is contacting Blue Valley? This is an outdoor warning system, meant more for people outside away from their televisions. They are not meant to be heard indoors. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported there will be a public meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 pm until 6:30 pm to view the updates on the new flood mapping from the Department of Agriculture. The meeting will be held at the community building at Riverside Park. Terry sent out 237 letters sent out to unincorporated areas. They are removing 85 parcels, and adding 8 different ones to the flood zones.

Chairman Lee asked if there were any concerns with the proposed 2024 holidays.

NEW YEAR'S DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024
PRESIDENTS DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2024
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 27, 2024
JUNETEENTH	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024
INDEPENDENCE DAY	THURSDAY, JULY 4, 2024
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2024
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024
VETERAN'S DAY	MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024
CHRISTMAS EVE	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024
CHRISTMAS DAY	WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024
NEW YEAR'S EVE	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

Commissioner Symes moved to adopt the proposed 2024 holidays as presented. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:03 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Department and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:13 a.m. No action taken.

Arlynn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Symes commented on an email he received in recognition of employee Jimmy Skaggs. Alan and Charlotte Stewart sent an email commending Jimmy on his "wonderful and professional job" when putting in a new whistle at their property.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, explained about his partnership with Karen Thompson, out of New Mexico. Karen Thompson in a clinical nurse. Together, they would like to start up a traveling nurse, home health clinic. He would like to discuss the building in Moran that was the old clinic. He would like to purchase this building outright and use it to start this business. The hospital facilities board is over this building currently. Discussion followed. Commissioners recommended contacting Terry Sparks and getting on the agenda for the facilities board meeting.

Arlyn asked about how the roads are being done. Discussion followed.

Arlyn asked about the tractor that was said they could not get any parts for. Mark stated the computer system went out. Discussion followed.

Jason reported back on the email from earlier. They had to purchase a piece of hardware that connects all the different components on the console. The dispatch center had one of the old ones go down and TBS recommended replacing all due to not being able to parts for the existing ones. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes wanted speak about the bond issue coming up. Perception in the public is that the courthouse entrances will be closed. Discussion followed.

Judge Creitz joined the meeting. Judge Creitz answered the questions about access to the courthouse and closing all the other entrances except for the south secured access. The renovated entrance just allows for the courthouse to be secure should that time come. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter regarding the lola Theater from Kansas Historical Society
- b) September monthly reports from Appraisers office, Attorneys office, County Clerks Office, Public Works office, Register of Deeds Office

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 9/28/2023-\$271,306.14 & 10/2/2023-\$412,317.64
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Rachel Wight
- c) Payroll – Change forms for Troy Smith, Levi Lampe
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Daniel McMurray
- e) Clerk's Journal Entries – #47, 48, 49, 50

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. until Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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David E. Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner