

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, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, 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 1, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the airport pad is ready to be poured tomorrow. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the landfill cell most likely will not be ready by October 15. The contractor has the pump ready to be installed. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented bids for generators for the airport. Three different options were bid, natural gas, propane, diesel. Asked for 4 companies for bids and three responded.

**Generator Proposal
October 8, 2024**

Company	Generator	Price	Run Time	Delivery
CDL Pittsburg, KS	48 KW Natural Gas	\$29,645.75		7 weeks
CDL Pittsburg, KS	48 KW Propane	\$29,645.75		7 weeks
CDL Pittsburg, KS	48 KW Diesel	\$32,323.17	57 gallon tank 28.2 hours	11 weeks
KJ Electrical Contracting LLC Yates Center, KS	48 KW Propane	\$32,492.70		
KJ Electrical Contracting LLC Yates Center, KS	48 KW Natural Gas	\$32,712.36		
KJ Electrical Contracting LLC Yates Center, KS	48 KW Diesel	\$35,537.60		In Stock
Kansas Generator & Outdoor Equipment Westphalia, KS	NO Bid			
Stout Electric Iola. KS	48 KW Natural Gas	\$30,818.33		In Stock
Stout Electric Iola. KS	48 KW Propane	\$30,818.33		In Stock
Stout Electric Iola. KS	48 KW Diesel	\$36,060.87	Long run tank	11 weeks
Stout Electric Iola. KS	48 KW Diesel	\$35,516.97		15 weeks

Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee asked if Mitch would bring this back to them next week.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are done with chip sealing for now. He is thinking about getting the last two loads of oil from the refinery at a reduced rate. He stated he would probably work on Texas Rd with that oil.

Jeremy stated all machinery is up and running. The pot hole patcher will be going towards Savonburg soon, then the old highway north of Iola.

Jeremy introduced the new salesman from Foley, Jerad Heckman.

Jeremy presented bids from a new 140-15AWJ MotorGrader for \$384,931.00, that does include a \$30,000 trade in for a 2010 Komatsu LTD. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the purchase of the 2024 Caterpillar MotorGrader for \$384,931.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chelsea Lea, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy how the rest of the equipment is working and which ones are next to be traded/replaced. Discussion followed.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County, presented pay application no. 4 for the Airport Industrial Park project. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairmans signature. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jared reported Marcia Davis will be present next week to discuss the Mildred community conversation.

Chelsea Lea, citizen, requested permission to put Christmas lights up on the square again this year. She is hoping to start putting them up beginning the first of November. Chairman Symes moved to approve Chelsea putting Christmas lights up on the square. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes stated they are adding 2 categories for float judging at Farm City Days; mayor's choice and commissioner's choice. Commissioner Lee asked Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, to get a booth for Farm City Days. He will man the booth and be available to discuss sales tax question.

Chairman Symes spoke about the proposed 2025 holidays. Discussion followed on the Christmas holiday as Christmas Day is on a Thursday in 2025. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the 2025 holidays, with the adjustment of working a ½ day Christmas Eve, closure on Christmas Day and December 26 (Friday). Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed cancelling the meeting the week of Christmas as it would fall on Christmas Eve, which we have off for a holiday. They will also have their year end meeting on Monday, December 30th, time to be determined.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client – Possible Litigation. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) September monthly reports for Attorney, County Clerk, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Treasurer
- b) September Fund Status Report
- c) September Solid Waste Financial

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$346,045.03
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Diane Rogers

- c) Payroll – Change form for Dylan Blanchard
- d) Payroll – Supplies reimbursement for David Lee
- e) Clerks Journal Entries - #31, 32, 33
- f) Abatements – PP, Value 90, \$13.36, Year 2023

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 9:34 a.m. until Tuesday, October 15 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