

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman William "Bill" H. King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 6, 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed 1800 St to Nebraska Rd, shut down, being fixed, Mitch explained. Commissioner Symes asked about closing off a road, leave open for local traffic, perhaps designate a truck route. Mitch stated 2000 St is coming apart. Discussion followed.

David Lee joined the meeting.

Mitch reported on seven miles of chip and seal Wednesday and Thursday, north of 2800 St. They are still mowing and trimming.

Commissioner Daniels reported on a call he received about the trucks hauling gravel for the windmills and they weren't using the correct road per the road agreement. He contacted Mitch and he got it corrected right away. He thanked Mitch for taking care of that so quickly, on a Saturday.

Lisse Regehr and Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting. Lisse shared info on the SPARK funding. Half of the funding has been spent. The steering committee went over where funding still might need to be allocated. She said most of the entities using the funds have invoiced items, but haven't paid for them yet, so until you pay the money out, you don't report it. She believes next month's report will show a much larger expenditure. The Health Dept initially had \$20,000 to be used for a contractor and communications, however, with the timing of such, they will distribute those funds back to the county. The touchless technology will be around \$25,000. Commissioner Symes asked about the courtroom expansion. Also mentioned were senior centers, airport, landfill and noxious weed departments. Commissioner Daniels stated to look at the priorities. Lisse will talk to Ron as well on this. Clerk Riebel stated faucets and toilets are the main items, the part that includes the public would be priority.

Michelle Meiwes joined the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy joined the meeting.

Clerk Riebel reported on the ballot drop boxes and advance voting.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition and Courthouse Security. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – Kevin Covey to carry over 50 hours of vacation to be used by June 16, 2021
- b) Payroll – David Heiman be reimbursed for cell phone usage each month
- c) Payroll – Employees Martin Schomaker going from full time to part time status, employees Seth Pollet & Joe Stotler pay increases due to graduation from academy.
- d) Clerk's Vouchers – \$115,145.39
- e) Clerk's Journal Entry #44

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. until Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Room of the courthouse.

Commissioners reconvened to speak with Terry Call on bids for IT. Terry will report at next week's meeting.

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 8:57 a.m.

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William H. King, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner