

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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension District Executive Director, David Lee, Candidate for Commission District #2, 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 13, 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported on chip/seal that has been completed. Public Works has been cut off from the company for getting any more oil this year due to the weather. They finished 34 lane miles this year including Gas and Moran. They still have a little work to do at LaHarpe. The crews are still mowing, trimming and patching pot holes.

Mitch mentioned he will have tractor and salt bids next week. Commissioners asked Mitch to have the bids include a trade in price. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes ask about work on 1800 Street. Mitch mentioned he has had work done on it and Nebraska Road. Discussion followed. Mitch stated they will be working on reclaiming roads at a later date.

Chairman King discussed concrete damage during Farm/City Days around the berms just south of the courthouse. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, thanked and recognized the commission for appreciation. Terry mentioned we all thank the commission for a job that has been hard to do especially during COVID.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, Becky Voorhies, Thrive Allen County Grant Specialist and Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Chairman King discussed Meals on Wheels and volunteers. Sherrie reported yes, all the routes are currently covered.

Terry discussed bids for IT in the Assembly Room. The equipment will be able to move from one room to another (Commissioner Room to Assembly Room). Bids were from Advantage Computers for \$13,923.00 for sound system with TV and YouTube Streaming; CDL for \$6,100.00 for Versa Room CT; and Graham Audio and Electronics for \$4,759.00 for Audio and Video Streaming. Terry explained the bids in detail. Lisse Regehr, discussed the \$5,000 SPARKS/CARES funding to get equipment. Terry recommended the Graham Audio and Electronics because of the cost. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the bid from Graham Audio and Electronics. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Rodney Burns, Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC, remarked on the 2019 audit. He thanked the Allen County staff for remote scanning most of the items. He discussed landfill issues. Counselor Johnson will have to write a variance again this year. Discussion followed.

Rodney discussed the Sheriff's, Inmate Medical, Dispatch, EMS and which are outside the tax lid. There is close to \$80,000-\$90,000 in 2019. Commissioner will do a resolution to set up separate funds for the Sheriff and Dispatch next week.

Rodney presented 2020 audit and 2022 budget contracts. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairman's signature on the audit and budget engagement with Rodney Burns. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King signed the contracts.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, discussed funding for touchless technology. She doesn't have the exact figures, but would like the commission to approve the change so the monies are setting in the county's fund. There is also \$3,000 that will be coming back to Allen County to go to Southeast Kansas Community Health Center (SEKCHC). Discussion follow. Commissioners need to decide what to do with the funding; touchless technology for priority list. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the transfer of funding to the areas Lisse discussed. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for trade secrets. Commissioner Daniels 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 9:07 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Arlyn Briggs, resident of adjoining county, discussed different issues around Allen County. Allen County is very political cliquish. Loren Korte had introduced the new Chairman for St. Luke's hospital, who said Allen County will have the same things as they do now. Arlyn expressed his opinion on things within Allen County. Arlyn stated "Leadership starts at local levels".

Becky requested the commission to take a picture of a large check showing the funding that the Small Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations will be getting \$192,500 in Allen County.

Sherrie forwarded a request from LaDonna Krone, Humboldt Food Pantry, she would like to put two more freezers in the Humboldt Senior Center. One upright and one chest. She would like to put them by the pool table! She is not sure the senior center would handle the extra wattage. They do 40 boxes for Feed America on the 2nd and 4th Mondays and 5-6 p.m. every Tuesday for regular food pantry. Commissioner Daniels and Lisse will check with LaDonna on exactly what is needed.

Sherrie requested for Allie Utley to use the bandstand for a political event. Commissioner Symes moved to approve; Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Carl Slaugh was present to represent Veterans; they want to put TV in the wall and need to extend the electricity to it. County owns the wall. Paul suggested to put pictures in the empty ones. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved the changes and to

keep Ron Holman updated on activities at the wall. Carl reported the Veteran's Day Parade will be at 12:00 noon on November 7, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition. 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 and David Lee, Candidate for Commission District #2. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition. 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 and David Lee, Candidate for Commission District #2. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:16 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected. 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 9:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss attorney client privileges. 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 9:23 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes stated he had attended an Economic Development meeting, and upcoming Juvenile Detention this next week.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 10/15/2020-\$330,580.64 & 10/19/2020-\$54,571.27
- b) Payroll – Vacation carry-over for Donald Leapheart of 2 hours.
- c) Payroll – Position Changes for Larry Churning, Tom Fudge, J.D. Harris, Reece Solander, and Brian Rutherford
- d) Payroll – process servers' payout

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 10:10 a.m. until Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Commissioner Symes

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Commissioner Daniels