

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

Vicki Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Poydack, Allen County Regional Airport Manager, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Jonathan Goering and Becky Voorhies, Thrive Allen County, Jerry Wallis, City of Moran Mayor, Jim Mueller, City of Moran Counsel member, Carl Slaugh and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jerry Wallis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 27, 2021.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Robert Poydack, Allen County Regional Airport Manager, was presented a glass plaque in recognition for the Fly Kansas Air Tour. Mitch reported it was a good event, Robert Poydack and Jonathan Goering for heling. Robert thanked all involved.

Amy was present for the presentation.

Arlyn Briggs discussed the resolution passed last week and discussed the Memorandum of understanding. They discussed.

Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Bob Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Randy Riebel, citizen, joined the meeting.

Arlyn discussed the jail and they way it runs. Discussion followed.

Arlyn discussed West Virginia Road between 3200 Street and Mildred needs repaired with cold patch. It has a 55 miles speed limit and asked for it to be enforced.

Randy Riebel, citizen, discussed the election equipment. He expressed his concerns about the machines used in Allen County. They can be manipulated. Sherrie explained the machines Allen County uses are just printers. Randy mentioned E, S& S and Dominion election equipment can be manipulated. Discussion followed.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the east door at the Iola Senior Center Inc, needs replaced. The visited with 3 contractors, Jim Valentine, Mr. Strunk and Superior Builders. The only bid received was from Superior Builders for \$4,728.40 for total job with the door itself costing \$2,828.40. Discussion followed. Chairman Symes asked if Mitch could review and see if the county could work on it? The commissioners agreed to wait a week. Discussion followed.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, one mower still down and the bucket truck down so they aren't working on trimming trees at this time. Tanker is down too, hopefully will be able to finish next week.

Mitch explained Texas Road keeps being patched and it won't stay but needs to be reclaimed and torn out returned to gravel then chip seal next year after it is packed down 600 to 900 Roads on Texas Road.

Mitch reported they are south patching roads and working their way north. They will be working on removing cement once they are done on the chip seal.

Chelsie Lea see about getting permission to put up Christmas Lights on the square this year for Christmas. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved with the understanding she works with Ron Holman.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, presented bids for Cell phone plans; Verizon for \$39.99, free phone, unlimited talk/text, data unlimited, priority service Yes; AT&T for \$39.99 unknown cost phone, unlimited talk/text, data unlimited, priority service Yes and US Cellular for \$39.99 unknown cost phone, unlimited talk/text, data capped and throttled, priority service unknown. One for Jason, herself and dispatch center. Sherrie stated the reason why the county had gone to the personal phones. Chelsie stated it was due to security. Lost or broken phones are replaced free on government plans. Discussion followed. Liability is her biggest reason for wanting to do this. Commissioner Lee requested her to check on the additional costs from the plan. Commissioner Daniels stated the phone in 911 and EM should have them. Chelsie's county phone would go with the deputy when she is on maternity leave. C

Chelsie presented a quote for Advantage Computer 2 black boxes for \$1,914.00 for replacement.

Chelsie stated she is getting costs for the back up center she is requesting to use ARPA funding towards. She wants to use a small room in an already owned county building. Discussion followed.

Jerry Wallis, City of Moran Mayor and Jim Mueller, City of Moran Council member, presented a request for ARPA funding. They are replacing water pipes; some are lead, re\$900,000.00 of which they have a KDHE Grant for \$330,033 so they would like to request \$200,000 to help off set the cost of the water for the citizens. A lot cost of the work is replacing concrete. Chairman Symes asked about timing. They would like for starting 2022 project. \$77,000 ARPA funding already applied to the project.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reviewed the tornado shelters information. Protection Shelters According to FEMA's guidelines, a 10x24 "community shelter" can accommodate 48 people, but can accommodate 80 people as a "residential shelter"; a 10x16 "community shelter" can accommodate 32 people, but can accommodate 53 people as a "residential shelter". Ventilation is oversized to meet the higher demand. The quote was for five 10x24 shelters for \$228,500 or five 10x16 shelters for \$178,725. We can mix and match shelter sizes, but they will deliver and install all of the shelters at once (over two days), and would have to include a larger crane in the quote for the smaller shelters. The quote from them is valid until 10/14/2021. Delivery time frame is approximately 90-120 days from approval; weather permitting. Indicated that raw material prices are starting to increase again, and they may eventually have to raise their prices accordingly. County could level the pads for the shelters. Three larger and two small shelters; Mildred, Petrolia, Carlyle and 2 small for Savonburg. Jason will bring back more information.

Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, he submitted the grant and the MOU will be provided. He stated it could be part of the grant. Commissioner Lee requested the MOU be this week.

Jonathan discussed the labor study. Discussion followed. The middle group would be the better study with wages. Commissioner Lee asked if Jonathan has asked the businesses for information. \$12,000 for the Middle Group, using ARPA funding.

Jonathan grant that would develop small incubate for factories. It is a "Build Back Better Grant" opportunity to ask for \$5,000,000. He explained the process. He needs to let Kansas State by Friday. 20% match, if they make it through the first phase there might be opportunities for help on the 20%. He would like a non-binding tentative agreement phase 2 could be declined at that time in March 2022. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee stated he is ok as long as it is non-binding. Commissioner Lee moved to approve stipulation the approval for the agreement letter Jonathan is going to draft. Authoring the chairman sign. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Arlyn discussed department authority on spending.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel, Commissioner Lee seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Dispatch Director and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:12 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for attorney client, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:14 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:19 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Monthly reports from Public Works office, Noxious Weeds department, Appraiser's office, Register of Deed's office, Allen County Clerk's office, Attorney's office, and Treasurer's office.
- b) September's Fund Status report
- c) Copy of reimbursement from Southern Scripts, LLC
- d) Cost of food for the SEK Regional meeting.
- e) Informational letter from Fire District #3 appointing a new Secretary
- f) Bankruptcy letter from the district of Delaware
- g) Two Thank you notes; one from the Fair Board and one from Nurse Froggy (Froggatte)

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 9/30/2021-\$804,214.30 & 10/4/2021-\$6,635.91
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries - #55, #56, #57, #58 & #59
- c) Medicaid info – Chairman Symes, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Daniels
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Kim Riebel of 60 hours to be used by May 1, 2022 and Dewayne Zimmerman for 49.5 hours to be used by April 15, 2022.
- e) Payroll – New rehire Taven Tavarez
- f) Payroll – 6 months increase for Chad Turner on 10/24/2021, 1 year increase for Seth Pollet on 10/10/2021 and Joe Stotler on 10/10/2021.
- g) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Sherrie L. Riebel and Cindy Scovill.
- h) Abatements - RE, Value 10,445, \$2107.56, Year 2020
- i) Agreement for Administrative Consulting Services of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds between Allen County and Thrive Allen County.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m. until Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner