

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, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Elmore Patterson, St. Luke's Allen County Regional Hospital Administrator, Loren Korte, St. Luke's Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustee's, David Lee, Commissioner District #2 candidate, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Angie Murphy, 911 Director, updated the commissioners on the storm shelter grant. KDEM selected Allen County as one that will go on to the next level. Mildred, Carlyle and Petrolia are unincorporated so they are included in the grant, third class cities will not be able to be included. She stated they will not be notified until January.

Jason Trego, Emergency Preparedness Director, reported on another grant application through the CARES act to enhance the emergency operation center (EOC) capabilities, this was awarded to Allen County. \$119,995 is the amount of this grant. All the expenditures for this have to fall within the scope to enhance the EOC, such as a projector in the ceiling to show on the wall and tv's to monitor weather and news media. There will be more computers with wireless access points, this will look more professional. This is a one-time grant, but no cost to the county. However, maintenance will be the county's responsibility. Commissioners agreed for this to proceed.

Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed chip sealing, US Hwy 54 to Hawaii Road, through LaHarpe. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported on bidding for a tractor, new and used. He has two trucks with the clutch out and a 10-wheeler that won't start and the other in the shop. The mowers are all going. The salt bids are going out this week. Chip seal will go on as long as weather is warm. Discussion followed.

Jessica Thompson and Jonathan Goering, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

Loren Korte introduced Elmore Patterson, St. Luke's/Allen County Hospital Administrator. Elmore updated commissioners what's new at the hospital. He said they are looking at the 90-day assessment. They are reviewing how to make the best healthcare in Allen County. He said healthcare in Allen County St. Luke's should not be any different than Kansas City St. Luke's. Mammography will be brought to Allen County; women's healthcare is a priority. They will maintain clinics in Humboldt and Moran. Elmore stated all is going well in Allen County and he appreciates everyone being so helpful and welcoming.

Paul Zirjacks asked Elmore about the cafeteria at the hospital. Elmore explained the COVID restrictions. They will look at this on a month-to-month basis to see how soon they can let people back in to eat at the cafeteria.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive, joined the meeting.

Michelle Meiwes, Commissioner District #2 candidate, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Symes asked Elmore about the Medical Arts Building. Is it a viable facility into the future? Loren responded on the progress. He said to consolidate services with the hospital is down the road, but the building itself is certainly useful.

Jessica presented information on the transportation proposal. She shared letters of support from local businesses, mental health center, health dept and the hospital. Jessica's recommendation is to go with the 14 passenger and 2 positions – 1 coordinator and 1 driver, based on the pricing and what you'll be getting with that. Chairman King asked if what our current van driver does is any different for the new bus. Clerk Riebel explained how reports are done for the services to the elderly van. Commissioner Symes asked about the responsibilities of the elderly van driver regarding scheduling rides and doing paperwork. Michelle asked about the match, Jessica responded it's all a cash match. David asked if there would be a fee to ride this bus. Jessica stated that would be a decision for the commissioners to make. Commissioner Symes asked about a part time position that could do paperwork for new transportation and elderly van paperwork. Lisse stated that if the we're not approved to get the pilot program, Thrive will still have a non-emergent program going on to understand what the ridership is. It would at least be helpful. Commissioner Symes moved to apply for a 14-passenger van w/lift and 1 position, \$33,419.00 is first year cost, Chairman King seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Courthouse Security. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Judge Creitz and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:07a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Steve Prasko, Advantage Computer, discussed audio in assembly room, he explained other county solutions, such as You Tube channel. It removes the need for many people to be here in person. Discussion followed. He is still working on bullet proof security solutions in each office.

Clerk Riebel reported on a grant for election items. It is from Center for Technology and Civic Life. She requested permission to put election drop box by the sidewalk, near where Mitch parks his county truck. It would be out just during election time and then would be put up during non-election time. It would be bolted down for security. Mitch explained how this would be done. There would be a 30" x 30" concrete pad. Commissioner Daniels asked about the Kansas Secretary of State paying for the concrete. Clerk Riebel responded about what that money is used for specifically. She then stated she would like to put the other election drop box in Humboldt at the new ambulance station. A camera would have to be put there since the drop box must have security measures in place. The Humboldt location will already have concrete. Commissioners approved Clerk Riebel to place the boxes in the suggested locations.

Clerk Riebel presented a red-light permit request from Darrell Baughn. Sheriff Murphy has already signed off on it. There are three red lights permits in the county. Darrell is just renewing his because he got a new truck. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Darrell Baughn's red light permit, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Clerk Riebel presented a precious metal dealer's license to the commission for approval. Sheriff Murphy has already approved such. The applicant is Mr. Bruenger. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the precious metal dealer's license, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Clerk Riebel gave the commissioners the proposed 2021 holidays for the county as suggested by department heads.

DATE: October 6, 2020  
TO: Allen County Commissioner  
FROM: Allen County Department Heads

SUBJECT: 2021 HOLIDAYS	(All full-time employees including dispatch, deputies, & jailers)
NEW YEAR'S DAY	FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2021
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021
PRESIDENTS DAY	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021
GOOD FRIDAY	FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2021
MEMORIAL DAY	MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021
INDEPENDENCE DAY	MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021 (SO & 911-July 4, 2021)
LABOR DAY	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021
COLUMBUS DAY	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021
VETERAN'S DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021
THANKSGIVING DAY	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING	FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021
DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021 (SO & 911 – Dec. 25, 2021)
NEW YEAR'S EVE	FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021

Discussion followed. There is one less day due to Christmas being on a weekend. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve 2021 holidays, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners set November 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. for the General Election Canvass.

Commissioners approved lola USD 257 to use the bandstand on October 23, 2020 for homecoming festivities.

Clerk Riebel reported to the commissioners that valuation went up somewhat...115,299, mostly in oil and the valuation of 16/20M trucks went down 59,665 in value. She explained further.

Commissioner Symes shared a question he had been asked by a citizen about the health dept hours. Chairman King reported they work 4 – 10-hour days, Mondays through Thursdays.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Non-elected Personnel. 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 9:53 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:58 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 10/1/2020-\$535,734.00 & 10/5/2020-\$72,038.33
- b) Journal Entries - #41, #42 & #43

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 10:00 a.m. until October 13, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner