

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, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Terry Sparks, Hospital Board Member, Loren Korte, Hospital Board Member, Pat Patton, Hospital Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jerry Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 10, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. There was none.

Terry Sparks and Loren Korte, Hospital Board Members, introduced Pat Patton as the new Hospital Administrator. Pat explained a little about his history.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the contractors for the sewer line will be back next week instead of waiting until October.

Mitch stated the liners have all passed inspection in the new landfill cell. Rock will now be placed to cover the liner. Engineers are done with their inspections so they will not be on site any longer. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they completed chip seal in the City of Moran. City of Gas will be tomorrow and Thursday. Then they will move to Humboldt next week. Moran took 2 tankers, Gas will have 2 tankers, and Humboldt is estimated for 3-4 tankers. Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy to get estimates of putting asphalt on 1400 instead of chip seal. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Jeremy stated the pot hole patcher truck is back in use so they have been out with it as well.

Jeremy stated they will need to blast at the quarry possibly next week.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, presented an Emergency Management Performance Grant. Jason explained the purpose of this grant application. Jason presented the pages that require signatures. This is a reimbursement towards salary. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the chairman's signature on the grant application. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jason presented a bid for drilling through rock to place the utility pole for the Mildred storm siren. This company is who was recommended by the siren company. Commissioners have asked Jason to get more bids on this. Chairman Symes suggested reaching out to Corey Schinstock with the city of Iola to see if their bit would work for this or not.

Chairman Symes asked about an email Jason had sent regarding the SBA Rural Disaster Declaration and funding available for this. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes reported he had asked Jason to check into having the repeater for the radio club added to our tower. Jason further explained the information he collected on this. It does not seem that putting their equipment on our tower will be feasible. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, presented possible flyers and yard sign ideas, as well as pricing. Discussion followed. Arlyn Briggs, citizen, voiced his opinions on the sales tax question advertisement. Commissioner Lee moved to approve printing of 100 yard signs by Iola Register for \$895.00, running a ¼ page ad 3 times in Iola \$918.85, Humboldt \$253.13/run, and Chanute \$204.75/run, and doing a mailing done by EDDM for \$2566.80. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, discussed a Real Estate Lease Agreement for an easement to allow emergency vehicles access to the state park. Commissioner Daniels moved the chairman's signature on the lease agreement. Commission Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee asked about how it works when it comes to salaries of elected officials when a new one comes on board. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Email from KDOT regarding 5310 services
- b) August Financial report for Hospital Board
- c) August monthly report for Noxious Weed

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers -9/12/24-\$320,751.19 & 9/17/24-\$141,290.54
- b) Payroll – Change form for Patrick Cash
- c) Payroll – Appellant Brief for Brandon Cameron
- d) Payroll – Meal reimbursements for Hector Tornell, Roy Harman
- e) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 120 hours for Kim Riebel

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 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, September 3 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