

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, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Arlyn Briggs, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Jerry Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 17, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Arlyn Briggs revisited the sales tax question that will be on the ballot. He brought up the language of it may lower property tax, not will lower property tax. He thinks that since they represent the entire county, it would be best to allow the others who are against the sales tax to voice their opinions along with promoting the sales tax.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported Nowak will not be here this week after all due to the weather. They will be here Monday, September 30.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the rain has delayed the chip sealing in Humboldt. They will likely be back at it tomorrow.

Jeremy presented bids for 200 tons of de-icing salt. He received three bids; Frank Bills Trucking for \$11,500, Central Salt for \$12,174, and Kansas Salt, LLC for \$14,000. Jeremy recommends going with Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Frank Bills Trucking for \$11,500. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy reported a few motor graders over 20,000 hours so he is asking permission to seek bids for new.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County joined the meeting.

Jeremy stated Neosho County will be closing the Neosho River bridge on September 27. Contractors will take care of all signage, other than we may have to put one up. This project is estimated to take a year and half. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about any storm damage from this weekend. Jeremy stated just a few areas needed clean up.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, updated the commission on the Savonburg community conversation. The had 8 residents in attendance. The things they considered good were that their community is quiet, there is tree trimming is happening, and their library. Areas they feel could be better are the roads, sewer & electrical, cell service, waters spicket at the park, businesses, and communication. Their top three wants would be the roads, electrical/sewer, and better cell service.

Marcia stated the next community conversation will be in Mildred on October 1st at 6 pm. This will be held at the Mildred Store.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client, Possible Litigation. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now

8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, Possible Litigation. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) August Monthly report from District Court
- b) Pay application for Nowak Construction
- c) Letter from Allen Community College Entrepreneurial Series

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$347,918.14
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Robert Hyden
- c) Payroll - Change for Robert Poydack

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. until Tuesday, October 1 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner