

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.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Symes led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on August 27, 2024 and the September 3, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Cole Herder, Humboldt city Administrator, reported Humboldt Lions Club is sponsoring the circus in Humboldt this weekend. This will be held at the Sport Complex at 2 pm and 4:30 pm.

Cole reported Humboldt City approved a resolution to annex the sports complex. Cole stated the school district has asked for this, and explained why they requested. Discussion followed. He will come back next Tuesday to formally request approval of the annexation from the Commissioners.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the hangar was delivered last Thursday. They are beginning to work on the pad.

Mitch reported the evaporators for the leachate ponds have not been ordered yet; once ordered we are looking at 8-10 weeks. They will need a pump for the cell as well, but not sure on timeline for it. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the airport phone lines were down for a few days, the line had been mismarked and was hit during a dig.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the chip spreader went down so they are slightly behind schedule for Gas City. They will be going to Moran, Gas, then Humboldt once fixed.

Commissioner Lee asked Jeremy to look into how much it would cost to asphalt the old highway going North out of Iola.

Commissioner Daniels stated Neosho County is looking to put in a new river bridge, he does not know the timeframe yet. But said Jeremy might want to reach out to Neosho County to see how this will affect Allen County roads.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, presented a flyer to review to promote the sales tax question. Commissioners suggested getting yard signs as well. Terry will make the changes they suggested and research costs for printing the flyers and possible postcard mailings. Discussion followed.

Chairman Symes read a letter of support for the 5310 Elderly Services. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the signatures on the letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Those

present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) August monthly reports for Register of Deeds, Public Works, County Clerk, Treasurer
- b) August Fund Status Report
- c) Letter from City of Iola regarding zoning
- d) Letter from Humboldt Historic Preservation Alliance

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$395,695.11
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Daniel Boeken
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Jerry Daniels, Terry Call, Robert Poydack
- d) Payroll – Vacation Carryover of 79 hours for Dewayne Zimmerman
- e) Clerk's Journal Entries – #29

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 9:23 a.m. until Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner