

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman David Lee, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk. Commissioner Bruce Symes was absent.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Johnson, Allen County employee, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Carl Slaugh, citizen, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 12, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Carl Slaugh, citizen, presented information on the Allen County Veterans Committee's efforts to display banners with pictures of veterans on the light poles around the square. The banners will be approximately two feet by four feet. There will be a limit of 24 banners to be displayed.

Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County, reminding the commissioners of the Savonburg community conversation. The conversation will take place at the community building in Savonburg.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented bids for topcoat for the landfill. The bids were for 880 bags of topcoat. The bids were received from LSC Environmental Products for \$20,515.00 and Profile Products for \$23,400.80. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from LSC Environmental Products for a total of \$20,515.00. Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Mitch reported that the individuals fixing the doors at the airport were there taking measurements.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported he spoke with Mr. O'Mara about helping dump rock with his dump truck. Discussion followed.

Mark stated Sheriff Murphy reached out to him and offered to sell one of their trucks to the road and bridge department. This truck would be one that the Sheriff's office could potentially trade in but Sheriff wanted to offer to Road and Bridge department first. The price would be \$9000.00.

Commissioner Daniels asked if we were still chip sealing in Humboldt. Mark stated yes, they are finishing up. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed the bids they were presented last week for the new HVAC at the jail. The two bids received were from Design Mechanical, \$106,133.00 and CDL Electric Co., \$151,702.75.00. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Design Mechanical for \$106,133.00. Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 8:44 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:54 a.m. No action taken.

Mark wanted to provide a little information on why he is having to ask for assistance with dumping rock. He has discovered that our dump trucks are no longer road worthy. This is why he reached out to Mr. O'Mara and is working with him.

Chairman Lee reported on some of his key takeaways from the SEK Regional District Meeting that was held in Columbus KS last Thursday. Cyber-security analysis is becoming more discussed topic. He also discussed with the surrounding counties the methods of funding EMS. One such way would be by a sales tax instead of property tax.

Terry Call mentioned checking with Sheriff Murphy on if cyber security analysis was done when he had security looked at in the courthouse.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) August financials from Larry Peterson for Saint Lukes Hospital
- b) Letter from Division of Property Valuation on 2023 compliance review
- c) August monthly report from District Court

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 9/15/2023-\$371,996.38 & 9/18/2023-\$57,576.69
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – # 44, 45, 46
- c) Payroll – Reimbursements for Robert Poydack, Bruce Symes, Shannon Patterson
- d) Payroll – August 2023 Process Servers: John Walker, Marion Carson, Justin Thompson, Daren Kellerman, Steve Womack, Haley Donovan, Brenda Beth

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m. until Tuesday September 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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David E. Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner