

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Vickie Moss, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, and 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 regular meeting on September 19, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Cole Herder mentioned that City of Humboldt got their streets chip sealed. He wanted to thank the County publicly for helping and sending the road crew to do this.

Cole reported an airstream camper club will be in Humboldt. They will open their campers for an open house this evening.

Cole mentioned that next weekend is Biblesta in Humboldt.

Cole explained E-Community is participating in an entrepreneurship tax credit program. He explained what this program is doing for local entrepreneurs. Discussion followed.

Darrell Krone, Humboldt Historical Preservation Alliance, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels wanted to mention a thank you letter received from City of Moran, for the County's help with chip sealing their roads.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reminded the commissioners about the open house at the airport this Saturday, September 30 from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Mitch reported that the topcoat ordered for the landfill has been delivered.

Mitch reported that he will be attending a solid waste training in Mulvane next week.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, received information from EMS on the truck and trailer that was rolled in the quarry and what they will pay towards it. Discussion followed on whether we let the insurance have it or if we buy it back. Mark's recommendation is to let the insurance have it. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the offer of \$39,906.00 for the truck and trailer. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels discussed with Mark an email regarding West Virginia Rd. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Darrell Krone, reported they have organized another vintage baseball game. He is requesting a donation of \$800, same as last year. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve a donation of \$800.00. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, is requesting the purchase of a 2022 Dodge Durango from the Kansas Highway Patrol for \$35,175.00. This vehicle is used to assist other stations and

calls in the county. If another stations crew is out on a transfer, then they can send personnel in this vehicle to cover. The old vehicle will be given back to county to dispose of. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the purchase of the 2022 Dodge Durango for \$35,175.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded with the stipulation that discussion will be had on where the funding will come from; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client, possible litigation. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

Michael Burnett, presented information on the ambulance remount. Tim with ARV is present as well to answer questions. Michael had suggested remounting one of our current trucks, instead of buying a new one. This will be about 2 years out. The pricing will be locked in when approved. Commissioner Daniels asked why we didn't get three bids. Terry Call responded that when he reached out to two other companies, they would not remount a box that was not purchased from them. Discussion followed. Chairman Lee asked if we could get another estimate from ARV where we get the chassis from a local Ford dealer.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the community conversation held in Savonburg. Savonburg loves that their community is quiet and laid back. Some things they fee that needs improvement is sewer and electrical grids. These items really need upgraded. Their top three things needed, electric/sewer upgrades, more community involvement, towns appearance. They feel they could use some support from county with help with their roads. Chairman Lee asked about grant opportunities to help with the electrical upgrades. Discussion followed.

Marcia informed the commissioners about the senior health fair today until 2 p.m. at the North Community Building. There is no cost to individuals coming. There are several agencies there to explain the services they offer to the senior population. Vaccinations are also being given.

Marcia reminded the commission about the Mildred community conversation on October 17 at 6pm being held at the Mildred Store.

Commissioner Daniels asked Cole how the new museum and the MIH house is coming along. The MIH house is sided and roof is done. The exterior of the house is completed, however they are waiting on the contractors for the inside of the house. The outside of the museum looks to be almost completed, and they have attempted to match the look of the other downtown buildings.

Commissioner Symes reported on an email he received from Rachel Moore. Would the commissioners like to have a ground breaking for the BASE project? Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:39 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:49 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:04 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:09 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Thank you letter from City of Moran

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$148,236.46
- b) Payroll – Change form for William Todd, DeWayne Zimmerman
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for David Lee
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Kim Riebel

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m. until Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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David Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner