

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Jason Trego, Allen County Emergency Management, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 20, 2022.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on a Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) meeting he attended last Friday. KDOT will be helping with the cost associated in fixing Nebraska Rd from 4000 to 5000, 4200 Rd from Nebraska to New Hampshire, 4200 Rd from New Hampshire to North Dakota, and North Dakota Rd from 4000 to 4200. This is to repair damages when they were used for a detour.

Mitch reported will have bids for a new and a used water pump next week. This will supplement the bid for a refurbished water pump previously discussed.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt, joined the meeting.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported he spoke with another company about a patch machine. The company from Texas quoted \$48,700 for a refurbished. Discussion followed.

Mark informed commissioners he was still looking into refurbishing the distributor truck.

Mark got the insurance information back for the mower that had caught fire. Replacement value came in at \$104,00. If they were to purchase a new tractor to replace the mower instead of the MowerMax it would cost around \$160,000. Discussion followed.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, presented the commissioners with an update on the ARPA funds. The only update from last month was the tower project. Discussion followed.

Lisse reported that the start date for General Transportation was pushed back until October 3, 2022. The hours of operation to begin with will be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, introduced Chase Vaughn as a new attorney with Johnson Schowengerdt.

Sherrie updated commissioners on the SEK Regional meeting in Bourbon County.

Jerry Daniels recognized Sherrie for her last meeting as County Clerk.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt, thanked the commissioners as well as the road and bridge department for their help and instruction on the chip seal project in Humboldt.

Commissioner Symes moved to have Chairman Daniels sign and updated lease agreement. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee spoke with Mr. Bill King about being a member of the Fire District #2 board; Mr. King agreed to serve.

Donita Garner & Alexandria Gumfory, Hope Unlimited, requested commissioner to proclaim October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Hope Unlimited has served for over 30 years. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to have commissioners sign the proclamation recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:05 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action taken.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioner 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 9:12 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:29 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee is requesting an in person update from the City of Iola in regards to the ambulance service. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, asked the commission what will happen with the Moran clinic now that it is closing. Discussion followed.

Arlyn then asked about fixing West Virginia Road. Mark Griffith stated it is on the list for next year. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed a support letter for the Middle Mile Grant. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Chairman Daniels signature on a Support Letter for Middle Mile Grant. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Lee abstained.

Discussion was had on the finances of the ambulance service.

Jason Trego, Emergency Management, reported that he spoke with the Sheriff and the burn ban will stay in effect at this time.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Thank you card from Humboldt Historic Preservation Alliance
- b) Noxious Weed July 2022 monthly report (corrected)
- c) Noxious Weed August 2022 monthly report
- d) Service to the Elderly Van weekly trip sheet 9/19/2022 – 9/23/2022
- e) Bankruptcy notice Endo International
- f) Bankruptcy notice Roberta McGie

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers \$91,437.89
- b) Payroll – Vacation carryover request for Kim Riebel, 88 hours
- c) Payroll – Mileage & Meal reimbursement for Rikki Witchley
- d) Payroll – Meal reimbursement for Dathan McMurtrey

e) Payroll – Certified Applicator Exam Fee reimbursement for Kevin Turner

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. until Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Election Deputy

David E. Lee, Commissioner