

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, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Kelly Klubek 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 August 31, 2022.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment, there was none.

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, presented the commissioners with information regarding bids on working the county auction. Discussion followed.

Sherrie requested getting flu shots for the county employees from the Southeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department. They will be giving these on September 15 starting at 3:30 p.m. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie presented an email from Jes Pfannenstiel, KWORCC, following up after his visit a couple weeks ago. Commissioners would like to keep our policy as is and reevaluate in a year.

Sherrie presented a voting delegate form from Kansas Association of Counties. Chairman Daniels moved to appoint Commissioner Lee as the voting delegate, Commissioner Symes as first alternate, and Chairman Daniels as second alternate. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passes 3-0-0.

Sherrie informed the commissioners of a statute regarding the disposal of previous election ballots. Sherrie requested to appoint Jim Talkington, Republican party chair, and Spencer Ambler, Democratic party chair, to observe the shredding of the ballots. Commissioner Lee moved to appoint Jim Talkington and Spencer Ambler to observe the shredding of the ballots at 1 p.m. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the airport runway is currently shut down as the contractor is tearing it up. They are planning to pour the new concrete tomorrow. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported that he has a couple more items to add to the auction.

Commissioner Lee informed Mitch he had some phone calls about trash around the landfill. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported that the distributor truck went down last week. It is in Topeka waiting to be worked on. Discussion followed

Mark is setting up a time to go look at a MowerMax in Joplin, it is the most current model.

John Brocker joined the meeting.

John Brocker, auctioneer, spoke to commissioner about his bid pertaining to the county auction. Discussion followed on the options listed.

John informed the commission about the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) getting a grant for rural development. This grant is to help

businesses already existing that will add jobs, or new businesses looking to start up. This will be for all 12 counties making up the southeast region. The amount awarded was \$1,000,000.00 total with increments of up to \$400,000.00 max per loan, but must create new jobs. The business must apply through SEKRPC. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked John about the progress at the medical arts building. The parking areas associated with the medical arts building will need to be looked at. Discussion followed.

Kelly Klubek, Sr Pastor at Iola Community Church of the Nazarene, requested use of the bandstand and surrounding lawn for Pastor Victor from Uganda to have a revival for the community. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to allow Kelly Klubek use of the bandstand and surrounding lawn beginning at 6 p.m. each evening Sunday, September 18th to Saturday, September 24th. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy stated they are hoping to begin testing of the tower this week.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:14 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:24 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee requested to postpone making a decision on the auction bids until next week. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Monthly reports from Treasurer, Register of Dees, Public Works, and Attorney
- b) Letter from Jeuswi Person Specul
- c) 2021 Legislative Summary from Division of Property Valuation
- d) 2022 Legislative Summary from Division of Property Valuation
- e) Email from Chelsie Angleton concerning Elsmore/Savonburg Fire

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) AP Vouchers - \$474,753.90
- b) Payroll – Meal reimbursement for Robert Poydack
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Robert Poydack
- d) Clerk's journal entry #50, 51, 52

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. until Tuesday, September 13, 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