

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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS, Rodney Burns, Allen County auditor, David Lee, Commissioner District #2 candidate, Harry Lee and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed bids for a motor grader. He presented two bids; Berry Tractor did not submit a bid. Mitch included a trade-in. Bids were received from Foley Equipment for a 2021 140-AWD joy stick Caterpillar, \$316,250.00 minus \$35,000.00 (trade allowance) for a total of \$281,250.00, 7 yr./8000-hour full machine warranty, travel included, delivery December 2020, includes 2-day training course, day 1: road maintenance, day 2: ditching, completed in 2021; Murphy Tractor for a 2021 672GP 6WD John Deere, \$290,000 minus \$13,000.00 trade allowance for a total of \$277,000.00, 5 yr/10,000 hour warranty, delivery date December 2020, equipment option: \$9500 add premium circle, 40% increase in circle torque, 15% increase in circle speed, increased gear box oil change interval (2000 hrs to 4000 hrs), minimal maintenance only a simple 500 hour grease interval, eliminates wear inserts and circle adjustment. Mitch stated Foley equipment matches their current equipment; the same driving instruments. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to accept the bid from Foley Equipment, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Harry Lee, Zoning Board Chair, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:38 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:48 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Harry Lee, Zoning Board Chair, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:49 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:54 a.m. No action was taken.

Michelle Meiwes, Commissioner District #2 candidate, joined the meeting.

Jerad Larkey, Farm City Days Committee, joined the meeting and shared new protocols with commissioners for 2020; it is the 49<sup>th</sup> annual Farm City Days. There will be more handwashing stations. The carnival was discussed. The City of Iola will continue with the normal things they always do... electrical drops, etc. The carnival will be in town Thursday-Saturday. Everything else will just take place all in one day. They will still have the car show. He stated there has been a 70% reduction in sponsorships this year. Jerad talked about signage they will have. Commissioner Symes stated this is an exceptional year. Commissioner Daniels asked if maybe we could provide some of the PPE supplies "in-kind" for the event. Commissioner Symes moved to allow \$1500 to help the Farm City Days with expenses, Commissioner Daniels seconded motion passed 3-0-0.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, Jonathan Goehring, Thrive Allen County Economic Director and Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County Director of Development and

Grant Writer, joined the meeting. Lisse reported on Peerless Products expanding into lola. They are interested in purchasing the building at 2702 N State in lola to be used to manufacture their new commercial windows. They are seeking incentives to locate in lola from the Kansas Department of Commerce, as well as local incentives. They currently employ 400 people in Fort Scott and have also purchased a facility in Nevada, MO. If they purchase the lola building, they'll spend the first two years renovating the building. By year three, they expect to have 80 employees working in the lola plant, average wage \$30K-\$35K/year. 120 new jobs over a 5-year period. Peerless would be investing millions of dollars into our community. Lisse reminded the commission that Russell Stover came to lola in 1994 and Catalyst, which became Endurance came to lola in 2013. Lisse is formally coming to the commission to request approval in writing of the following incentives for Peerless to come to lola:

1. 100% tax abatement for 10 years, contingent on Peerless meeting the targeted employment requirements by year 5, if they do not meet the targeted employment requirement, then taxes for years 5-10 would not be abated.
2. Peerless would be eligible for the neighborhood revitalization program.
3. Community involvement, fair animals and Rotary recycling.

This is all only good if Peerless purchases the lola building. Lisse stated the City of lola approved their incentives. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the incentives to Peerless if they purchase the building. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Paul Zirjacks asked about hiring employees. Lisse discussed a gradual ramp up. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the recommendations for the Peerless project with intent to use local vendors for remodel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Lisse reported the SPARK funding is up and going.

Jessica visited with commissioners about 2020 ready to launch planning grant, opportunity for transportation. There is no match, but needs commission approval to continue with pursuing the grant opportunity. Jessica said they would contract a bus and hire a driver to see if this type of system will work in Allen County. Jessica said it is a 7-month grant, due October 1<sup>st</sup> to end in June 2021. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve pursuing the grant, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Courthouse Security. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:34 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:36 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:46 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:49 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:59 a.m. No action was taken.

Clerk Riebel requested on behalf of Jim Talkington to use the bandstand on September 28, 2020. Commissioners approved.

Clerk Riebel updated the commission on what is yet owed on the ambulance to the City of lola. The total for 2020 is \$1,053,992.24. So far, we have paid them \$621,436.00. In order to not have

to pay any more we will have to average \$73,139.06/month, the next 4 months. Otherwise we'll owe them at year end out of the Ambulance or General fund.

Chairman King reminded everyone of the 12:00 p.m. grand opening of the new ambulance station at Moran.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$62,328.80
- b) Payroll – Vacation carry over for Seth Pollet for 114 hours to be used before January 24, 2021
- c) Payroll – reimbursement for mileage–Bruce Symes and Bill King
- d) Journal Entries - #36

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until September 22, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner