

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

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Management Director, Lisse Regehr, Jonathon Goering, Becky Voorhies, Thrive Allen County, Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Councilman and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Lisse led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 14, 2021.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Councilman, reported the majority on the City Counsel requested the commissioners to reconsider their vote to contract with AMR. Discussion about increasing utilities or property tax. Carl stated if the county would come back with another option the city might be willing to reconsider costs. A discussion followed on using volunteer fire instead of taking Allen County EMS out of service to fight fires or calling in mutual aid from another county.

Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed an incident earlier in the year that took the ambulance service from the City of Iola out of service that caused the concern.

Arlyn Briggs joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reminded the commission of Thursday afternoon's Air Tour at the Allen County Regional Airport from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mitch reported the crews are out mowing but summer help is gone. They are also trimming trees and fixing entrances. Some equipment down, but being fixed. They will be doing chip and sealing on Wednesday and Thursday.

Mitch stated the crusher is up and running. Discussion followed on maintenance of the crusher.

Commissioner Daniels reminded the commission that Murphy Tractor's Grand opening on Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Director, reported on her attendance at Kansas Emergency Management Association conference (KEMA) last week. She explained the learning opportunity that was available to her and Jason.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting.

Chelsie reported Karen Kimball had her 24-year anniversary working with 911 on September 16, 2021.

Jason Trego, Emergency Management Director, discussed concrete storm shelters. He presented papers with information about Shelters, sizes and costs from Protection Shelter LLC. He had reached out to Tornado Alley Armor and Strong Hold Safe Rooms as well and did not receive information from them (NSA suppliers) before the deadline. Discussion followed. City of Savonburg will need to have two shelters one on each side of the tracks, so they could be the smaller shelters. Jason will keep checking with FEMA

and other colleagues for more information. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels would like to have shelters in place by February 2022.

John Brocker, and Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, joined the meeting.

Jason discussed updating the EOP (Emergency Operating Plan). He explained Moran was one of the only they have not covered. He presented a sample MOU between the county and landowner for review. Discussion followed. Commissioner will have Counselor Johnson review.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, mentioned the Court Service Office was approved to hire 2 more persons so they are making office in the large closet. There is not any air conditioning or heat in that room. Hopefully they could use ARPA funding. The cost is \$10,894.00 from Design Mechanical, Inc. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the purchase of the air conditioning. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Matt Godinez, Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission Executive Director, John Brocker, Allen County's SEKRPC representative, was present to review what services SEKRPC can provide for Allen County. Discussion followed.

Matt discussed Thrive and SEKRPC both are very well versed to use for grant writing.

Carman Huse, Humboldt Housing Authority Director, and Todd Mintz, Humboldt Housing Authority Maintenance, requested ARPA funding for curbing, sidewalks and remodel for COVID complainant (recoup funding for the remodel). Their total request is \$145,000. Discussion followed.

Jonathon Goering, discussed the planning airport information they would like to move forward on Garver. So, he will let Garver know they qualified. Commissioner Daniels stated using Garver is more of an update than starting over as if they picked a different company. Cost around \$13,000. BG Consultants will be looking at the cost to expand utilities into the north area of the airport.

Jonathan presented a resolution for Allen County supporting the development of certain housing within Allen County, Kansas. Working with architect for working on the grant. Due September 27. Part of the Grant Application. Commissioner Lee asked about the actual area in the county. Jonathan stated they don't have anything. No cost to the county, unless they the grant is passed, then the county would take over the maintenance. Land acquisition for county approach would be made available to potential builders or businesses. Discussion followed on the county maintaining the property. Jon stated they would build in finances to cover cost. MOU with the county to cover the costs. Chairman Symes discussed since he serves on the committee. Need to go into it with the eyes open, this is working towards land banks. Conversation continued. 10 to 12 properties in different cities, and doing it as a county keeps each individual cities doing it. This is an annual grant. Chairman Symes stated he would except a motion but he does feel a little scrunched. Commissioner Lee asked how long we have known about it. Sherrie asked how the grant would be reported. Jon stated it would be monthly and he would do it. Commissioner Daniels expressed his concerns. Commissioner Lee asked "Do we need a land bank to let contractors know there is land available?" Chairman Symes stated it is more of a one shop stop for contractors. Discussion followed. Sherrie asked about the qualification of Neighborhood Revitalization. Jon stated if the city does have NRP then yes, they would qualify for that. Paul Zirjacks asked about the size of the lots. Arlyn stated this has been known about a long time and seems like it is shoved down someone's throat, it is poor planning. Should have a policy to have before the commission at least two or three days before the meeting. Commissioner Daniels stated there are some times it happens. Lissa stated Thrive and Jonathan would not be trying to shove it down the counties throat. Commissioner

Daniels asked about a short special meeting on Thursday. Chairman Symes stated they could have a regular meeting on Monday instead of Tuesday for these questions to be answered before the grant is due.

Dewayne Jarred, Rural Water #8 requested ARPA funding for finishing out a project. He explained the project and who is helping. The request is for \$640,641. Discussion followed on some of the details.

Lissa Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, community conversation in Carlyle. Top of their list for Storm Shelters.

Lissa discussed questions on the ARPA funding because Allen County is their home. Her team has a lot of additional funding for the entities that have very good funding needs. Discussion followed. She feels like the county need to go forward. 4% is under whatever any other entities are charging. They are dedicating 4 employees for over the four years. Discussion followed. Lissa stated they partner with SEKRPC several times. The commissioners do need to be respective of their time.

Arlyn Briggs, landowner, requested to speak to the commission. Discussion followed on what is happening in Allen County; mainly jail commissary. He announced he is running for Governor and he will be making a change.

Arlyn commented on road work he requested a couple of weeks ago. He needs to get semi's down old county roads that intersections won't allow turns.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:40 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:41 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:51 a.m. No action taken.

Sherrie discussed lola High School request to use the Band Stand for Homecoming on October 1, 2021 after the parade at 2:30 a.m. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie asked the commission if they would like to do support letter for Regena Lance. They are applying for a grant to build a museum and internet café in Mildred. The deadline is September 30th.

Sherrie requested a letter in support of the Healthy Foundations school nurse grant being submitted to the Healthcare Foundation of Greater Kansas City by USD #258 and the school nurse Wendy Froggatte.

Commissioner Daniels reminding the regular meeting is going to be held Monday, September 27th at 8:30 a.m.

Chairman Symes stated he would like to possibly make a decision on the ARPA funding administrator on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers 9/16/2021-\$244,110.30 & 9/20/2021-\$13,206.21
- b) Clerk's Journal Entry #53 & #54
- c) Payroll - Haley Kimball 6-month increase
- d) Payroll – Process Servers extra pay

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m. until Monday, September 27, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

David E. Lee, Commissioner