

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, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 22, 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, asked the commissioners about road conditions between Nevada and Nebraska to US Hwy 54. Commissioner Symes complimented crews on their work to repair them. Mitch discussed 1800 St, where trucks are going out, 330 loads daily.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting.

Counselor Johnson will be checking into mediation with truck company. The company will fix what is needed. Mitch and Counselor Johnson will meet with them to discuss.

Mitch reported on a tractor for landfill that needs repair. It will cost \$2000 to just tear into it. \$8000 to put it back together, even if they do nothing to fix it. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested him to get bids on new and used tractors.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County Director of Development and Grant Writer, Becky Voorhees, Thrive Director of Health Programs, joined the meeting.

Mitch reported the new fuel pumps, 2 for the shop and 1 for the landfill, are installed.

Mitch stated it is likely Allen County will need a new road agreement with the windmill people. They'll be using 3400 St to US 59 Hwy, and be putting in 4 new radiuses. Counselor Johnson asked for a map of what windmill people want to do and he'll work up a contract. They have to fix 22 more windmills next year; this year will just be one. Commissioners asked him to request again that windmill officials visit the Commission to discuss PILOT payment and pending road work so residents will be informed.

Steve Prasko, Advantage Computers, joined the meeting to field any questions regarding their services and what they're doing concerning bullet-resistant material. Steve brought in some samples to show commissioners. They usually do a Level 1, which is 9 mm shot to the same spot 4 times before it penetrates. He then showed them a Level 2. Steve has made some quotes to the offices. Bullet proof everywhere, Steve explained his proposals. Commissioner Symes asked about court security, as well as the courtrooms. Commissioner Daniels talked about needing security for the other offices as well. Steve can get a price per linear foot of glass. They come in sheets, \$400-\$500 / sheet. Commissioner Symes conferred with Lisse about the fact the project has to be done by December 30<sup>th</sup>. She stated there could be a supply issue. Steve said Labette County District Court spent around \$48,000 on their project. There are cameras, floor, deconstruction and re-construction and other costs. Commissioner Daniels suggested that the offices that have a need, they get estimates and consider future SPARKS-CARE funding. He stated to start with the minimum required and then add options as possible. Chairman King asked about a firewall. Clerk Riebel asked if firewall worked on laptops as they're coming into the courthouse. Terry asked about being able to join the network at

the courthouse from home. Steve said that's a VPN. Sherrie reported the office heads have had this discussion about who can maybe work from home and who cannot. Commissioner Daniels asked how long to get an office complete. Steve responded if not for getting supplies issues, then probably three days to complete the Register of Deeds.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, joined the meeting.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Michelle Meiwes, candidate for Commission District #2, joined the meeting.

Jessica presented the proposals from last week. A decision needs to be made whether or not Allen County will invest in another transportation system. She wants to address the needs of Allen County residents experiencing unreliable transportation. Since it would be public transportation, it can not be limited what people call and ask for. Jessica is making the recommendation that Allen County apply for a 5311 status for transportation services through KDOT. It provides a 70/30 match for operations & an 80/20 match for capital expenditures such as vehicles. The two vehicles would be a minivan with wheelchair access ability and a 14-passenger bus, neither would require a CDL license. She is also recommending new positions; a full-time transportation coordinator that would oversee the program, a full-time driver and a part time driver. Jessica pointed out some of the replies from individuals they interviewed when doing research on this project. There would be a fee to be determined by Allen County Commission. Jessica shared her recommendations. Commissioner Symes discussed variations. Jessica said they did a survey with 100 people in the county. It was a random sampling. The two vehicles would be replaced every five years. Jessica estimated \$15,000 in fares, in Allen County and out of county for both buses. Jessica pointed out the time line. The implementation of the pilot program would be November – June. There currently are other organizations that will help with transportation, Wings of Warriors and sometimes CHC, these are all volunteers.

Commissioner Symes suggested an alternative program with one person, one vehicle. Jessica will work up proposal with full time coordinator and full-time driver, have it ready for commissioners to review next week. Jessica is hoping to rent a vehicle for pilot program. This will be a county function, not a Thrive function.

Chairman King read letter from 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District to reappoint Undersheriff Roy Smith to the advisory board. He also read letter to reappoint Court Clerk, Dina Morrison as well to the advisory board. Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Roy Smith and Dina Morrison to the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Advisory Board, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Lisse presented SPARKS information on closing out of grants yesterday. They had to rank the applicants, the names were redacted, so it was not known who the entities were that applied. They applied for a \$7,500 grant. Small business is 1-500 employees. There was one business who's start date was February and not January 1. Commission make decision to allow them or not. Discussion followed on all applicants, etc.

Lisse then discussed the non-profits with commissioners. There was an app that came through after the noon deadline. They did qualify otherwise though. Commissioner Daniels moved to allow the late entrant be accepted, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for business trade secrets. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Lisse Regehr, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for property acquisition. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Lisse Regehr, Becky Voorhees and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:06 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:11 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for courthouse security. Commissioner Symes 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 10:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No action was taken.

Sheriff Murphy talked about extending the aeronautic study. It expires in 18 months.

Commissioner Daniels asked Mitch to talk to Counselor Johnson about road agreements and pilot \$250,000 questions to get ready for the windfarm persons to attend a commission meeting. Commissioner Symes said we need a timeline and let residents know.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$134,285.65
- b) Payroll – change for Christopher Bowman from fulltime to part-time
- c) Payroll – new hires for jail: Shelby Ekis, Jacquelyn Evans & Bryce Andres
- d) Clerk's journal entry #38, #39, & #40
- e) Abatement – Special Assessment, \$450.00, Yr 2019

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 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, October 6, 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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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Sherrie, Allen County Clerk

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