

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Bruce Symes, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner David Lee, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Loren Korte, ACRH Board of Trustee Member, Terry Sparks, ACRH Board of Trustee Member, Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, Terry Johnson, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Loren Korte led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, presented information on a program for growing rural businesses. E-Community is partnering with Neosho County to put this program on. It is a 9-week course, the first 5 courses in Chanute at the Chanute City Hall, and the last 4 will be at the Allen Community College in Iola. The cost to attend is set at \$250.00 with an early bird discount of \$50.00 if registered by February 23, 2024. Discussion followed.

Humboldt was approached by Climavision, a company that installs weather radars. They stated Allen County is in the middle of a dead zone, so radars in Wichita, Kansas City, Tulsa etc. don't register Allen County weather accurately. This will be their first installation in Kansas and will be installed on the North water tower. Humboldt was chosen due to it being far enough from wind farms to avoid disruption. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Armstrong, Hospital Administrator, joined the meeting.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the bin for milk jugs is not at the landfill yet. He will be reaching out about it today.

Mitch reported the KDHE representatives came to landfill yesterday to look at the site for recycling efforts. They will be sending Mitch more information on ideas.

Mitch asked about pay for those employees who have been here that their wages were not affected with the raising of the starting wages. Chairman Symes stated he thought the COLA addressed them.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported he has as many employees as he can out working on the roads now that the weather is a little better

Mark reported he had gone and looked at the Rosco chip spreader. He does not see any substantial difference. There is a location in Kansas City and Tulsa to work on this machine. Rosco has one more year warranty than the Etnyre brand. He did ask his operator about the need for 4-wheel drive and he stated there is only one area that we would need the 4 wheel and they can always start at top of that hill and work their way down. So, 2-wheel drive would be okay. Discussion followed. He plans on paying out of special equipment. Commissioner Lee moved to purchase Rosco for \$380,360.00 from LeeBoy. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark was selected to attend a conference in Texas on February 26-28, 2024. This will be an all expense paid trip.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Jeremy Armstrong, Hospital Administrator, requesting Resolution 202402 Consenting to the Change of Control of Saint Luke's Health System, Inc.

**RESOLUTION 202402 OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY
CONSENTING TO THE CHANGE OF CONTROL OF
SAINT LUKE'S HEALTH SYSTEM, INC.
January 30, 2024**

WHEREAS, Saint Luke's Hospital of Allen County, Inc. d/b/a Allen County Regional Hospital (the "Hospital") operates Allen County Regional Hospital pursuant to a Lease Agreement by and among Allen County, Kansas, The Board of Trustees of Allen County Regional Hospital (the "Board of Trustees"), and the Hospital (the "Lease"); and

WHEREAS, Saint Luke's Health System, Inc., a Kansas nonprofit corporation exempt from federal taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "System"), is the sole member of the Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the affairs of the Hospital are managed by a Board of Directors (the "Hospital Board") as further detailed in the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of Saint Luke's Hospital of Allen County, Inc. (the "Bylaws"); and

WHEREAS, the System has entered into a definitive agreement with BJC Health System, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation ("BJC") to consummate a transaction pursuant to which BJC and the System formed a patient-centric integrated health system by BJC becoming the sole corporate member of the System effective January 1, 2024 (the "Transaction"); and

WHEREAS, the affairs of the Hospital will continue to be managed by the Hospital Board pursuant to the Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9 of the Lease, an assignment of rights or delegation of obligations by a Party under the Lease, including a change of control of either the Hospital or the System, requires the consent of the other parties; and

WHEREAS, the Transaction may constitute a change of control under the Lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Commissioners of Allen County hereby consent to the change of control of the System.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS**

Saint Luke's is integrating with BJC out of St. Louis. Discussion followed on what this means for the hospital. Commissioner Lee moved to approve and sign Resolution 202402. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, presented the EMS quarterly report.

CITY OF IOLA
Memorandum



● **TO:** ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: MICHAEL BURNETT, EMS DIRECTOR/PARAMEDIC
SUBJECT: EMS UPDATE – 2023 4th Quarter
DATE: 30 JANUARY 2024
CC: MAYOR FRENCH & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL MATT REHDER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR COREY ISBELL, IOLA FIRE CHIEF

COLE HERDER, HUMBOLDT CITY ADMINISTRATOR JERRY WALLIS,
MORAN MAYOR

● **FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS**

October:

- 232 EMS calls
 - 98 911 transports
 - 54 Long distant transfers
 - 80 Non-transport
- Ambulance mileage as 04/30/2023
 - Med 30 - 49689
 - Med 31 - 195495
 - Med 32 - 190830

- Med 33 - 22900
- Med 34 - 114303
- Med 35 - 283023
- Trainings/Meetings/Other
 - Staff performed self paced online training
 - Michael Burnett attended Region 6 EMS meeting
 - Finished in house EMT class

- **November:**

- 181 EMS calls
 - 83 911 transports
 - 36 Long distant transfers
 - 62 Non-transport

- Ambulance mileage as 05/31/2023
 - Med 30 - 50294
 - Med 31 - 195566
 - Med 32 - 194691
 - Med 33 - 23683
 - Med 34 - 118184
 - Med 35 -285881

- Trainings/Meetings/Other
 - Staff performed self paced online training
 - Staff issued 265 CEU hours of training

December:

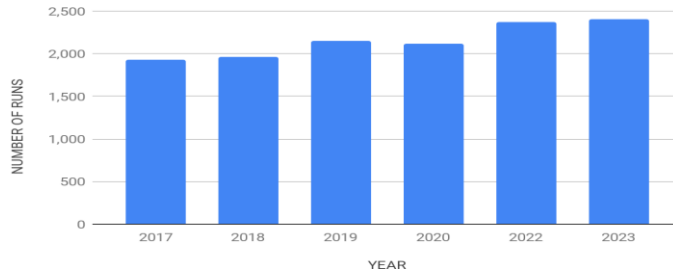
- 192 EMS calls
 - 93 911 transports
 - 41 Long distant transfers
 - 58 Non-transport

- Ambulance mileage as 06/30/2023
 - Med 30 - 50743
 - Med 31 - 197790
 - Med 32 - 195109
 - Med 33 - 24782
 - Med 34 - 122453
 - Med 35 - 290277

- Trainings/Meetings/Other
 - Staff performed self paced online training

EMS CALLS YTD – 2017-2023

JANUARY through DECEMBER



Graph shows the total EMS runs year-to-date (Jan-Sep) from 2017 through 2023.

Michael asked if there is any other information the commissioners would like for him to present. Commissioner Lee asked about the ambulance that had been giving them problems. Michael stated it is working well now. Med 31 and Med 32 are now over 200,000 miles. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee commented on a letter from Judge Creitz requesting for reappointment of Craig Mentzer to the 31st Judicial District Nominating Commission as the non-lawyer member. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Craig Mentzer to the 31st Judicial District Nominating Commission. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman 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 9:05 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:15 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Symes moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:17 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:27 a.m. No action taken.

Rocky Ansell, citizen, joined the meeting.

Rocky Ansell, Senior Vice Commander and Civil Wars Memorials Officer for the Sons of Unions Veterans of the Civil War. Just recently an Eagle scout came in and reclaimed the Evan Young Cemetery. Previously Carolyn Whitaker did a lot of leg work to find out information on cemetery. He is looking for the information on access/regress to get into the cemetery from Franklin Street. Cole Herder stated he worked with Thomas Young and Michael Young while working on the cemetery. Cole stated it might need gated. They also thought the sign will need to be anchored. Applied for funding through the national organization. Denied due to not being able to meet the match. Chariman Symes is asking Bob what can be done, help with the road maybe? Mark suggested getting a survey to get it marked on what is the correct easement. Rocky stated the family might be interested in making it public instead of private. Can they proceed with putting a monument on the easement for the public to see? Bob will need to research into the easement to see if there is verbiage regarding putting a structure on. Discussion followed.

John Terry, KwiKom Business Development Manager, joined the meeting. John presented information on a Kansas Broadband Acceleration Grant. This is a 2-million-dollar project. It will be a 50% match between state and KwiKom. Attached to the map provided he supplies some sample letters. State requires community co-investment for these projects, and the deadline to apply for the grant is March 11. Chairman Symes is asking if there will be overlap between this project and other carriers. Chairman Symes also asked if there will be other areas in Allen County. John stated yes as almost half is considered as unserved, but this project will just be for the shaded area. Cole asked if this will provide a connecting link into Humboldt. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Invitation to Kansas Banker Awards Annual Dinner & Conservation District Meeting
- b) Letter declining Cottage Grove Twp Clerk position from Curtis Manahan
- c) Inventories from LaHarpe Senior Center, Humboldt Senior Center, Appraiser's office, Allen County Commission, Allen County Clerk's office, Attorney's office
- d) Arbitrage Rebate Analysis findings from GilmoreBell
- e) Add – PP, Value 6108, \$834.22, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$323,385.61
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursements for Bruce Symes, Danielle Louk
- c) Payroll – Hotel reimbursement for Bob Johnson
- d) Clerks Journal Entries - #4, 5
- e) Abatements - RE Value 23,006, \$4137.22, Year 2023
- f) Township annual reports for Marmaton Twp, Humboldt Twp, Elsmore Twp

g) Allen County Rural Fire District #2 – City of Iola – Annual report

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. until Tuesday, February 6 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Bruce Symes, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner