

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. with Chairman David E. Lee, Jerry Daniels, Commissioner, Bruce Symes, Commissioner, and Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk.

Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Jason Trego, Emergency Management, Terry Call, Planning & Zoning, Vicki Moss, Iola Register Representative,

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 10, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment; there was none.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported dirt patcher will be here soon. Bids have been sent out for oil, over-lay and dust control. He asked about fuel tanks, hasn't received any bids. Commissioner Symes asked about long term plans.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, passed out LaHarpe Telephone Company utility right-a-way agreement for commissioners' signatures. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve commissioners sign said agreement, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0

Jason Trego, Emergency Management, reported he has been asked to apply for another position, which would add to his current position. He would be able to do training for employees so they wouldn't have to be sent somewhere else for training.

Chairman Lee reported on correspondence from Terry Sparks regarding vacancy on hospital board. Outgoing members are Jeff Johnson & Ryan Coffield. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Kim Ensminger & Nathan Fawson to hospital board, Commissioner Symes seconded motion passed 3-0-0.

Marc Waggoner, LaHarpe Rural Fire, joined commission meeting.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor and Marc Waggoner. Commissioners reconvened at 9:20 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert E Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:25 a.m. No action taken.

Jay Stogsdill, county citizen, introduced a business he wants to bring to Allen County. He plans on a restaurant, gun store and indoor gun range / ax throwing at Sinclair building. He is in deliberations with bank right now. Completion 2-3 years out. The EPA is involved. The ventilation is a big issue and costs as much as the whole range. The restaurant will be diner style. The building hasn't been used since 1998. Licensing, zoning, tax abatement, etc was discussed. Liberty Landing dba Pro 2A Armory.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) KDHE Update on UST Operating Permit Extension
- b) Notice to Policyholders from EMC

- c) December monthly report for Noxious Weed
- d) 2022 Annual report for Noxious Weed
- e) Annual Township report for Iola Twp & Salem Twp
- f) Add – TR, Value 139, \$0.00, Year 2022

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$ 332,634.20
- b) Payroll – PR change-Danielle Louk, PR enroll-Terry Call & Rusty Jones, Reimb- Kevin Turner, Process Servers-Sheriff Dept
- c) Abatements – PP, Value 9223, \$1303.42, Year 2022
TR, Value 139, \$20.20, Year 2022

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 9:41 a.m. until Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

David Lee, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner