

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, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Patrick Zirjacks, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Paul Zirjacks led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Patrick Zirjacks, citizen, introduced himself as a new member of Thrive. His position is one of the community engagement coordinators.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented Agreement No. 821-23 for Bridge Project No. 001 C-5293-01 on behalf of Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported the FAA does not want any work done yet for the new hangar. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee moved to sign the Agreement No. 821-33 between Kansas Department of Transportation and Allen County for Project No 001 C-5293-01. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jason Trego, reported on the weather. Late this week and into the weekend our temps will be dropping.

Jason reported he spoke with Thrive and the grant opportunity will not open until April and not be awarded until maybe August. So, at this time, no outside funding source to put a siren in Mildred in time for severe weather season. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Blue Valley for the storm siren in Mildred using PILOT funds if no other funding available. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Jessica McGinnis and Teagan Kern, ACMAT representatives, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Lee moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:01 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jami Clark, Appraiser, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:06 a.m. No action taken.

Jessica McGinnis & Teagan Kern, ACMAT representatives, requesting the County's support for a program they will be bringing to the Bowlus on March 21st. They are bringing in Tony Hoffman as a speaker for the youth of Allen County. The sponsorships are in the amount of \$1500. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to sponsor the Tony

Hoffman event on March 21, 2024 for \$1500. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Bob reported Magistrate Judge Thomas Mikulka passed away yesterday. He was the Magistrate Judge for Woodson County.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:31 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:36 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:01 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action taken.

Shannon presented Resolution 202401 which is an annual resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202401

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1117 (SUPP. 1978), 75-1120 (SUPP. 1982), 75-1121 (SUPP. 1988), AND 75-122 (SUPP. 1983) SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS TO MAINTAIN FIXED ASSET RECORDS AND OBSERVE FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING PRACTICES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, Allen County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2024, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to Allen County, Kansas or the members of the general public of Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolution of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ending December 31, 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 9th day of January 2024, that the said Board of County Commissioners requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of said law as they apply to Allen County, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of County Commissioners shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of the said municipality to be prepared on the bases of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this state.

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

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202401. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon presented a cereal malt beverage license renewal application for Humboldt Speedway. Commissioner Lee moved to approve the cereal malt beverage license renewal. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon reviewed the new year reappointments for 2024.

Commissioner Lee moved to reappoint Terry Sparks (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) and Nathan Fawson (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) to the Board of Trustees of the Allen County Regional Hospital. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Kenneth McWhirter (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) to the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Board. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Mike Waldman and John F. Brocker as alternate to the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Commissioner David Lee to the Bowlus Committee for 2024. Chairman Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Allen County Housing Task Force for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Iola Industries Board for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Economic Development Board for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Commissioner David Lee, Nicholas Lohman and Rebecca "Becky" Walden to the Multi County Health Board for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint John F. Brocker to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Carling Kay Lewis (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2026) to the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Bret Heim as Secretary for the Public Building Commission (February 2024 to February 2027). Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Chairman Bruce Symes to the Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Center for 2024. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Lee moved to name the Iola Register as the official newspaper for 2024. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels reported on information about his role as the KAC representative for State 911 Council. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee reported on a document he received concerning the Environment Fund with Your Community Foundation. Discussion followed on the use of the interest earned on the principal.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Fund Status Report for December
- b) December monthly report for District Court, Noxious Weed, Public Works, Register of Deeds
- c) 2023 Yearly report for Noxious Weed, Public Works, Register of Deeds
- d) December 2023 Solid Waste Financial Assurance Report
- e) Resignation Letter from Cindy Scovill, Site Manager for Humboldt Senior Center

f) Add – Oil, Value 23,762, \$3189.86, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 1/4/2024-\$700,365.19 & 1/8/2024-\$10,076.15
- b) Payroll – Enrollment form for Thad Parker
- c) Payroll – Change forms for Cassidy Bowen, Luchia Wildschuetz, Shannon Patterson, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Stephen Carnahan, Cody Craft, Jason Garber, Robert Poydack, Kevin Turner, Rikki Witchley, Michael Larios, Frederick Henderson
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Dathan McMurtrey, Don Solander
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bob Johnson, Terry Call
- f) Clerks Journal Vouchers – 2023 #65, 66, 67 and 2024 #1, 2, 3
- g) Salem Township annual report
- h) Abatements - PP, Value 8,175, \$1,316.84, Year 2023
TR, Value 263, \$53.04, Year 2023
Oil, Value 23,731, \$3,498.54, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. until Tuesday, January 16 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