The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 p.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, Terry Call, Allen County EMS, Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, Lisse Regehr, Jessica Thompson, & John Goering, Thrive Allen County, Jean Barber, Russ Baxley, Juanell & Robert Garrett, Diane Kauth, Ladina Lee, Mike Schwindt, Robin Griffin, Jennifer Coltrane, Michell Meiwes, Arlyn Briggs, and 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 June 30, 2020.

Russ Baxley, discussed the conditions of New Hampshire Road west of town along where he lives. He presented a video the road. Discussion followed. Chairman King asked about tearing out the concrete and returning it to gravel. Mr. Baxley stated that would be fine. Commissioners will get moved up on the list where they can.

Several of the persons present expressed their opinions on Governor Kelly’s Executive Order No. 20-52. Commissioners expressed their thoughts too.

Chairman King moved to follow the recommendation of Allen County Health Director and Medical Directors to mask up and be reviewed every week. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 2-1-0. Commissioner Daniels voted no, due to the language used in the order.

Commissioners took a five-minute break.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS, discussed mowing options at the Humboldt Ambulance Station. The City of Humboldt has offered to mow but has a couple of stipulations. Cole discussed the size of the mower for the City of Humboldt and what should be done to fix what area cannot be mowed. Terry will look into options.

Terry reported problems with plumbing once the EMS moved into the new ambulance station. It has been fixed by the contractor.

Commissioners discussed a Grand opening but all decided it should wait until the EMS crews are settled in.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, requested a support letter from the commission for trails with the City of Iola for use by school children.

Lisse also presented a plan for CARE funding; it consists of a Steering Committee and Task force which needs to be happening now. Thrive would only charge 4% for administering. Commissioner Daniels moved to tentatively approve Thrive’s proposed plan for administrating the 2.4 million in CARES Act Funding pending contract approval. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Lisse will go forward with the Steering Committee.

Lisse stated the CDBG COVID-19 applications are out on the Allen County website at www.ailenecounty.org Any business that receives IDLE funding, economic injury disaster lone, even if it’s the advanced does not qualify for CDBG funding; she wanted to make sure people understood it is a federal decision that came down from the Federal
Government. Federal Government also is requiring every business must have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number to qualify, the businesses can show an application for DUNS number for now but must have it by the time they get funding. Applications are currently coming in to Sherrie, then to Becky at Thrive.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels 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 10:25 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – Mileage Reimb for Terry Call
b) Clerk’s Vouchers – $207,244.95
c) Clerk’s Journal Entries - #28, 29, 30
d) Abatements: RE Value 782, $172.98, 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 10:34 a.m. until Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner