

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

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register Representative, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Marcia Davis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 12, 2024.

Chairman Symes asked for public comment. Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, presented a flyer about the Humboldt Community Conversation.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the tin on the south T hangar was damaged by an empty water tank that was caught by the wind. The tanks belong to private citizens. The owner of the tank will be paying for the repairs of the hangar. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated they are moving along pretty good with the new lighting and the new AWOS system. All old lights have been pulled and they are trenching the new lines.

Commissioner Lee asked about the progress on the new cell. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, reported Bettis will begin finishing up projects from last year. These were the projects that did not get finished from last year's list of detour fixes. Discussion followed.

Mark reported distributor parts should be coming in today so the distributor should be ready by end of the week.

Commissioner Lee asked the concrete work on the corner of 2200 and US Hwy 54. Mark will be meeting with the state today. Chairman Symes asked if this was work being done on private property but Mark stated that this a county road.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, reported he was awarded \$26,000.00 for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Discussion followed.

Jason reported on a homemade explosives class taught at the college on March 7<sup>th</sup>, taught by New Mexico Tech. They also offer in person class that is 3 days. This will be held in October, completely free. Jason applied and was accepted into the class. It is DHS and FEMA funded. It is held in New Mexico. Commissioners approved his request to attend.

Jason updated the commissioners on the storm siren for Mildred. We finally got a shipping notification, arriving mid-April. Jason has been working with Evergy to place siren on their pole. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked about the Blackberry transmission line work. Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, state two cross drains were completed and they have 3 more to do. April 30 is when equipment will be coming in. Discussion followed on where equipment will be kept.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested on behalf of Brandi Holt to host the Lola Band's Annual Practice-A-Thon on Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the bandstand. Commissioners approved the request.

Commissioner Lee brought City of LaHarpe's request to alter the speed limit on Main Street in LaHarpe. They are requesting 30 MPH except for the hours of 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., to remain 20 MPH. The city will need to verify with the Sheriff and pass the resolution. Commissioners approved city to move forward.

Commissioner Daniels asked about the resolution and stop signs for Humboldt. Discussion was had on all the areas where stop signs and speed limit changes will be happening.

Chairman Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes 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 9:01 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:11 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes 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 9:13 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:18 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Kansas State Revolving Fund (SRF) letter
- b) Bankruptcy Court notice
- c) Kansas Public Notice No. KS-Q-22-032 Allen County Quarry

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 2/18/24-\$255,683.91 & 3/14/24-\$346,118.77
- b) Payroll – Change form for Colton Slocum
- c) Payroll – February Process Service for Michael Tennyson, Cody Johnson, Steve Womack, Daniel McMurray, Brenda Beth, Brian Plumlee
- d) Abatement – PP, Value 405, \$76.76, Year 2023

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. until Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

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Bruce Symes, Chairperson

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David E. Lee, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner