

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, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road and Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Vicki Moss, Iola Register Representative, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment; there was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported that everything was turned in for the airport museum grant. We should hear something around April 3, 2023.

Mitch reported on possible hanger construction. Discussion followed. Commissioners asked Mitch to get estimates on option 2.

Debbie Bearden, GROW Council, joined the meeting.

Mitch reported that noxious weed department has been selling chemicals.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, presented bids for a gooseneck trailer.

Goose Neck trailer price list

Dealer	Trailer	Description	Cost
Rowe Motors Chanute, KS	2023 Gooseneck Tandem Dual trailer	32 ft by 8ft 6inches Ozark trailers	\$15,299.00
Jim trailer sales Topeka, ks	2023 Gooseneck Tandem Dual trailer	32 ft by 8ft 6inches Load trailers	\$15,800.00
Fort Scott Trailers	2023 Gooseneck Tandem Dual trailer	32 ft by 8ft 6inches Diamond T flatbed trailer	\$17,399.00

This trailer would be used to haul pipes. Chairman Lee asked if "brands" mattered between the options. Discussion followed. Mark recommends going with the Ozark trailer. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the bid for the Ozark Trailer from Rowe Motors for \$15,299.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark presented a project list for 2023.

Allen County Road and Bridge projects 2023

PROJECT NAME	2023 Paved road improvement projects		R&B Director	Mark C Griffith
Miles projected	20 miles			
SCOPE STATEMENT	City and Towns of Allen county			
START DATE	3/15/2023	END DATE	9/29/2023	OVERALL PROGRESS
				10%

LINE	TASK NAME	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	DURATION	STATUS
4	Grinding 1 inch overlay 11/2 inches 1200 Al to CT	Bettis Asphalt	WBA	WBA	Na	Na
5	Patch and chip seal 1200 CT to HI	Allen Road and Bridge	WBA	WBA	Na	Na
4	Patch and chip seal 1600 Al to DE	Allen Road and Bridge	WBA	WBA	Na	Na
2	Complete rebuild 800 DE to FL	Allen Road and Bridge	3/27/2023	4/10/2023	10	NA
5	Complete Rebuild WV 4000 to 5000	Allen Road and Bridge	3/15/2023	3/27/2023	8	Na
NA	All Towns in Allen County	Allen Road and Bridge	WBA	WBA	Na	Na
NA	Country Club heights 1 1/2 inch overlay	Bettis Asphalt	WBA	WBA	Na	Na
13	Striping of overlays and chip sealed roads	Straight-Line striping	WBA	WBA	Na	Na

Commissioner Symes stated there is some concern about 1400 north of Iola. Mark stated that he will be patching that road. Discussion followed on the projects.

Gary McIntosh, Booth/McIntosh Insurance, Logan Booth, Booth/McIntosh Insurance, Don Doherty Northwestern Mutual and RPS Benefits by Design Inc., joined the meeting.

Gary McIntosh, presented information leading up to insurance discussion.

Don Doherty, Northwestern Mutual and RPS Benefits by Design, informed the commission of his history with insurance. Don discussed what he would like to do for the county. They would analyze our current plan. Discussion followed.

Loren Korte, PSI, joined the meeting.

Roberta Sinclair, citizen, joined the meeting.

Loren Korte, PSI, presented renewal information for property and vehicle insurance. The increase in premiums happened in the coverage for the buildings. The other lines of coverage have stayed pretty steady. Discussion followed.

Debbie Bearden and Robin Lohman, GROW council, requesting the commission to sign Resolution 202303 A Resolution Recognizing Tuesday, March 21, 2023 as National Ag Day.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202303

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023 AS NATIONAL AG DAY

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

WHEREAS, On National Agriculture Day, we recognize the unique and irreplaceable value that farmers, ranchers, foresters, farmworkers, and other agricultural stewards have contributed to our Nation's past and present. America's agriculture sector safeguards our Nation's land through sustainable management; ensures the health and safety of animals, plants, and people; provides a safe and abundant food supply; and facilitates opportunities for prosperity and economic development in rural America.

WHEREAS, Over the last year, workers and other leaders across the agriculture sector have stepped up to ensure a stable food supply in the face of incredible challenges. Farmworkers, who have always been vital to our food system, continued to grow, harvest, and package food, often at great personal risk. Local farmers helped to meet their communities' needs by selling food directly to consumers. Small meat processors increased their capacity as demand for their services skyrocketed. Restaurants found creative ways to bring food to members of their communities. Grocers and grocery workers also navigated new models, such as curbside pickup and online sales.

WHEREAS, These collective efforts helped get food to the millions of adults and children in America experiencing nutrition insecurity. Programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children; school meals; and others focused on eliminating nutrition insecurity play an integral role in making sure that every family has enough food on the table.

WHEREAS, Farmers, ranchers, and foresters play a critical role in combating climate change. From sequestering carbon in the soil to producing renewable energy on farms, we will continue to innovate and create new revenue streams for farmers and ranchers while building a resilient agriculture sector.

WHEREAS, Being a coalition of representatives from diverse sectors of the food

system, Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works (GROW) Food and Farm Council urges the Board of Allen County Commissioners to demonstrate support for the Agricultural Industry by publicly signing this resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Allen County Commissioners that Tuesday, March 21, 2023, be recognized as National Ag Day. We call upon all Allen Countians to join us in recognizing and reaffirming our commitment to and appreciation for our country's farmers, ranchers, foresters, farmworkers, and those who work in the agriculture sector across the Nation.

IT IS SO RESOLVED this 21st day of March, 2023.

Commissioner Symes moved to approve Resolution 202303. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee asked about the Farmer's Market. Discussion followed.

Roberta Sinclair, citizen, asking for help with Manley Street. Counselor Johnson is suggesting to get an easement from Mr. Frank who owns the surrounding property. Then at that point options can be looked at to make the road more accessible. Discussion followed on options.

Chairman Lee reported on a request from Thrive for a letter of support to send to the Kansas State Senate for the proposed Lehigh Portland State Park.

March 21, 2023

Sen. Renee Erickson, Chairwoman
Senate Commerce Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairwoman Erickson and Members of the Kansas Senate Commerce Committee,

The Allen County Commissioners support the proposed Lehigh Portland State Park.

Allen County has experienced increased tourism from the existing Rail Trail systems. We believe that turning the Lehigh Portland area into a state park, with its connection to the Rail Trails, local and regional economies will benefit. Additionally, like many counties in the Midwest, Allen County has struggled with population loss. This park will be a catalyst for reversing that trend.

Lehigh Portland State Park would be a safe and beautiful place for families to gather for recreation. What a quality-of-life enhancer it would be for all that use it.

The proposed Lehigh Portland State Park, with its 360 acres of water, diverse landscape, and connection to the existing Rail Trails system, would benefit Allen Countians, Kansas, and all who use it for many years into the future.

Commissioner Symes moved to sign the letter of support. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, reported on a conversation he had with chief engineer for KCC. March 31 is when he will be making a recommendation to the commission on setbacks for the power line. Discussion followed. Commissioners are asking that Terry reach out to other counties and find out what their thoughts are on it. Chairman Lee will communicate with the effected landowners.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for land acquisition. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for attorney client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:32 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:42 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Terry Call, Zoning Administrator. Commissioners reconvened at 10:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Refunding Revenue Bond Series 2013-2 maturity date 2/1/2023
- b) Map provided by Terry Call for Manley Street
- c) February Financial Statements for Hospital Board from Larry Peterson
- d) February monthly report for Noxious Weed Dept

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 3/21/2023-\$72,231.14 & 3/17/2023-\$250,393.10
- b) Payroll – Change form for Kevin Turner
- c) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Ron Holman & Jill Allen
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries - #15

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m. until Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

David Lee, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner