

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman David Lee, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Symes and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk.

Vickie Moss, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Planning & Zoning Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Management Director, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 28, 2023.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment, there was none.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, discussed an email regarding airport hangar. He handed out map showing where the museum, FBO & beacon will be located. Commissioner Daniels stated Caleb Coltrane with Garber is working on the numbers. They are working with Thrive in order to get a grant. The county received base grant, so the museum has to be the non-profit that requests the grant. March 13 is pre-construction meeting with engineers. March 27 will open bids. Commissioner Symes suggested an open house at some point when things are more complete.

Mitch stated July we get KDOT money.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, handed out an agreement for the commission to sign. It has to do with moving some pipeline. Commissioner Daniels moved to sign Agreement relative to performing certain work and/or the occupancy of the county's highway right-a-way by the facilities of a utility, Commissioner Symes seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0

Mark reported on needing a truck & trailer eventually. The pot hole patcher is working really well.

Chairman Lee asked about construction at the landfill. Mitch reported on the plan. Discussion followed.

Jason Trego, Emergency Management, discussed all storm sirens will be activated for weather awareness week. Storm Fury on the Plains will be at the Bowlus next week.

Terry Call, Planning & Zoning, handed out flood maps. He reported on a meeting for such. The landfill was designated as a flood zone. Terry explained, discussion followed. There will be a public meeting maybe in July presented by FEMA regarding the flood zones.

Terry handed out right of way change map and Official request for Right of Way change. B & G Consultants discovered the right of way. Commission Daniels moved Chairman Lee sign the letter, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion carried 3-0-0.

Brenda Sharp, CEO Reach Foundation, Overland Park, introduced herself. Allen County is in their region. She introduced Dick Works, he serves on the BOD. Also present is Judy Works, she served on the BOD for 12 years. Patti Boyd joined the meeting, she is the current appointee. Brenda explained the health conversion. It was Health Midwest. The Attorney General appoints the Allen County member, currently Dick Works. Commissioner Symes asked Brenda about how Allen County became a member. Brenda said it is a choice of each hospital to join or not. Brenda stated the mission of

Reach Foundation is to provide & support health care for uninsured & low income. Commissioner Symes asked about the 3.3 million dispersed to Allen County, Brenda explained.

Carla Gibson, VP of Programs at Reach Foundation, spoke to commissioners. She talked about the relationships built with Allen County and other rural areas, re: Rural Health Initiative. Carla explained core operating support within Allen County with Thrive, CHC, SEK Mental Health and Multi-County Health Dept. Brenda passed out the community investment framework sheet.

Patti Boyd reminded commissioners that she is the appointee, so if any needs arise, please contact her.

Commissioner Daniels moved Chairman Lee sign the AIA document, Construction manager contract, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Judge Creitz & Bob have reviewed it.

Bob discussed the RFQ's; six architect firms, proposals to be in by April 3. Commissioners will review April 4 at 9 am. Judge Creitz and Crossland will attend as well.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:40 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Mark Griffith and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mark Griffith and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:10 a.m. No action taken

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:10 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners. Commissioners reconvened at 10:20 a.m. No action taken

Chairman Lee shared a request from Hospital facilities board to hire Forvis for \$5500; accounting work. This is the audit of the bond work. Commissioner Daniels moved Chairman Lee sign the Forvis agreement, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels mentioned engineering alternatives for the trail in Humboldt. Commissioners had received an email regarding this. Chairman Lee wants to wait on this decision. Humboldt will be living with the result of this, so he is reaching out to the Humboldt City council members about it. Discussion followed. Mark asked if the county will have to maintain anything regarding this. Commissioner Daniels stated whatever is on county property will be our maintenance. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept alternative #2, from Wilson & Co, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Email from Larry Peterson including a draft schedule of bond activity
- b) Fund status report for February 2023

- c) Solid Waste financial report for February 2023
- d) February monthly reports for Attorney's office, Clerk's office, Register of Deed's office, Treasurer's office
- e) Addeds – RE Value 4808, \$935.42, Yr 2022

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers \$323,332.36 & \$67,170.99
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – #6-7
- c) Abatements - RE Value 876, \$133.32, Yr 2021  
RE Value 10,035, \$10,022.08, Yr 2022  
PP Value 2601, \$438.36, Yr 2022  
TR Value 82, \$12.00, Yr 2022

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. until Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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David E. Lee, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner