

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

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Mark Griffith, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Ron Holman, House & Ground Director, Robert Johnson, Allen County Counselor, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Chelsie Angleton, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Vicki Moss, Iola Register representative, Carl Slaugh, citizen and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, reported that Design Mechanical, who services our heat and air, has recommended having a service agreement signed. Currently the county does not have one. This agreement would cover the software running the heat/air, thermostats, and sensors. Discussion followed. Commissioners would like some additional information before coming to a decision.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported they are continuing to pick up trash. He has hired a seasonal employee who will do just trash pick-up. Chairman Lee asked if Mitch was still looking into a new hydro-seeder. Discussion followed.

Mark Griffith, Road & Bridge Director, asked the commissioners about getting bids for a used dump truck. He would still need to get bids but he sent an email about a truck for reference. He stated his looking into a secondary crusher as well so they can make road rock as well as chips. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson reported on a hospital board meeting he attended and he has asked Mark to look at painting new parking lines at the Medical Arts Building.

Commissioner Daniels reported that Becky Stanley is resigning from her position on the Hospital Board. The commission will need to appoint a new member, preferably from the Humboldt area.

Commission Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client for courthouse security. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:56 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners and Robert E. Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:06 a.m. No action taken.

Rachel Moore, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

Rachel presented the commissioners with a letter requesting a deadline extension for the Moderate-Income Housing Grant. This will move the deadline for completion from June 30, 2023 to October 1, 2023. Discussion followed on the need for the extension. Commissioner Symes moved to sign the letter requesting the deadline extension. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Rachel presented an updated ARPA Projects spreadsheet. We do not have any more unobligated funds left in the ARPA fund. The only items left for the tower project is removing the antenna from the old tower. Commissioners asked what is left on the BASE Match project as well. In looking at these numbers it was discovered that we have over

obligated, but the monies have not been spent. A decision will need to be made in the future on where the difference will come from. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Lee moved to go back into executive session for 15 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Lee moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:00 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:10 a.m. No action taken.

Chairman Lee moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:12 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney. Commissioners reconvened at 10:22 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) April Financial reports from Attorney's office, County Clerk's office, Register of Deeds office, Public Work's department
- b) Email regarding new budget for SEKRJDC
- c) Information on INVEX inventory on demand
- d) Insurance claim from EMC
- e) Thank you letter from Allen County Multi-Agency Team
- f) Kansas Public Notice KS-Q-22-49, Permit M-NE36-0001
- g) Information on Honor Flight

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 4/27/2023-\$341,729.42 & 5/2/2023-\$155,044.34
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries – # 22, 23, 24
- c) Payroll – Enrollment for Jason Garber
- d) Payroll – Changes for Stephen Carnahan, Bryce Andres, John Walker
- e) Payroll – Reimbursements for Cindy Scovill mileage, Bruce Symes mileage & meal, David Lee mileage, Misty Rice district dues
- f) Payroll – Jerry Hathaway Appeal Brief
- g) Payroll – Process Service for T Powelson, C Thompson, T Buck, M Carson, J Thompson, D Kellerman, S Womack, H Donovan, B Beth
- h) Abatements - PP, Value 23, \$2.76, Year 2021
PP, Value 29, \$3.42, Year 2022

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. until Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly's Room of the courthouse.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner