

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.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, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Patrick Huff, Westfall O'Dell Truck Sales, Colton Mertens, Freightliner, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, David Lee, Commissioner District #2 elect, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on November 10 & 17, 2020.

Mitch presented bids for 10-wheelers. Bids were from Joplin Freightliner for a 2022 Freightliner 114SD for \$217,433.00 times 4 for a total of \$869,732.00, engine warranty of 2 years and 250,000 miles and trans 2 year unlimited miles, expected delivery date of June 15, 2021, 450 HP automatic, West Fall O'Dell Truck Sales for a 2022 Mack Granite Dump Truck for \$204,132.00 times 4 for a total of \$816,528.00, engine warranty of 2 years and 250,000 miles and trans 3 year standard, expected delivery date of July/August 2021, 455 HP automatic; Arrow Truck Sales, no bid; Peterbilt of Kansas City, no bid; Earth Movers Truck Sales, No bid; and American Equipment Co., no bid. Colton explained what Freightliner can offer. Discussion followed. Patrick explained what West Fall O'Dell Truck Sales can offer. Discussion followed.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, Becky Voorhies, Jessica Thompson, and John Castellaw all Thrive Allen County representatives, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director/Zoning Administrator, Chelsie Lea, Ms. Chelsie's Dance Academy, and Jill Hartman, Iola Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director joined the meeting.

Lisse and Becky discussed SPARK funding; courthouse funding and PPE. Nursing homes and day cares for UV lighting. Discussion if monies are available. Discussion followed. Church Christmas food, Courtroom expansion. No total overage is desired. Ron explained the costs of touchless technology and where we are at on that. Discussion followed on SPARKS/CARES on priority lists.

Jessica got the 5311 Transportation Grant turned in to the State of Kansas so we will hear in March if we get the van or not.

Chelsie Lea, Ms. Chelsie Dance Academy, would like permission to put lights on the court lawn, it will be a smaller start than what the public would see from earlier. She would like to do a drive by more than a walk through for this year with COVID. They are thinking about tree pyramids on the corners and by the clock. Discussion followed. Once approved will open it up to the community to help if they wish. Mitch stated they would like to have things set back far enough for the snow blades to go through. Commissioners approved.

Jill Hartman discussed the Santa House and ideas that would work for COVID social distance. They decided on an inflatable snow globe that Santa would set in and they could still visit with Santa. There will be elves to help sanitize things. Families could set down then elves will sanitize before the next family comes up. Masks will be required, 6 feet candy cane markers and more things. They will be starting as soon as the globe will be here, hopefully December 10th, 12th, 17th and 19th. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners reviewed St. Luke's Hospital of Allen County to contract with BKD CPA's & Advisors for audit. Discussion followed on what this would entail. Commissioner Daniels approve

Chairman signature on the BKD and St. Luke's Agreement. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Troy Smith, 31st Judicial District Community Corrections & Juvenile Services Director to notify the commission that Stacey Fager's term on the 31st Judicial District Community & Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board has expired; Scott Carson's name was submitted for replacement. Commissioner Symes moved to appoint Scott Carson to the 31st Judicial District Community & Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board for a term to expire May 6, 2022. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Counselor Johnson discussed question on the facilities board and approval on bills submitted.

Sherrie discussed bids for the security barriers for the SPARKS projects. Bids were presented for the Appraiser's office of \$15,874 and Register of Deeds office of \$14,634.00; CDL declined to bid, Danny Ware didn't make it to bid and Chris Galemore with Jayhawk Lumber stated he did not have time to complete the project before needed. Sherrie requested commissioner approve Advantage Computers for the project. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Advantage Computer to proceed. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Kevin McGuffin, JJA Administrator, presented information on security project and courtroom expansion. One bid from Advantage Computers for a turn key job and Dan Strunk not bid and Ryan Whitworth had no time, and did not hear back from CDL. Getting the work done is problem. Advantage can start Monday. Discussion followed. \$99,000. Would like to get new flooring in before moving in. Tech grant through the court which would open up dollars for the cost of painting, new flooring and furniture. Discussion followed. Kevin discussed water leakage in the walls. Dan Strunk is doing fixing this. Flooring not allocated. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved.

Lisse discussed the Riser Act, if it passes it will extend a deadline, supply chain shouldn't be a problem.

Chelsie Angleton, 911 Interim Director, discussed Heartland and their current contract for antenna use. Discussion followed. They will be leaving the wiring if needed for future use. Discussion followed. Taking one usage off of the tower will take the cost down to \$200 for contract usage.

Chelsie discussed 911's National Academy laptop keeps crashing. She will be bringing information next week.

Chelsie updated the commission on finishing up a CPO program and will be hiring to fill positions.

Travis Baughn, Allen County Volunteer Fire Department, discussed signs at the new building. A generator donated to them, have had training, He thanked the commission for everything they have helped with.

Lisse introduced a new Thrive Allen County Staff, John Castellaw. She also stated the Thrive Allen County Annual Awards Banquet is on line.

Chelsie wanted to visit with commission about active 911 and give fire fighters a visual of where the fire hydrants are located. There are more options available that are not being utilized and she would see more used.

Commissioner Symes requested to discuss the Governor's Mask Order. Bill read an email from Becky Johnson, SEK Multi County Health Department suggesting to follow the order. Discussion followed. Bill suggested to wear them if they can and want to. Business and people are doing the best they can in Allen County. Commissioner Symes reintegrate where they stand as a

commission. Encouraging the practice of wearing masks if they can, social distancing and small gatherings. Chairman King discussed some of the county that have opted out of the governor's order. Commissioner Daniels discussed the commission being the biggest group he is around all week. He said we can argue if the masks work or not work, but we do what we can. No enforcement to it, law enforcement doesn't need it but ask the public to do their part. Commissioners will not opt out. Commissioner Symes would like to see some teeth in wearing masks. By doing nothing and still encouraging public to wear masks. Cara asked if she can enforce mask wearing by employees.

Chairman King asked Mitch about his thoughts on the 10-wheeler purchase. Mitch stated the crew was wanting to purchase the Mack trucks which also cost less. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase 4 Mack trucks which is \$53,000 less than the other bid. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for potential land acquisition. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, David E. Lee, Commissioner District #2 elect, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners reviewed the Allen County Fair Board Expenses for June, July, August, September and October 2020.

Commissioners reviewed Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) annual financial statement.

Commissioners reviewed the Southeast Kansas Area Transportation minutes of August 19, 2020.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$381,196.33
- b) Payroll – Process Servicer papers
- c) Journal Entries - #55, #56, & #57

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m. until December 1, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner