

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams and Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 18, 2017.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union representative, and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy discussed replacing a hot water heater for the Jail's kitchen and laundry that has rusted out. The bid for demo of old hot water heater & properly dispose of it (cutting it up to get out), furnish and install a new State Model SDB self-cleaning, commercial gas hot water heater (Unit to include: 100 – gallon tank, 199,000 BTUH input gas heat, 80% thermal efficiency, designed for natural gas), furnish and install a new flue, and startup and confirm proper operations from Design Mechanical, Inc. The work for the project cost is not to exceed price \$11,586.00 including material and labor. Sheriff Murphy explained this has to be done quickly as it affects the jail kitchen and the state requires regulations. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid and to run by Alan to verify an emergency. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Talkington discussed the cement project for the parking lot. Discussion followed.

Bob Johnson stated he thinks the commissioners should put a line item for ACARF in the budget. He thinks what they do is good for the community. Commissioner Daniels stated there should be a memorandum of understanding that they would work with the county departments to dispose of animals. Commissioner Williams stated he would be more predisposed with the suggestion of MOU with the county giving monies to ACARF.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported there were a few washouts with the last rain that they are working on and more rain is predicted. Discussion followed on Delaware Road and truck traffic. Commissioners suggested Mitch visit with the trucking company and help on the road.

Chairman Talkington discussed an email from Jen Taylor working with the USD #257 budget, wanting to know what the county was going to do in regards to the county giving \$100,000 to the Bowlus for 2018. Discussion followed. Alan stated the court decision would not affect the county's short term commitment to the Bowlus. Once a decision is made, the commission would have time to discuss it. Commissioner Williams stated his decision has not changed. It is a county wide institution and always has been. It brings several things in to benefit the community. Commissioner Daniels stated we had committed three years, so he would stand by that. Discussion followed.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, stated the hot water heater issue would create a hard ship for the jail if the bidding process took a month, so it would create an emergency situation.

Alan stated CDBG grants are starting back up and the county would need a plan if they want to build an ambulance station. Bob Johnson stated Humboldt Ambulance station is a jumble.

Alan discussed the city's issue with the Sheep Barn bid concerning the engineering design. Alan reported they are still waiting on an opinion from engineers on the purlins on the Sheep Barn. The city owns the building and the county was going to fix it up. Discussion followed.

Heather asked about the Humboldt Senior Center building being used as a community center. Commissioner Daniels stated maybe the center could sell the top floor.

Commissioners reviewed the annual financial report on West Cottage Grove Cemetery.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$45,602.22
- b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 2, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson

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Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner