

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 26, 2016.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, reported on color samples for the exterior courthouse and commissioners reviewed. They decided on the darker beige color. Commissioners approved for Ron to paint the in between spaces on the window a darker color.

Mitchel Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented bids for salt for this winter. Bids were from Frank Bills Trucking for \$52.50 per ton for 120 tons for a total of \$6,300; Central Salt for \$53.00 per ton for 120 tons for a total of \$6,360; Morton Salt and Cargill Salt declined to bid. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the bid from Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners shared a letter from the City of Moran thanking Mitch and his crew for the great job done on roads in Moran. Commissioners expressed their appreciation as well.

Commissioners discussed the bridge repair on Georgia Road.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Travis Baughn, Allen County Rural Volunteer Fire Department, asked if the commission would be able to assist with purchasing a used pumper. They would like \$25,000.00; they have \$27,000.00 available cash in their fund. Travis reviewed the last three years resources and discussed savings. AFG is the only grant that they can apply for and it would help with 95% of the cost. AFG says the call volume is too low to justify the cost of a new truck. Travis discussed the condition of their current vehicle. \$43,000 and \$25,000 would help purchase a truck. The current truck is 43 years old and they do all the maintenance themselves. Travis stated within three years there will have to be something done to keep the services. They have looked at Purple Wave and they have competitive prices as they've been looking at. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Travis discussed other grants and gifts Allen County Rural Volunteer Fire Department have received. They cover a certain area, but are on call for mutual aid assistance. Discussion followed on rent, costs to run the service and other equipment they own.

Carl discussed the new city administrator coming in to start soon for the City of Iola. Discussion followed.

Rodney Burns, Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC, discussed 2017 proposed budget. The proposed budget is down 1.5 mills. Rodney discussed the tax lid which is set on 2017 for 2018 budget. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed fire funds, fair funds, and other taxing entities. Discussion followed. Commissioners allowed a board to take care of the fair building funds. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the proposed 2017 budget and set a public hearing for August 16 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the potential change on the zoning to accommodate for a wind farm. There are no applications at this time for a wind farm, but some interest.

Alan discussed a plan for an industrial park around the Allen County Regional Airport and future plans. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee Board. Discussion followed.

Carl stated he could get into an EMS discussion, but will wait until after election.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$20,555.48
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Journal Entry #47
- d) Abatements: PP Value 360, \$54.72, Yr 2013
PP Value 111, \$18.06, Yr 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner