

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, Allen County Clerk.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Bill Maness, Thrive Economic Development Director, Chuck Apt, III, Economic Development Advisory Board Chair, Don Erbert, Economic Development Advisory Board Member, and Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 15, 2017 meeting.

Chuck reported the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) has set up processes for applying for grants, money or loans. They have recognized three existing groups; existing businesses, new businesses and not for profit. There will be three different applications and ranking criteria for scoring. This way each application can be looked at for their particular need. Chuck discussed examples. He is hoping to transition to the next group of the advisory committee. The next meeting is August 24, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room. Commissioners all plan to attend.

Commissioner Williams asked about views of the current EDAB and their ideas. Chuck explained most of the board's opinion of the EDAB. Each had opinions, but there was good debate, sharing of thoughts and great ideas. Discussion followed. Chuck said the committee came together really good to develop the criteria. He said they used a lot of forms from the City of Lawrence and developed them to meet Allen County's needs that would satisfy the business side of the group. Chuck stated the next group will review the applications and make the recommendations to the commission.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register representative, asked who makes the decision on whether the applicants are granted a grant, loan or etc. Chuck stated it is not the EDAB's to make the decision, just to make the recommendation to the Allen County Commission. He stated the application will set out some special criteria qualifying applicants. Chuck said some of the questions will be deep financial questions and it might discourage some of the applicants, might not.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director and Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Don Erbert, EDAB Member, stated he thought G& W was a fiasco, but he applauds the commission for setting up a system where commissions can objectively look at requests. He thinks economic development is a good idea, but not sure handing out money is going to help! So many new businesses do not succeed. He truly believes if the commission uses the system the committee has set up, that it will help. Discussion followed. Don stated his biggest issue is the financial portion of it. He doesn't think Allen County should be handing out money.

Chuck stated some individuals didn't think that the EDAB was a good representation of the entire county, but each current member looked to benefit the entire county. Don stated if it makes sense the whole county will benefit.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported Delaware Road was reopened this morning. Bettis Company has finished it.

Mitch reported progress on the Allen County Regional Airport hangars.

Mitch reported Humboldt Bridge is still having cleanup. Joe Wiener won't be working on the bridge as it is raining quite a bit north of Humboldt. He doesn't want to chance the water rising while he is working. Mitch stated they are helping Joe with trucks and hauling off of debris.

Commissioners asked Mitch about air traffic over the courthouse last Friday. Mitch reported there have been planes in the area taking pictures of farms and homes and planes spraying crops.

Mitch reported on Humboldt streets that Bettis finished; they did a great job. Cole expressed the City of Humboldt's appreciation of new streets. Everyone has been very complementary of the two new streets.

Commissioners asked if there is a 5 or 10 year plan for the Allen County Regional Airport. Mitch stated yes, he will get with the commission for review next week.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, requested to put a sidewalk to the new building at the Lola Senior Center, Inc. Commissioners approved Ron to get bids.

Ron requested to put in a rose bush in memory of Cathie Feese and would like to add some landscaping. Commissioners approved.

Ron asked to be allowed to finish replacing the railing on the north side of the courthouse. He has contacted Doug's Welding at LaHarpe and General Repair twice and neither have responded. Ron still has the bid from Rebel Works Mfg for handicap handrail for the north side of the courthouse to be built and installed for \$3,800.00. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the previous bid from Rebel Works with the stipulation the work is completed within 60 days. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed Kenneth Wright's property. He received a call from Bob Madena, State of Kansas Bureau of Waste Management, reporting the state will come up with \$10,000, if the county would match it. Mr. Madena will be here September 13 to visit with Alan.

Alan presented a Resolution 201706 explaining Allen County's withdraw from Southeast Kansas Solid Waste Authority and Unanimous Consent Resolution. Discussion followed.

**RESOLUTION NO.201706
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS**

*A RESOLUTION TERMINATING ALLEN COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN
THE SOUTHEAST KANSAS SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY*

WHEREAS, Allen County currently participates in the Southeast Kansas Solid Waste Authority (SEK SWA) along with other counties; and

WHEREAS, Allen County and the other participating counties desire to dissolve the SEK SWA and maintain their solid waste programs individually on a county by county basis;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners as follows:

That Allen County does hereby terminate its participation in the SEK SWA and consents to its full dissolution. It is further resolved that the Unanimous Consent Resolution attached shall be signed by the Chairman and submitted to KDHE.

RESOLVED THIS 21st DAY OF August, 2017.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the signing of Resolution 201706. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege concerning wind farms. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington said he has visited with Susan Thompson about servicing on the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee's board as the commission is looking for two individuals to replace Harry Lee and Debbie Roe who has termed out on the board. Susan declined, but suggested other individuals. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 8/18/17-\$190,867.35 & 8/22/17-\$40,461.52
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Clerks Journal Entry - #48
- d) Abatements: RE, Value 2255, \$401.44, Year 2016

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 29, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner