

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner William H. "Bill" King, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, in the Commissioner's room at the courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Eric Spruill, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Robert and Juanell Garrett, and Paul Zirjack, citizens, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 30, 2019.

Chairman Daniels led the flag salute.

Steve Strickler, Rotary member, wanted to thank the commissioners for the dumpsters and reported they are filling up fast. He requested the county buy a cardboard bailer for about \$5,000 to \$10,000. He stated the cost should be lower than normal since recycling is down. Discussion followed on bailers and what all could be bailed. Steve stated International Paper in Wichita takes everything except for glass; they received \$60 for the first load and \$517 for 2nd load. The old Haldex building has two truck ramps that they use and they are filled up with cardboard now. B & W is allowing Rotary to use their bailer but only after hours. Steve explained about educating the businesses in Allen County how to sort and use recycling to their benefit. Paul Zirjack stated the whole idea is to keep it out of the landfill and not make money. Steve said several cities are abandoning their recycling due to expenses. Rotary is doing it with volunteer labor. They want the dumpsters first off for businesses before opening it to the public. Discussion followed on what businesses using and not using the dumpsters.

Sheriff suggested Rotary check with the old Moon's store because they have a bailer. Steve stated they need a larger bailer.

Paul asked if Allen County is leading on recycling. Steve stated no, Allen County is actually lagging behind on the process. He is hoping Josh Maier will take over the project.

Steve stated the Rotary will have a "Recycling Day" on the 1st Saturday of each month; not taking 3, 4, 6 and 7 plastic but they are taking #5 plastics and other items. He stated they need to educate people on sorting; paper in one barrel, one with plastic, and so on. The money currently collected is going to the Rotary to use on projects in Allen County.

Mitch Garner, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the fuel replacement project at the Allen County Regional Airport is done.

Mitch reported they have been fixing wash outs since the rain last Thursday and Friday. He has a crew replacing entrances and patching roads with cold patch.

Commissioner Symes mentioned Iola Industries dam is being washed out and tearing banks away. He stated Iola Industries would like the county to supply shot rock. Discussion followed on liability and such. Commissioner King stated if the county does any work on saving the dam they have to notify Kansas Water Resources. He felt if it was done for some it would open it up to others needing work done. Discussion followed. Mitch will go check it out and bring it back to the commission next week.

Mitch stated they have got belts on the crusher and making pea rock so they can get some chip seal done.

Mitch commented Public Works is done with base for the Fire Station on North State Street.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, discussed security at the landfill.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:09 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:14 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney Client. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:20 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney Client. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Rodney Burns, Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC, discussed more budget changes to meet the Tax Lid computation. Discussion followed on new tax laws and effects. Commissioners visited with Mitch about projects for 2019 and carryover.

Jim Talkington, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioners continued to review each department budget in detail, cutting where they felt they could. Rodney will enter the discussed figures.

Jim Talkington, citizen, left the meeting.

Sherrie relayed an invitation from Debbie Bearden to the commission to attend Allen County Farm Bureau Centennial annual meeting Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Lola High School. Chairman Daniels and Commissioner King have prior engagements, Commissioner Symes will represent Allen County.

Commissioners discussed the appraiser interviews. Commissioner King moved to hire Jami Clark as Allen County Appraiser to start work August 26, 2019. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Daniels discussed the request from the Secretary of State to name a Public Information Officer (PIO) and Information Technology (IT) Director for Allen County. Commissioner Symes moved to appoint Sherrie L. Riebel to serve as the PIO for Allen County. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Rodney reported back the commission. Commissioners discussed monies out of road and bridge to get under the tax lid. Rodney stated he would have to take monies out of the funds outside of the tax lid to lower the levy.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney Client for contract negotiations. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:34 a.m. No action was taken.

Kent Thompson, House Representative District #9, joined the meeting.

Rodney discussed cutting capital improvement out of the General Fund from dispatch, jail, and sheriff's departments makes the levy at 62.901. Sheriff Murphy defended his original request. He has brought in over a million in revenue.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$54,329.75
- b) Clerk's Journal Entries #43-#45
- c) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Cindy Scovill & Sherrie L. Riebel
- d) Payroll – cell phone reimbursement for J.D. Harris
- e) Payroll - vehicle usage for J.D. Harris
- f) Payroll – one-year merit increase for Dusty Miner & Levi Seilonen
- g) Payroll – position changes on Heath Womack & J.D. Harris
- h) Payroll – Appellate brief for Jacqie Spradling

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner King moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m. until August 13, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

William H. King, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Commissioner Symes, Commissioner