

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk/Election Official for the purpose of canvassing the August 2, 2016 Primary Election. Commissioner Thomas R. Williams was absent.

Commissioners reviewed the election and found no discrepancies.

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

Absent
Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, and Larry Walden, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 2, 2016 meeting.

Sherrie discussed Meals on Wheels for the past year. She stated the services by Allen County have been up and running for one full year. The jail has fixed 15,831 meals since August 1, 2015. The cost to the county has been \$34,885.00, which \$10,753.70 has been received in donations and reimbursed back into the Services to the Elderly fund, making a total cost to Allen County of \$22,131.30.

Aaron Franklin, Farm City Days representative, discussed Farm City Days that will be held October 6th through 9th on the courtyard. The event attracts an estimated 6,000 – 8,000 people to the downtown Iola Square. Farm City Day's request approval to hold the "Car Show" and "Music Concert" on the lawn, close down Nevada Road, upgrade electric, and a Beer Garden on the courthouse lawn. Discussion followed. They would like to have the Beer Garden open from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and 1 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington expressed he would like to see it in the closed street, not on courthouse yard. Discussion followed. Draft beer not cans, Crawford sales out of Fort Scott. Commissioner Talkington stated he didn't want to set precedent and wondered if liability would be an issue. Aaron stated they have their own insurance for liability.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Aaron said last year they had around 70 vendors and had issues with electronic problems. They (Farm/City Committee) replaced the old GFCI outlets within the boxes which cost them \$1,230.62 in 2015. He stated the main issue is there is not enough power on the square. After visiting with private electricians and Jim Baker, City of Lola Electric Department Supervisor, it was apparent additional power supply would be necessary. Jim Baker added Aaron in coming up with a three phase fix. **Phase I** was the replacement of all receptacles which was completed in November of 2015. **Phase II** is separation of power between the east and west lawn pedestals. This would be handled by resetting the 25kva transformer that is currently on the east lawn on to the west lawn for service of those pedestals on the west lawn, and replacing that one with a 50kva pad mount transformer on the east lawn. It would also require the use of and installation of some additional primary and secondary direct burial wire. The total estimate of this project is \$2,811.70, of which \$753.39 is for the material allowance. The balance is labor and will be provided by the City of Lola. **Phase III** is the installation of 2-3 additional pedestals on the east lawn. An estimate has been provided by Stanion Wholesale Electric Company for two pedestals totaling \$888.56 for materials only. There would be approximately \$300.00 additional in electric wire to install the supple to the pedestal. The city is willing to come up with the labor if the county will pay for the materials. Aaron would like to see a couple more pedestals on the east lawn. Discussion followed. Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting. He stated extra electric is a good idea, because in the past it has been an issue on blowing breakers. Aaron presented maps of the proposed electric update and pointed out area for each new proposed pedestal. This would benefit not only Farm City Days, but the Mad Bomber and Relay for Life, possibly the Farmer's Market. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve \$3,172.57 for improvement to the electrical pedestals. Chairman Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Commissioners also approved the other usual items of music stage, car show and to close Nevada Road, but declined to approve the Beer Garden.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, discussed the Allen/Anderson County line bridge project. He presented a paper for the commission to sign off on for agreement of payment to help pay for the bridge. Commissioners would like wait until Commissioner Williams is present.

Commissioner Talkington discussed Denise Bird's residence and a drainage issue in her yard due to some work the department had done across the street. Discussion followed. Mitch will go review.

Commissioner Talkington discussed speed limit on the road leading south out of Lola towards US Hwy 169. He stated it is a personal issue by a resident that lives right where the speed limit increases. Discussion followed. Mitch will check it out.

Mitch discussed the rock crusher being down, but is working on it. They currently have enough rock to last a little while.

Alan Weber discussed moisture at the lower level of the Medical Arts Building, but stated the moisture issues should be taken care of when a parking lot is laid.

Alan requested to carry over 39 hours of vacation. Commissioners approved the carry over to be used within 6 months.

Alan discussed the legal part of the "Beer Garden". Commissioners stated they did not approve the "Beer Garden" on county property.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 8/4/16 - \$282,707.69 & 8/9/16 - \$69,450.64
- b) Payroll changes

c) Journal Entry #48

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

____ Absent _____
Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner