

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

Robert Johnson, Iola Register and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, discussed forfeitures and seizures. Sheriff Murphy discussed what the county sheriff's department does with monies collected on seizures. Discussion followed on accounts and what it could be spent on.

Commissioner Talkington discussed charges/fees the City of Iola discussed at their meeting last evening. He also reported the City of Iola received recognition and award for best tasting water and other items the city discussed last evening.

Commissioner Talkington discussed Bowlus Fine Arts funding and what county funding should cover. Discussion followed.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported Allen County's FFA study on the windfarm at LaHarpe has been completed.

Mitch reported proposals went out for a crusher. Bids will be back on February 21, 2018 to Public Works; they include purchase and leasing options. The closest companies are in Wichita and Kansas City, most crusher businesses are located in Missouri. Discussion followed on the current crusher's history.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting.

Joyce Adair, Iola Seniors Inc. President, and Joe Hess, Iola Seniors Inc. Treasurer, joined the meeting. Joe introduced Joyce Adair as the new President, they hold elections every two years. Joyce thanked the commission for the use of the building. She explained what gets donated and sales and storage. Joyce thanked the commission for the new storage building, sidewalks and bench. She explained if people donate they give receipts. She reported in 2017 they donated \$16,500 to other agencies that provide services to this community; she named each and every one. Bob Johnson asked how much have they donated over the last few years; \$20,000 over the last ten years would equal \$200,000. Joe explained they could do that due to the partnership the county has with them; the county owns the building and pays utilities.

Joe discussed if the county puts rock 2" base rock and regular rock on top of it. Joyce stated anytime the county is ready to lay it they are ready to have it done. Commissioners asked Ron to coordinate with Mitch.

Ron reported the carpet will not be installed until the week after Memorial Day.

George Levans joined the meeting. Commissioners asked if he had cows taken care of.

George discussed a publication in the Iola Register being too small to read. Discussion followed.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed tax foreclosure sale schedule for March 7, 2018. Discussion on who can and cannot bid followed. Alan discussed eviction notices will have to be done on 3 of the houses. He explained what happens with personal property left.

Alan discussed the Nuisance Abatement problem with Ken Wright's property. He updated the commission where KDHE and clean-up it.

Alan requested commission sign a support letter so that Humanity House Foundation could apply for a grant. Commissioner Daniels moved to authorize Chairman Williams to sign the letter. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Alan requested to go 30 hours per week, he is burning through vacation leaving at 3 p.m. now. Commissioners approved. Discussion followed zoning and flood administration and such.

Mitch reported the crusher is a 1987 model purchased in 1993. Discussion followed.

Sherrie asked if selling the old Service to the Elderly Van to Coffey County to replace their damaged van would be possible if Coffey County decide they need it. Commissioners agreed and to check with Alan on sale of county property.

Commissioners reviewed Iola Seniors Inc. county inventory for 2017.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 2/6/18 -\$252,406.29 & 2/13/18 -\$16,417.22
- b) Payroll Changes-
- c) Abatements: RE Value 15,357, \$2161.22, Year 2017
RE Value 3840, \$538.12, Year 2016
PP Value 60, \$10.94, Year 2017

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Talkington moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m. until February 20, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jim Talkington, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner