

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson William H. "Bill" King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, and Bryan J. Murphy, Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting to discuss a few projects for Allen County. Humboldt Senior Center has nice tables but the chairs need to be replaced. He presented a sample chair. He presented bids from Zorro for \$17.13; Amazon for \$21.17; Sam's for \$23.63; Navrat's for \$34.75 and McCarty's for \$39.00. He requested to purchase 4 and see if everyone like them before ordering the 60 that are needed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes asked about a cart to hold them. Commissioner Symes moved to purchase 4 from Zorro and 4 from Amazon to see which would work the best. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Larry Walden, citizen, joined the meeting.

Ron requested the commission to be consider replacing the tables in the assembly room with lighter weight tables. The current ones are heavy and hard for one person to lift. The current tables would go to the airport for use.

Ron requested to repaint the band stand. Commissioners approved him to get bids.

Ron requested to repaint the Iola Senior Center. Discussion followed whether the county crews could do it. They are too busy keeping up with roads and other projects. Commissioners approved Ron to get bids.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the Allen County Regional Airport Director is leaving and he will be looking for a replacement but has some employees cross trained to fill in for now. He has a couple of seasonal and a couple of regular positions open at this time.

Mitch stated the guys are fixing washouts. The crusher is still down. Mitch stated when the crusher is up and going it crushes a lot.

Commissioner Daniels stated he visited with Monarch Cement about leaving mud on the road. Monarch is fixing that and working on a new entrance to help with problem.

Terry Call joined the meeting.

Mitch stated Mine Safety Training will be going on for the next two days for his employees.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:44 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:49 a.m. No action was taken.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, presented 2019 statistics for 911 calls. She stated 2018 call volume of 48,000 went up to 53,000 calls during 2019. Their busiest day on average are Wednesday's. She explained what differences might be in calls days such as if electric goes out then there are more calls. Angie reported the busiest month was May with 5,405 calls. The busiest hour of the day is 6 p.m. followed by 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 4 p.m. Statistics show 98.63% of the calls are answered within 10 seconds, .80% of calls are within 15 seconds and t.30% within 20 seconds.

Angie presented 2019 annual information from PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (another name for 911 Center). She explained each of the calls is directed to a department, location, and type. Angie reported Case numbers issued for the Sheriff, Iola, Humboldt, Moran and LaHarpe Police Departments. They also track calls when an office stops a vehicle for tracking purposes; which ones were Traffic Stops, Criminal, suspicious person, reckless driver and harassment. Calls for services have continued to climb in the last three years. She stated they also get calls for animal control, utility calls, controlled burns and livestock out.

Angie presented information from NCIC – National Criminal Information Center (the way 911 gets criminal history) from 2017 to 2019; 2019 had 100,171, 2018 had 101,319 and 2017 was 92,608. Angie also presented a few statistics on PFA – Protection from Abuse/Stalking. She also reported on those calls. Triples III's are the criminal history: 3,239 of them. They had 120 stolen or missing vehicles, 48 missing person, 46 missing license plates, 6 missing guns and 17 missing articles. Angie discussed the stops for "Click it or Ticket". Dispatch doesn't get paid overtime from the State during "Click it or Ticket" like the deputies do. Discussion followed.

Angie and Commissioners discussion on how many are on duty at all times at the 911 Communications. Angie stated she has 2 on duty at all times and she is there most of the time and can help. Some days she staff's more when they know things are coming up. Commissioners thanked her and said to thank her staff.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented bids for furniture for the new ambulance stations. The current furniture is not the County's at all, those have all been replaced by Iola. He explained why the need for all new appliances and furniture. Terry stated the TV's and microwaves are about the only thing that can be transferred. The only places to get furniture in Allen County is Wesco and Flynn's or Stewarts are from Chanute. Bids were from Westco for 2 dryers \$799.98, 2 Dryers for \$919.98, 2 Refrigerators for \$1,399.98, 2 Gas ranges for \$800.98 for a total of \$4,019.92 for appliances, 4 complete twin beds plus 10 year mattress protector for \$1,959.96, 4 Recliners for \$1,799.96 rated at 300 pounds, 2 loveseats for \$799.98, 4 night stands for \$559.96, 4 end tables for \$479.96 and 4 bar stools for \$239.96 and a \$59.99 delivery charge for a tottla of \$5,899.77 total for furniture; Flynn's Appliance for 2 dryers \$910.10, 2 Dryers for \$1,100.10, 2 Refrigerators for \$1,489.60, 2 Gas ranges for \$853.10 for a total of \$4,352.90 for appliances, no furniture bid; and from Stewarts for 4 complete twin beds plus mattress and box spring for \$1,436.00, 4 Recliners for \$1,999.96, 2 loveseats for \$1,098.00, 4 night stands for \$675.00, 4 end tables for \$545.00 and 4 bar stools for \$239.96 for a total of \$5,993.92 for furniture. Discussion followed. Chairman King asked about purchasing some from Flynn's for appliances and Wesco for furniture. Discussion followed on quality and quantity. The Humboldt Ambulance Station is scheduled to be done here at the end of February or 1st of March and will be starting on Moran Station as soon as possible. Commissioner Daniels moved to get furniture from Westco for \$5,899.77 and appliances from Flynn's for \$4,019.92. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry reported the Fire Station north of town is coming along.

Commissioner Symes asked about other expenses for the ambulance stations such as linens. Terry stated the employees usually bring their own and wash their own things.

Terry stated he hasn't ordered the signs for either ambulance station at this time.

Terry updated the commissioners on a complaint received from Mildred resident on other resident. He sent them Nuisances Abatement Act letters. Discussion followed. Sheriff Murphy said under statutes if they are creating a health issue then something could be done. Discussion followed. Sheriff Murphy asked if the County could do the same as Kenny Wright's property done earlier.

Chairman King reported Loren Lance had asked where the county was for storm shelters for Mildred area. Discussion followed. Terry stated the shelters were \$2,000 for 10 to 12 persons. Commissioners asked if Terry could get updated prices. Larry asked if groups of homes needed storm shelters would the county be willing to put in all areas.

Sherrie asked about LaHarpe Days request. Commissioners are still taking under consideration.

Larry asked about the \$183,000 contribution on G&W if it included in kind services from Allen County. Discussion followed. He said now Humboldt Store wants \$143,000.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:28 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 2/20/2020-\$337,288.52 & 2/24/2020-\$1,852.12
- b) Payroll – Vacation Carryover for 6 months for Debra Ludlum and Christopher Bowman
- c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes and Bill King
- d) Annual inventory – Public Works Department
- e) Clerk's Journal Entry #8
- f) Abatements:
 - RE Value 674, \$139.46, Yr 2019
 - PP Value 131, \$18.2, Yr 2012
 - PP Value 157, \$23.86, Yr 2013
 - PP Value 157, \$22.14, Yr 2014
 - PP Value 157, \$22.28, Yr 2015
 - PP Value 157, \$21.96, Yr 2016
 - PP Value 157, \$22.04, Yr 2017
 - PP Value 90, \$12.34, Yr 2018
 - PP Value 180, \$31.60, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. until March 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner