

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register and Sarah Jones, Humboldt Union representative, and Larry Walden, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Daniel Dale Creitz, Chief Judge of the 31st Judicial District, did the honor of swearing in Thomas R. Williams as Allen County Commissioner District #2 for his second term.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 3, 2017 meeting.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension District and Jerry Middendorf, Allen County Fair Board Renovation Committee, and Larry Crawford, Allen County Fair Board, joined the commission. Jerry stated the Commission had requested proof of ownership of the buildings. He reported there is a 100 year lease on the grounds and everything on it. At one point there was a lease transferring it to the City so they believe the buildings belong to the city. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams stated based on what the Fair Board does; they deserve to have county support.

Carla stated Alan has reviewed the lease and said they lease it, but at the end of the day the city owns the land and buildings. Carla stated she believes there is still about 50 years still on the lease. Jerry stated they still have to repair buildings even though the city might own. Commissioner Williams asked for an estimate on the roof. Jerry stated \$30,000 but would like it to have an additional paper under the roof covering and add ventilation; the warranty is for 30 years. Commissioner Williams stated he looked and noticed there is some wood damage as well. Discussion followed on solutions and proposed solutions. Commissioner Williams stated he would like the county to help, but wants to make sure it will last a few years. Sheriff Murphy asked about what the Buildings and Trades School at LaHarpe might be able to do; worth a thought. Commissioner Talkington stated his concerns about fixing City buildings, in-kind work. He discussed keeping monies separate from the actual Fair Board monies. Discussion followed. Jerry discussed finances of revenue and expenses on the Fair itself. Jerry reviewed in detail a Five year average of events. Allen County currently gives the Fair Board \$11,000.00. Commissioner Williams asked that Jerry what he would like to see the county do for the Fair Board. Carla stated it has been good for them to research what the commission has asked. Jerry would like to make the Fair Grounds more attractive to draw attention. Commissioners asked to table the discussion for a week.

Larry Walden asked if they had visited with the City of Iola. Carla has a meeting today. The Fair Board had applied for Guest Tax from the City of Iola.

Commissioner Talkington asked if all the State Fillings have been done; Jerry stated there are 4 or 5 meters active at the time of fair. The president is Randy Slocum. They continue to pay for one meter to keep the fridge running.

Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Jim Talkington as 2017 Chairman. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Jim will serve as Chairman.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented information for Construction Program in Allen County, Kansas Bridge Replacement Grading and Seeding Bridge Project # 3.0-T.2. The bridge is located on 600th Street 0.8 miles North and 1.0 mile West of Petrolia over Scatter Creek. The proposed bridge is a 30' – 40' – 30' Span Reinforced Concrete Haunch Slab

Bridge. Commissioner Williams moved to have the commission sign the Agreement. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

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

Sherrie requested commissioners review and approve Cereal Malt Beverage License for Humboldt Speedway Inc. Sheriff Murphy stated he was okay with it. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Humboldt Speedway. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Sherrie presented a resignation letter from Leon Harris, lola Township Treasurer elect. He has moved into the City of lola. The City of lola is a second class city and by statute not allowed to be a township officer. The townships' nomination is Sari Hunt. Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Sari Hunt as lola Township Treasurer for the unexpired term of Leon Harris. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Larry Walden, citizen, presented information on work he is doing on: The Constitution, Bill of Rights, Magna Carta, Articles of Confederation, and Declaration of Independence. Discussion followed on his work as donation to Allen County to hang in the courthouse. Discussion followed on other items as well.

Larry stated he would like to have the commission purchase an MRI for the Allen County Regional Hospital and to build a clinic. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the 2016 Annual Reports of lola Township and Fire District #2 Allen County Rural Volunteers.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, didn't have anything to bring before the board.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – signed 1/5/17 - 2016 - \$557,152.44 & 2017 - \$58,437.91
Signed 1/10/17 – 2016 - \$40,443.14 & 2017 - \$202,937.03
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries: 1-2
- d) Inventory: Allen County 911 Communications Center, Moran Senior/Community Center, and Humboldt Senior Center.
- e) Abatements: PP Value 360, \$64.36, Year 2015
PP Value 540, \$96.14, Year 2016

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Absent
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner