

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Sarah Jones, Humboldt Union and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for remodel of the large courtroom. He explained there is cork board on the south court wall and has had a leak, the leak has been fixed, but needs repaired. Superior Builders, LLC for \$3,945.00 and DE Construction for \$5,200.00 and Dan Struck declined to bid. Discussion followed. New sheet rock and paint is all Judge Creitz requested. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the bid from Superior Builders, LLC. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie asked about raises.

Sherrie presented bids for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. Bids were received from Stacy Cakes for \$10.50 per person; Simply Delicious for \$11.00 per person and Smokin' Charlies, L.L.C. for \$11.50. Discussion followed on reviews for the department heads. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Stacy Cakes. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie requested signatures from the commission for the Secretary of State's List of County Officers.

Sherrie presented an Application for an Authorized Emergency Vehicle Permit (Red Light) for Travis Baughn for Fire/Rescue for Allen County Volunteer Fire in Allen County. It has been signed off on by Allen County Volunteer Fire Chief Darrel Baughn and Allen County Sheriff Bryan Murphy. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Authorized Emergency Vehicle Permit. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie presented Resolution 201701 concerning fixed assets:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201701

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1117 (SUPP. 1978), 75-1120 (SUPP. 1982), 75-1121 (SUPP. 1988), AND 75-122 (SUPP. 1983) SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS TO MAINTAIN FIXED ASSET RECORDS AND OBSERVE FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING PRACTICES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, Allen County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2017, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to Allen County, Kansas or the members of the general public of Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolution of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ending December 31, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 17th day of January 2017, that the said Board of County Commissioners requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of said law as they apply to Allen County, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of County Commissioners shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of the said municipality to be prepared on the bases of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this state.

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS**

Commissioner Williams moved to adopt Resolution 201701. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Walt Regehr, Jr. to serve another three year term from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019 on the SEK Mental Health Consolidated Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappointed Tom Williams, Nicholas Lohman and Jean Barber to the Multi County Health Board. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie asked the Commissioners about someone to serve in Paul Sorenson's place on the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board. He had mentioned at a previous meeting he would like to have commissioners find a replacement.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappointed Mitch Garner and Commissioner Jerry Daniels, alternate, to the Southeast Kansas Solid Waste Operating Authority and Operating Authority Board of Directors. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappointed Jim Talkington, to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Nelda Cuppy (term expires January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019) as nominated by City of Moran to the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Jean Barber to serve another three year term on the Public Building Commission. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Her term will expire in February 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported a traffic accident which involved two employees. Employees were not injured, but there were three in the other vehicle that were, but will be ok.

Mitch presented the Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2016 as required by K.S.A. 2-1316. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Commission to sign the two reports. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. All commissioners signed the reports.

Mitch discussed the icy weather that was projected to come in over last weekend. He had a few employees out, but the weather warmed up so there wasn't as much ice as predicted.

Commissioners discussed raises and the pay scale submitted by Austin Peters Group. Commissioner Williams moved to increase wages at the cost of living of .3% and remainder of the increase up to 5%

(4.7%) as discretionary merit with the caveat the department heads understand will it affect their department budgets and it is tax payer monies. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Cindy Lane, Southeast Area on Aging Director, presented information for Allen County in comparison to the other counties. They have cut into their reserves. Cindy had presented a request for \$10,000 for 2017 county funds back in June. Discussion followed. Commissioners will review and take under consideration.

Sherrie mentioned this is the time for the Commissioners to appoint the "Official Newspaper" again for the year. Chairman Talkington moved to appoint lola Register as the official newspaper and continue to print in both lola Register and Humboldt Union. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Loren Korte, Personal Service Insurance, discussed EMS Life Insurance for Allen County employees. Discussion followed. Bids were from Guardian for monthly cost of \$484.09 based on 100 employees, Mutual for monthly cost of \$379.82 based on 100 employees, Principal for monthly cost of \$370.89 based on 100 employees and EMC Insurance for monthly cost of \$290.45 based on 100 employees. Commissioner Williams moved to accept EMS Insurance for the employee's life insurance. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension District and Jerry Middendorf, Allen County Fair Board Renovation Committee, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the commission. Carla reported the only change was a November utility bill which was incurred in August at fair time. Sales tax was paid of \$500 which was not in the current reports. Carla reported she had visited with Sid Fleming, City of lola Administrator, they thought about a MOU with documenting who does what. They felt like the Fair Board leases (1966-99 year lease) therefore the buildings are the Fair Board's responsibility. Discussion followed. City will mow the grass, Fair Board maintains buildings. Jerry stated they have done a lot of research. County 5,000 4H council which pays for judges and mileage, Southwind is the extension but ministers the 4H but does not pay for the fair but does have the man power for fair planning and works. No monies goes to ...\$6,000 open class, security, advertising, utilities and such. The events used to make monies, they need to get back to that. Events now pay for only about 50% of the fair and sponsorships account for the remainder. Commissioner Williams stated it should always continue but will work with whatever is fair for all. Commissioner Daniels stated as long as Allen County is legally authorized to help he sees the need to have funding. Alan stated they county could help; and the 99 year lease would be a life time of the building. Carla explained portions of new changes for the Fair for 2017; it will be all going through the weekend, but will be shorter than a week; it will be July 27 to July 31. Chairman Talkington asked what other counties give to their Fair Boards. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels stated Fair also draws people to town. Carla stated having all the main events on the weekend should allow the working folks to attend. Commissioner Williams asked if the City would sell the buildings for an amount. Alan stated it is a municipal park, the buildings aren't movable so he doesn't see the city selling to the county in part. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams stated he doesn't care what the other counties do we need to do something for our community and their kids. It is about farms and real life and would like to see the city participate more. Commissioner Daniels would like to see an amount for 2017 and change it or go with a 5 year plan. Jerry stated \$30,000 for just the roof and then to see what can be done after that. Commissioner Williams stated he stressed the main thing is to take the time and do it right, figure out a figure and plan and give courtesy. Jerry stated he felt the monies requested would be enough (\$30,000 per year) that once thing would all up and going they would be able to maintain on their own. Commissioners do not want to micro manage the project and feels the committee would do what is right and needed. Carla stated the monies should be in a separate fund under extension or 4H account. Chairman Talkington stated he has heart burn with the amounts; the

\$30,000 for a roof is too high. He would like to have oversight of the monies. Commissioner Daniels moved to have Allen County Fair Board Renovation Committee have a capital improvement fund which the commission will budget \$30,000 for each of the next 5 years with the final approval for each expenditure recommended by the Fair Board to be approved by the County Commissioner. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed redoing the lease for Fair with the City of Iola.

Alan requested an executive session. Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Commissioner Daniels, Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed Department Heads and Elected Officials raises. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve a .3% COLA and 2.5% increase. Commissioner Williams seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0

Commissioners reviewed the 2016 annual reports from Fire District #3 and Osage Township.

Commissioners reviewed a letter from Angela Murphy requesting to carry over 95 hours of vacation time.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 2016 - \$5,299.99 & 2017 - \$37,630.60
- b) Inventory sheets: Commissioner's Office and Allen County Clerk's Office.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 24, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner