

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.

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

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Kenneth McWhirter to serve another three-year term from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 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.

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 June Terrill (term runs January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020) to the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Ron Moore to serve another three-year term on the Public Building Commission. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. His term will expire in February 2021.

Chairman Talkington moved to reappoint Andy Dunlap to the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint LaDonna Krone and Larry Walden to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Chairman Talkington to the SEK Juvenile Detention Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to name Iola Register as Official Newspaper and to continue to publish in the Humboldt Union as well for maximum distribution. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved to present Kansas Association of Counties awards to employees at their January 9, 2018 meeting.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting. Commissioners thanked Terry Call for his work on the trails. He explained what all happened with getting it set up; others were involved.

Alan Weber joined the meeting.

Terry discussed ambulance runs for 2017. They discussed run charges. Terry stated the charges are governed by Medicare. Terry stated the Set Off Program from the State of Kansas collects some. Discussion followed. Terry reported how much he has collected from runs. Terry reported the Fire Department is better about getting the reports in in a timely matter. Chairman Talkington asked if Terry has any goals for 2018. Terry responded with he would like to collect the \$1,007,000.

Terry and Alan will be attending a 2020 Census Meeting in Lawrence for the purpose of 911 addressing this month.

Bob Johnson discussed his semi-retirement from the Iola Register.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed KDOT coming up to visit the commission one of these days. They will be starting on US 169 Highway about March 2018 from Hawaii and Minnesota. Discussion followed. Mitch stated they will be putting up counters before and after. Commissioner Daniels stated some of the roads will need resealed once this detour happens; roads are good now, but once they are pounded with consistent heavy traffic they will need work.

Commissioner Daniels requested Mitch to look at Connecticut north to Humboldt; looking at a washboard. Chairman Talkington asked about Oregon Road being redone. Discussion followed on count of the county roads.

Chairman Talkington requested Mitch to bring up his road maintenance list next week.

Commissioner Daniels asked about the rebuild of the airport hangar. Mitch stated as soon as it gets here; they are waiting on parts.

Alan reported the Certificate of Occupancy; G&W was late December 28 and should have been December 15. Alan recommended making the payout. Commissioners approved.

Chairman Talkington discussed adding HR to the flow chart. Alan discussed just adding it to the job descriptions. Alan will review. Commissioners approved Alan to review the HR piece of job descriptions.

Chairman Talkington requested the flow chart be approved with Human Resource. Discussion followed on whether it should be or not be added into a job description. Chairman Talkington moved to approve the flow chart as presented and include it in all personnel documents. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Alan will review the job descriptions.

Terry Call asked what the ramp is for on the west side of G&W. Discussion followed on different ideas.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, mentioned he is pondering changing the KPERs to KPF. He asked if the commission would look at it. Cost money to figure it out for analyses. Better for law enforcement than KPERs. Commissioner Daniels all for it; it is a deluxe retirement for law enforcement. Cannot roll KPERs into KPF but KPF will roll into KPERs. Bryan will present a cost to the commission. Commissioners approved Bryan to research.

Bryan presented ideal projects he has been working on for 8-9 months. He discussed a couple of projects; 1. Putting a 240-foot tower in each corner of the county: Petrolia, Geneva, Mildred and Savonburg; 2. Project being one 500-foot tower in the center of the county which would be in LaHarpe. Discussion followed on each project. He discussed he would like to see one in the center of the county; for Law Enforcement, Allen County Fire Departments, County Ambulance, Public Works, and others. Tower cost for one is approximately \$703,886 for a 500-foot tower which could be rented out to others and keep the county from paying rent to another vendor. Costs could also be lowered a little by in kind from Public Works Department. Cost of four towers would be \$1,236,696 for the shorter. County might have to purchase land if not put at the landfill. Currently the law enforcement deputies cannot communicate around Savonburg which creates a safety issue. Discussion followed. Crawford County uses a microwave system which when it goes down, it goes down. Explore funding options; grants, other departments and/or other entities it would benefit. Discussion on the way the state has done their radios. Commissioners thanked Bryan for his work on the proposed projects.

Commissioners asked Bryan if he discussed the landfill option with Mitch Garner, Public Works Director. Bryan stated yes, he has. The tower would be here 60 to 80 years, not just 20 years.

Bryan reported a few years ago there was a study done that would cost around 1.7 million alone for 800MHz radios in all the emergency vehicles.

Bryan discussed the jail costs went over due to a homicide that they had to house several individuals for that.

Bryan discussed jail board funding and how they collected enough to pay the bond for 2017. Discussion followed on changes that will be happening in 2018.

Chairman Talkington asked if the commission had time to discuss projects for 2018. All the commissioners stated towers, airport, ambulance stations would be some of the projects.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 9, 2018 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

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner