

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner William H. King, Commissioner Bruce Symes, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Rick Danley, Iola Register, Nick Reynolds, The Humboldt Union, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, EMS Billing/Zoning Administrator, Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, Michael Burnett, EMS Director, John Brocker, Robert and Juanell Garrett, and Larry Walden, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 15, 2019.

Cole discussed and presented maps of the location of the proposed ambulance station in the City of Humboldt in the 800th block of Osage Street in Humboldt. He reported the City of Humboldt Council met and approved of the location. Discussion followed. The First Christian Church will donate the land as long as it is used for an ambulance station. Director Burnett and Administrator Fleming both agree it is a great spot for the station. Counselor Johnson stated Allen County needs a Title commitment and clean title.

Commissioner King discussed the land in the city of Moran and where it is located. The state will allow a drive way where there was originally a location. Discussion followed on the Architectural statements. The architect was approved at the April 3, 2018 commission meeting. Counselor Johnson will visit with Zingre & Associates, P.A. Mike Stodgell is donating land in the City of Moran. Commissioner King stated there were some persons that were wanting Allen County to look at the funeral home in Moran but that will not work for an ambulance station.

Larry asked if the cities will be doing anything to help with the stations.

Sid stated they would like to review ambulance bids as soon as possible. He scheduled a time on January 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. to review the ambulance bids and provide a quarterly update.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported he had a few crew out Saturday morning due to ice on bridges, but they didn't have to plow any snow. They are out patching roads and potholes as well.

Mitch stated they haven't gotten far on the hangar due to the weather.

Mitch updated the commission on in coming traffic for the wind farm; towers and such. He commented it will be better once roads dry out.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Jean Barber and Nic Lohman to server on the SEK Multi County Health Department Board. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the contract with Advantage Computer.

Advantage Computer

Phone: (620) 365-5156 Fax: (620) 365-7980
PO Box 385, 1000 W Miller Rd
Iola, KS 66749



Contract

No: **34595**

Allen County Courthouse

Annual Retainer for NW & PC Labor at \$75/hr.

Reference: 1407

Effective Date 4/1/2019 to 3/31/2020

Total Price: \$ 1,200.00

Includes

Labor and Maintenance on Networking, PCs, Connectivity, Consulting, and Writing Bid Specifications will be billed at the rate of \$75 per hour (1/2 hour minimum). Travel will be billed at \$45 per hour (\$25 per hour for each additional tech) plus meals and lodging if overnight stay required. Clients with annual retainer contracts are given priority support scheduling over non-contract customers. The retainer amount is not a prepayment for service but rather a fee paid to acquire the lowest possible flat rate for all services along with priority scheduling.

Regular Maintenance can be performed on a prescheduled day. Other maintenance will be scheduled with ACE, Inc. as needed. Any deviation from the schedule will be approved in advance with the designated person.

Special Instructions

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- A. Service calls will be made at the customer's premises during regular business hours defined as Monday through Friday between 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. except for Advantage Computer Enterprises, Inc. observed holidays.
- B. Cost of mileage and labor necessary to make service calls other than during normal business hours will be charged separately at the then current rates.
- C. During the term of the Agreement, and for a period of one (1) year thereafter, neither party shall hire personnel of the other party involved in the efforts performed hereunder, without the expressed written consent of the other party.
- D. Travel will be billed at \$45 per hour (\$25 per hour for each additional tech) plus meals and lodging if overnight stay required.
- E. Contract may be terminated upon receipt of written notice of thirty (30) days by either party.
- F. Contract DOES NOT include any services not listed above or the cost of new or replacement hardware/parts.

Items for Account: Allen County Courthouse No. 62, ID: 1407 1 N Washington Iola, KS 66749

Item ID: Contract Labor Description: Contract Technical Labor

Warranted Thru:

Customer Inventory: No

Quantity	Start Date	Renewal List
1	4/1/2019	

Accepted by: _____

Customer Signature

Date

Contract prepared by: Janet Thompson

Email: janet@aceks.com

Commissioner King moved to approve the retainer contract with Advantage Computer. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Loren Korte, Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee Board member, Tony Thompson, Allen County Regional Hospital Administrator, Larry Peterson, Allen County Regional Hospital Financial Director and Jim Gilpin, Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee Board member joined the meeting. Larry presented the Debt Service Coverage Ratio for the commission to see how the hospital is doing for 2018.

Allen County Regional Hospital
 Debt Service Coverage Ratio
 Period: 01/01/18 to 12/31/18

Total Operating and Non-operating Revenues	22,240,721.29	
Non-operating Income/Expense	0.00	
Investment Income	7,457.25	
Unrestricted Contributions	0.00	
Total Revenues	22,248,178.54	[A]
Total Operating Expenses	20,606,096.28	
Interest Expense	2,625.83	
Payments on Capital Leases (principal)	119,961.93	
Less: Depreciation and Amortization	-274,988.99	
Total Current Expenses	20,453,695.05	[B]
Net Revenue over Net Current Expenses	1,794,483.49	[A] - [B]
Net Revenue over Net Current Expenses [annualized]	1,794,483.49	
Add: Sales Tax Receipts (YTD):		
Sales Tax Receipts: Allen County, KS	445,414.56	
Sales Tax Receipts: City of Iola	314,211.95	
Interest Income on SLGS	421,004.47	
Total YTD Sales Tax Receipts and Investment Income	1,180,630.98	[D]
Sales Tax Receipts [YTD annualized]	1,180,630.98	[(D) Annualized]
Numerator: Net Revenue over Net Current Expenses	2,975,114.47	(((A) - [B]) Annualized) - ([C] - ([D] Annualized))
Debt Service Requirements (previous 12 months):		
2011 Bonds: Interest Due	211,572.50	
2011 Bonds: Principle Due	820,000.00	
2012 Bonds: Interest Due	752,610.00	
2012 Bonds: Principle Due	0.00	
2013 Bonds: Interest Due	0.00	
2017A Bonds: Interest Due	725,928.44	
2017A Bonds: Principle Due	150,000.00	
2017B Bonds: Interest Due	124,271.78	
2017B Bonds: Principle Due	415,000.00	
Denominator: Debt Service Requirements	3,199,382.72	[E]
Numerator: Net Revenue over Net Current Expenses	2,975,114.47	(((A) - [B]) Annualized) - ([C] - ([D] Annualized))
Denominator: Debt Service Requirements	3,199,382.72	[E]
Ratio: Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.930	See note

Note: Bond documents require 1.00 or greater

The Ratio is at .93. November and December were not quite up to par 2018 has been the best year in the last 5 years. Discussion followed. 2017 was a rough year and the admin took a real look and made some cuts in expenditures. Tony explained Ralph Hull a General Surgeon is now practicing full time in Allen County and will be in an office in Fort Scott a couple of times a week so should bring some of those citizens here for surgery.

Tony explained the Hospital Association in working with them on KanCare Expansion. He presented information:

Annual Impact of KanCare Expansion				
Beginning in 2019				
	Hospital Impact		Non Health Care Impact	
	Allen County Hospital		Allen County	
	Without Expansion	With Expansion	Without Expansion	With Expansion
Federal Legislative Hospital Reductions*	\$ (366,660)	\$ (366,660)	\$ (74,526)	\$ (74,526)
KanCare Expansion (KDHE Estimate)*	\$ -	\$ 1,510,804	\$ -	\$ 307,082
Net Gain/Loss	\$ (366,660)	\$ 1,144,144	\$ (74,526)	\$ 232,556
Uncompensated Care	\$2,868,720	\$1,912,480		

* 10-Year Average

Explanation of Data

Federal Legislative Hospital Reductions: This number reflects the HANYS February 2016 report of the 10-year estimated impact of the federal legislative reductions, including ACA Market basket cuts, sequestration, and Medicare DSH Cuts divided by 10 for an average annual impact.

KanCare Expansion: This number is based on expansion estimated provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for 2018 SB 38

Uncompensated Care (without expansion): This number reflects the annual charity care and bad debt costs as reported by this hospital in the 2017 AHA annual survey. Charity care is defined as care for which the hospital never expected to be reimbursed. Bad debt is incurred when a hospital cannot obtain reimbursement for care provided because patients either are unable to pay their bills and do not apply for charity care or are simply unwilling to pay their bills.

Uncompensated Care (with expansion): This number reflects a reduction of a third of the uncompensated care reported by this hospital in the 2017 AHA annual survey. The uncompensated care amount with expansion was calculated based on the Colorado Hospital Association study dated September 2014 which found that, while all states saw a reduction in uncompensated care with the implementation of the ACA, on average, expansion states had a reduction of 52 percent in uncompensated care while non-expansion states saw only a 15 percent reduction. Expansion alone results in a one-third reduction in uncompensated care.

Legislators are working on submitting bills to deal with this but it will still be a long road to get changes. Loren stated commissioners really need to be communicating with legislators.

Jim Gilpin discussed the sales tax for the hospital from the City of Iola. They are hoping to get a renewal from the City of Iola, which expires later this year. He stated they need the sales tax to go with the revenue. Jim stated they received \$25,000 city and \$45,000 county sales tax per month as an average; it goes to pay 2.3 million dollars on the bond. Tony stated the sales tax never comes into the hospital for funding, just to pay bonds off. Loren stated if they had to pull the bond payments out of the revenue from the hospital then they would be in the red. Discussion followed.

Jim stated he has the financial information on the Hospital bonds if the commission would ever want to review it.

Chairman Daniels asked about the bonds being at a 1 rating. Larry stated they work and review them to get the rating up.

Loren updated the commission on the decision to lease management Allen County Regional Hospital. The deadlines for a decision are coming up in the near future. He would like to see a decision done soon possibly in March so that the changeover process can start if need be. They would like a 90-day opportunity to review. ACH or St. Luke's are the two entities on the table. Loren stated his goal would be to set up and put to bed who is going to do what; to know where they will be in 5 to 10 years. He stated his concerns with Fort Scott and Independence hospitals gone. He would like to have a vote in March. Loren offered to come up anytime the commission would like. June 2020 will be when the new management, whichever it is, will take place. Discussion followed on the bond payments.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Terry Call, EMS Ambulance Billing Director/Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:07 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Angie Murphy, 911 Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:44 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners had reviewed a request from the City of LaHarpe to renew their Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP):

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT (Agreement) entered into this 9th day of January, 2019 by and among the City of La Harpe, Kansas, and a duly organized municipal corporation (City); the County of Allen, (County); the Board of Education of USD 257 of Iola, Kansas, (District); and Allen Community College, Allen County, Kansas (College).

The Background

A. K.S.A. 12-2904 allows public agencies to enter into interlocal agreements to jointly perform certain functions including economic development; and

B. K.S.A. 12-17, 114 et seq. provides for a program for neighborhood revitalization and further allows for the use of interlocal agreements between municipalities to further neighborhood revitalization; and

C. It is the desire and intent if the parties hereto to provide the maximum economic development incentive as provided for in K.S.A. 12-17, 119 by acting jointly.

The Agreement

IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parties agree to adopt a neighborhood revitalization plan as contained in Exhibit A and further agree that the neighborhood revitalization plan as adopted will not be amended without approval of the parties except as may be necessary to comply with applicable state law or regulation.
2. The parties further agree that the County shall administer the neighborhood revitalization plan as adopted by each party on behalf of the signatory parties. The County shall create a neighborhood revitalization fund pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17, 118 for the purpose of financing the redevelopment and to provide rebates. Any increment in property taxes received financing the City, County, the District and the College

resulting from quality improvements to property pursuant to the neighborhood revitalization plan shall be credited to the County's neighborhood revitalization fund.

3. This Agreement shall expire February 1, 2022. The parties agree to undertake a review of the neighborhood revitalization plan concluding on or after February 1, 2022 to determine any needed modifications to the neighborhood revitalization plan and participation in a new interlocal agreement. The parties agree that any party may terminate this agreement prior to February 1, 2022 by providing thirty (30) day advance notice provided, however, any applications for tax rebates submitted prior to termination shall, if approved, be considered eligible for the duration of the rebate period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto executed this agreement as of the day and first above written.

Commissioner King moved to enter into the Neighborhood Revitalization Interlocal Agreement with the City of LaHarpe. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill Maness, Thrive Economic Development Director, discussed "VISIT" Allen County proposed September 11, 2018. He mentioned it is not in competition with either Chamber office. Allen County is just not promoted in any magazines or other informational documents. Bill presented a document of some of the facts and Thrives proposal:

VISIT Allen County presentation to Allen County Board of County Commissioners 01/22/19

Note: VISIT Allen County is not intended to compete with either of the Allen County Chambers of Commerce or take anything away from what either Chamber wants to do. Thrive has no interest in being a membership organization that collects dues. In that spirit we hope VISIT is seen as a resource that can help Chambers focus on what they're designed to do: support members who pay annual dues in exchange for services that help their businesses.

The Facts:

- Allen County cities, events and attractions are not being included in regional (Southeast Kansas Living) and official state of Kansas (travelks.com) tourism guides.
- As a result, people outside of Allen County don't know what tourism opportunities Allen County has. If they don't know what's here, they won't come.
- No organization has taken the lead in marketing Allen County as a destination.
- There is no central website that markets Allen County as a destination.
- There is not a full-time visitors' center in Allen County.
- Most communities in Allen County (outside of Humboldt and Iola) have no marketing materials, no budget to develop marketing materials, and no staff to distribute them if they did exist.

Our Proposal:

- Establish a **countywide** visitors' bureau: **VISIT Allen County**
- Purpose:
 - To market outdoor recreation, dining, shopping, festivals and events, arts and culture, and history opportunities available here.
 - To create events that will put heads in beds and bring new restaurant/retail customers
- **Increasing tourism is a proven strategy** for supporting a range of existing businesses--as well as making the community more attractive to prospective new businesses.
- It also helps showcase the community to prospective residents—particularly retirees—seeking a place to call home.

Run it Like a Business:

- Know what we're selling.
- Know who our customers are.
- Know how to reach our customers (i.e, smart advertising).
- Grow market share.
- Hold people accountable.
- Measure performance.

He presented graphics of missed opportunities because Allen County doesn't have a dedicated entity to handle tourism:

Allen County has been missing opportunities because we have no dedicated entity to handle tourism for our county.

Had it not been for Humboldt, the **2017 Official Travel Guide of Kansas** would have been void of any representation by Allen County.

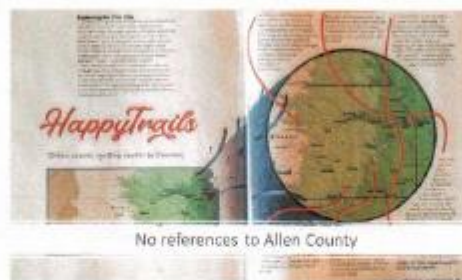


In the 2018 publication Humboldt was there for Allen County, and there was one entry by an Iola business promoting themselves, but still did nothing to encourage Allen County Tourism. **Collectively, between Iola and Humboldt, our county was referenced less than half as many times as either the city of Chanute or Fort Scott.**



He discussed Allen County being recognized in 2017 as "Happy Trails Town of the Year" and never promoted.

Despite being recognized as the 2017 Trail Town of the Year by the Kansas Trail Guide publication **there was no promotion or reference to Allen County** in the "Happy Trails" article that appeared in the annual publication of the State Department of Commerce. This was a significant opportunity to market this special award and promote our county.

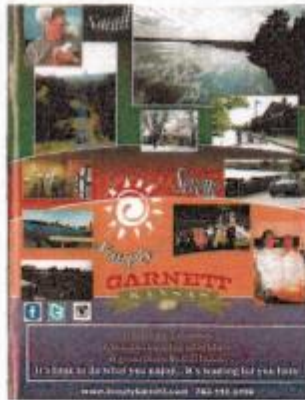


"Tourism is a competitive game and we're not in it."

-David Toland at Visit Allen Co. public meeting September 26, 2018

Bill reviewed the rest of his documents:

Neighboring communities market themselves with at least one full page in most tourism publications, and they provide a literal snapshot of what they have to offer. Here are just a couple of examples.



Garnett



Fort Scott

Chanute and other communities fill two pages in their attempt to attract visitors.



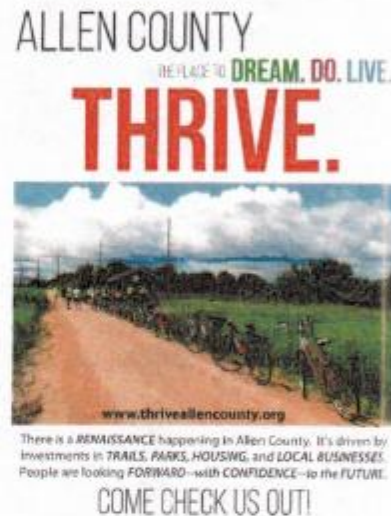
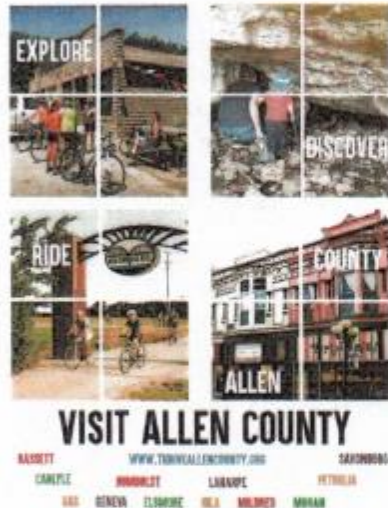
A small text-only display ad, gets squeezed into a page with an article about another area (in this case Montgomery County), and is easily overlooked.



He expects more than as a side note in another county's advertisement. He commented Crawford, Labette and Woodson Counties have all reached out but not in Allen County. He explained what Thrive has done with the funding they had. He discussed the ABC Trails project and some of the community engagement effort underway in LaHarpe. They will be doing it with or without county funding because they see a great need. Commissioner Symes asked if it was Thrive's place or if they just didn't want to step on toes?

Crawford, Labette and Woodson Counties have all reached out and are advertising tourism in their respective counties, but until last year Allen County was still absent in the competition to attract tourist dollars.

Recognizing that Allen County has a great deal to offer, but has never had anyone assume responsibility to pick up the message and deliver it to the rest of the state, and beyond, Thrive began running full page ads to begin to get the word out that there **ARE** things to see and do in Allen County. These ads appeared in *Southeast Kansas Living* and *Southeast Kansas Adventures & Day Trips* magazines.



When he first approached the Allen County commissioners last fall, David Toland's kept his word that Thrive would move forward with VISIT Allen County and continue to provide outreach in the hope that county commissioners would see fit to come along side us and partner with us to provide resources to have the ability to officially launch the program with real impact.

There are a number of other state and regional publications, as well as activity-specific magazines that cover hiking, biking, fishing, camping, and historical sites of interest, which need to share with their readers what Allen County has to offer.

Working as a team, it was a Thrive board member who reached out a tourism magazine that will be out, likely in the spring, with an article about biking events, trails and strategic planning for multi-county trails, such as the ABC Trails collaboration which Allen County Commissioners supported at your last meeting. We have invited them to come back again and write about the community engagement effort underway in La Harpe, where citizens are coming together and making good things happen in THEIR community. A small community zip line can be a tourist attraction, if effectively marketed.

Bill stated that is the reason they think a full-time person would be able to get on this. He reviewed the activities Thrive will undertake with "VISIT" in 2019 and 2020 item by item.

What Activities Will VISIT undertake?

Thrive's staff has developed a workplan for the first 12 months of VISIT Allen County. The key activities and timeline are as follows:

2019

- Launch VISIT Allen County Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
- Recruit and hire director
- Recruit advisory committee
- Install visitor center window wrap/signage
- Conduct outreach to state and regional tourism groups

- Develop listing of events and assets
- Solicit and select designer for website
- Solicit and select graphic designer for marketing materials
- Mid-year program evaluation
- Market and implement bicycle event
- Ensure 2020 events/activities are included in all upcoming guides
- Launch new VISIT Allen County website
- Support marketing of community festivals and holiday events

2020

- Distribution of marketing materials statewide and at specific out of state feeder locations
- Planning large-scale active living event (trail running?)
- Outreach to businesses for promo code program
- Implement visitor survey
- Event launch
- Implement promo codes for lodging, hospitality and retail
- Plan summer programming ramp up
- Year-end program evaluation

Bill commented on creating a county tour such as going to the General Funston Museum, then Mildred down to Elmore to Humboldt back to lola type of tour. He discussed activities like they have had in the past. He presented some evaluation items that they would expect to have looked at to see their success throughout the year:

Evaluation	
Program will be closely monitored in Year 1 to determine what works and what doesn't. Some of the metrics we plan to track include:	
Website:	Visits/sessions Users Page Views Time on Site Top Pages
Social Media:	Facebook Likes and User Reach Twitter Followers Instagram Followers
Meeting Sales:	Leads sent Attendees
Hotel:	Room nights (heads in beds)
Promo codes:	Redemptions at local stores/restaurants

They just want to encourage people to come to Allen County and its communities and take advantages of what is offered. Bill discussed the proposed budget:

BUDGET

	Cost
VISIT Allen County Director (full-time, including benefits)	\$38,222
Marketing Materials/Design	\$11,000
Website	\$8,000
Social Media	\$3,200
Ad purchases	\$15,000
TOTAL CASH EXPENSE	\$75,422
Thrive Cash and In-Kind	\$25,422
Allen County request	\$50,000
TOTAL YEAR 1 BUDGET	\$75,422

The total proposed budget is \$75,422 of which \$25,422 would be Thrive's cash and in-kind. He stated Thrive Allen County has brought in 8 million dollars in grants to Allen County over the years. Hiring a director, they would get the whole Thrive staff's help. Thrive has staff speaking to explain why Allen County is special all around the country; State wide outreach with Blue Cross Blue Shield, technical services around the state; trying to build a coalition around the state. Commissioner Symes asked about a scenario where the county would help start a position but not have an ongoing responsibility? Bill stated there are not grants out there to help, but if the commission approve then maybe they will get some private financial support. Bill stated at the end of year one he thinks the county will see the benefit of the cost of promoting tourism.

Shilo Eggers, Iola Area Chamber of Commerce president, stated they were unaware of the request from Thrive before the commission. She commented the Chambers not fully included in the request and incentive for tourism; this could "kill" the chambers in the cities. The feelings and direction has changed since she has come on board and they are going forward, goals mission is, relocated to Bowlus and sold chamber building. Chamber located in the Bowlus will have a draw for persons coming to town. Thrive wrong vessel to promote tourism. A divide between Thrive and other organizations, the chambers will be pulling the county together. She explained what they are working on through metro media; advertisement and electronically. Shilo explained about out of state hunters and what all they can promote to draw them to Allen County. She expressed her opinion on the full time position Thrive has proposed. Thrive and Chamber should work together and hire a position with a higher qualified person. Shilo feels Thrive is in competition with the Chamber. Counselor Johnson asked about Farm/City Days, Humboldt PRIDE, Biblesta, Communitywork together? Economic Development Board and how they work with all these for collective efforts. The Chamber is already trying to fit the leaders together with the committees. She mentioned CTIF where some won't work together with Thrive. She wants to work together but they are not there yet. She thought Thrive should be in communication with the Chamber. Bill stated he had communicated but I wasn't with Shilo. Currently Transient Tax is paid to the Chamber by the City of Iola. Her biggest issue is Bill isn't communicating with the Chamber and he is on the Chamber board. Commissioner Symes asked Bill if he is noticing competition with other board. Chairman Daniels stated everyone involved should not live in the past but for tomorrow and advertise for Allen County. He spoke to Humboldt Chamber yesterday and his perspective of rivalry.

Chairman Daniels asked about The Iola Area Chamber of Commerce looking for another director. Shilo stated they are in the process of looking on filling that position. Chairman Daniels stated they as commissioners need to look at servicing the entire county not just one city of the other. Commissioner Symes stated in all classes for new commissioners last week there was nothing on Economic Development. He would like to wait to make a decision. Shilo requested the commission hold off making a decision off for 12 months until the Chamber gets back on its feet. Bill stated this started a year ago and David Toland had asked about someone to take the lead and no one did. John Bocker stated he felt there was a conflict on working together back then and that is why he didn't pursue it back in September 2018. Commissioners allowed they would take Thrive's request under consideration.

Commissioners discussed the proposed memorial at the sheriff's office. Commissioners approved for it to be placed outside in the flower garden on the east side of the Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner King seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 11:51 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:56 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners reviewed the annual inventory reports for their Commission office, Allen County Clerk's office and Iola Senior Center (204 N. Jefferson).

Commissioners reviewed the 2018 receipts and expenditures annual reports of LaHarpe/Elm Cemetery, Iola Township, and Deer Creek Township.

Sherrie reported she received a resignation letter from Shirley Hicks , Deer Creek Township Treasurer, effective immediately. She will be contacting persons to see if they will fill the position.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$378,956.60
- b) Journal Vouchers - #7 & #8
- c) Payroll Changes - change of accounts for Jill Allen
- d) Abatements – RE Value 3853, \$663.64, Yr 2018

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner King moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until January 29, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

William H. King, Commissioner