

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, County Clerk.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 17, 2017.

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

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed the frame documents Larry Walden presented for the court house. Ron asked if he should leave them or what they want to do. Commissioners approved them to hang in the hallway of the Allen County Courthouse.

Ron hasn't gotten the work in the courtroom scheduled. He stated another project would be to put tile in the area of the elevator to replace the carpet.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Denise Smith, Event leader for Relay for Life of Allen County, to use the Allen County Courthouse lawn for Sunday May 28th 2017 to decorate the lawn to kickoff the relay event, then Friday June 2nd 2017 at 3 p.m. to start to set up for relay event and finally Saturday June 3rd 2017 from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Sunday June 4th for the actual event. Commissioners approved the use of the courtyard and asked that Denise work with Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director.

Sherrie presented a letter from Angela Murphy, 911 Director requesting vacation carry over:
January 3, 2017

I would like to request that I, Angela Murphy, be allowed to carry over 95 hours of vacation time. As of this letter I am at 263 hours. As you know anything over 168 hours requires commissioner's approval.

I have taken minimal amount of time off in 2016 as my plate has been really full however anticipate having enough flexibility in 2017 to take some time off.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Angie's vacation carry over to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reported there are three KAC Certificates for recognition of Years of Service. Commissioners stated they would be presenting these at the February Employee Appreciation Dinner.

Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center, Inc. Director, expressed their appreciation of the county paying utilities so they can give donations back out to the community of \$21,000. He presented a list of the organizations and amounts; mostly schools, community gardens, hospice, Faith House, Hope Unlimited, library, CASA, Drug Court, Pregnancy resources, ACMAT, CURB, food pantry and Project Care.

Joe discussed the board and how they make their determinations of who gets the monies. They need volunteers to help at the site for maybe one day a week. They do pay a man to clean the place. Some of the monies are used for supplies for the center and a monthly volunteer luncheon. They sell about ¾ of the clothing that comes in and put the rest out by the fence for people to pick up. They do seasonal things and store it in the storage shed.

Joe stated there is a lot east of the senior center that he would like the county to purchase for \$1,000 for parking lots. He requested the commission to take under consideration. Also if the

county has a moveable building in decent shape, that could be moved on the south lot and put a hallway in between buildings to enlarge their work area. This is in the flood zone so that would have to meet a height requirement. Discussion followed on other items they sell. Commissioners will take it under consideration, but not sure about the extra building.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, asked the commission if they had anything for him. All is going well for him and his department.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Business Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:07 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Business Trade Secrets. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

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Sherrie discussed the commission appointing or reappointing Andy Dunlap to the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee. Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Andy Dunlap. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie explained there is a position on the Southeast Regional Planning Commission that is appointed by the Allen County Commissioners. That position has been held by Carl Slaugh, previous City of Lola Administrator. Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Sid Fleming, new City of Lola Administrator to fill that position. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the positions for appointment for Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint LaDonna Krone and to appoint Larry Walden to serve as Allen County Representatives. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed Meals on Wheels volunteers for 2016. Commissioners discussed sending a letter personally inviting them to the Allen County Employee Appreciation Dinner February 21, 2017. Commissioner Daniels moved to invite the Meals on Wheels Volunteers to the dinner. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Williams will draft the letter.

Sherrie reported Cindy Lane, Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging, was inquiring about funding. Commissioners stated they budgeted \$2,000 for 2017 and will take under consideration additional funding for 2018.

Sherrie requested the commission approve a payroll time keeping system that would be used by all the county employees from Computer Information Concepts (CIC) for \$24,815.00; annual support would be \$2,765. CIC currently supports the actual payroll, personnel and budgetary

accounting. Discussion followed. Commissioners would like to see the program. Sherrie will set it up.

Larry Walden, presented information that Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension Executive Director, was being recognized by Kansas Masons, K-State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas PRIDE for Strengthen Statewide Partnerships for all she does for her community and Southwind District. Commissioners expressed they were proud of Carla and the Southwind Extension and all they do as well.

Commissioners reviewed the 2016 annual reports of Deer Creek Township, Geneva Township, Humboldt Township, LaHarpe Elm Cemetery, and Allen County Fair Board.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Inventory: Allen County District Court
- b) Payroll Changes – 2016 -\$53,275.72 & 2017 -\$121,792.14
- c) Journal Entry #3

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 31, 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

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner