

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 31, 2016.

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

Sherrie presented more information on proposed redistricting of commission districts. Discussion and review followed. Commissioner Williams moved to not redistrict based up on the difference of 5% is still within law. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reviewed the proposed contract with Advantage Computer for internet and email services. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the Advantage Computer Contract for \$1,251.00. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, discussed the overpass bridge on Georgia Road and KDOT work.

Mitch reported KDOT will put up the signs on the overpasses once Allen County purchases them. KDOT is still checking on the size of signs.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, joined the meeting.

Sherrie discussed Meals on Wheels volunteers throughout 2016.

Jerry reported a full time assistant attorney, Jacqie Spradling will be starting January 9, 2017. Discussion followed. Chris Phelan, current assistant attorney, will be leaving January 8, 2017.

Caryn Tyson, 12<sup>th</sup> District Senator, joined the meeting. Caryn commented the attitude is optimistic at the state with all the new changes. Commissioner Williams asked how she thought it would be handled. She stated anything done for taxes you won't see the differences right away, like income tax maybe sales tax, but most will be seen in 2018; there will be changes in the tax code. Fair and level tax code, fair to everyone. This is Caryn's 7<sup>th</sup> year in the legislature.

Commissioner Talkington asked about the school funding. She stated she thought maybe the block grant funding will still be in place, but there is a suit right now on school funding.

Commissioners asked about what she would like to see happen. Metal dealers and the laws were in effect to keep them safe. Discussion followed.

Caryn discussed small business income taxes and how it works. Discussion followed. She said there are LLC loopholes and how they get around them. Taxes were intended to go to zero. Caryn discussed farm losses and claims. Income tax was paid on the loss. She stated taxes in general are a mess.

Commissioner Talkington asked if the school general was going to be changed back to the 35 mills and take away the local LOB from schools. Caryn stated she hasn't heard of anything at this time.

Caryn stated she was appointed to the Tax Committee as Chair; but there still has to be 20 votes for her to accomplish anything.

Caryn had presented two amendments last year; one was to privatize Osawatomie, but she would like to keep it at a state level, not private. Discussion followed. They are looking at 94 beds in Osawatomie, but it should be 206 instead. She encouraged the commission to discuss issues with their Federal representatives. She discussed veterans' care and solutions.

Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, and Michael Burnett, Ambulance Director, joined the meeting.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register asked what she thought of the handing off of the state budget from Governor Brownback to the legislature. She stated she had heard that, but is looking forward to see what budget is presented. Caryn gets one ticket to the state. She voted against a KPERS bond. Caryn stated some of the legislators are in the stock market and thinks that should invest. Discussion followed.

Caryn stated they should be looking at a Thrift Savings Program. IT monies should be reviewed and discussed, not outsourcing services. She stated her point is nothing is going to be changed overnight, but need to be aware and working towards the issues. Caryn stated the Senate is broke out about 1/3, 1/3, 1/3. She stated she has been called conservative, but willing to listen and work.

Caryn stated there were 16 new Senators in 2014, more this year and only maybe 3 or more that has been in Senate since 2009.

Michael sent out for 5 bids: Emergency Services Supply (Osage Ambulance), American Response Vehicle (ARV), Professional Ambulance (Horton Ambulance), Braum - Pinnacle declined to bid and PL Custom - Danko Equipment - declined to bid.

Emergency Services Supply's bid was \$196,800 for a 2017 Ford F-550 4X4 with a 180 day delivery from purchase agreement or a \$196,425 for a 2017 Ford F-550 4X2 with a 180 day delivery from purchase agreement; American Response Vehicle's bid was \$196,861 for a 2017 AEV Truamahawk Type I 172X96X72 X-series Limited (Ford F-550 4X4 Powerstroke Diesel ambulance) or \$194,911 for a 2017 AEV Truamahawk Type I 172X96X72 X-series Limited (Ford F-450 4X2 Powerstroke Diesel ambulance) with a 120 to 150 day delivery from purchase agreement; Professional Ambulance (PA) bid was \$217,559 for a 2017 Ford F550 4X4/Horton 623 Type I Ambulance or \$214,569 for a 2017 Ford F550 4X2/Horton 623 Type I Ambulance with a 200 to 225 day delivery from purchase agreement. Michael stated he would like to see ARV keeping with the other ambulance vehicles in the fleet. Discussion followed on each of the bids. Commissioners asked whether another vehicle would be traded in. Michael stated he would visit with ARV to see about purchasing or trading or putting on Purple Wave. Commissioner Talkington moved to purchase from American Response Vehicle's for \$196,861. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington asked to start the committee to discuss ambulance services and buildings, grants and such available and other items that come up. Commissioners asked for them to start the committee with Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Michael Burnett, Ambulance Director, and Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, someone from the hospital if needed, and commission if needed,

Michael stated they have started 2017 with the new reporting system. Discussion followed on cost, number of runs, and insurance payments.

Bob Johnson asked about ambulance buildings and stated all are county residents and to serve those areas better where the most monies come from Enbridge. Jerry stated the ambulances are bigger and moral are reasons to build and own the building, not to pay rent. Humboldt is already too high to take on any more funding towards another building expense.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers - \$
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Abatements: RE Value , \$ , Yr 2016  
PP Value , \$ , Yr 2016

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 10, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

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Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Jim Talkington, Commissioner