

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.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 2, 2018.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Mark & Virginia Peters, and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Talkington moved to appoint Tom Williams as 2018 Chairman. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Williams will serve as 2018 Chairman.

Chairman Williams explained he likes presenting awards to hard working people. The awards recognitions are from Kansas Association of Counties where they recognize 8, 16, 24 & 32 years of county service. Chairman Williams presented awards to Kellee Woods, Teena Solander, Rachel Covey, Harry Maley, Dana Dawn and Dathan McMurtrey for 8 years of service; Roy Smith, Jeff Jackson, Laureen Sampson, Ron Holman for 16 years; Isabelle Pliler, Jill Allen, Sherrie L. Riebel all for 24 years and Cara Barkdoll for 32 years of service. Commissioner Daniels expressed his appreciation of good employees working for the county. Commissioner Talkington stated his appreciation and commented the county runs smoothly because of the jobs they and the rest of the employees do so well.

Larry Walden, citizen, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, asked the commission about authorization to get bids for replacing carpet in the large courtroom. Commission approved getting bids.

Ron discussed the old glass frames at the north and south doors; the original purpose of the frames was for secondary doors. Discussion followed on removal of the north and/or south secondary door frames.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan and Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Reports for 2018 for approval. He requested signatures from the commission. Discussion and review followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve both reports and authorize signatures. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. All three commissioners signed.

Cole Herder joined the meeting.

Mitch presented Projects for 2018. He stated projects are on the list but it doesn't mean they will be done. Most of the projects are chip seal and some are scheduled to be chip seal to connect one chip seal road to another chip seal road and/or blacktop. Discussion followed on adding some and deleting some projects. Mitch reported they have been working around Elsmore and will be completing some of the listed projects.

Commissioner Daniels stated he would like to look at Oregon Road for chip seal. Chairman Williams stated due to the condition of the road and ditches he would have to wonder if it is a good thing or not. He doesn't want to create a speedway. Commissioner Talkington stated he has been requesting Oregon Road be done for 3 years now. Discussion followed on what Mitch's crew has already done in prepping ditches.

Commissioner Daniels discussed the old highway will be needing attention once KDOT shuts down US Hwy 169 for replacement. Hopefully funding will be available.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, presented information on Murphy Tractor who will be putting in a new business in Humboldt. Monarch will be purchasing the property and developing it for Murphy Tractor. Discussion followed on the service Murphy Tractor can and will provide to Monarch and the area.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Cole reported the City of Humboldt is featured in the Kansas Government Journal, Volume 104 – Number 1 January/February 2018 edition. It featured small town investments in people, places and priorities that will make a difference in the future of Humboldt.

Bryan stated the trade school will probably benefit and be helpful in dealing with Murphy Tractor being local. Discussion followed.

Alan wanted to discuss a clean-up/clarification on the flow chart approved last week. He wanted to know if the assistant director public works director would be left on the flow chart. Commissioners allowed it should remain. Chairman Williams would like a final draft sent out for approval. Sherrie will update and redistribute the flow chart. Sherrie mentioned the original flow chart linked up to job descriptions but there are titles on the new flow chart that do not have job descriptions linked up to them. Discussion followed on job descriptions need completed.

Alan requested an executive session on non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Talkington, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:59 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:14 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Talkington, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:14 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:24 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan discussed HR title with the commission. He stated he was still working on description.

Commissioner Talkington asked about whether the siren tower in Petrolia is still being worked on. Bryan said Westar was discussing with Logan Township officers. He said the proposed tower in Carlyle is still being discussed as to where a pole should go. Commissioner Daniels discussed Westar and tower in Petrolia. Bryan commented all Westar wanted was a waiver and \$600 for pole.

Commissioner Talkington asked where the county is with the recent request from the 911 Advisory Board asking about mutual aid for fire districts. Alan stated he is still working on it and Bryan stated there is a meeting set up in February with Alan and Fire Department Chiefs to discuss mutual aid.

Commissioner Talkington asked Alan if the evaluation forms for department heads were ready yet as he feels evaluations on department heads should be done annually. Alan reminded him the commission has no authority to evaluate elected personal only appointed.

Job Springer joined the meeting.

Bob Johnson, lola Register news reporter, asked about economic development and where the county is on applications and meetings. Alan told him applications are being accepted until January 17, 2018 and a meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Talkington asked about the open house to G&W. He stated he was not invited and finds it completely disrespectful. Commissioner Talkington stated Thrive has shown their true colors, invite one invite all three, should not be personal. He thinks the commission should rethink the county support of \$20,000 for economic development.

Commissioners and Larry Walden discussed the City of Iola's open position for Council member Jon Wells spot on the city council. Jon was elected Mayor of the City of Iola. The city declined the two applications received and opened the position back up to the public.

Job Springer, Iola Industries Board representative, discussed the green house by G&W. Iola Industries would like to leased it to someone wants to rent it. The Iola Industries Board requested Job to ask if there is a time line or if the county still wants to split the cost of demolition. The Iola Industries Board would like to save it to lease out if the commission agree. The commissioners agreed and will hold off tearing it down. They will let Mitch know. Discussion followed on the county's participation and contract with Iola Industries concerning the green house.

Commissioner Talkington asked Job about the Allen County Foundations 2017 finances. Job stated collections were close to \$100,000 for 2017.

Commissioners reviewed an application from Granny's Guns (Linda O'Connor) for license to operate as a pawnbroker or precious metal dealer. Commissioners asked Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff if there had been any issues. He stated there has not. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the application for Granny's Guns. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 201801 concerning fixed assets for 2018.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201801

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, 2018, 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, 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 9th day of January 2018, 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, 2018.

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 Talkington moved to adopt Resolution 201801. Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Larry asked about what the commission can do or not do legally on discussions they have in an open session.

Commissioner Talkington stated on January 11, 2018 will be a Drug Court Graduation in District Court. Chairman Williams stated if anyone hasn't gone to a Drug Court Graduation they should do so if they never have! County supports Drug Court financially.

Commissioner Talkington reported on January 24 & 25, 2018 there will be a wellness blood draw for Allen County employees. He stated the county supports this for employee health and wellbeing.

Bob asked about the previous economic development applications from 2017. Commissioners stated they had encouraged them to work on some of the issues and reapply for economic development monies. Discussion followed. Commissioners did reiterate they did waive the \$300 application fee on those two businesses when filing again.

Commissioners reviewed 2018 annual inventory reports from:

- Moran Senior/Community Center
- Allen County Counselor's office
- Appraiser's Office
- Meals on Wheels Kitchen inventory
- Allen County House and Grounds department
- Iola Senior Center – Jefferson St.
- Allen County Treasurer's office

Commissioners reviewed Moran Senior/Community Center audit and usage reports for 2017.

Commissioners reviewed the annual Sales Tax Distributions and monthly Fund Status, Bank Account Balances, Composition of cash balances and investments reports provided by the Allen County Treasurer.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$367,853.15
- b) Payroll Changes- monthly phone reimbursement for Curtis Ellis & Jimmy Skaggs
- c) Payroll change- Breail Thompson (backpay and 6 month)
- d) Clerks Journal Entries #1
- e) Abatements: RE, Value 14,638, \$2,665.14 ,Year 2017
TR, Value 431, \$27.08, Year 2017
Oil Value 25,336, \$3,900.26, Year 2017
Oil Value 90, \$13.78, Year 2016

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 16, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jim Talkington, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner