

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bill King, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, and Bryan J. Murphy, Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Trevor Hoag led the flag salute.

Joyce Adair, Iola Senior Center Inc. President, introduced herself and updated the commission of their donations to the community. Iola Senior Center, Inc. has donated \$13,250 throughout the year 2019. They donated \$1,000 to CURB, Hospice, Hope Unlimited, Pregnancy Resource, Jefferson, Lincoln, and McKinley Schools, Middle School, Crossroads, Wings of Warriors, Kappa Alpha and \$1,250 to the Food Pantry, \$500 dollars each to Adopt A Child, Project Care, and Meals on Wheels. Joyce went on to state their biggest problem is needing more room because of handicap accessibility. There are buildings the commission has been looking at. Discussion followed. There have been security issues taken care of this year with a new camera and new locks. Joyce invited the commission to a board meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. She thanked the commission. They thanked her.

Commissioners received a letter from Tim Cunningham, Tri-Valley Developmental Services Executive Director, requesting commissioners approve an agreement for 2020 services in Allen County. Commissioner King moved to renew the agreement for services with Tri-Valley Developmental Services for 2020. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed a contract with the City of Iola to continue the lease on the ambulance station on a year to year basis for \$1.00 per year. Counselor Johnson explained the contract in detail. Commissioner Symes moved to authorize the Chairman's signature, Commissioner King seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jes Pfannelstiel, Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) Lost Prevention Specialist & Marketing Director, explained his position and history. He presented the Commission with a plaque "KWORCC Award Exceptional Loss Ratios for 2018 by Premium Size \$50,000-\$125,000 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Allen County". Commissioners thanked Jes for the award.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported on cost sharing program to assist local units of government in construction of transportation projects throughout the state. Allen County has been awarded monies and need to sign an agreement with KDOT. Discussion followed.

Paul Sorenson joined the meeting.

Mitch discussed the 5-year solid waste plan. There have been a few changes, he needs to update the plan. The tonnage is what has changed so this needs approved by the commission. Commissioners approved the updated 5-year Solid Waste Plan.

Mitch reported on equipment that is currently not working.

Chairman Daniels moved to appoint Bill King as Chairman for Allen County Commission for 2020. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Bruce Symes as Vice-Chair for Allen County Commission for 2020. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Allen County sign the agreement with KDOT. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Calvin Parker asked if there is an update on the law suit for D&D propane. Counselor Johnson stated he hasn't heard anything.

Commissioners discussed the Area Agency on Aging positions for 2020. Commissioner Symes moved to appoint William Bill Shirley and reappoint LaDonna Krone to Area Agency on Aging. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes discussed not taking a pay increase in the percentages by the commission. He would like to lead by example by not taking any increase in pay neither merit or COLA. Commissioner Symes moved to remove Commissioners from any 2020 pay increases.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for contract negotiations. 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 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:26 a.m. No action was taken.

Phil Drescher and Stephen Euston, Bukaty, reviewed in detail the renewal for 2020 insurance. Phil commented bad years run in a 5-year cycle, one really bad and one really good and three in between. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels 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 King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:33 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, and Commissioner Daniels. The time is now 10:57 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:02 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 1/9/2020-\$438,657.37 & 1/13/2020-\$210,508.43

- b) Clerks Journal Entries – #83
- c) Payroll – Change of payroll funds for Raymond Bonnett
- d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Anthony Maness to be used within 6 months.
- e) Annual inventory – for the Public Works Department, and Moran Senior/Community Center.
- f) Annual Township and Special Districts Reports for Geneva & Humboldt Townships, LaHarpe/Elm Cemetery, and Fire District #2 Allen County Rural Volunteers.
- g) Coroner reimbursements on Darrel Catron and Charlie J. McEndree.
- h) Abatements: RE Value 455, \$70.66, Yr 2019  
PP Value 6867, \$1294.32, Yr 2019  
TR Value 271, \$37.40, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. until January 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner