

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 July 5, 2016.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, Ronald Ballard III, candidate for Commissioner District #2, Larry Walden, citizen, and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, were present to observe the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, requested signatures on paperwork accepting the Kansas Waste Tire Grant Program from Department of Bureau of Waste Management for \$807.00 for benches. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie reminded the commission of an invitation from the Friends of the Bowlus, Inc.

Commissioners reviewed the annual Agreement for Capital and Operating Assistance Funds for State Transportation Projects between the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas and Allen County. Commissioner Williams moved to approve Chairman Daniels to sign. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed dust abatement. Discussion followed. He stated the rain will help once it stops, as they will not have to water the roads ahead of time.

Mitch reported another mower tractor was down. One has a broken axel.

Commissioner Williams asked Mitch to put together some infrastructure deemed worthy of Allen County. Commissioner Talkington stated they have worked on the road structure.

Mitch reported he needs to call another person to straighten the light post on Oregon Road and US Hwy 169.

Mitch stated August 1 is when KDOT is taking bids to replace the bridge over US Hwy 169. Discussion followed on damage and plans.

Bob Johnson asked about Johnson grass growing along railroad tracks on Bridge Street in Humboldt and asked Mitch if he could have it sprayed.

Commissioner Talkington asked about moving up the City of Humboldt 9th street project due to the bridge being out and possibility of where KDOT will reroute traffic while working on the bridge. There are low water bridges and they limit where a school bus could get into Humboldt.

Commissioner Williams requested a formal letter from Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, on his position of the AG's opinion on compatibility. Alan stated he would do this and stated it didn't need a second.

Larry Walden asked what the status is for paying off the Jail Bond. Commissioner Williams stated the county cannot pay off early until 2020, but will be paid off in 2023 without an early payoff.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Officer, joined the meeting. He discussed the candidate forum. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Talkington moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry stated he had information for the commission so the commission reconvened.

Terry presented Allen County EMS ambulance trips as of June 30, 2016 for the commission to review. 2016 had 908 Total Ambulance responses averaging 4.73 calls per day. 2015 - 1023 total of ambulances averaging 5.33 calls per day. There were 275 dry runs; 441 ALS Emergency runs; 167 BLS Emergency runs; 25 BLS non-emergency runs and 194 hospital to hospital transfers. Terry has billed \$699,309.41; collected \$278,500.28; had \$242,661.70 in write off.

Terry reported there was "No charge" for chair repair and Ulrich Furniture replaced the parts at "No charge" because the chairs were under warrantee. Terry took them to the Humboldt Senior Center since the chairs had already been replaced at the ambulance station in Moran.

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the meeting.

Larry asked about monies being dedicated to USD 257 and knows that USD #257 has that in their current budget. He would like the commission to reconsider future dedication. Sherrie clarified that the money is paid to Bowlus, not USD#257.

Larry asked about a Physicians clinic at the hospital. Commissioners stated as far as they knew it is still being discussed at the Hospital Trustees meetings.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$47,575.59
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Journal Entry #42-45

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 19, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner