

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

Robert Johnson, Iola Register, Nick Reynolds, The Humboldt Union, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Bruce Symes, candidate for County Commission Dist. #3, Mike Bruner, Allen County Democratic Chairman/Commissioner Candidate for District #1, and Randy Slocum, Allen County Fair Board President was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner Brocker led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on June 26 & July 10, 2018.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, requested on behalf of Glenda Creason, Iola Senior Center for new chairs. Commissioners approved Ron to purchase 15 chairs.

Sherrie presented a cereal malt beverage special event permit application for Allen County Fair Board for August 4, 2018. Randy Slocum was present for questions. Sherrie reported she had contacted Humboldt Township officers and all approved the cereal malt beverage special event permit. Sheriff Murphy stated he had no issues with the event or cereal malt beverage. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage Permit for August 4, 2018, 4:00 pm. – 12:00 a.m. Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed Osage Township 2018 and 2019 budget. They absorbed the City of Mildred's bills when they unincorporated: street lights and emergency siren. The State of Kansas no longer pays for Special Highway to the township nor do they receive as much Franchise Tax from Westar. Sherrie reported Allen County pays for the unincorporated cities of Carlyle and Petrolia's sirens, could the county pay for Mildred's sirens. Commissioners stated they don't feel the County is responsible for paying for street lights but if the community center's utility bill was split bills they would consider paying the siren bill. The township should decide whether they want to continue to have the lights or not. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Allen County pay for sirens. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported he has 2 mowers north of town, middle district has 2 mowers out south, 2 mower, 1 doing 200 miles of black top, in Elsmore east of the township currently. Grader are in Elm, Osage, Logan and Salem, East Elm and Marmaton Twp. Plus a back hoe working on 1800 Street. Thursday they are scheduled for chip and seal in the City of Gas. Discussion on what equipment is out: 5 graders 7 mowers. Each mower has around 200 miles in their district. Commissioner Daniels stated the Commissioner Forum last evening was mostly about roads. He discussed the issue of the Minnesota Road overpass is the States issue. Chairman Williams stated he is amazed and proud of what all Allen County Public Works department accomplishes and completes.

Bruce asked about the Humboldt Bridge and where the county is on that. Mitch stated the engineer is busy at the time but has it on his list. It will be closed about a ½ day when the testing happens. Mitch will let the papers know.

Rodney Burns, Rodney Burns Inc, discussed where the 2019 budget sets and discussed where cuts need to be made due to Tax lid. Rodney suggested additional revenues or cuts to expenditures that are needed to get under tax lid of \$1,581,770, the mill levy would be 67.269(3.259 increase over 2018). He stated additional revenues or cuts to expenditures that are needed to get under tax lid of \$2,037,919 the mill levy would be 64.010(same as 2018). He discussed possible areas to look at would be underspent items from Airport Capital Outlay of

\$215,000, General Ambulance Building of \$300,000, General Economic Development Advisory Board of \$150,000, Road and Bridge Capital Outlay of \$1,450,000 for a total of \$2,115,000. General Fund Capital improvement line item of \$2,901,238. Rodney presented delinquency rate of 2.500, actual in 2018 is .88%

Commissioners discussed ambulance stations building plans with Alan. They are still working on them.

Alan was asked about the Hospital task force meeting last week. They will be meeting again this week to finish up some power point slides. Alan said they might be interviewing people about September.

Commissioners discussed having the budget ready by end of July. Rodney discussed revenue changes whether increased this year or gone for next year.

Rodney made the changes suggested by the commission and that take is under the tax lid but not down to the 64.010 like last year. Discussion followed to lower the budget more. \$220,000 to get it under last year as it sets currently. Commissioner Daniels stated he would like to lower the mill, but he thinks the county needs to be cautious. Discussion followed on items that cannot be predicted. Rodney stated he could do 63.999 and see what 63.000 would be.

Alan updated the Commission on the wind farms and where they are ready to begin working on roads. All documents have been submitted so they have started digging. Hammerson Asphalt will be providing concrete for wind farms and the new highway. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 7/12/18-\$593,241.86 & 7/17/18-\$73,012.54
- b) Payroll Changes – annual increases for Seth Pollet and Tyler Yoho
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries- #37 & 38

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Brocker seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until July 24, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner