

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bill King, Commissioner John F. Brocker and Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Eric Spruill, Iola Register, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, were present to observe the meeting.

Sherrie led the flag salute.

Sherrie asked commissioners if they would be going out for bid for the county health insurance broker's position. It is currently held by Bukaty Company. Their contract is renewable in September. Commissioner King asked when the last time it was bid out. Sherrie replied five years ago. Commissioners agreed they would go out for bid for the broker's position.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, joined the meeting.

Sherrie reported John Brocker attended the SEK Regional Planning Meeting. He said that Jerry Wallis was the only one that was in attendance representing cities of Allen County. There has to be at least one elected official. Chairman Daniels suggested leaving David Lee, LaHarpe off for now. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint the new general commission to SEKRMC: Sid Fleming, Iola City Administrator, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Jerry Wallis, Moran City Council, John Brocker, Allen County Realty, Kenny Baker, Gas City Mayor and David Lee, LaHarpe City Council will be alternate and take the next opening, Commissioner King seconded, motion carried 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported on rock at fire barn. Commissioner King stated there had been a complaint about sound coming from windmills. Mitch talked to the windmill people about it and was told it is all good. Dust control is all done, as of Thursday morning.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss security, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room are Chairman Daniels, Commissioner King, Commissioner Symes, Sheriff Bryan Murphy and Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director. The time is now 8:47 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:52 a.m., no action taken. Mitch will be installing security cameras in county public works locations.

Michael Burnett, Iola EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Terry presented bids on rescue boats. Commissioner King moved to purchase tactical rescue, 16' boat w/50 hp Mercury, 14'2" inflatable w/30 hp Mercury double stack trailer, light package and additional accessories for \$44,747.00, it will be delivered, Commissioner Symes said it was a bit of sticker shock, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner King shared input from residents about the ambulance stations. There will be ambulance stations in Humboldt and Moran. Commissioner Symes reported on the listening tour he attended in Garnett with the Lieutenant Governor there.

Commissioner Symes moved to accept the bid from Koehn Construction from Fredonia for \$698,000.00 for ambulance stations at Humboldt and Moran, Commissioner King seconded, motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes understands the double tax issue for the hospital tax, but lola also probably benefits more from the hospital than other communities in the county. He feels lola should continue on some level to keep supporting the sales tax. Chairman Daniels suggested discussing this with the Hospital Board of Trustees. Commissioner Symes will contact a trustee in the meantime.

Cole reported on information concerning the census. Funding potential is the issue at hand. He suggests the county have a complete count committee. Chairman Daniels asked Cole to attend next week's commissioners meeting to talk with the census rep. Commissioner Symes pointed out the fact Kansas could lose a US House seat based on the census.

Commissioner King asked Michael where all the needed gear would be coming from to go along with the boats. Michael stated the City does have some gear already. Chairman Daniels stated that Terry Call mentioned needing to purchase some of the vests, etc. Michael will be able to share his expertise and training on how to manage the boat.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$92,453.43
- b) Payroll Claim Voucher – Bruce Symes for mileage, Process Service for June

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner King moved to adjourned, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. until July 30, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bill King, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner