

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner William "Bill" H. King, Commissioner Bruce Symes, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Eric Spruill, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Robert and Juanell Garrett, Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center, Inc., Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioner King led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 23, 2019.

Joe Hess, Iola Senior Center, Inc., requested cameras be put up in the State Street Building. He reported on break-ins at the senior center. Discussion followed. He reported Velarie Iden will oversee the project of putting up the cameras. Joe stated 4 cameras and hard drive for \$200 on Amazon. Ron stated he felt it is needed. First point is to get permission to go forward. Commissioner King moved to allow the Iola Senior Center, Inc on State Street to put up cameras up to \$500. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the octagon bench for around a tree in the courtyard has been installed. Don Britt made it and it was less than \$480 plus materials.

Ron also has a few evergreens in the courtyard that are dying and he would like to replace a few over the next year or two, nothing drastic. Discussion followed.

Ron discussed upgrading the toilets. He wants to replace them with self-flush toilets at \$200 apiece for 21 toilets in the courthouse, including the Law Enforcement Center.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the crusher is down; a belt came off and took out another 4 belts. He will keep more than one on hand; he ordered 10 more. Discussion followed.

Commissioner King reported Terry Call and Public Works Department has the base platform done for the Fire Barn. Discussion followed on experience for crew for the ambulance stations. Waverly Construction is supposed to start after the first of August.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Mitch reported mowers are out and trying to keep them running. He needs to have seasonal help for winter.

Commissioner King discussed a KDOT bridge meeting coming up that he encouraged Mitch to attend. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported Bettis Construction and Killough Construction came to look at the roads that need repaired. Chairman Daniels requested a "High Priority" priority list and a "High" priority list. He discussed repaving 9<sup>th</sup> Street in foresight of the unofficial by-pass. They will be visiting with Daren Petrowsky, KDOT Area Representative, with hopes of having financial information available for road repairs.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, joined the meeting.

Steve Hale, KS 2020 Census Specialist, wanted to update the commission about the 2020 Census and what would help with the 2020 count. He explained the process and how encouraging it is

to have leaders in the communities' support for the public to see. History has been paper and this year everyone is going to get an invitation to go on line to fill out the form. Discussion followed. Steve stated that people do not want to fill out forms due to lack of trust of the government. He explained Ford County in 2010 and undercounting and the appeal process. The new people will have smart phones and tablets. Commissioner Symes asked about having persons in April 1, 2020; is there a cross check to make sure they aren't double counted. Kids in colleges are to be counted where they are in school 6-9 months in the school's county. Steve explained the census is bases for federal funding for the next few years. He stated the City of lola will be doing a counting committee, he requested the county to join in with City of lola and City of Humboldt in participating. Steve stated the schools and colleges are very important on this part. He stated March 9 is scheduled for mailers to come out and be completed by March 23, 2020, if no response by May 8 then the census workers will be going out.

Steve stated 96 people will be employed within Allen County to go around; the pay is \$13.00 per hour. It helps to have employees located from Allen County so they know the area and the people know them. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes asked Cole about it and Cole stated he will be visiting with the council about the census.

Steve stated the National campaign hits in January; several government leaders, commerce's, faith based and several other communities make up the outreach committee. Chairman Daniels asked about time line. Steve said by the time school starts back up; within the next two months. A tool they have is called Remote Area Census Tracker.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff asked about Census effecting inmate counts. Steve stated he should visit with one of the special unit counts.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Jami Clark, Appraiser, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:51 a.m. No action was taken.

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Rodney Burns, Rodney M. Burns, CPA, LLC, reported on the budgets turned in to him; the county would have to cut \$2,000,000 to equal the tax rate from last year. Discussion followed on cutting the budget that will affect tax lid. Commissioners reviewed item by item.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Loren Korte, John Brocker, and Jim Gilpin, Allen County Hospital Trustees and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:34 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:44 a.m. No action was taken.

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Rodney did a few more revisions to the 2020 budget and presented Draft 4 to the commission to review and cut over \$800,000 more from the budget. He will meet again with the commission on August 6, 2019.

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Sherrie requested commissioners reappoint Susan Jones to

Discussed Windfarm In Lieu of Tax and how it will affect Allen County's USD's and Tech Center.

Chairman Daniels discussed his meeting in Washington D.C. with Vice-President Pence and several important officials that were there as speakers or for remarks. He reported on speakers such as Doug Hoelscher, Deputy Assistant to the President & Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mark Harvey, Special Assistant to the President & Senior Director for Resilience, National Security Council, Ray Alexander, Director for Contingency Operations, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, Stan Gimont, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Keith Turi, Assistant Administrator of the Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency. The topics discussed; discussions varied from Opioids crises, boarder security, and infrastructure bill to be passed by congress, Intergovernmental Affairs department contacts, and so on.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – reimbursement for Jerry Daniels, Terry Call, Bruce Symes, Sherrie L. Riebel
- b) Payroll Position change for
- c) Clerk's Vouchers – 7/25/19-\$238,555.60 & 7/29/19-\$10,190.59
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #41 & #42

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner King moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m. until August 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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William H. King, Commissioner