

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.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on July 24, 2018.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Michael Bruner, Candidate for Commission District #1, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, Terry Call, EMS Billing Director, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Larry Walden, citizen, David Toland, Thrive, Margo Williams, Chairman Williams wife, John Masterson, Mary Kay Heard, Jim Gilpin, John McRae, Iola Industries Board, and Bruce Symes, Commissioner Candidate for District #3, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Williams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Williams moved to appoint Jerry Daniels as Allen County Vice-Chairman. John seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Tom read a letter:

The time I have spent in Allen County as a KBI agent, as your Sheriff and as a County Commissioner has truly been a blessing for my family and myself. As your Sheriff and your Commissioner I have been a part of many wonderful accomplishments that have made our county better. I always told people that I never solved one crime, but working with great people we solved nearly all of them. What we have done together for Allen County is very much the same.

I want to thank both my fellow commissioners and the commissioners that I have served as Sheriff and as a fellow commissioner. It has been an honor.

When I ran for Sheriff it was always my intention to serve two terms and the same was true as Commissioner. The responsibility I feel to Allen County citizens has always been a priority.

Recently, the Attorney General of the State of Kansas, Derek Schmidt, offered me an opportunity to serve the citizens of the State of Kansas in a new role. I have spent a great deal of time and thought on what I can do for the citizens of Allen County and what I would be able to accomplish in this new role for all of Kansas and I have made a decision.

Although it has been my great honor to serve as your commissioner, I understand that the day to day operations and the success of the County is due to the hard work of the County Employees and to those Department Heads that ensure that the County and its citizens are served well. My role as Commissioner is fairly small compared to what they all do. It is my hope that my years of experience in law enforcement and what I have learned as a Sheriff and Commissioner for Allen County will benefit all of our citizens in the of Kansas.

Therefore, I have humbly accepted this position within the Attorney General's office to help protect our citizens from fraud, theft and abuse, especially the elderly.

I am announcing my resignation as your commissioner effective August 17th, 2018.

Although I am honored to serve the State of Kansas, especially this Attorney General, in a new capacity, it is difficult to say goodbye to so many friends and colleagues in Allen County who have supported me and gave me so many opportunities to serve. Allen county will always be considered "Home".

Chairman Williams presented a resignation letter:

July 31, 2018

I, Thomas R. Williams, Allen County Commissioner, do hereby submit my resignation as Allen County Commission effective August 17, 2018.

Sincerely,



Thomas R. Williams
208 Prairie Ln.
Iola, KS 66749

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition Exception Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Brocker, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, John McRae, Jim Gilpin, Mary Kay Heard and John Masterson, All Iola Industries Board, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:48 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition Exception Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Brocker, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, John McRae, Jim Gilpin, Mary Kay Heard and John Masterson, All Iola

Industries Board, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:48 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:53 a.m. No action was taken.

Mitch discussed a letter of appreciation from the City of Garnett for the Public Works mutual aid when a wind storm downed several trees. Commissioners expressed their appreciation as well!

Mitch presented bids for de-icing salt from Franks Bills Trucking at \$52.75 per ton for 200 tons equal to \$10,550.00 and Central Salt at \$54.20 per ton for 200 tons equal to \$10,840.00 and Cargill Salt declined to bid. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported the inspection of Humboldt River Bridge is complete. They will have the report available in a couple of weeks.

Mitch reported he had visited with a KDOT representative about help funding repairs on the old US Hwy 169 since the truckers are using it instead of the KDOT detour. They said good luck getting any finances. KDOT stated they doubt it funding would be available.

Mitch asked the commission to be thinking about constructing a new shop some day! He would like it at the airport if possible due to the large land area the county currently owns. Mitch wants the office to be in the new building. Commissioners asked about building in parts and portions? Mitch stated yes, it would be a possibility.

Commissioner Daniels asked Mitch if he is still waiting on permits before starting to build the remaining new hangar. Mitch stated yes, he is still waiting on the Storm water permit from the state; the FFA has already permitted the project.

Mitch reported the mowers are currently mowing in Osage, Elm, Cottage Grove East, and Elsmore townships. Two of the districts boom mowers are being fixed.

Mitch reported there are graders in Elm, Logan, Humboldt, and Elsmore townships as well. He reported crews will be rocking 4400 Street from the Allen County line north to Delaware Road; preparing it for chip/seal.

Commissioner Daniels asked about the Allen County Regional Airport 10-year plan; where are we in the timing? Mitch thought it is 20 years...he will check.

Troy Smith, Juvenile Justice Assistant Administrative, requested to use the Bandstand and northwest portion of the square on September 6, 2018. They would like to have a BBQ on the Band Stand and area for Drug Court picnic. The BBQ will be about 6:00 p.m. Commissioners approved.

Chairman Williams stated he thinks drug court and the people doing it are doing God's Work!

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, visited with the commission about the Visit Allen County project to market bringing more tourists. Humboldt Chamber is on board and lola is looking at items of benefit. Thrive has collected \$25,000 to contribute towards the effort and request the county pitch in \$50,000; they could hire a director to work on promoting Air B&B's, hotels and restaurants within Allen County. David asked if it is something the county would like to support? Chairman Williams asked David to explain how this will benefit Allen County. David explained how it was 20 years ago, advertised in the papers or word of mouth; today it is all social media marketing. Allen County needs to have a present on social media; marketing in specific zip codes so it shows up on Facebook. He continued by stating 9,000 brochures need to go to Goodland at the welcome center to promote Allen County activities and businesses. Allie Utley was present. David stated Allie takes care of information on Instagram which is what her generation (14 -25 age group) and Facebook for his generation. David would like to have a test year, add on Facebook. If people will click on the ad, they can collect data, but it is hard to tell in year one. Air B&B's are nightly rentals on the square in lola and Humboldt. David explained

about him visiting with the businesses in Allen County, making the community attractive so business could hire within the existing businesses. Brochures would mirror Bourbon County. Discussion followed. They would use promo codes to track who goes to what businesses by who uses the promo codes.

Commissioner Brocker would still like to consider, he has a few reservations and questions he would like to think about. David asked if there are things they can do to help with questions. Thrive is planning a major event in the spring so they would need 6 months of advanced work to promote the event. It would be nice to be able to hire by October which means recruitment in August or September. Commissioners asked David where the \$25,000 available was from Thrive, a grant or other funding. David stated separate funding by other contracted businesses they help start a "Thrive" in their communities. Commissioners will take under consideration for a week or two.

Alan asked about not refunding totals the county collects of \$5.00 or less. Currently Allen County has one for the Register of Deeds office and he asked about doing one for the entire county. Bryan stated it would help his department as well. Alan explained he would like to do one for the entire county but will be visiting with the department heads first to see the need. Commissioners approved.

Steven Henderson, candidate joined the meeting.

Alan mentioned the next Allen County Regional Hospital committee for RFP's is this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m... Chairman Williams requested one of the other two take over the hospital meetings. One of them will.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 7/27/18-\$148,043.03 & 7/30/18-\$21,269.79
- b) Payroll – Recording fees reimbursement for Alan Weber filing paperwork.

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 9:30 a.m. until August 7, 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