

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, John Fewins, Savonburg, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, and Larry Walden, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 6, 2017 meeting.

Bill Maness, Economic Development Director, discussed public restrooms for downtown Iola. He said it came up at a summit meeting recently. Bill explained the need for such. The proposed solution is a CDBG for construction of public restrooms. Restroom could be built in the pocket park just west of Iola City Hall. He is asking would the city and county be willing to work together on this. A 25% match is required with the grant. The intent would be to build something with a brick face so that it blends in with the downtown. Automatic locks would be something needed on the doors to secure during night time hours. Commissioner Williams asked about total cost, Bill said he doesn't know at this point, he's just trying to find out if the county has an interest. He stated the city does have an interest. Ron Holman agreed it is very much needed. Commissioner Daniels asked to see the amounts of what the 25% match would be. Discussion followed on placement. Larry asked if there were any state grants. Bill said CDBG grants might be available. Bill will put together numbers and bring back a proposal to the commission.

Ron reported J&J Construction will start on the north courthouse parking lot on Thursday, June 15, 2017.

Commissioner Talkington asked about the parking lot to the north of the Iola Senior Center on Jefferson Street; who maintains it. Ron stated the county does, Mitch puts rock on it as need as the Senior Center patrons use it for parking. It is owned by Ravin Printing. Bob Johnson asked what the difference was between that and ACARF. Discussion followed on rock on the parking lot. Chairman Talkington requested Ron to look at putting poles or something around the air conditioner at that senior center to keep someone from running in to it.

Larry Walden left the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, requested Gary Henderson to carry over 97.75 hours of vacation. Chairman Talkington moved to approve the carry over to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch asked about the used loader. He would like to purchase the CAT loader for \$287,742.00. Commissioner Williams moved to allow the purchase. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported they are trying to do dust abatement this week. Due to the forecast they might be putting it off until Friday.

Bob Johnson asked if Mitch is prepared to deal with the brush pile once the river goes down. Bob stated there are several people worried about the bridge washing out. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels requested Mitch to get with the Core of Engineers and see who the person is that says it is not a problem.

Commissioner Williams moved to not reschedule the July 4, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Colleen Riebel, Allen County Conservation District, Dale Hartman, Vice-Chair, and DeWayne Jarred, member joined the meeting to discuss the 2018 budget request. Colleen cut some more from stated funding, \$2,000 from their 2017 budget and will have \$5,000 less in 2018. DeWayne Jarred, member, explained the Upper Neosho WRAPS, which are watersheds used to build terraces, waterways and ponds to help with farming. Discussion followed. Dale Hartman, Vice-Chair, stated the WRAPS money is pretty much gone for 2018 and maybe 2019. The increase requested is due the state cutting their funding. Bob Johnson stated the money used to redo the ground in lola should be used toward the farmers since the soil is more than most of the houses.

Chairman Talkington asked Commissioner Daniels about an upcoming US 169 Coalition Meeting - Thursday, July 20, Chanute Memorial Building's Alliance Room. He asked if he was interested in representing Allen County at those meetings. Commissioner Daniels stated he would. Chairman Talkington moved to appoint Commissioner Daniels to the US 169 Collation Committee. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Daniels was appointed. The next meeting of the US 169 corridor coalition will be at noon on Thursday, July 20, in the Alliance Room at the Chanute Memorial Building, 101 S. Lincoln.

Chairman Talkington asked about mutual agreement with the City of Humboldt on using Fire or Rescue Vehicle. Discussion followed on state requirements and previous years.

Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, discussed her 2018 budget request. Her request is mostly increased due to payroll and benefits. Sandra stated her budget is usually padded a little due to whether she has to have a BOTA hearing, hiring for assessments or if equipment goes down; she never knows. Sandra stated she needs to get a new vehicle since they are spending more on upkeep than what they have budgeted. Sandra stated she has two part-time employees which are hard to figure how much they might have to work. She discussed training her employees and how expensive it is when you pay for hotels, food and training. Sandra stated she has to have Monarch reappraised this year, which she will have to contract with cement plant assessor.

Sandra discussed valuation and changes for current year.

Sherrie updated the commission on HB2102 and the changes it makes for Southeast Kansas Library Board. No action was taken at this time.

Tim Cunningham, Tri Valley Developmental Services, Inc. Executive Director, and Bill Fiscus, Tri Valley Development Services, Inc. Financial Director, discussed the 2018 budget. Tim reviewed the board, board minutes-July 1-June 30, news clippings and services provided. They are down 41 staff in the last 10 years due to cuts. Tri Valley Developmental Services has cut their budget over \$2,000,000 in the last 10 years. He would appreciate the commission considering \$67,000 for 2018 budget.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Billing Director, discussed the 2018 proposed budget. Discussion followed on line items. Terry asked the commissioners about funding the Rescue Vehicle out of the ambulance fund for future upkeep since insurances no longer pay monies to go into that fund for upkeep.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the land to the east of Iola Senior Center, Inc. He asked if the commission wanted to continue with the purchase. Discussion followed on the costs.

Alan discussed the Tax Foreclosure Sale. He has sent out 99 summons and 80 have come back. He explained the process and where he is at in the process.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$77,120.04
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries: 32-33

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner