

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, was present to observe the meeting.

Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial District Judge, and Dina Morrison, 31st Judicial District Chief Court Clerk, discussed the 2018 proposed budget of \$389,227.00; this includes district expenses, indigent defense and court expenses. Dina explained her increases in the budget request. One is replacing the server, they had to go to electronic filing and she explained the savings will be over the next couple of years. Dina discussed murder trials and costs. Discussion followed. Judge Creitz discussed the remodel project in court. He explained changes around the timeless piece of art and a project the Erie High School teacher made. Dina discussed remodel at the Probation office.

Judge Creitz discussed Drug Court and statistics. He reported a lot of individuals and businesses donate time and items. They are about back up to 50 plus in the system. Southeast Kansas Mental Health has a new person helping with Drug Court. Judge Creitz discussed a current court case and security. He discussed CASA; they have 1 and a half staff. The rest are volunteers for dealing with abused children.

Judge Creitz reported on the electronic filing (I-Quick) and how it is working. Discussion followed. Dina's office scans it after something is filed by paper.

Judge Creitz discussed requesting warrants and how it works. He said most search warrants are on drug searches.

Judge Creitz explained a Homeland Security Court audit that will be happening. The audit is scheduled August 9 through the 11th. The report will not be a public document. Discussion followed. Judge Creitz discussed a Chief Judge order.

Chairman Talkington discussed Drug Court and how it is funded. Currently it is funded by grants and donations. Contributions are given by counties and handled as donations. Judge Creitz explained what each are used for. Treatment is mandatory, but the state doesn't fund the treatments, so the courts do and that is one of what the grants are used for. National training is required; National Conference for training. Judge Creitz expressed his opinion on the public's appreciation of the success of Drug Court.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, requested a trailer for the Noxious Weed Department. The bids for an aluminum utility trailer with tilt were Croft Trailer Supply for a 78"X12' for \$3,276.00 out of Kansas City, MO priced with rock guard; Trailer World for 77"X12' for \$2,960.00 out of Bowling Green, KY; and Haul Supply for a 77"X12' for \$2,795.00. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase from Croft Trailer Supply since shipping and other expenses would make the others as expensive as the one in Kansas City. Commissioner Williams's seconded. Discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported the Allen County Regional Airport runway slabs of cement are moved, so Allgeier, Martin & Associates, Inc. is called and is now fixing. Once they start repairs, the runway will be closed.

Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS Director, Tim Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, joined the commissioners to review the new ambulance and the rescue vehicle. Commissioners adjourned to the street.

Commissioners reconvened in the commission room.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed projects he would like to see done for 2018 or before. He would like to have a handrail on the north side of the courthouse to match the other entries. Ron would like to redo the flooring and repaint in the assembly room. There needs to be tile repaired around the elevator area; carpet in the large courtroom, replace the trash cans around the courtyard, new ceiling tiles in the hallways and LED lights in the window wells. Commissioners agreed these are things that need completed. Commissioner Daniels requested to prioritize the list and keep in mind the Homeland Security audits. Ron asked about a water feature for the court yard. Discussion followed on placement and who could do it. Ron discussed maintenance upkeep and projects; carpet, paint and tile. Commissioners discussed working on some of the projects now.

Sherrie discussed budget with the commissioners. She talked about raises and the health fund. She stated that she likes to replace a computer per year, to keep them current. The election computer has to be replaced. She will have to send her computer to Omaha to be programmed for election software. This will be done for free by the company she's working with. Rodney Burns, auditor, sent her a rough draft of the budget. Sherrie explained the form used by Rodney and how it differs from what's been used in the past. Commissioner Daniels asked about the costs of computers...would an IT manager be justified, discussion followed. Sherrie talked about the security issues with elections and such. Eventually we must get a new server. Our current one is 13 years old plus. Commissioner Williams asked about mandates on elections.

Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Allen County Treasurer, discussed her budget for 2018 increase. She stated most of her increases are payroll. Crickett stated that compared to other counties the wages are good. She reported Motor Vehicle is not funding itself, so she had to move another employee over to the treasurer's side. Crickett explained some of the fees that can be charged as treasurer, but explained why she doesn't charge them, as they are facility fees and she chooses not to.

Crickett discussed the AT&T outage area-wide due to someone hitting an optic line. Discussion followed.

Crickett stated she would like to build a cabinet in the vault to hold some items. She has asked persons to come bid on the cabinet and no one has ever come back with one.

Steve Norman, Ravin Printing representative, discussed concerns of the old building left at the parking lot and maintenance of the parking lot. The wall belongs to Steve Norman so there is nothing the county can do to remove it. We also use the parking lot belonging to him for Senior Center parking since the parking lot for the county is behind the Senior Center. Chairman Talkington stated since there is a statute that forbids the county from going on private property that there might need to be a contract to allow the county to put gravel down. Commissioner Williams stated the commission could purchase gravel and have someone grade it. Commissioner Daniels asked if Steve would be interested in selling the lot. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams stated he didn't have a problem buying gravel for the parking lot and having someone grade it. The brick corner has been there for several years and will someday need attention. Commissioner Williams stated sometimes things that have been done in the past because it is the right thing to do. Steve requested gravel put on the lot and graded. Commissioners will take care of it.

Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, discussed 2018 budget requests. She stated most of her increase is due to payroll expenses. Cara pays for several things from her technology fund. Her maintenance equipment fund increase is due to in case she needs to replace/maintenance a copy machine. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved her to increase her budget for a couple of desks. Commissioners thanked her.

Commissioner Williams stated Angie called and reported on the person reviewing the tower. Commissioner Williams visited with the person and asked to complete the inspection as contracted. Discussion followed.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, stated he thinks the meetings should be held twice a month instead of once a week. He wished even if regardless if the Union and Iola Register could have agendas a head of time so the public can attend in response to the agenda. He thinks they should have night meetings regardless of day or night; the people coming are on salary.

Bob said his 3rd reason was he understood it is the commissioners' civic responsibility to the public, so why couldn't they either forfeit their salary to county or get paid a whole lot more.

Bob also asked to have the titles and reasons on the agenda along with the persons' name so that the public can come and give input.

Bob requested every other week and/or other places and night meetings; rotated between Humboldt, Moran, and Iola.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers -\$204,708.28
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Clerks Journal Entry #34-35

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner