

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 May 1, 2018.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Nick Reynolds, The Humboldt Union, Bruce Symes, Commissioner Candidate for District #3, Michael Bruner, Candidate for Commission District #1, Alan Weber, County Counselor, David Scantlin, citizens, Dale and Lavona Wiles, Larry Walden, citizen, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff and Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, Paul Zirjack, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Sherrie L. Riebel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken McWhirter, USD #256 superintendent, presented a request via email for school security for \$5,724.98 to EZ Watch. Discussion followed to inform the public the commission has paid for some security items for USD's. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the request \$5,724.98. Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Daniel Creitz, 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Judge and Dina Morrison, Chief Court Clerk, discussed the 2019 increase for budget. Dina discussed the increase the largest amount is attorney fees; CASA \$6,921 (increase of \$692)-10% increase of CASA request, Computer Contracts - \$20,000 (decrease of \$10,000), District Expense - \$13,932 (increase of \$1,548) increase costs, Drug Testing - \$2,704 (decrease of \$3,418), Dues & Memberships - \$325 (increase \$60) increase in KADCCA dues, Indigent Defense - \$370, 000 (increase of \$80,000) increase cost due to caseload, Postage - \$3,500 (decrease of \$500) decreased costs, Other Capital Outlay – Security Budget -\$5,000 – New Line Item for an overall \$73,382 overall increase. She explained each item. Judge Creitz stated the security line was suggested by the Homeland Security. Most increases are due to uncontrollable items, appointed attorneys and such.

Judge Creitz stated drug court going well, 60 in drug court only ones paid are the ones providing service for rehab. SB 123 makes several items mandatory.

Dina discussed a new lock on the outer door and wants to see if only one key would work for all card key doors.

Dina discussed Court services is bursting at the seams and need more space and would like to keep them in the courthouse. Discussion followed on office relocations.

Judge Creitz reported the new carpet has been installed and looks very nice.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, requested vacation carry over of 82.5 hours for Terry Johnson. Commissioners approved the carryover for 6 months.

Mitch reported KDOT will be closing a on ramp at Minnesota Road on June 11 to June 18 to repair. Cole asked questions. KDOT will be putting up a message board.

Alan Weber, and Larry Walden joined the meeting.

Mitch stated they have to do some testing before pouring footing for the new hanger at the Allen County Regional Airport. They will pour it then let it cure while they finish ethe other hanger.

Commissioner Daniels discussed routes that KDOT contractors are taking. Mitch will visit with KDPT

Sandy Zornes joined the meeting.

Mitch reported dust Abatement is going down and should be completed by Thursday.

Dale Wiles asked about a sign directing which way to lola and Humboldt so the truckers and cars would know which way to go? Commissioner Daniels stated the county can't put up a sign because it is KDOT's right of way. Discussion followed.

Paul asked if people were going through the back roads to lola going to get a ticket. Anyone except trucks are allowed through the unofficial detour. Cole stated information was done at the City of Humboldt. Sheriff Murphy stated any questions persons can come watch the video of the "discussed" stop. Nothing was done. Dale asked what speeding is. Anything over the speed limit is speeding.

Chairman Williams opened the 9:00 a.m. hearing for Allen County property disposal. Alan explained and presented a map for viewing. It is economic development opportunity. The land will sell for \$3,000. Will have a survey within 30 days and will then have to take to City of lola for approval. Discussion followed on a survey plat. Sandy stated they are planning on starting July 30. Bob Johnson stated it is a capital idea. Commissioner Brocker moved to approve the sale. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported the zoning scheduled at 9:15 was canceled and the presenter withdrew their request. They will be visiting with landowners and will reapply at some point.

Allen County Hospital Management Agreement Committee meeting will be June 20 at 11:30 a.m. The regular Allen County Hospital Trustees meeting will be June 26 at 4:30 p.m. Discussion followed on Kearney County Hospital.

Paul wants to know when the actual windfarm will be starting. Alan stated probably early July and completion is not until next fall 2019. Sheriff Murphy stated they are working on items. Alan stated they are in the process of letting the project. Still finishing up the road survey for Allen County. Discussion followed. Paul stated money equals progress. Discussion on compensating use project when Enbridge went through.

Sheriff Murphy stated the door project is about done and still working on cameras

Commissioner Daniels discussed valuation for 2018 taxes. He would like to see the levy drop below 2017's.

Larry discussed changing commissioner districts from 3 to 5. He presented KSA 19-204 and a resolution. Larry stated his perception of KOMA violation he is suggesting for commission to consider a resolution. The voters are going to decide the resolution. He would like the commission to do it by resolution because it would speed things up. Chairman Williams doesn't think the commission should take the stand to change it if the citizens want it then they can sign a petition and let the public decide. Commissioner Daniels agrees 100 percent with the Chairman. Chairman Williams said it should come from the Grass Roots. Commissioner Brocker stated his opinion is they are stewards of the people and the people should bring it to the table. He has discussed this with many people. What other decision from the people could bring this to the table. Paul stated he had set on an ad hawk vote and it went to the people. Chairman Williams state decision should be the peoples. Larry stated 180 days for a petition. Larry go to a private lawyer to get a petition, then pay the lawyer for the form, then take the petition to the attorney or county counselor, then 5 days for decision on petition, then 20 days for protest, then 20 days for committee, then can circulate petition, 60 days for publication then election. Larry insisted the commission do a resolution. He stated he will give the commission petitions to circulate. Discussion back and forth followed.

Michael Bruner stated he doesn't have a position on how many people but an open mind and not sure what problems would be solved or created. He agrees with the commission and it

should come from the grass roots then people don't feel strongly enough to sign a petition then there shouldn't be an election.

Commissioner Daniels commented it takes 500 votes to sign the petition so they shouldn't do one person's bidding.

Michael stated it would be logical to do it after the 2020 Census.

Bob stated he wrote the article to support it and stir up discussion; it would take time. Discussion followed on Census.

Dale Wiles stated the commissioners are doing a fine job he doesn't see a need for any more commissioners. Dave Scantlin stated everywhere in the county he has never had another person say there needs to be 5. That the commission should not pass a resolution based on one person's request as that would be toting to one citizen. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – 5/31/18-\$380,923.52 & 6/5/18-\$37,371.19
- b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Cindy Scovill  
- Pay change for J.D. O. Harris for annual increase
- c) Clerks Journal Entries #30

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 9:45 a.m. until June 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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