

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

Nick Reynolds, The Humboldt Union, Eric Spruill, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, David Scantlin, Robert and Juanell Garrett & Steven Henderson, citizens was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 30, 2019.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director reported on the Court area work. It has one beam that needs to stay as it is a support beam. Ron discussed covering the frames with onyx. Commissioners approved Ron to pick the color.

Ron presented a bid for an outdoor water fountain. The bid was from Anderson Plumbing, LLC for \$7,889.88. Discussion followed on installation. Ron said he had checked with the City of Iola; they will lay the lines. The county will pay for installation of water fountain. Commissioners requested more bids. Commissioner Symes asked about the pet fountain part of this bid or if it would lower the cost if the pet part of the fountain was left off.

Ron discussed the heat and air programming for our current system will no longer be serviced as of January 2020. The new software cost is \$20,000, controllers anywhere from \$50,000 to \$65,000 for a total of \$85,000, but the current software will not be compatible with Windows10. Discussion followed. Commissioners asked Ron to get more bids.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported that with the major rain it has stopped a lot of items from being done; grading, repairs, crusher and such. Discussion followed.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Rebecca "Becky" Johnson, Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Department Executive Director, joined the meeting to introduce herself. She replaced Chardel Hastings who took on a new position. Rebecca reported last year SEKMCH requested \$100,000 and is requesting the same for 2020. Commissioner Symes asked if there would be any changes. Rebecca reported they have purchased a new building (3600 square feet) in Fort Scott and are hoping to be in the new building by July. Discussion followed. Commissioner King reported he is on the committee and there is a very good group from SEKMCH.

Steve Strickler, Donna Grigsby and Karen Gilpin, Rotarians, were present to discuss recycling. Steve thanked Mitch for delivering the paper to Wichita from each of the paper drives. Commissioner King commented in the past they took the recyclable paper to Wellsville and would bring back a load of shredded paper for the landfill top fill. Now it goes to International Papers in Wichita. Steve mentioned they take plastic totes and take the top out to collect #3 - #7 plastics. They would like to educate the public how to sort the items. Commissioner King mentioned on plastics you have to watch out for

contamination plastics i.e. with cigarettes in the bottles. Steve stated they are trying to figure out the cost of the project since it does not make money. He talked about collecting cardboard in the county. He is requesting the county purchase dumpsters; a large one (8 yard) for \$1,300 and smaller ones (4 yard) are \$500.00. He would like one in Lola, Humboldt and Moran with a lock and key; then let businesses have keys and put their cardboard in the dumpsters. Commissioner King stated the dumpsters would be resaleable if they ever ceased collecting cardboard. They would like Allen County to pay for Cole's Trash collectors to move the dumpsters to the paper drive recycle area. They would like to recycle this cardboard. Donna said currently they are collecting paper once every two months, but the dumpsters would just be for cardboard. Steve stated plastic totes are already to go for the #3 - #7 plastics to be collected at the paper drive. Their current request is for 3 dumpsters, one big for Lola and two smaller ones for Humboldt and Moran. Commissioner King stated he would rather see the county get 3 large dumpsters instead of wishing they had to begin with. It was discussed that B&W has the pallet company pick up their baled cardboard. Commissioner King moved to proceed with the project and purchase 3 large dumpsters. Commissioner Symes seconded, discussion followed. Chairman Daniels thanked them for the time they put into the recycling. Motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner Symes asked if this is a Grass roots organization. Karen said the Rotary is doing it.

Steve asked if something could be done on the flooding along Kentucky Street. Commissioners referred it to Mitch.

Cara Barkdoll, Allen County Register of Deeds, discussed her salary for the office of Register of Deeds. She reported she was working her 2020 salaries and seen that her wages in comparison to the other office heads is quite a bit lower. She complemented Allen County has had good raises and good benefits and feels it is more of a calculation issue because of percentages, not flat amounts. Cara wants to know how the commission can give raises to some and not others. Chairman Daniels stated he understands, but there is not a good system when everyone gets the same percentage raise. Commissioner Symes asked if there was a time that raises were missed in her office. Cara stated she didn't say some got it and others didn't. She referred to a chart that she had sent to the commission. It widens the gap as the years go due to percentage raises. Commissioner Symes stated he accepted a position that the gap gets bigger as time goes by, that is just how it happens. Cara stated in 2008 Commissioner Works had moved to give her an extra boost of \$1,000 to catch her up. She still feels like she should make more than \$1.00 more than the deputies. She didn't look at the longevity time for the deputies. Cara discussed merit raises over the years for the deputies; she is barely above them. Commissioner Symes stated he appreciates all the office does, but she accepted the office knowing what she would make. Chairman Daniels stated he does feel like the commission needs to give an answer to her. Commissioner King stated different positions have different responsibilities. Commissioner King moved to reject the request from Cara. Commissioner Symes seconded, discussion followed and will discuss more at budget time. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Corliss Lynes, City of Moran Council, reported the City of Moran will provide the hook ups and absorb the costs and the person who gave the land will keep the yard mowed once the new ambulance station is built.

Commissioner King asked Sid Fleming, City of Lola Administrator about storm shelters. Juanell Garrett presented information on who has storm shelters and cities that don't have. Sid stated there are places in Lola that persons can go for storm shelters but they are not provided by the City of Lola. Discussion followed. Robert Garrett stated if the county provides one in Mildred, they will set a precedence.

Terry Call, EMS Billing/Zoning/LEPP, talked about checking with Advanced Systems on building a house with a garage and it would be \$200,000. It would be able to be sold as a home when longer an

ambulance station. Discussion followed. Chairman Daniels stated Advanced Systems should bid on the projects when bids are let.

Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS Director, Terry Call, EMS Billing/Zoning/LEPP, joined the meeting to discuss the ambulance quarterly report. The report was sent for review.



TO: ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION
FROM: MICHAEL BURNETT, EMS DIRECTOR/PARAMEDIC
SUBJECT: EMS UPDATE – 2019 1st Quarter
DATE: 03 MAY 2019
CC: MAYOR WELLS & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
SID FLEMING, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
TIM THYER, IOLA FIRE CHIEF
COLE HERDER, HUMBOLDT CITY ADMINISTRATOR
PHILLIP MERCKEL, MORAN MAYOR

FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

January:

- Moran ambulance crew members taught Stop the Bleed Class to Moran School teachers and staff.
- Chief Thyer attended the Pipeline Group training in Chanute, representing Allen County EMS.
- Director Burnett and Chief Thyer attended SEK Homeland Security Council meeting in Chanute
- Director Burnett represented Allen County EMS at the SEK Region 6 EMS meeting in Pittsburg.
- Chief Thyer met with Rick Zingre with Zingre and Associates PA to look over future sites for the Moran and Humboldt EMS buildings.

February:

- EMS crews taught Stop the Bleed training to Lincoln Elementary School teachers and staff.
- Allen County EMS/Iola Fire hosted a PHTLS Class in Iola at Station 3. This 16-hour certification training was taught by Aero-Care personnel. (PHTLS = PreHospital Trauma Life Support).
- Chief Thyer represented ACEMS at Windsor Place for a quarterly Advisory Board Meeting.
- Director Burnett and Chief Thyer attended a School Safety Meeting at Allen County 911 Dispatch.
- Chief Thyer attended and represented ACEMS at a SEK Healthcare Coalition meeting in Chanute.
- The Kansas Board of EMS conducted the annual inspection of the Allen County Ambulance Service.
- Gates hosted three, individual industry familiarization tours for all Fire/EMS staff members.

March:

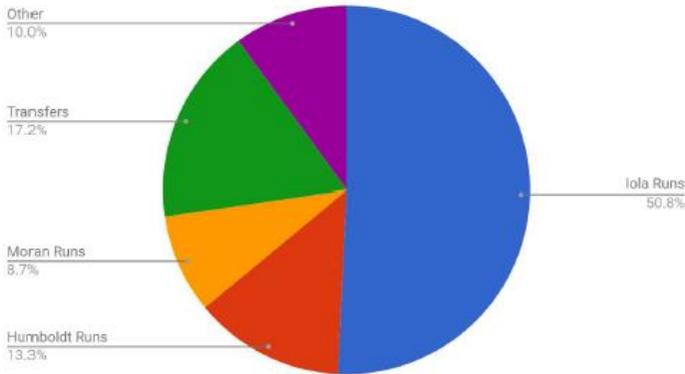
- Lt. B'Hymer and Chief Thyer went to Hutchinson Community College for recruitment day.
- Crew members taught CPR class to Dr. Coffield's dental staff.
- Director Burnett met with ARV representative for a pre-build meeting for the new Med #34.
- Director Burnett and Chief Thyer attended the SEK Homeland Security Meeting in Chanute.

A LOOK FORWARD

- Recruitment - Continuing to seek Paramedics by visiting with colleges and students that are finishing up with their paramedic programs.
- Continue working on the new station projects.
- Continue to seek ways to be more cost effective to help offset the rising cost of supplies.

EMS DATA

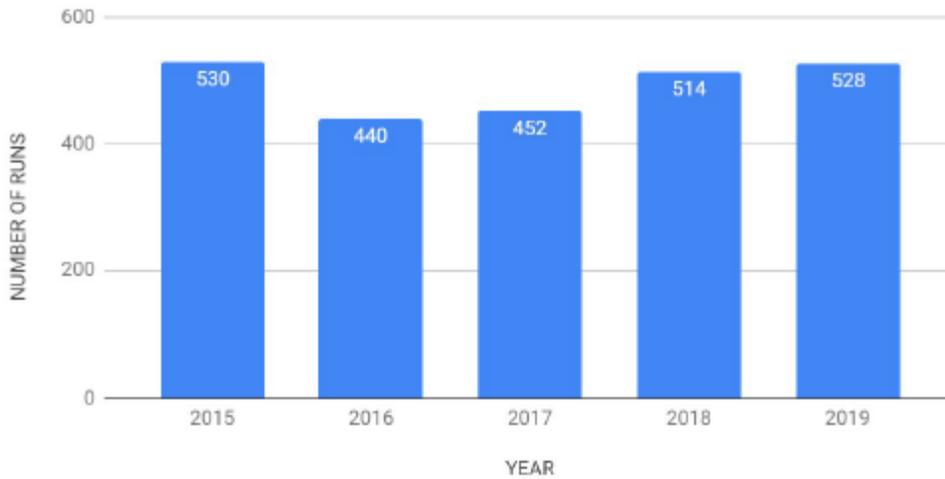
RUNS BY ZONE-DISTRICT (YTD)



Graph 1 shows the Runs By Zone-District using year-to-date numbers (Jan-Mar). This information reflects where calls for service originate. The Other category reflects unclassified runs and runs outside Allen County.

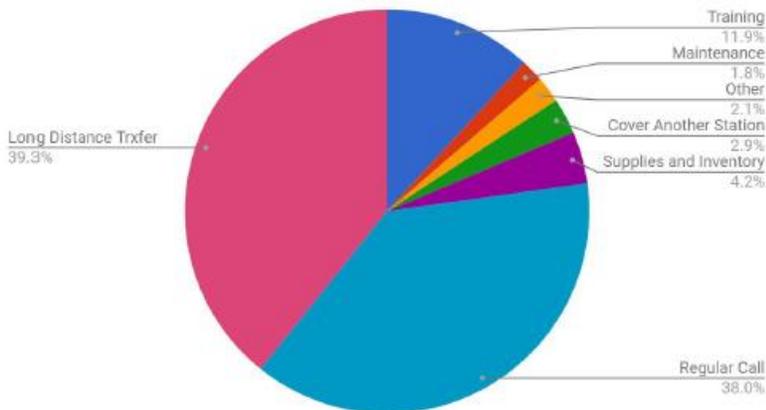
EMS CALLS YTD – 2015-2019

JANUARY through MARCH



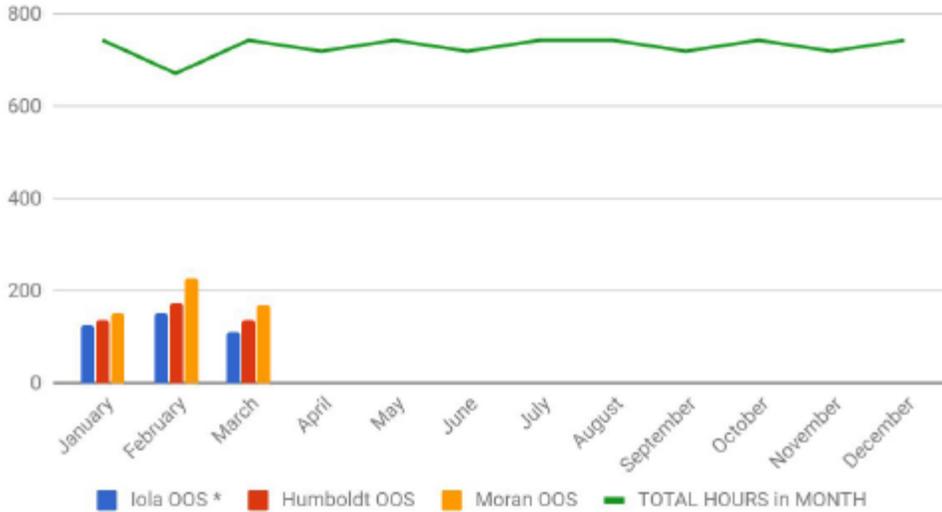
Graph 2 shows the total EMS runs year-to-date (Jan-Mar) from 2015 through 2019.

REASON FOR OUT-OF-STATION



Graph 3 shows the YTD (Jan-Mar) percentage breakdown for the reason staff was Out-Of-Station.

OUT-OF-STATION HOURS BY LOCATION



*Graph 4 shows the Out-Of-Station hours by month by location compared to the total hours in each month.
* Since Iola Station cannot go to "status zero", Iola OOS does not reflect hours spent for Training, Maintenance, or Supplies & Inventory.*

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Director Burnett stated they did the 4th Quarter report in February. He reported they are still two months out on getting the new ambulance. Osage had put an offer in for the old ambulance, so it has to be advertised, then the commission will make a decision.

Chairman Daniels reported they are continuing to work on getting the ambulance stations built and running. They are waiting on the geo technical report first on the land in Humboldt and Moran; then bids will be going out.

Commissioner King discussed the heating/air in the current Moran Station. Director Burnett stated it is working okay for now. Commissioner King stated he checked with the maintenance vendor and it will not stop working right away and it is good for now. Chairman Daniels stated if the Moran Station isn't done before the cold weather changes, they will look at the problem at that time.

Sherrie asked the commission about 2020 budgets; fair and ambulance line items in the General Fund.

Sherrie relayed a request from Lyle at Feuerborn Family Funeral Home to pay for an indigent death. Commissioner King moved to approve up to \$1,000 towards the cost. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Larry Walden, joined the meeting.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, Jeff Cantrell, City of Chanute Administrator and Raymond Hale, Police Chief of Chanute were present to discuss the City of Chanute's dispatch consolidation consideration. Angie stated most jurisdictions seek to give residents the highest level of Emergency 911 Services that are reasonably affordable and the City of Chanute is no exception. A few months ago, the Chanute Chief of Police approached Angie about the possibility of Allen County taking over their dispatch services because they are unsatisfied with the service provided by the Neosho County Sheriff's Office citing Allen County's efficiency and high quality of service as a logical replacement.

In the face of tough economic times, jurisdictions have increasingly sought-after ways to pool resources and eliminate redundancies. That has led agencies and government entities to consolidate communication centers to cover multiple jurisdictions, counties, and regions. Consolidation has been a clear trend over the last 20 years. ... The result has been greater economies of scale, more efficient use of resources, and improved interoperability.

For better or for worse the consolidation doors have been opened, and opened wide. Over the last few years Angie has been approached about Allen County providing dispatch services for the Woodson County Sheriff's Office and Yates Center PD. Anderson County and Bourbon County have worked with her to utilize Allen County's model seeking to become a standalone PSAP. It is obvious Allen County serves as a "best practice" example to Allen County neighbors and because of that Angie thinks Allen County 911 dispatch has the potential to be the first 911 center in the State of Kansas to work towards regionalization. For the last few years it has cost an enormous amount of money to operate in large part because of the technical systems specifically NG911 and with the escalating cost of maintaining those systems it makes consolidation a serious debate.

Angie reported when the 911 Act was under revision on the senate floor last month, the House of Utilities showed powerful interest in 911 Centers merging/consolidating in efforts to stretch the use of 911 tax money. They have expressed interest in the 911 Coordinating Council facilitating a study regarding the benefits and drawbacks of consolidation. The NG Administrator for the State of Kansas believes primary consideration for grant money will be given to PSAP's that voluntarily regionalize.

Although Allen County absorbing dispatch services for Chanute Police and Fire won't provide immediate revenue it does lend itself to being the necessary channel that will lead to larger consolidation where Allen County could see additional revenue. Angie has done her due diligence to ensure that the logistics are intact and dispatching long distance is physically possible without jeopardizing the responders or the citizens. Chanute is at the point where they want to secure Allen County's commitment and discuss the possibility of a contract therefore, Angie has asked the Chief of Police and City Manager to accompany her to the Allen County Commission meeting on Tuesday.

Angie commented while Chanute initially stands to benefit more than Allen County, this would open the door for so many more opportunities where Allen County will be the primary beneficiary. Potential benefits of consolidation might include budget savings based on commensurate reductions in staff, infrastructure, equipment, and other factors; improved and faster communications and coordination between agencies and agency partners; and access to more advanced emergency communications systems, technology, and standardized protocols that help eliminate mistakes. PSAP consolidation helps to save money within each jurisdiction.

In summary, the trend of dispatch center consolidation isn't going anywhere. Agencies and jurisdictions continue to grapple with rising costs of staffing, updating new technologies, and related expenses even as 911 communication centers continue to experience problematic revenue sources. And as the industry continues to move toward digitalization, the costs associated with NG9-1-1 may accelerate the trend. It's easier for areas running multiple call centers with different hardware, software, power, utilities, employees to switch to a more streamlined approach. If the commission puts all of these workers into one place and then you can do more with less resources. The training process for the dispatch technology will be more universal, and there will be more funds to work with as far as keeping call centers updated.

Angie stated she supports regionalization and last year when Yates Center wanted to contract with Allen County, the then Commissioners were also very open minded to the possibility of consolidating

with other PSAPs. She wants to see what interest level the commissioners have in growing Allen County Emergency Communications as the central hub for regionalization.

Commissioner Symes asked about regionalization. Angie said there are regions, but they are starting to pair up, add on organizations and dispatch for them. Pushing leg and pushing EFD and medical calls into one center that is doing it. Nex Gen has built in redundancy for the idea of consolidations. Some are on a state server connected by fiber so if one is down someone else can pick it up. Commissioner Symes asked about equipment. Angie stated the cost would be up to the commission but not a get rich scheme, but help the community then build from there. Calls could go anywhere in the state. Angie explained the legislator discussion. Commissioner King asked what is needed for right now. He asked if the entire city management is on board. Jeff stated he has had discussions with each and every board member but maybe not the entire governing body. He explained he does not have to get approval from the whole board. Commissioner King stated he would like more information first. Chairman Daniels stated he is on the state board council and regionalization is being discussed but a very touchy subject. He asked if there is any new Neosho County Commissioner that might change the current situation. Jeff stated he didn't know if the current information would not change what is currently there. Chairman Daniels stated he appreciates all the work Angie has done but priority is those within Allen County, want to make sure the plate isn't too full for Allen County 911. Angie stated they would never want the service in Allen County to suffer so they would have to hire more staff. Counselor Johnson asked if Angie could find where another county in the state has taken over the others dispatch. Discussion followed. Chairman Daniels stated there are reasons why consolidation hasn't changed, due to change in governments. Commissioner Symes stated he appreciates that the City of Chanute is complimenting on Allen County's service but what about longevity for employees that would be hired to man dispatch but what if that contract goes away? Angie stated she has thought of this but there is a few other conversations behind scenes and they need to look at risk vs reward. Angie asked if Commissioners want her to bring someone else in to see how it is feasibly would it be considered. Commissioners stated no, they don't need anyone else to speak to them, they just need time to consider it. Jeff stated they had thought about starting up their own dispatch but the costs are great. The best reliable source in the area would be Allen County is why they are looking at Allen County 911 Services. No action was taken at this time.

David Scantlin asked about retaining employees in dispatch. He mentioned there is currently an ad for help. What would happen if this stretches 911 dispatch? Angie stated there is always a revolving door and the commission has recently increased the beginning wages for employees, so it should look more inviting.

Angela Murphy, questioned the commission how they would like to her to budget funds for needed radio upgrades and new server. Should she prepare the 2020 dispatch budget with \$100,000 or if the commission will be funding it. She would need to know when the last time is to change the budget. Chairman Daniels stated it could be purchased out of capital outlay in the General Fund. Commissioner Symes asked if the budget could include part of the equipment or not. Angie stated she would hate to commit to it and then change it. She also stated not sure it could wait until next year. Commissioners allowed that if it came out of the General Fund budget, it should be okay for this year.

Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, reported on a Memorial for Gordon Conger, past commissioner. He passed away this last weekend.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 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, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:49 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:59 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:59 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:04 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 5 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, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 11:04 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:09 a.m. No action was taken.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported approval by FFA for tower and height in LaHarpe.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$14,512.28
- b) Journal Voucher #22
- c) Payroll Change –
- d) Payroll Reimbursement for mileage – Sherrie L. Riebel, Bruce Symes, Bill King, Terry Call & Cindy Scovill
- e) Abatement - PP Value 94, \$13.34, Yr 2018
TR Value 994, \$136.54, Yr 2018

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With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner King seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. until May 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

William H. King, Commissioner