

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Jerry Daniels, Candidate for Commissioner District #1, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the November 10, 2014, canvas and regular meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve KDOT Grant for Services to the Elderly for \$4,000 working monies. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Wade Bowie, II, Allen County Attorney, requested a computer for the Attorney office use that would be able to down load information and cases. Discussion followed. Bids were received from Advantage Computer for \$1,195.00, Intershop for \$1,539.00, and Dell for \$1,680.00. He recommended Advantage because they are local and reasonable. He will pay for it out of the Diversion Fund. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase from Advantage. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed closing the courthouse for Employee Appreciation Dinner on December 16, 2014 from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners reviewed the proposed Budget Amendment for 2014. Commissioners approved to have the amendment hearing December 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in the commission room.

Sherrie discussed the special meeting of the commission for a tour of Russell Stover's on November 20, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Sherrie will notify the public who request notification.

Commissioners discussed the bids for the old health department building. Chairman Talkington moved to approve the sale of 221 South Jefferson to Clyde Toland for \$27,550.00. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Talkington moved to approve the Agreement for Service with Tri-Valley Development Services for 2015. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners signed the agreement.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed the 3 inches of snow over the weekend. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed the purchase of a fuel truck from Purple Wave for approximately \$14,000.

Bill discussed radio issues for the county. The problem is the location of repeaters. Discussion followed on cost and positions. Bill is looking at solutions.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy discussed replacing his vehicle and a deer helped to speed the replacement. \$31,600 for a new Tahoe. The damage of his old one is \$4,000 and would like to put the monies toward a new one and sell the old one as is. Discussion followed. Commissioners suggested he sell after repairs are made and purchase the new one.

Sheriff Murphy reported Allen County will house 24 inmates for Bourbon County for half a day while they host an open house at the old jail. Discussion followed.

Carl discussed the tour at Russell Stover's on Thursday. He reported the City Council will be going as well.

Carl discussed Gates has 670 employees currently and would like to get up to 750 employees. Discussion followed on possible expansion.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union reporter, joined the meeting.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested action on a hospital payment order #74 for \$95,000 to Murray Construction. There is a retention balance of \$55,000 for resolution of masonry replacement warranty and removal of silt, re-seed in the right of way drainage ditch at the south end of the pond. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the payment order. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported he has had a call from a representative from EDP Renewables discussing a renewable wind energy facility in Allen County. Discussion followed. Carl reported on a meeting he had attended on wind energy.

Alan discussed renewing the old hospital insurance through 2015; 2014's was \$16,985 for \$500,000 coverage. Discussion followed. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Bill King, Public Works Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, joined the meeting to discuss 2015 proposed raises. The proposal is 2% (1.7 federal) COLA and 3% discretionary per department head. \$165,000 increase per year.

Virginia Hawk, A.C.A.R.F. representative, sign that looks like a thermometer, and would like to put on the courthouse square and have it lit. The sign is 7'X2' and would show where they are on their goal. Commissioners approved the sign on the courtyard and have it taken down January 31, 2015.

Larry Manes, Economic Development representative, reported on group activities. He discussed industrial within Allen County. He discussed applying for grants and reported they have not been successful. Larry discussed the history of small towns and industry. Discussion followed. He presented information on inquiries from companies looking to potentially move into Southeast Kansas. Larry reported Gates, Russell Stover, and Herff/Jones all have new ownerships and have visited with each company.

Larry discussed local retail and services. New businesses and reopening of closed businesses, building business and expanding in current companies, were discussed. He discussed the closing of Amazon warehouse and Pepsi distributorship in Montgomery County and enticing employees to relocate to Allen County. Discussion followed.

Larry visited about medical and health care in Allen County. He mentioned meeting with Veterans' Administration about potential V.A. clinic and other medical interests. Larry stated there is a memorandum of understanding on the V.A. using the Allen County Regional Hospital for sleep disorder treatment and cataract surgery services. He reported on two new senior housing within Allen County. Discussion followed.

Larry discussed possible aid in creating a new industrial park somewhere in Allen County. He explained Iola Industry has several plots of land but are either landlocked or filled up or no infrastructures.

Larry stated Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, has been working with economic development and has several good ideas and interested in involving the entire county. Commissioners mentioned to keep the airport land in mind when discussing economic growth.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers- \$127,818.70

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 25, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman

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Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Dick Works, Commissioner