

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 Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk.

Robert Johnson, Iola Register, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Larry Walden, citizen, Mark Peters, Iola City Councilman-elect, Virginia Peter, citizen and Tom Ellis, artist, was present to observe the meeting.

Mr. Ellis presented a typed proposal "For Consideration of an Art Installation at the Intersection of Highways 169 & 54, east of Iola, KS. He suggests the art installation be inside the clover leaf formed by the on/off ramps. The structure should be tall enough to be seen from a distance on Hwy 169, by north and south bound traffic and by people on Hwy 54. Chairman Talkington asked Mr. Ellis for some time to review his landmark idea. He also asked about how Mr. Ellis thought this would be paid for. Mr. Ellis suggested money in the general fund, he's estimating \$250,000. - \$500,000.00 to build this structure. Mr. Ellis left his name, address and phone number for Commissioners to contact when they've had more time to review his plans.

Mr. Peters presented census numbers for Allen County. He has talked to employers in Allen County and asked how many employees they have and if they have any job openings. He reported on services provided in Allen County as well as any big projects happening, wind farms and highway closures were items he mentioned.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on an incident this morning. A truck hit a deer this morning on the highway and there was a crude oil spill. This happened around 2:00 a.m.

Alan Weber, County Counselor joined the meeting. He reported on Longevity Pay proposal. He stated rather than give more hours to employees, consider a bonus. No action taken.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Commissioner Williams, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Sheriff Murphy discussed longevity.

Alan opened up the hearing for the alley closing at 9:00 a.m. Mary and Dennis Wade, Marcelle Miller, Bonita Baker and Harvey Lynn Vaughn, land owners, were present for the hearing. Commissioner Daniels asked if anyone is opposed to closing the alley. Mrs. Baker said she and her husband are opposed. They use the alley to take their dog for a walk. She stated the traffic through Petrolia is ridiculous. She requested a traffic study be done on Main Street, which is the road through Petrolia. Commissioner Williams asked if the Bakers couldn't still use the alley to walk their dog. Commissioner Daniels said there's not much choice since the other end of the alley has already been vacated. It is a dead end. Chairman Talkington reviewed the opinions of those in attendance. Commissioner Williams moved to vacate the portion of alley not already vacated. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Murphy stated he has something to present to the commissioners after the first of the year for the "wish list".

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers - \$53,384.06
- b) Payroll Changes

c) Clerks Journal Entry - #73

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 5, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner