

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 11, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Daniels discussed the ribbon cutting yesterday at the East Gate Apartments. Commissioner Talkington mentioned the ground breaking ceremony for G & W that will be held Wednesday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported they are still working on roads from the flooding rain from a couple weeks ago. Some of the low water bridges had washouts as well.

Mitch discussed patching holes in some of the black tops. They have to go to Topeka to get cold patch now. He has ordered salt for winter and some of it has come in.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Bob Johnson, reported campaign signs on county right of way. Sheriff Murphy stated it is legal. Discussion followed.

Commissioners thanked Mitch and his crews for all they do.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed amending the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees by-laws to allow someone to serve longer terms. No action has been taken at this time. Karen Gilpin's and Jay Kretzmeier's terms will be ending at December 31, 2016. Alan will be sending names to the commission for consideration.

Alan reported the title work is not done on tax foreclosure sale.

Alan mentioned the Zoning/Planning board will be meeting October 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. They will be reviewing windfarm options. He stated they would probably be in executive session for legal consultation. Alan mentioned they would be introducing solar energy as well. Discussion followed.

Alan stated the state has changed laws for utilities right of way. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Talkington thanked Alan for all his work on the sale of the old hospital land and filling the hole. He had been publicly thanked at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Larry Walden, citizen, joined the meeting. He stated he was glad Commissioner Daniels was on the phone to prove that Commissioner Daniels cannot see what Larry is presenting to make a point that via phone is not appropriate. He presented KSA's 45-226, 45-217, which he is stating isn't being followed. Discussion followed. Larry would like to suggest that Alan Weber be appointed as the Official Public Information Officer for Allen County. Commissioners will take under consideration, but would definitely keep the charges for copies consistent.

Sheriff Murphy discussed the cost of inmates and switching inmates with other counties due to circumstances of a homicide.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$27,402.21
- b) Payroll changes
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries-#60

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

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Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Jim Talkington, Commissioner