

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on September 13, 2016.

Rick Danley, Iola Register and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Diane Kauth, Iola High School, to use the Bandstand for homecoming Candidates on September 30, 2016 following the parade.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Mathew Kleupfer, Iola High School Band, to use the courtyard for Practice-a-thon on October 15, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 noon.

Commissioner Talkington discussed appointing a vice chairman. Chairman Daniels moved to appoint Commissioner Talkington. Motion died for lack of a second. Discussion followed to wait and appoint in January when a new chair is appointed.

Larry Walden, citizen, joined the meeting. He asked for a recap of what had happened before he arrived.

Larry asked what the county considered capital outlay. Commissioner Williams stated it is usually a large one time purchase. Discussion followed.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed a loader at the quarry which might cost more to fix than purchase, which leaves them just two loaders. The crusher is up and going at this time. Mitch reported companies don't lease crushers. Commissioner Talkington suggested checking with Lorenzo Jensen to see if he is interested in selling his. The crusher is about 24 years old and the secondary is about 15 years old. It is costly to repair each time. Mitch isn't interested in having a third party crush. He would like to have a new one and was going to get costs. The idea might be to pay part out of quarry and part out of landfill.

Mitch reported the grass is still growing. He reported they will be cleaning ditches as soon as the ground dries. They do have a planned schedule. Discussion followed.

Commissioners thanked Mitch for his and his crews work around the county.

Commissioner Talkington mentioned he has visited with Travis Baughn, Allen County Rural Fire, and Travis stated they didn't need funding from Allen County at this time because they found a fire truck in Chicago and have purchased it.

Alan reported indigent deaths for Allen County. Allen County does not have a policy for this, but needs to enact one. Crime Victims Compensation Board allows for \$1,500 for burial. Veterans pay for only so much of the burial, but usually not enough to cover it.

Rueben Feuerborn, Feuerborn Funeral Homes, is in possession of a person who has been abandoned. He needs someone to pay for it. Kansas says the 1st is next of kin to pay, but when they abandon the body, in 2010 Kansas did away with funding, so the State issued another unfunded mandate. He explained they don't want to do anything to cause individuals to abandon bodies. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams asked about what the reasonable funding is for cremation. Rueben stated years ago it was \$550 but it is now about \$750. He discussed a person signing off on a cremation to keep someone from coming back later.

Commissioners stated they would take action this day and set up a policy for future events. Alan and Rueben will work up something and bring back to the commission for approval. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the payment of the bill submitted by Feuerborn Funeral Home. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ruth Jackson, citizen, joined the meeting to discuss the Services to the Elderly van schedule. She explained why she thinks she needs to come to town daily. Discussion followed.

Danny Ware, Superior Builders, and Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, discussed what happened to the courthouse walls while being pressure washed. Danny requested to put some kind of texture on the walls to hold the paint on. Discussion followed on problems. Danny stated the cost is \$30.00 a gallon and it covers about a 100 square feet. Commissioners requested to get the cost and Sherrie will forward it out to the commission.

Alan discussed the planning and zoning scheduled for this week, they will reschedule the updating of the Zoning Policy for wind farms until October due to two more zonings being scheduled for this week. Discussion followed on what the goal of the county is or should be. Commissioner Talkington stated people who are signing a lease contract for a wind farm get legal advice.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerks Vouchers – \$198,169.73
- b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 27, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson, present via phone conference

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner