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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the December 19 and 31, 2013 regular meetings.

Sherrie presented Resolution 201401 for review.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201401

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1117 (SUPP. 1978), 75-1120 (SUPP. 1982), 75-1121 (SUPP. 1988), AND 75-122 (SUPP. 1983) SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS TO MAINTAIN FIXED ASSET RECORDS AND OBSERVE FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING PRACTICES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, Allen County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2014, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to Allen County, Kansas or the members of the general public of Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolution of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ending December 31, 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 7th day of January 2014, that the said Board of County Commissioners requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of said law as they apply to Allen County, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2014.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of County Commissioners shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of the said municipality to be prepared on the bases of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this state.

Commissioner Williams moved to adopt Resolution 201401. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the computer requests Angie Murphy, 911 Communications Director, made last week. She had presented a bid from Advantage Computer for a total of $28,040. This bid includes a server, backup server, hard drive, rack rail mounting, windows, APC replacement battery, and black box local and remote. She also had bids received from Advantage Computer for a total of $5,740.00 for 4 computers. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchases with half out of 911 funds and half out of Dispatch. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reported Kansas Government Days will be held on February 5, 2014 at the Capitol Plaza.

Sherrie, on behalf of Pastor Meier, invited the Commissioners to Open House for the Humboldt Food Pantry on January 12, 2014 from 2-4 p.m.
Commissioners reviewed a request for Cereal Malt beverage license for Humboldt Speedway. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the renewal for the Humboldt Speedway cereal malt beverage license. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the contract with R&S Digital for mapping services. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Works signed the contract.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Scott Reeder, Bridge Foreman, joined the meeting.

Bill discussed purchasing a fuel truck from Purple Wave. He requested permission to bid a reasonable price on the vehicle. Discussion followed. Bill stated it would have to be shipped back. Commissioners approved.

Bill presented a contract with Schwab Eaton for Bridge inspections. Schwab Eaton will provide the engineering services for the ‘Routine’ Biennial Update Bridge Inspection for 224 bridges on the RS and Off-System roads. The field work will be completed in January/February 2014. They will complete these services for a fee of $84 per bridge inspected. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the contract with Schwab Eaton. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. The contract will be on file in Public Works office.

Brad Fagan, Schwab Eaton engineer, joined the meeting to discuss the Hegwald bridge replacement, which is on a curve. Discussion followed. Bill will be meeting with Mr. Sinclair and his son-in-law who has the land easements. Discussion followed. Brad discussed a survey cost for this same bridge since it has been a while since the original engineering bid was presented in 2004. Discussion followed on changes required by state regulations. Brad explained grades, back slopes and angles for the bridge. Engineering costs are all on Allen County; inspection and construction will be an 80/20 match with the State of Kansas. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting. Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Works, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:29 a.m. No action was taken.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed the change over of Allen County EMS to the City of Iola. Carl stated 9 employees made the change over, 6 of the 9 are paramedics. Discussion followed on Type 1 services.

Carl discussed Sewer District #2 funds. The City of Iola is in the process of pursuing annexation of the Country Estates Subdivision and adjoining properties served by Sewer District #2. The public hearing for the annexation is scheduled for January 14, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dr. Silas Bass North Community Center. Carl stated in the event that the annexation is approved by city council, the City of Iola requests that the funds in Sewer District #2 be turned over to the City of Iola to be applied to repairs or replacement of
the lift station or other repairs of the sewer system within the boundaries of the sewer district. Sherrie reported there is currently $10,131.89 in the Sewer Dist #2 fund and there will be two more distributions of taxes and then delinquent taxes. Discussion followed. Carl explained how the City of Iola will address the Sewer District #2 financing. Commissioner Williams moved to turning funding from Sewer District #2 over to the City of Iola contingent on the City of Iola annexing the Countryside Estates on January 14, 2014. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Carl and Ryan will make monthly ambulance reports. Discussion followed.

Kent Thompson, 9th District House Representative, joined the meeting.

Alan presented payment order # 65 for the hospital for $732,362.00 payable to Murray Company for approval. Commissioner Williams moved to authorize Chairman Works’ signature. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed a resolution on a mortgage fee.

A resolution of the Board of Allen County Commissioners urging the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the mortgage registration fee, as provided in K.S.A. 79-3102, and reject any or all legislative proposals abolishing such fee.

Whereas, in 1925, the Kansas Legislature enacted a law (K.S.A. 79-3102) providing that, before any mortgage of real property is filed with the County Register of Deeds, the individual or entity filing the mortgage pay a mortgage registration fee; and

Whereas, the Legislature has revisited the policy of the mortgage registration fee and enacted changes thereto on various occasions since 1925;

Whereas, the current fee is a one-time payment of 0.26% of the principal debt securing the mortgage; and

Whereas, the process of recording mortgages with the Register of Deeds is an important county function to ensure free and clear transactions involving land deals, giving potential landowners assurance that a property is unencumbered by liens; and

Whereas, a mortgage is enforceable only upon payment of the mortgage registration fee; and

Whereas, the 25/26th of the mortgage registration fee is deposited in a county’s general fund, where it is used to finance basic operations of county government and 1/26th of the fee is remitted to the State Treasurer to finance the Heritage Trust Fund which helps preserve historic structures.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, that the mortgage registration fee is an important revenue source for counties, and is one of a very few revenue streams counties have to finance essential county services; and

Be it further resolved that, in the budget years 2010, 2011, and 2012, Allen County received and deposited $85,879.00 (2010 amount); $132,417.00 (2011 amount); and $70,970.00 (2012 amount) from the mortgage registration fee, respectively, and has planned for and budgeted $80,000.00 in mortgage registration fee receipts for the general fund for the year 2014.

Be it further resolved that it would be profoundly unfair to counties and most of all, county property taxpayers in general, for counties to lose the revenue generated by the mortgage registration fee without the Legislature identifying and authorizing a revenue measure of equal or greater significance; and

Be it further resolved that in the absence of an identified, authorized substitute revenue source, that we urge the Kansas Legislature and Governor Sam Brownback to retain the current mortgage registration fee, as provided in K.S.A. 79-3102, and reject any or all legislative proposals abolishing such fee; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives representing this county; to Governor Sam Brownback; to all newspapers, radio and television stations serving this county; and to the Kansas Association of Counties.

Resolution 201402 adopted this 7th day of January, 2014 in an open meeting of the Board of Allen County Commissioners, on a vote of 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 201402. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan reported the Allen County Community Foundation’s Environmental Fund has earned over $2,000 in 2013 and their Public Health Fund has over $161,000 in it and has earned approximately $6,500 in 2013.

Alan discussed an offer from the CedarBrook Golf and Fitness. They just wanted to let Allen County know their Family rates are very reasonable at $37.95 a month. They do offer a corporate discount that Allen County might be interested in. It requires word of mouth or just a simple printed notification to our co-workers and new hires. It drops the Initiation fee from $50.00 to $25.00 and the first month of membership is free. The facility has 24/7 access to accommodate any shift. Commissioners will take under consideration and look at other health club opportunities.

Adam Lusker, 2nd District House Representative, joined the meeting.

Representative Lusker and Representative Thompson discussed county issues with the commission and those present. Discussion followed on expanding Medicaid, Mortgage Registration fees, Commercial Vehicle changes, and Neighborhood Revitalization. Commissioners thanked both representatives for their time and concerns.

Alan discussed Rural Fire District #2 and opportunities to build. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

Alan reviewed the contract with Swab Eaton on the Hegwald Bridge and found it acceptable. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the contract with Schwab Eaton on the Hegwald Bridge. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the annual reports from Fire District #2, Allen County Volunteers, Iola Township and Osage Township.

Commissioners reviewed the Humboldt Senior Center and Services to the Elderly van inventory.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
   a) Clerk’s Vouchers for Year End: $201,147.61 and $8124.13 for 2014, total of $209,271.74, signed on Jan 3, 2014 and $184,449.32 for 1/14/14 special payout, signed on Jan 7, 2014.
   b) Payroll changes
   c) Abatements: RE Value 2020, $471.56, 2013
      PP Value 2876, $446.60, 2013
      TR Value 697, $99.20, 2013
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 14, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Dick Works, Chairperson                     Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk              Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                          OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                           January 14, 2014

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the January 7, 2014, meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Jim Talkington to serve as Allen County Chairman for 2014. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Works moved to appoint Jeff Johnson and reappoint Tom Nevans and Neal Barclay to serve on the Allen County Revolving Loan Committee. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Walt Regehr, Jr. to serve another two year term on the SEK Mental Health Board. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Andy Dunlap and Commissioner Dick Works as his alternate to the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappointed Jim Talkington, Nicholas Lohman and Jean Barber to the Multi County Health Board. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the Resource, Conservation and Development Committee and what they accomplished throughout the years. They stated they would not be paying dues for 2014.

Commissioner Works moved to appoint John Scovill to serve an unexpired term on the Tri-Valley Development Center Board vacated by Nila Dickason. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. The term runs until June 30, 2015.
Commissioner Works moved to reappoint LaDonna Krone and Paul Sorenson to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Talkington moved to reappoint Bill King and Commissioner Dick Works as alternate, to the Southeast Kansas Solid Waste Operating Authority and Operating Authority Board of Directors. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Dick Works, to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Works moved to appoint Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner, to serve on the KANWORK Board. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie asked about attendance to County Government Day 2014 on February 5 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works will be attending.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Denise Smith, American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Allen County Chairman, to use the south courthouse lawn for their event to be held July 6th at noon to July 7th at 6:00 a.m. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie reminded the commission about the Farm Bureau Legislative update meeting to be held at 807 N. State, Iola on January 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Works moved to give a 3% raise across the board, full time, part time and elected officials. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, joined the meeting. Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Commissioner Works, Commissioner Williams, Chairman Talkington, Bill King, Public Works Director, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 8:59 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:04 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Commissioner Works, Commissioner Williams, Chairman Talkington, Bill King, Public Works Director, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:04 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:09 a.m. No action was taken.

Bill discussed a request to post a speed limit within Country Club Heights of 20 miles per hour. Discussion followed. Commissioners will visit with Alan about a resolution.

Bill discussed Delaware Road. He requested the Commission remove the weight limit and restore the speed limit to 55 miles per hour. Discussion followed on making the speed limit 45 as long as it is still gravel. Bill stated it will be completed later this spring. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioners discussed hauling rock with Bill King, Public Works Director.

Bill reported they will be tearing down the fire station in LaHarpe this week.
Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, and Shonda Jefferies, City of Iola Zoning Director, were present to discuss the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP). Carl asked if the Commission needed to review the purposes for NRP. Discussion followed on review of the statutes that allows NRP. Questions and answers followed on both parties. Shonda reported attending USD#257 board meeting last evening; there was a 3-2 split on adopting NRP. Pros and Cons were discussed as to what this area would get if NRP were city-wide. Commissioner Williams moved to have Allen County agree with the City of Iola’s NRP plan. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-1-0. Commissioner Works voted “nay” as to the fairness of the plan county-wide.

Carl stated the City of Iola did approve the lease agreement.

Carl mentioned the Special Meeting of the City of Iola for the purpose of annexing Countryside Subdivision.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, discussed why the County should adopt the Humboldt Union as official newspaper of Allen County for 2014. Cliff stated legal’s are uploaded to a legal site making them available to all. Discussion followed.

Susan Lynn Wolfe, Iola Register, discussed why the County should adopt the Iola Register as official newspaper of the Allen County for 2014. She presented a map of Allen County to show the distribution of the Iola Register. Susan stated they have 81 online-only subscriptions. Discussion followed. She stated the Register is not only a paper, but is also web based.

Commissioner Williams stated he would stand by his motion last year to rotate. Susan stated we should be conscience of tax payer money. Commissioner Works stated he would like to see numbers from the last two years. No action was taken at this time.

Joe Hess, Iola Senior Citizens, Inc. representative joined the meeting. Joe explained what they do at the center. Discussion followed on persons they serve. They get donations from garage sales and have to request trash service twice a week. They only put out good clothing. They sell donated items that put monies back into the community. 2013 donations were $24,400. They use ¼ of the funding for furnace filters, lights, cleaning supplies and other items needed for running the center. Discussion followed on state funding cuts.

Joe discussed the heating/air unit at the center. He stated they will probably need a new unit before too long. Joe presented recommendations from Tholen’s Heating. The current furnace was replaced in the mid 80’s. He received bids for option one of $8,108.50 to remove the existing heating and cooling system and install a new Trane heating and cooling system; option two of $4,529.00 to remove the existing a-coil and outdoor condensing unit. No action was taken at this time.

Chairman Talkington asked about the building and how they are able to be in a county building. He asked about a lease on the building. Joe stated they do not have a lease. They are 5013C incorporated. Discussion followed on board members and services they provide for the community. They pay a person to clean the building and one to do yard work.
Joe stated they are not donating to ACARF due to them making their own monies. The county takes care of their utilities and the building. Discussion followed on audits. They keep past records for 3 years. He explained how the Iola Senior Citizen Incorporation works. Joe stated he appreciated the county’s support.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested approval on hospital payment #66 to Health Facilities Group (HFG) for $544.82. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington’s signature. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed Alan draft a resolution for changing the speed limit. He will draft one for approval.

Alan discussed the Economic Development funding. Iola Industry will be paying $20,000, the City of Iola $20,000 and they are requesting $20,000 from Allen County. Discussion followed on what was being paid. Commissioner Works moved to approve $10,000 to Thrive for Economic Development. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-1. Chairman Talkington abstains.

Wade Bowie, II, Allen County Attorney, presented information on maintenance for the copier in his office. He presented a bid from Copy Products, Inc. for either continued maintenance for the current copier at $631.45 per year or a new Toshiba E-Studio 356 copier for $3,295.00 with a 3 year parts and labor warranty that includes setup, installation and key operator training. The offer is only good through today. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved Wade to make the decision.

Alan asked the commission to reconsider the amount for Economic Development for 2014. Discussion followed. Alan stated Allen County needs to keep a driving force on Economic Development.

Commissioners reviewed inventory reports from LaHarpe Senior Center, Iola Seniors Inc. and Moran Senior Center.

Commissioners reviewed the annual reports of Deer Creek Township and Fire District #2 City of Iola.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entry #0052013YE
d) Abatements:  RE, Value 517, $77.54, Year 2013  
PP, Value 5559, $902.40, Year 2013  
TR, Value 113, $16.04, Year 2013
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 21, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman                     Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk              Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS    OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   January 21, 2014

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 Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the January 14, 2014, meeting.

Cliff Ralstin, Ralstin Publications, stated the citylink live video website is up and going.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, and Pam Beasley, Allen County Emergency Manager, presented the Allen County Emergency Operations Plan. The State of Kansas has approved it and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, has reviewed it. Allen County is now in a Regional Mitigation system.

Promulgation

One of the responsibilities of Kansas counties required by K.S.A. 48-929, is the development and promulgation of a County Emergency Operations Plan (CEOP) with the intention of saving lives and protecting property in the event of a major emergency of disaster.

This planning includes: Mitigation to reduce the probability of occurrence and minimize the effects of unavoidable incidents; Preparedness to respond to emergency/disaster situations; Response actions during an emergency/disaster; and Recovery operations that will ensure the orderly return to normal or improved levels following an emergency/disaster.

The Allen County Emergency Operations Plan has been developed to establish the policies, guidance and procedures that will provide the elected and appointed officials, administrative personnel, various governmental department and private and volunteer agencies with the information required to function in a coordinated and integrated fashion and to ensure a timely and organized management of the consequences arising from emergencies/disasters.

As Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, I endorse this Plan, as approved by the Allen County Board of County Commissioners on January 21, 2014 and direct that all personnel involved assume the roles and responsibilities and take appropriate actions as outlined herein.

James R. Talkington, Chairman Allen County Board of County Commissioners.

As Emergency Management Coordinator of Allen County, I endorse this plan, as approved by the Board of County Commissioners, Pam Beasley, Allen County Emergency Management Coordinator.
As County Counselor of Allen County, I endorse this plan, as approved by the Board of Allen County Commissioner, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor.

Commissioner Works moved to approve Chairman Talkington’s signature on the Promulgation. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Pam informed the commissioners on the renewal cost for CodeRED for 2014. The invoice was for $11,343.50. CodeRED is $7,781.00, Weather Warning is $3,562.50; currently divided between 3 departments: Allen County Sheriff Department, Allen County 911, Allen County Emergency Management. Sheriff Murphy stated he felt the Sheriff’s office and EM should absorb the cost as 911 only uses it if requested by the Sheriff’s office. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Murphy asked about furniture in the 412 N. State building. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Murphy stated there was a desk in the Cert room at 911 Critical Response Building. Thrive wanted to purchase one; he donated it to Thrive. Commissioners approved.

Bill King, Public Works Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, and Bill King, Public Works Director. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Bill presented and requested Commissioners approve and sign the annual Noxious Weed report to the state. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved.

Bill discussed the new spreader for a truck. Discussion followed.

Bill stated the Sinclair Bridge’s right of way is now staked if Commissioners would like to review.

Bill mentioned narrow band radios and compliance. He would like to pay certain phone allowances to “Emergency” persons. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approved 12 employees in “Emergency” positions to get phone allowance. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed this summer’s future in his department and other projects planned. Discussion followed. He discussed past history on roads, he explained positive changes for road work. Bill stated he has visited with department heads on needs within each department.

Alan discussed a request from Allen County Sewer District No. 3 for Allen County to allow Rural Water District #13 to enter into a contract with Allen County to allow them operation and maintenance of Sewer District #3.

This agreement is made and entered into this 21st of January, 2014 by and between the Allen County Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter called Allen County) and Rural Water District No. 13, Allen County, Kansas (hereinafter call RWD #13).
WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A 19-27a01, et. seq. Allen County is the legal governing body of Allen County Sewer District No. 3, which was created by Allen County pursuant to Resolution No. 2013-03 dated December 10, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, RWD #13 is a quasi-municipality legally organized and existing under the provisions of K.S.A. 82a-612 et. seq.; and,

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 82a-619 (f) provides that Rural Water Districts have the power to operate and maintain state permitted waste water treatment works, systems, and other facilities relating to the treatment of waste water within the boundaries of the Rural Water District; and,

WHEREAS, Allen County Sewer District No. 3 is located within the boundaries of RWD #13; and,

WHEREAS, Allen County is authorized pursuant to K.S.A. 19-27a02 to enter into a contract with RWD #13 for purposes of operation and maintenance of the Allen County Sewer District No. 3; and,

WHEREAS, both Allen County and RWD #13 believe it is in the best interest of Allen County, RWD #13, and Allen County Sewer District No. 3 that operation and maintenance of the Sewer District shall be and continue to be operated and maintained by RWD #13 as provided herein unless and until terminated by Allen County (as the governing body of the Sewer District) under the terms and conditions as further set out in this contract.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BY THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:

1. **Operation and Maintenance.** Allen County hereby transfers and assigns operation and maintenance of Allen County Sewer District No. 3 to RWD #13. RWD #13 shall be responsible for all issues involved in the maintenance and operation of the Sewer District including overseeing any repairs, replacement, construction, or other operational expenses involved in all necessary functions of the Sewer District and carrying out all of the Sewer District’s statutory and regulatory requirements. In addition, RWD #13 will carry out any billing, collection of accounts, bookkeeping, and other necessary business transactions of the Sewer District. RWD #13 will administer and supervise any Sewer District No. 3 patron questions or issues.

2. **Termination of Agreement.** Either party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by providing sixty (60) days’ notice to the other party; however, Allen County shall have the right to terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that an emergency or urgent contingency necessitates immediate termination of this Agreement.

3. **Supervisory Power.** Parties acknowledge that pursuant to Kansas law that the Allen County Commission shall remain the ultimate governing body of the Sewer District. As such, Allen County shall have the right, if it so decides, to review all documents, business records, or other matters relating to Sewer District No. 3 at any time if requested in writing.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the contract with Rural Water District #13 to operate and maintain Sewer District #3. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed a speed limit in Country Club Heights Addition

RESOLUTION NO. 201403
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 20 MPH
ON ALL STREETS LOCATED WITHIN THE COUNTRY CLUB HEIGHTS ADDITION IN ALLEN COUNTY,
KANSAS

WHEREAS, Allen County has Home Rule and statutory authority to modify speed limits under
K.S.A. 19-101a and K.S.A. 8-1560; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas have considered establishing
the maximum speed limit on all of the streets located within Country Club Heights Addition as
listed below at 20 MPH; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration, the County Commissioners have determined that the
reduction in the maximum speed limit on the streets described below will enhance public
safety,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County,
Kansas that a maximum speed limit of 20 MPH shall be established on all of the streets
located within the Country Club Heights Addition in Allen County, Kansas, to-wit: Fairway
Avenue, Par Drive, Eagle Drive, Tee Drive and Brassie Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that signs designating said speed limit shall be posted by Allen
County Public Works at appropriate locations on the county road right-of-way.

This resolution shall become effective upon publication in the official county newspaper and
posting of said signs.

RESOLVED This 21 Day of January, 2014.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 201403. Commissioner Works
seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed NRP with the City of Iola. He has the Interlocal agreement which the
commission passed last week. Chairman Talkington signed.

Alan discussed official newspapers. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to
make Humboldt Union as the official newspaper for 2014, as of January 25, 2014. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-1-0. Chairman Talkington voted “no”.

Alan discussed a rolling contract with Bill King, commissioners requested Alan to prepare
a contract extending his employment one year.

Alan discussed property in the 412 N. State building. Discussion followed. Alan will visit
with the City of Iola.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting. Carl stated EMS department is
going to work on Exhibit A document for the contract. Discussion followed. Alan
discussed the insurance on ambulances and directors vehicle. Sherrie discussed Cox
Communications.

Commissioners mentioned the contract with the City of Iola states that the Allen County
Commissioners are to sign off on EMS protocol and shift rotations. Carl stated he would
have Ryan Sell report to the commissioners.

Chairman Talkington opened the Water District #8 Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Alan explained
he has received a petition from Richard Schneider, Secretary of Rural Water District #8,
on behalf of John L & Teresha M. Covey and George J. & Mary E. Covey to adjoin Rural
Water District #8. No public was present. Discussion followed on tract information. Commissioner Works moved to approve the annexation of Covey land to Rural Water
District #8. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Water hearing closed.

Carl and commissioners discussed budgets, lift stations and utilities.

Commissioners reviewed annual inventory report of the Appraiser’s office.

Commissioners reviewed the annual reports of Rural Fire District #3, Rural Fire District #4, LaHarpe/Elm Cemetery, and Marmaton Township.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers- 1/17/14, YE: $21,462.24 and 2014: $108,281.81, Total of $129,744.05
b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements: PP, Value 0, $26.22, Year 1992

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 28, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Ron requested to purchase a scrubber for the floors within the courthouse. Bids were received from 4-State Supply for $3,464.00, Southwest Paper for $4,155.00 and Bill's Floor Machines for $6,100.00. Discussion followed. Commissioners suggested a demo.

Ron informed the commission he has requested bids for the painting of the outside of the courthouse. He will be bringing the bid to the commission soon.

Ron discussed windows for the courthouse. Discussion followed. Ron asked if the commission would be interested in listening to Home Pro. Commissioners approved to set up a meeting, Ron will set it up.

Ron reported he is having problems with his department vehicle a 1994 Ranger. He has visited with Bill King, Public Works Director, concerning vehicles. Discussion followed.

Ron discussed work needed on the chimney work reported last fall. The bid last fall was $5,000 from Larry Robertson. Discussion followed. Commissioners will review some day when it is warmer than 10 degrees.

Sherrie discussed the Public Building Commission board appointments. Commissioner Works moved to reappoint Jean Barber to serve another 3 year term. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed the heat/air at the N. State Street Senior Center. Commissioners requested Ron Holman to get more bids.

Gary Witherspoon, J&W, and Chris Matthews, O'Malley, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, presented a picture of the small snowplow that just came in. He said it is just in time for the bad weather. It will be used for blading within the subdivisions.

Bill stated one of the airport vehicles could serve Ron’s vehicle needs but he would need to have the airport vehicle replaced. The airport vehicles are used as courtesy vehicles when pilots fly in to Allen County Airport. Discussion followed. He is suggesting rotation of vehicles and end up replacing his vehicle. Commissioners will take under consideration, but approved getting bids for a vehicle.

Bill presented bids for a mowing tractor. Bids were received from J&W Equipment for New Case I.H. 105C 91 H.P. for $46,076.00 less a $8,772 trade in for a total of $37,304.00, 24 month 2,000 hours warranty, delivery date approximately in May; J&W Equipment for New Case I.H. Maxxum 110 91 H.P. for $65,764.00 less a $8,772 trade in for a total of $56,992.00, 24 month 2,000 hours warranty, delivery date approximately in May; O'Malley Equipment for JD6115D 95 H.P. for $45,800.00 less a $10,000 trade in for a total of $35,800.00, 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty whichever comes first, full coverage warranty, delivery date 75 days; O'Malley Equipment for JD6115M 95 H.P. for $57,030.00 less a $10,000 trade in for a total of $47,030.00, 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty whichever comes first, full coverage warranty, delivery date 120 days; O'Malley Equipment for JD6105D 87 H.P. for $43,120.00 less a $10,000 trade in for a total of $33,120.00, 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty whichever comes first, full coverage warranty, delivery date 75 days; O'Malley
Equipment for JD6105D 86 H.P. for $58,395.00 less a $10,000 trade in for a total of $48,395.00, 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty whichever comes first, full coverage warranty, delivery date 120 days; and O’Malley Equipment for JD6105D 86 H.P. for $53,735.00 less a $10,000 trade in for a total of $43,735.00, 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty whichever comes first, full coverage warranty, delivery date 120 days. Chris discussed the benefits of accepting one of his proposed tractors. Gary discussed his tractors. Commissioners will take under consideration. Commissioner Works moved to approve the purchase from O’Malley Equipment of the JD6115M 95 H.P. for $57,030.00 less a $10,000 trade in for a total of $47,030.00, 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty, whichever comes first, full coverage warranty, delivery date 120 days. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed a request from a resident wanting a traffic counter on their road. Discussion followed. Bill stated there are several current events happening that will not be on going within Allen County. No action was taken.

Bill presented an Employment Contract Extension between him and Allen County. Commissioner Works moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed rent and utilities due at the airport. A renter owes the county $2,500. Discussion followed on options to receive payment and terminate rental contract.

Bill discussed hiring full time employees. He has hired three new ones. Discussion followed.

Larry Maness, Economic Development Committee, joined the meeting.

Darrin Petrowsky, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) updated the commission on Highway #54 Project. They are currently shut down for the winter. It will be April 7 2014 before they start up again, unless contractor requests sooner. They still have Rock Creek Bridge and City of Gas left on the project. Discussion followed.

Darrin also reported on Highway #169 Heavy Rehabilitation Project. It was to go into Allen County for two miles from the Anderson County line. Darrin had requested an extra two miles into Allen County and got almost all of Allen County. It has a February letting with a June 2nd start date. The highway will have an asphalt overlay after milling. This will be south of Hwy #54 and head north to the county line.

Darrin discussed future plans for highways within Allen County. They are setting up an advisory committee for these plans.

Darrin reported on Highway #59 projects. There are two bridges north of Moran and one south of Moran at Savonburg (it is a bridge replacement) on this project. Discussion followed on contractors.

Darrin also discussed the Owl Creek Bridge project. Discussion followed.

Larry Maness, Economic Development Committee, discussed Housing Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Districts. Discussion followed.
Larry mentioned he has always voted against Neighborhood Revitalization because it takes money to run the taxing entities; so, you take taxes from one person and make an existing person pay. Discussion followed.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director/Economic Development Committee, Jim Gilpin, Iola Industries Representative, John Masterson, Larry Manes, Beverly Franklin, and Mary Kay Heard, discussed work under the new county wide economic development effort. David passed out key data on work done in 2013. He explained the county’s representatives are Larry Manes and David Lee; they meet monthly, present specific information to the committee each month, work not being done before the funding of the Economic Development Committee. He explained his staff, grant writer, bookkeeper and himself working on the work for the entire county.

David explained they have set up county wide goals. He presented information and reviewed with the commission. David mentioned the need of infrastructure in Allen County. Discussion followed. David explained all this is why they have asked for $20,000 from each; the County, City and Iola Industries. Discussion followed. He stated these monies would not support a full time economic director and staff that would be as efficient as Thrive has been.

Jim Gilpin presented an Economic Development memorandum concerning why Allen County needs to keep going on the economic development. He explained changing business models to meet the current needs. Discussion followed. Jim stated it is a natural evolvement to network with other economic development. Jim explained who serves on the Countywide Economic Development Initiative Committee; David Lee, LaHarpe and Larry Manes, Moran serve as the County’s appointees. Shelia Lampe of Iola Chamber and Corey Schinstock, assistant city administrator both serve as City of Iola appointees, and Iola Industries appointed Glenn Buchholz and John Masterson, both of Iola. Jim also gave a summary of activities from Industrial projects to Commercial projects to Housing projects. He discussed 2013 funding; Allen County - $10,000, City of Iola - $15,000 and Iola Industries, Inc - $15,000. This $40,000 was used for direct expenses including personnel salaries and benefits (for Thrive’s executive director, program director, grant writer and bookkeeper); office expenses include copies, printing, computers, etc.; and a portion towards rent and office space.

Steering Committee is made up of several people in Allen County. Ken asked about what information Commissioners would like to see come across the Commissioner desk.

John Masterson stated it is one of the best things done in the County to promote Economic Development. He stated Thrive is a good fit for Economic Development. Discussion followed.

Larry Manes, Allen County’s representative to Economic Development stated he could be reporting back to the commission. Discussion followed. Commissioners stated they appreciated the formal meeting with the entire committee. Commissioners will take the request for $20,000 under consideration. They had already approved $10,000 of the $20,000. Jim asked the commission to participate in goal setting. David mentioned some of the goals are long term and some are more current. Discussion followed. David stated “What gets measured gets done.”

Crickett Maley, Allen County Treasurer, presented reports on current cash and investments and sales tax collected to the commission. She reported Allen County has
collected 57.14% of taxes, which is the 1st half of taxes. 2012 was 57.17% at this time last year. Discussion followed.

Crickett presented information on the Kansas Commercial Motor Vehicle (COVR) new system, and changes in fees. Discussion followed on House Bill 2557 which regulates commercial vehicles. She reported Marla Hough is her specialist on COVR’s.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed an amendment to Allen County Health Plan. Commissioners reviewed Amendment to and summary of materials modifications for the Allen County Employee Health Care Plan. Discussion followed. The amendment would be effective April 1, 2014. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the amendment. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed 911 addressing and reporting to GIS mapping. He has drafted a letter to all the cities in Allen County. Timely mapping of new addresses is essential to maintain the accuracy of 911 maps which are relied upon by all EMS, Fire department and other emergency personnel. If a new address is not mapped, it will not show up on an emergency responder’s map which could result in delays in providing needed emergency services. Commissioners are requesting that anytime a new address is assigned, that the new address be sent as soon as possible to Terry Call who does Allen County GIS for 911. Commissioners approved and signed the letter.

Commissioners discussed liens on airplanes. Alan will check on options.

Robert Shaughnessy, Sam and Louie’s Restaurant builder, asked the commission if they have reconsidered his request for Neighborhood Revitalization. Commissioners stated they felt it is already approved but needs clarification. Alan will visit with Sandra Drake on if she needs a new application or if the old one will do.

Robert Shaughnessy stated the car club will be raising monies for Hope Unlimited. Discussion followed on other civic involvements.

Commissioners asked Alan about the old hospital. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve another $10,000 for Economic Development all totaling $20,000; to be split equaling and paid out quarterly. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 2-0-1. Chairman Talkington abstained.

Commissioners reviewed the annual reports of City of Mildred, Humboldt Township and Geneva Township.

Commissioners reviewed district courts annual inventory.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: 2014-$31,426.67 and YE-$19,646.80, Total-$51,073.44
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries: 1
d) Abatements: RE: Value 139,864, $28,753.78, Year 2013
   RE: Value 7785, $1,196.66, Year 2012
   Oil: Value 4095, $597.78, Year 2013
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 4, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairman
Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk
Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK February 4, 2014

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Ron Holman, Building and Grounds Supervisor, discussed the window coverings in the Commission room. Commissioners approved Ron to get bids for blinds.

Bill King, Public Works Director, joined the meeting to discuss road conditions regarding the inclement weather. Bill mentioned requests for clearing parking lots of other entities. He will suggest they go to the commission with such requests, if not establish their own plan for bad weather possibilities.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, distributed a comparison breakdown of runs, amount billed, amount receipted, transfers, transfers from Iola, dry runs, ALS and BLS for January 2013 and January 2014. Correct lettering has been put on ambulances, to comply with Medicare. Terry explained the chain of communication when he needs information or possible corrections on a run. Crews are being rotated; however Commissioners have not yet seen the rotations or protocols for approval.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for the purpose of consultation with counsel for 10 minutes, Commissioner Williams seconded, the time is 9:45, and those present are Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Works, Commissioners Williams, Terry Call, Alan Weber and Jill Allen. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55, no action taken.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, discussed the issue of clearing the new hospital's parking lot. Commissioners stated they would be interested in taking a tour of the old hospital. They will do this on a better weather day.

Sandra Drake, County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll Changes
b) Journal Entry #1-3
c) Clerk’s Vouchers YE: $12,522.00 and 2014: $197,833.61, Total of $210,355.61
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.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the February 4, 2014 meeting.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, presented information on Bahm Demolition, Inc.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the painting is done and the carpet will be laid today in the Conference Room and Commission Room. Ron presented bids for blinds. Only one bid was received from Decorator Supply, Inc: Commission Room: install Vertical blinds- $850.00 and to install mini blinds- $450.00. Conference Room: install Vertical blinds would be $1,801.85 and to install mini blinds would be $958.40. Commissioner Works moved to approve the purchase of mini blinds for both rooms. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron presented bids for a mop sink at the Humboldt Senior Center. Delbert’s Plumbing and Anderson’s Plumbing were contacted but never replied. One bid was received from D&R Plumbing & Electric Inc. for $803.00. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to accept the bid. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed 2014 KAC Regional Suppers; one to be held in Fredonia on Thursday, February 13. Chairman Talkington will attend as Allen County’s representative.

Sherrie reported Southeast Kansas Regional meeting will be held on April 24, 2014 in Cherokee County.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed bridge project 1C–0388–01. He requested the Commission sign off on the utility agreement. Commissioners approved and signed.

Bill discussed the bridge project time line. Discussion followed. He stated it is still scheduled for a June letting.
Bill discussed XP computers, which will not be supported after April 1st. Bill needs three computers to replace XP's.

Bill reported the overhead doors need to be replaced at the Road Bridge Shop building. He is having to replace one now but will be planning to change the others as needed. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed machinery that is down. Discussion followed on the snow fall Allen County has had recently.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, requested Patrick Cash to carry over 20 hours of vacation; Dana Dawn to carry over 54 hours of vacation and Dathan McMurtrey to carry over 24 hours of vacation. Commissioners approved the carry over's to be used within 6 months.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed Disclosure Compliance Services Proposal. Gilmore Bell will be filing for Allen County. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington's signature on the Disclosure. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Alan discussed the RFP for pest control. Discussion followed.

Alan reported KWORK would like to bid on Allen County's workers' compensation. KWORK only does work comp. Discussion followed. Commissioners will schedule to listen to KWORK.

Commissioners discussed a bill before the legislature concerning landfills. Discussion followed. Alan will review.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:36 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:41 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan discussed inventory at the 412 N. State building.

Commissioners reviewed and approved inventory from the County Counselor, 911 Communications and Emergency Management.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk’s Vouchers 2014-$41,548.08 and YE-$327.54, Total-$41,875.62
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Journal Entry #4
- d) Abatement RE: Value 1932, $451.02, Year 2013
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 18, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson                  Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk        Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                  February 18, 2014

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Sherrie reported the Kansas Association of County’s County Government Days that was to be held February 5th in Topeka has been rescheduled for March 18th.

Bill King, Public Works Director; Curt Drake, Landfill/Quarry; Stacy Stratton and Randy Spear, Berry Tractor; David Austin, Sellers; Travis Clinesmith and Randy Case, Murphy Tractor; Bill Ewing, Victor L. Phillips; and Barney Barnett, Twin Motors Ford were present for bid proposals to the commission. Richard Johnson, Foley Equipment and Taylor Killion, Van Keppel was not able to join the meeting due to prior commitments.

Bill presented bids for a Super Crew 1/2 ton 4X4 Short Bed. Bids were received from Shield Motors for an SLT Dodge $31,487.00, 36 months/36,000 Bumper to Bumper, 5 years/100,000 power train; Shield Motors for a Tradesman $28,490.00, 36 months/36,000 Bumper to Bumper 5 years/100,000 power train; Ranz for a Silverado LT for $31,916.00 plus $500 for running boards and $995 for Tonnear cover for a total of $33,411.00, basic 3 years/36,000 and drive train 5 year/100,000 warranty; Twin Motors Ford for a Ford F-150 for $29,650.00, 3 year/36,000 miles warranty, 8-10 weeks delivery with topper from JOCO; Twin Motors Ford for a Ford F-150 for $29,950.00, 3 year/36,000 miles warranty, 8-10 weeks delivery with Ford Topper. Barney explained why Twin Motor Ford’s would be the best truck for Allen County. There were no representatives from either Shields Motors or Ranz present. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to accept the bid from Twin Motors Ford for the Ford F-150 with Ford Topper for $29,950.00. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Bill presented bids for a Wheel Loader. Bids were received from Berry Tractor for a 2014 Komatsu 270-7, $146,000.00 less $34,000.00 trade difference for a total of $112,000.00, with a 1 year/unlimited hours warranty, 4-6 weeks delivery, heated seat, hydrostatic trans, rearview camera; Foley Tractor for a 2014 CAT 930K, $180,950.00 less $18,000.00 trade difference for a total of $162,950.00 with a 5 year warranty on full machine, 2-3 weeks
delivery, rearview camera, hydrostatic trans; Murphy Tractor for a 2014 John Deere 524K, $134,167.00 less $18,000.00 trade difference for a total of $116,167.00 with a 12 months on full machine, optional 1 power train, 36 months or 3,000 hours warranty, 75-85 days delivery; Murphy Tractor for a 2014 John Deere 544K, $150,180.00 less $18,000.00 trade difference for a total of $132,180.00 with a 12 months on full machine, optional 1 power train, 36 months or 3,000 hours warranty, 75-85 days delivery; Sellers Tractor for a 2014 Doosan DL250.3, $170,049.00 less $29,568.00 trade difference for a total of $140,481.00 with a 1 year full, 2 year additional power train & hydraulics warranty, 90 - 120 days delivery, 2 years additional power train add $2,800; Sellers Tractor for a 2014 Doosan DL250 demo unit, $147,277.00 less $29,568.00 trade difference for a total of $117,709.00 with a 1 year full, 2 year additional power train & hydraulics warranty, 30-45 days delivery, options to add $14,118 for L5 tires and 2 years additional warranty add $2,800; Van Keppel for a Volvo L60G, $158,842.00 less $31,000.00 trade difference for a total of $127,842.00 with a 48 months or 4,000 hours warranty, 60-90 days delivery, will purchase 936 outright for $25,000; and Victor L. Phillips for a 2014 Case 621 FZ Bar, $147,450.00 less $28,500.00 trade difference for a total of $118,950.00 with a 12 months unlimited or 24 months/2,000 hours warranty, 4 - 5 weeks delivery, L3 radial tires and heated seat. Each salesperson present reviewed information on their proposed machine. Discussion followed. Curt Drake, Landfill foreman expressed his preference of machine and why. No action was taken at this time.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, presented a report for Med 35 ambulance, but can provide the reports for any ambulance at any given time. These reports can show alarms answered, places, type of call, BLS or ALS or any tailored request. Discussion followed on questions from these presented reports.

Commissioners discussed how the merger is going. Ryan stated the training is continuing but they can’t schedule them until the turnout gear is issued. Discussion followed. There are nine transitioning employees that are going through training. He stated everybody has worked everywhere, meaning the other two stations; Moran and Humboldt.

Ryan discussed Type 1 service within the ambulances. Ryan stated historically it has been 50/50 Fire/EMS to 60/70 EMS and 40/30 Fire, three ambulances are type 1 every day, all day. Discussion followed on transfers. Ryan stated the transfer schedule is the same as it was. Discussion followed. Iola runs the lion’s share of the alarms. Humboldt, Moran, Iola in that order. Iola usually runs the shorter transfers. Discussion followed on evening out to a stiff schedule as to who is up and when.

Ryan stated the protocol has been reviewed and approved by Dr. Spears. They are still working on making the protocols better. He presented a copy to each commissioner. Discussion followed on working to get the current medical to upload to the hospitals programming. Ryan explained how the programming works, reporting runs and the process; how it goes through the quality assurance. He explained the review process and who does the review. Discussion followed. Carl stated Ryan is doing a great job and discussed vehicle conditions. Discussion followed on bald tires; 12 new tires and one ambulance was out of commission because of tires. Carl reported on several deficits the City of Iola would be looking at as projected for 2014 budget. A question was asked
about startup costs. Only $30,000 will be considered as startup costs. Discussion followed on City of Iola residents picking up cost if the county doesn’t give more. Ryan stated they are still integrating two cultures together and in the process of making it one. Ryan will be scheduling to meet with the commission once a month.

Chuck Richey, citizen, joined the meeting.

Phil Drescher, Bukaty and Dennis Call, BMI Insurance, joined the meeting. Phil presented information for Allen County’s employee insurance renewal. The report had an overview of benefits, diagnosis, lifestyle, facility, physician, age group for each plan impact and member impact. Phil reviewed each section in detail: Network Utilization Summary, Benefit Cost Analysis, Benefit Cost (Net vs. Non Net), Paid Claims Distributions, Diagnosis Analysis, Lifestyle Analysis, Member Relationship Analysis, Top 30 providers, Cost Allocations Summary, Facility Analysis and Physicians Analysis. Phil discussed comparables on Medtrak Prescription drug. Phil presented information for the Aggregate report. Phil presented the proposed renewal for April 1st 2014 to March 31st 2015, which has an 8% increase. Discussion followed on ACA Taxes and PMPY Transitional Reinsurance Fees.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Phil Drescher, Bukaty, Dennis Call, BMI Insurance and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:44 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:54 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Phil Drescher, Bukaty, Dennis Call, BMI Insurance and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:54 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:04 a.m. No action was taken.

No action was taken towards insurance renewal at this time.

Phil discussed Interactive Health Solutions (IHS) Wellness program. Discussion followed in detail. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Alan requested hospital payment on Payment Order #67 to Health Facilities Group, LLC $589.65. Commissioner Williams moved to authorize Chairman Talkington’s signature. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

  a) Clerk’s Vouchers: 2014-$60,877.76, YE-$1065.02, Total-$61942.78
  b) Payroll Reimbursements
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 25, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson

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Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK
February 25, 2014

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.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the February 18, 2014, regular meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Teena Solander, House and Grounds employee and Curtis Chapman, 4-States representative, demonstrated a floor scrubber for the Commission. Bids had been proposed on January 28, 2014 from 4-State Supply for $3,464.00, Southwest Paper for $4,155.00 and Bill’s Floor Machines for $6,100.00. Curtis explained how it is maintained. He also stated it saves time and is efficient. Ron ran the floor scrubber to show the cleanliness. Commissioner Williams moved to purchase the 18” IPC Eagle CT30B from 4-States Supply for $3,464.00. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Denise Smith, Relay for Life committee chairperson, to place signs on the south side of the square. Commissioners discussed and approved for signs to be up the east half of the south side, not to block the Veteran’s Memorial wall and not to block any traffic visions.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Richard Johnson, Foley Tractor, joined the meeting. Richard discussed the wheel loader proposals from last week’s meeting (February 18, 2014) that he was not able to attend. He apologized that the amounts of trade-in was more than what was proposed (should have been $25,000 but $18,000 was listed). Discussion followed. Bill explained about more expensive models, but CAT has stood behind their machines. Discussion followed about equipment parts, warranty on full machine, rearview cameras, and roles at the landfill/ quarry of the machine. No action was taken at this time.

Bill discussed bridge project 1C-0388-01 over Owl Creek. He presented the commission with Attachment #8. Bill has letters of interest, actually binders, from engineering firms that responded to his inquiry. This procedure is required by KDOT and Bill is following their guidelines. Attachment 8 shows the firms that responded. He explained it needs approved by the board and the Chairman to sign off on it.
Commissioner Williams moved to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign attachment #8. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Bill presented Attachment 9 for the bridge project, it is the form each commissioner fills out rating each company based on history with the firm, and other info.

Commissioners each filled out an attachment #9 for the project and gave back to Bill.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition Exception. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Bill King, Public Works Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action was taken.
Bill explained to Alan that the wheel loader proposal has changed since the opening; the difference is whether it is a bid or proposal. Alan stated a proposal can be negotiated. Commissioner Williams moved to purchase with Foley Tractor for a 2014 CAT 930K, $180,950.00 less $18,000.00 trade difference for a total of $162,950.00 with a 5 year warranty on full machine, 2-3 weeks delivery, rearview camera, hydrostatic trans with the negotiated $25,000 trade in and 7500 hours full warranty. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed replacing XP computers. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Bill will be hiring a position at the landfill.

Commissioners discussed the cost of electric at the landfill. Bill stated the costliness is because the infrared heater is not working and they have to plug in the machines to keep warm during the cold weather. Discussion followed. He is working with the contractor’s to get the infrared heater working.

Jerry Sinclair, resident living near Owl Creek Bridge project, joined the meeting. Commissioners reassured him all will be made whole for him. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:57 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie left the meeting. Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk, joined the meeting.

Alan suggested they move to adopt the amendment to the Allen County Healthcare plan recommended by the county’s insurance broker to allow additional flexibility in providing employee health benefits. Commissioner Williams so motioned, Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed approving the health insurance renewal. Discussion followed on what was presented last week. Commissioner Works moved to approve renewal of the insurance rates. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan then presented the wellness program recommendation. Alan went on to explain the requirements of the wellness program. Commissioner Williams stated that the wellness program could even catch certain health problems early, which would be a wonderful asset for employees. Health Savings Plan was also mentioned and perhaps will look into that in the future. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the wellness program, Commissioner Works seconded, motion tabled until after the department heads have had a meeting pertaining to such.

Alan discussed hospital issues.

Commissioner Works moved to approve Chairman Talkington sign the Advantage Computer annual retainer contract for Technical Labor at a cost of $1200.00. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 4, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson  Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

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Jill E. Allen, Deputy County Clerk

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  March 4, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meetings.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, presented ambulance run information to the commission. The reports of 2013 are Allen County's statistics only. Ambulance trips as of February 28th: 197 total trips in 2013, 365 total trips in 2014. He reported in 2013: 53 dry runs, 116 ALS Emergency, 21 BLS Emergency, 7 BLS Non-Emergency. In 2014: 97 Dry runs, 162 ALS Emergency, 93 BLS Emergency, and 13 BLS Non-Emergency. Terry has billed in 2013 for $185,391.54 and collected $53,691.02 and in 2014 has billed $270,963.44 and collected $77,276.10. Total receipts of $112,000 are both the Allen County’s 2013 and City of Iola’s 2014.

Commissioners discussed scanners, training and inventory of EMS equipment. Discussion followed. Operational protocol was a topic of discussion. Commissioners would like to see the new Operational protocols. Terry will check with Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, for the protocols.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested the Commissioners sign off on an agreement relative to performing certain work and/or the occupancy of the County’s highway right-
of-way by the facilities of a Utility between Woodson County Rural Water District No. 1 and Allen County. This easement would allow moving the water line for the Owl Creek bridge project. Commissioner Works moved to approve the agreement. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

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

Bill reported he has a meeting this afternoon concerning the Owl Creek Bridge project.

Carl asked about exhibit A for the City of Iola and Allen County on the ambulance contract. Discussion followed.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Sandra Zornes, City of Iola Councilman, and Eugene Myrick, City of Iola Councilman, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Sandra Zornes, City of Iola Councilman, Eugene Myrick, City of Iola Councilman, Robert Shaughnessy, City of Iola Councilman, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Sandra Zornes, City of Iola Councilman, Eugene Myrick, City of Iola Councilman, Robert Shaughnessy, City of Iola Councilman, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Carl Eyman, KWORCC, and Ben Womer, KWORCC apprentice, presented a Workers Compensation bid for 2014. Carl reviewed rates for the amount of payroll by occupational classifications for a total premium of $79,542. He explained the KWORCC Board of Trustees are county officials; one from each of the state’s seven road districts. He presented information on coverage and limits. Carl reviewed each section of the report presented to the commission: 1. Financials, 2. Claims Services, 3 Loss Prevention, 4. Notice, Bylaws, and Resolutions, 5. County Member’s map. IMA is the 3rd party plan administrator. Carl mentioned the Claims office is located in Wichita or Kansas City depending on the coverage area; KWORCC office is in Topeka and has been since 1992. Discussion followed on “Pool” of counties. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:10 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:15 a.m. No action was taken.
Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting. Discussion followed on jail medical bills.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Journal Entries #5-6
c) Abatement RE: Value 4860, $851.04, Year 2012
   Abatement RE: Value 22054, $4004.02, Year 2013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson     Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK
March 11, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the March 4, 2014 meetings.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, discussed the handicap door closure on the south door of courthouse. He presented information for a new one. American Direct Company bid for $1,000, which includes shipping and handling, two weeks delivery. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved the purchase.

Ron presented bids for mowing the Old Jail, Senior Center on Jefferson, Funston Home, 911 Dispatch and Courthouse yard. Tony’s Lawn Care & Irrig, Inc presented a bid for $570.00 and Slife Lawn Service presented a bid of $325.00. Discussion followed. Ron then presented bids for mowing the LaHarpe Senior Center. One bid was received from James Heinrich for $30.00 per mowing. Commissioner Works moved to approved Slife Lawn Service and James Heinrich’s bids. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Debbie Bearden, Allen County Farmers’ Market to use the southwest corner of the square every Thursday evening from April 17th to October 9th, 2014 from 5:05 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. Commissioners approved with the understanding there are to be no vehicles on the grass.
Sherrie reminded the Commissioners County Government Day will be held in Topeka on March 18, 2014.

Sherrie discussed the Conservation District’s employee that is currently on county insurance. Commissioners discussed the “Grandfather” status; once off they would not be allowed to be back on.

Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington’s signature on the property easement agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Scott Reeder, Special Bridge Foreman, discussed Resolution #201404, establishing a sign assessment system in compliance with the manual on uniform traffic control devices. Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION NO. 201404
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SIGN ASSESSMENT SYSTEM IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MANUAL ON UNIFORM TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES

In Order to comply with the sign replacement system required by the 2009 manual on uniform traffic control devices adopted by the Kansas secretary of transportation on December 16, 2011 Allen County will do the following:

a. All traffic signs purchased will be type 3 or better prismatic sheeting with a minimum of a ten year life guarantee (under normal conditions).
b. Signs will be replaced by a blanket replacement method. In Allen County this method will consist of dividing the county into eight sections and replacing all signs in one section each year for a total of eight sections in eight years.
c. When signs are replaced the date of replacement will be engraved on the back of the sign.
d. Employees and sheriff’s deputies will be instructed to be observant of sign conditions and report any missing, damaged, obscured or non-reflective signs, object markers or delineators to the public works department.
e. Once per year an advertisement will be placed in any newspaper within Allen County asking residents to report missing, damaged, obscured or non-reflective signs.

This resolution shall become effective upon publication in the official county newspaper.
RESOLVED This 11th Day of March, 2014

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 201404. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed equipment. Discussion followed.

Chairman Talkington recessed until 10:00 a.m.

David Bideau, Neosho County Commissioner, stopped in to say “Hello”. He discussed HB2456.

Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting. She discussed a bill in the legislature dealing with cement plants.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, discussed a previous court decision.

Sandra requested Roger Fogleman to carry over 43 hours of vacation within two months. Commissioners approved.
Ron discussed the north chimney, west steps and sidewalk. Discussion followed. All these areas need major work. Commissioners requested Ron to get bids.

Alan requested approval for payment order #68 for Health Facilities Group LLC in the amount of $960.55. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan requested to use the courtyard on June 7th for “Giving Day”, a Community Foundations event. Commissioners approved, if the courtyard was not already being used. Relay for Life is using the courtyard on June 6th at noon to June 7th at 6:00 a.m.

Alan requested the commission to repeal the insurance amendment number 3. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to resend the insurance amendment #3 as recommended by Alan. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed the future of insurance. Discussion followed.

Loren Korte, Personal Service Insurance, Inc. (PSI) discussed 2014-2015 property insurance. He reviewed information on Commercial property $24,885, general liability $23,856, Linebacker $8,484, law enforcement liability $8,042, data compromise $677, government crime/fidelity ISO package $492, Commercial Inland Marine $21,071, Business Auto $45,729, and Workers’ Compensation $127,328, for a total of $260,564. He discussed the costs; what’s up and what’s down. Loren reported flood and earthquake is not covered by this insurance. Discussion followed on buildings, the old hospital is covered by Scottsdale Insurance which is a separate insurance. Commissioners discussed workers’ compensation comparisons with Loren. Some part of KWORCC’s difference is trying to get Allen County on a January to December not a March to March. Commissioner Works moved to approve the renewal less the Data Comprise and Work Comp. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

John Tullis, Home Pro Owner/President, Rod Haynes, and Keenan Hergert, Home Pro representatives and Ron Holman, Allen County House & Grounds, discussed courthouse windows and painting. John discussed savings in utilities; electric and gas for Cherokee County. Discussion followed on time lines, costs, and family business. Allen County Courthouse has 298 window units; a lot of them stacked. Those would be replaced with a picture window with two sliding below it. Rod discussed the difference of winters in past years; i.e. January 2013 was fairly decent and January 2014 was extremely frigid. They are on job 6,000, so he feels like they have good history. Discussion followed on what the project would entail. They would remove and install 298 windows from 149 openings, they would be tan, services for fixed window with single sliders mulled to bottom, low E, Argon, double glass, half screen, wrap 298 window openings with PVC aluminum cladding. When they are finished, they clean up all debris around building and haul away, do magnet sweep around perimeter of home and work area, all additional parts removed from home to be returned back to Home Pro. The project would take six to eight days to complete. The total cost to Allen County would be $121,289. Commissioners thanked Home Pro and will take under consideration. Allen County would have to obtain bids from other companies as well.

Commissioner Works moved to go with KWORCC on work comp. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total $38,759.34
b) Abatement PP: Value 3868, $668.28, Year 2013
c) Clerks Journal Entry #7

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson      Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                      OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK       March 18, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the trees approved last fall will be planted on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Ron discussed taking care of the clock. He stated he and Terry Call would be interested in learning. They stated if a service organization would like to take over, that would be another option. Commissioners approved.

Ron asked if the commission was interested in getting bids for windows in the courthouse. Discussion followed. Commissioners stated he could get bids.

Ron asked if the commissioners wanted to look at the brick chimney. The bid last fall was from Robertson Masonry for $5,000 for material and labor to repair chimney of an approximately 2X3 area on north wall. Discussion followed on blocking the windows at the jail above court, instead of replacing them. Commissioners went to view the chimney. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the bid as written. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Williams requested Ron to get bids on sealing the rest of the courthouse.

Sherrie reported the county is paying for the insurance for the Rescue and tanker trucks ran by the City of Iola.
Sherrie presented bids for Window 7 computers to replace the XP Computers.

**Computer Bids 2014**

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SPP 342 AMD A10-5800K 3.8GHz Quad-Core 8GB EA

**QUOTE NOTES:**

* Keyboard and Mouse not included in quote
* Monitor not included in quote
* Office not included in quote

| Advantage Computers, Iola, KS | $695.00 | $14,595.00 |
| Inland Associates, Olathe, KS | $694.00 | $14,574.00 |
| The Computer Generation, Independence, KS | $717.00 | $15,057.00 |
| Dell | See booklet |

Mike Ford, Officer of the City of Iola, requested a 150 ton of gravel for under the playground equipment. They would need this sometime in April. Bill King, Public Works Director, stated this would be 10 loads of material to carry. The County only has AB3 or clean pea rock. Commissioners approved. Mike will coordinate with Bill King.

Officer Ford is also taking volunteers for a shift at the park for April 5 & 6, weather permitting.

Bill discussed the burn ban put in place on Friday.

RESOLUTION NO. 201405 ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

A RESOLUTION INSTITUTING A BURN BAN FOR ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, on this 14th day of March, 2014, the Commissioners find that dangerous conditions continue to exist in the unincorporated areas of Allen County, Kansas due to excessively dry and windy weather and that the potential for fires which could cause damage to both persons and property has greatly increased; and
WHEREAS, the current conditions endanger the health, safety and welfare of persons and property within the borders of Allen County, Kansas and that a burn ban should be imposed in the unincorporated areas of Allen County, Kansas until weather conditions change.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas does hereby resolve as follows:

1. That pursuant to K.S.A. 48-932, a local emergency exists within Allen County, Kansas.
2. That the entire unincorporated area of Allen County, Kansas is covered by this resolution.
3. That the Board of County Commissioners has all rights and powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.
4. That a ban on all open burning, inclusive of any type of controlled burning of grass, brush, weeds, trees, trash or debris as well as campfires and including fireworks within the unincorporated area of Allen County, Kansas shall go in effect at 12:00 midnight on Saturday, March 15th, 2014 with the following exceptions:
   (a). Building, maintaining, attending or using an open fire or campfire in permanent stoves or fireplaces or barbeque grills in developed recreational sites or residential sites.
   (b). Prescribed burning for crop production or grassland management may only be conducted upon the written permission of and upon the specific conditions required by the Allen County Sheriff, Bryan Murphy.
5. This burn ban shall remain in effect until lifted by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas.
6. A violation of this resolution shall constitute a Class A Misdemeanor punishable under the Laws of the State of Kansas, and the Sheriff of Allen County, Kansas his deputies and authorized agents shall have the authority to enforce this resolution and the provisions therein.
7. This Resolution shall be published in the official county newspaper, The Humboldt Union, and in The Iola Register.

RESOLVED THIS 14th DAY OF March, 2014.

Commissioners discussed with Bill the repercussion of burning when there is a burn ban on. Commissioners will visit with Alan on charges.

Bill reported MSHA is at the landfill today.

Bill stated the county did not get the grant for the fueling system at the airport. Discussion followed on doing work and using county monies. Bill stated it would attract jets for fueling, as it would take less time to fuel. Commissioners approved Bill to check into the costs if the county pays for it all.

Cliff discussed what Woodson County does for burning.

Alan discussed the burn ban. Commissioners asked if Alan will check into penalties for burning, restitution and such. Discussion followed on statutory laws for burning. Commissioners checked with Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff. Everyone should be calling the Sheriff’s office when burning. Sheriff Murphy requested not to lift the burn ban at this time. He reported there were 29 fires last week. Commissioner Williams moved to authorize Sheriff Murphy to have the ability to suspend the burn ban and to bring to the commission next week for action. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Sherrie presents Bylaws and Resolution 201406,
RESOLUTION NO. 201406
COUNTY OF ALLEN, STATE OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, (Board) of ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS (County) has authority under the Kansas Municipal Group Funded Pool Act, K.S.A. 12-2616, et seq., as amended, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, K.S.A. 12-2901, et seq., as amended, the Kansas Tort Claims Act, K.S.A. 75-6101, et seq., as amended, to participate in and form a county self-insurance pool for workers compensation coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed an agreement to cooperate with other counties to form such a self-insurance pool entitled Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC), attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE ABOVE STATED COUNTY THAT:

1. The Bylaws and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC), attached hereto and incorporated by this reference into this Resolution is hereby approved.

2. The Chairman of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County.

3. Neither this Resolution nor the Agreement approved hereby is intended to nor does it waive, nor shall it be construed as waiving, any immunity or limitation on liability proved to the County, its officers or employees, by any law, including but not limited to any such immunity or limitation appearing in the Kansas Tort Claims Act or amendments thereto. Furthermore, neither this Resolution nor the Agreement is intended to, nor does it provide for coverage in excess of the limitation on liability within the Workers Compensation Act, K.S.A. 44-501 et seq, or amendments thereto.

4. The County understands and further by execution of this Resolution and the Agreement agrees that it will comply with the requirements of the Workers Compensation Act and amendments thereto and furthermore understands that in accordance with the BYLAWS AND INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT THAT THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE COOPERATIVE MAY BE SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENT.

5. An executed original of this Agreement shall be mailed to the Administrator of KWORCC, along with an executed original of this Resolution; one executed original of this Agreement shall be filed with the County Register of Deeds; and one executed original shall be approved by the Kansas Attorney General and then filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Kansas.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the above named County, State of Kansas on this 18th day of March, 2014.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Bylaws and Resolution 201406.

Alan discussed an Administrative Service Agreement between Allen County (“Employer”) and Benefit Management Inc (BMI) for April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. Alan has reviewed the agreement and suggested the commission approve.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Administrative Service Agreement with BMI. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan discussed the Kan Care agreement with United Healthcare for emergency care for Allen County EMS billing. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt the agreement. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan discussed the new hospital and filings. Discussion followed.
Sheriff Murphy stated Bourbon County is looking into building a new jail facility.

Commissioners discussed sealing up the old jail windows. Sheriff Murphy stated it would probably cost less to have windows instead of brick and mortar. Discussion followed on the area storage.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:57 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:03 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total $149,470.47
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk’s Journal Entry #8-10

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

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson  Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  March 25, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the March 18, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, House and Grounds Director, discussed a citizen who wants to purchase a tree in memory of his father but does not want a plaque. Commissioners approved.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested signatures on an agreement relative to performing certain work and/or the occupancy of the County’s highway right-of-way by the facilities of a Utility. This would be between Westar Energy and Allen County for easement on county right of way concerning the bridge project west of Humboldt. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve this agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Bill presented bid proposals on dust control. Only one bid was received; it was from Scotwood Industries for Mag Chloride for $0.969 per gallon, 38% Calcium Chloride for $1.41 per gallon, 35% Calcium Chloride for $1.36 per gallon, 2 hours of free spray time then $75.00 per hour. Discussion followed on what to charge residents. Commissioner Works moved to offer dust abatement for $1.40 per foot to residents. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids for asphalt oil proposal. Bids were received from ERGON Asphalt for RS-1H for $1.92, RS-1M for $2.07, AEP for $2.77, MC-800 for $3.15, Pump Charges for $60.00, demurrage 2 hours free then $80.00 per hour, return load rate $290.00, FEF add $.00133 per gallon; Vance Brothers for RS-1H for $2.00, RS-1M for $2.22, AEP for No Bid, MC-800 for $3.07, Pump Charges at no charge, demurrage 2 hours free then $70.00 per hour, return product subject to $100.00 unload charge and a $.20 per gallon restock charge, delivery cancelled rate subject to minute freight charge; Coastal Energy Missouri for RS-1H for $1.94, RS-1M for $2.09, AEP for $2.49, MC-800 for $3.03, Pump Charges for $70.00, demurrage 2 hours free then $70.00 per hour, return freight per load $975.00; Wrigth Asphalt Products for CRS-TR Emulsion for $2.12. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase from ERGON Asphalt. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill stated they would be starting mowing before long. He expressed his surprise by the snow yesterday. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed the Highway #54 road project. He mentioned looking into crushing cement with rebar in it.

Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director/City of Iola Fire Deputy, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting. Ryan presented run information from January 1, 2014 to March 23, 2014. He reviewed the report by run; cities, counties. Discussion followed on Type 1 and Type 2 ambulances.

Ryan presented information on collections. He believes there will be around 1.7 million if 100% of runs are collected; but more like 1.6 million with write offs. Discussion followed.

Ryan reported Med 33 (county ambulance) had major engine damage; it is at 123,000 thousand miles. Ryan stated the City of Iola is putting the engine in but has not requested monies from the county at this time. Twin Motors will be fixing this as it is the lowest bid. Discussion followed.

Ryan stated overall very productive work, all departments have management issues, equipment issues and doing the best they can; All protective gear is ordered, one part time person added. Discussion followed.

Ryan stated the inventory has been completed.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Bill King, Public Works Director, were present to discuss a wellness program. Alan explained the cost is $200.00 per employee for a total of $18,000. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve IHS as a
wellness plan with limited modifications established by department heads. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Cara stated Allen County would be less $22,000 on mortgage registration and it says what was presented to the legislature we will be ahead $62,000, which is wrong.

Sandra reported she will be sending out valuation notices to the landowners next week.

Alan presented an application to Pan-American Life Insurance Company for Aggregate and Specific Excess Loss Insurance. Commissioner Works moved to approve the Chairman Talkington’s signature on the application. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed the Community Foundation’s Day of Giving to be held on June 7, 2014. He stated they have reserved the courtyard and have invited area non profit to join them. The purpose is to bring the community together as one community, raising as much money and awareness as possible in a 24 hour period. When people receive better information about the endeavors that are being done to help strengthen our communities, they are in hopes the responses will be generous and enthusiastic. Discussion followed.

Alan explained a letter was received from the United Stated Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management wanting Allen County to participate in local and tribal governments. Allen County has none so Alan will be notifying them.

Alan discussed hospital revenue’s. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total for $144,633.79 signed 3/19/2014 for March 20, 2014 payout.
  - $350,954.00 for a special payout on March 25, 2014.
- b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 1, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson        Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk    Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS   OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   April 1, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Dick Works and Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk.
Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the March 25, 2014 meeting.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Matt Kleopser, Iola High School Band Director, to use the south lawn of the courtyard for a band fundraiser. They are headed to San Antonio in December of 2014. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners will not be meeting next week to attend the Association of County Commissioners and Highway Officials of Southeast Kansas meeting in Chanute.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed water treatment for the boiler. The current representative is retiring. Bids were received from CE Water Management, Inc. No bids were received from Dubois Chemical, WaterSource Technologies, Inc. and Hawkins Water Treatment Group. CE Water Management, Inc. offered two different options; the first $185.00 per month ($2,220 annually) for a Water Treatment Program for the closed loop (them taking care of everything), the second was for Water Treatment Program for the cooling tower and closed loop for $60.00 per month ($720 annually) and the county purchasing the chemicals. Discussion followed. Ron will do some more checking to see who the hospital uses. He said the old hospital has a person testing once a month and the new hospital has a different system. Ron will check with hospital maintenance for the company who tests the old hospital.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed an email from Enbridge Pipeline concerning Caliper Digs. The digs are described as such: Mile Post 417.3 Between North Dakota and Oregon Roads and between Highway 59 and 3800 Road; Mile Post 425.7 West of 2600th and a half mile North of Maryland Road. They will have more data soon on a dig at MP 433.1 which is South of Florida Road and East of 169 Highway. At these sites they will have the ditch open and closed as soon as possible, after they have made the necessary repair. This is normal course of business for all pipeline construction and it allows Enbridge the best opportunity to know where any anomalies exist in the line and it allows them to correct the anomaly with the least amount of impact on the remainder of the line. Discussion followed on right of way easements. Bill stated Embridge has been doing repairs along the old pipeline.

Bill discussed a KDOT meeting concerning Highway #169 and other highways in this area. Discussion followed on bridge projects.

Bill stated he is getting ready to start work on Delaware Road within the next couple of weeks (weather permitting). They are working on setting up the pug mill first. Discussion followed.

Bill reported he had discussed dust control with persons from Missouri.

Bill mentioned the Hegwald Bridge Project (Sinclair/Hegwald) paperwork is almost completed. Discussion followed on what the next steps will be.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution #201407. Discussion followed.
RESOLUTION NO. 201407
COUNTY OF ALLEN, STATE OF KANSAS

WHEREAS, the undersigned is a municipality, as defined in K.S.A. 12-1675, as amended, (the “Participant”) and from time to time has funds on hand in excess of current needs; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Participant and its inhabitants to invest funds in investments that yield a favorable rate of return while providing the necessary liquidity and protection of the principal; and

WHEREAS, the Pooled Money Investment Board (the “PMIB”), operates the Municipal Interest Pool (MIP), a public funds investment pool, pursuant to Chapter 254 of the 1996 Session Laws of Kansas, and amendments thereto

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The municipality designated below approves the establishment of an account in its name in the MIP for the purpose of transmitting funds for investment, subject to the MIP Participation Policy adopted by the Pooled Money Investment Board, and municipality acknowledges it has received a current copy of such Participation Policy. The Participant’s taxpayer identification number assigned by the Internal Revenue Service is 48-6039815.

2. The following individuals, whose signatures appear directly below, are officers or employees of the Participant and are each hereby authorized to transfer funds for investment in the MIP and are each authorized to withdraw funds from time to time, to issue letters of instruction, and to take all other actions deemed necessary or appropriate for the investment of funds:

List officers or employees authorized to execute documents and make deposits and withdrawals:

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3. Notice required by the PMIB’s Municipal Investment Pool Participant Policy shall be provided to:

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4. This Resolution and its authorization shall continue in full force and effect until amended or revoked by the Participant and until the PMIB receives a copy of any such amendment or revocation, the PMIB is entitled to rely on the same.

This resolution is hereby introduced and adopted by the Participant at its regular meeting held on 1st day of April, 2014.

Commissioner Works moved to adopt Resolution 201407. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Works moved to nominate Kay Bolt to serve on the 31st Judicial District Community and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board as the education representative. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Kay will serve from May 6, 2014 to May 6, 2016.

Commissioner Works moved to reappoint Rachel Harrington, Prevention Specialist and Mike Luttrell to serve on the 31st Judicial District Community and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board at their meeting April 1, 2014. They will serve from May 6, 2014 to May 6, 2016.
Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented EMS reports for commissioners’ review. Discussion followed. Terry reported collections are up considerably, but hard to tell because reports include City of Iola runs. Discussion followed on paramedics and runs.

Terry discussed run reports and completing the reports. Discussion followed.

Chuck Richey, citizen, joined the meeting.

Aimee Daniels, CASA, Don Sewell, Certified Advocate Nationally nominated, Dorothy Sparks, Hope Unlimited Director, Donita Garner, Hope Unlimited Childcare and Alison Leach, KVC Behavioral Healthcare, joined the meeting. Donita stated what their focus is and that they are doing the pinwheel contest, she also discussed what child prevention month means. This is to do the awareness of child sexual abuse and what all is involved. Discussion followed. Aimee stated CASA picks up where Hope Unlimited leaves off. Aimee discussed what CASA does to help the child and look out for their benefit. CASA has served 50 children in 2014 in the 31st Judicial District. Several children go into Custodianship or adoption, if not reintegrated back into the family. Discussion followed on personnel and training.

Aimee requested the commission sign a Public Proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Aimee presented 2013 Abuse/neglect statistics for Allen County; intake received 359, screened in 217, 156 screened in for further assessment, 61 screened in non-abuse/neglect reports and 9 substantiated victims. She reported there is approximately $80 billion spent annually on child abuse in the United States.

Aimee explained this is the 9th year for CASA of the 31st Judicial District. She reported there have been 137 children served so far in the CASA program. 50 children served in 2013. 175 children came into foster care in the 31st Judicial District in 2013. CASA had 9 adoptions in 2013. They spent $62,500 total budget in 2013. CASA has 16 certified advocates. The advocates worked more than 1849 hours in 2013 and drove 28,000 miles and the CASA Board put in 380 hours and drove more than 7000 miles.
Aimee reported both CASA and Hope Unlimited receive their monies from private donations, fund raisers, and some county monies. All advocates are volunteers. Aimee reported CASA will host a Golf Tournament on June 21, 2014, as one of the fundraisers.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, updated the commission on the Wellness Program. He is working on language for next year’s participation. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed Pam Beasley, Emergency Manager, using the old hospital as a storm shelter. Discussion followed. The City of Iola would be held liable, if they open it up as a storm shelter. Commissioners approved Alan to work with the City of Iola.

Alan discussed pest control bids. Bids were received from Galt Pest Control for $3,267 per year, Heinrich Pest Control for $4,230 per year, C.P.R. Pest Management for $5,400 per year, and Stephens Pest Control LLC. for $3,300 per year. Commissioner Works moved to approve Galt Pest Control for all Allen County buildings. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairperson Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairperson Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Bill King, Public Works Director, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:23 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:28 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total for April 1, 2014 - $163,200.27
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk’s Journal Entries #11-12
d) Abatements: RE Value 576, $84.08 – 2013
   RE Value 525, $72.66 – 2012
   RE Value 489, $67.08 - 2011

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 15, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson                 Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk            Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                               OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY         April 15, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.
Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the April 1, 2014 meeting and the April 7, 2014 Canvass of Election.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff and Pam Beasley, Emergency Management, presented Resolution 201408. Pam explained instead of the state having local mitigation plans, the state is making the plans regional responsibilities. Commissioners reviewed:

RESOLUTION #201408
Adoption of the Region H Multi-Hazard, Multi Mitigation Plan
Allen County, Kansas

Whereas, Allen County and the Board of Allen County Commissioners recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within our community; and

Whereas, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

Whereas, the U.S. Congress passed the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (“Disaster Mitigation Act”) emphasizing the need for pre-disaster mitigation of potential hazards;

Whereas, the Disaster Mitigation Act made available hazard mitigation grants to state and local governments; and

Whereas, an adopted Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under multiple FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

Whereas, Allen County and the Board of Allen County Commissioners fully participated in the FEMA prescribed mitigation planning process to prepare this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials have reviewed the “Region H Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan,” and approved it contingent upon this official adoption of the participating governing body; and

Whereas, Allen County and the Board of Allen County Commissioners desire to comply with the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act and to augment its emergency planning efforts by formally adopting the Region H Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

Whereas, adoption by the governing body for Allen County, the Board of Allen County Commissioners, demonstrates the jurisdiction’s commitment to fulfilling the mitigation goals and objectives outlined in this Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Whereas, adoption of this legitimizes the plan and authorizes responsible agencies to carry out their responsibilities under the plan;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Allen County and Allen County Board of County Commissioners adopts the “Region H Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan” as an official plan; and

Be it further resolved, Allen County and the Allen County Board of County Commissioners will submit this Adoption Resolution to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency Region VII officials to enable the plan’s final approval.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Commissioner Works moved to approved Resolution 201408. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioners discussed the generator at the 911 Center. Bryan stated it is up and working.

Jack Stanley, Principal at USD#257 Iola Middle School, stated the Middle School band has outgrown the bandstand. 6th and 7th grade band is at 100 members and will be 115 by next year. They will be having their spring concert May 13th in the evening on the south part of the courtyard square. There will not be any risers; all students and crowd will be in chairs. Discussion followed on the different bands within USD#257: 6th, 7th & 8th grades and High School and Director Matt Kleopser.

Sherrie discussed changing Time Centre software to Time Clock Plus for employees clocking in. Discussion followed. Sherrie will check on the cost of integrating Time IP as opposed to a totally new system. Commissioners would like to see one system for the county.

Commissioners discussed the need of lights at the intersection of Oregon Road and US Hwy #169. This is the turn off of the highway to get to the new Allen County Regional Hospital. Commissioners requested Bill to check into installation of lights.

Commissioner Williams complimented the Landfill. Bill requested to purchase a super crew truck to haul employees. They will move the current truck to a utility truck for the quarry. Discussion followed on pulling a hydro seeder. Commissioners approved Bill to get bids.

Bill discussed boom mowers, tractors and other equipment. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed the old bridge west of Humboldt. The bridge has to be out by May 31st, but certain contractors cannot move it until after June 14th. Whoever gets the contract would be the person to contact for the bridge, discussion followed. Bill stated his goal is to replace the county road bridge, regardless of what happens to the old bridge to be removed. He stated he thinks the commission should go ahead and advertise the bridge. Discussion followed on making it the contractors’ decision.

Bill reported the crews are starting Monday on the four miles of Delaware Road. He thinks it will take about one month to complete, weather permitting.

Commissioners did some brain storming on use for the old hospital. Discussion followed.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the Owl Creek Bridge. Unruh is the contractor that Thrive is requesting to remove the bridge. They stated they could not start moving the bridge until June 16; thinking it will take around 10 days after they start. Discussion followed. Alan stated Fagan’s engineer said it might be July before contractors start on the replacement bridge. David stated they would have a contract, but might not be responsible for the contract if the bridge is gone before Unruh could get to removing the bridge. Discussion followed. Thrive will have to work with the bridge contractor. Bids for this project will be let June 1st. David stated they are wanting the bridge to use on a Rails to Trails project.

David stated there were 4,000 hits to the KDOT counter located on the Southwind Trail between June and December 2013. Discussion followed.
David requested to use the courthouse and square for the Mad Bomber Run for July 12th and 13th, same deal as in the past.

David talked a little about prospective distribution center businesses within Allen County. Discussion followed.

Chairman Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:42 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action was taken.

David stated they are developing a website - “Film Allen County”. Discussion followed on the economic benefits this would bring to Allen County.

Alan discussed comp time. Alan requested on behalf of Bill King to change policy so that non-safety employees can accrue comp time, not just safety employees. Commissioner Works asked if the other department heads were in on the discussion. They were not.

**CURRENT POLICY:**


4. Compensation for authorized overtime work shall be at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. Overtime compensation shall be paid not later than the first payday following the pay period in which it was earned. At the discretion of the supervisors, an employee may be given compensatory time off in lieu of cash payments for the overtime worked. Any compensatory time off shall be at the rate of one and one-half times the hours of overtime worked and may be accrued up to 50 hours for public safety employees. Any non-public safety employee must take compensatory time during the same pay period it is accrued. The only exception to this will be in the case of an emergency.

**PROPOSED POLICY:**


(a) Compensation for authorized overtime work shall be at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay. Overtime compensation shall be paid not later than the first payday following the pay period in which it was earned. At the discretion of the supervisors, an employee may be given compensatory time off in lieu of cash payments for the overtime worked. Any compensatory time off shall be at the rate of one and one-half times the hours of overtime worked and may be accrued up to 50 hours for public safety employees. Any non-public safety employee may accrue compensatory time of up to 40 hours. Compensatory time of non-public safety employees must be used within 90 days after it is accrued. The only exception to this will be in the case of an emergency.

Commissioner Williams moved to adopt the draft policy change. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan discussed the 2014 Allen County BMI Core Document for employee’s health insurance. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the document. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed the Medtrak Pharmacy Benefit Plan for employee’s pharmaceutical. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the proposed plan. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to add a smoking cessation coverage to Allen County’s prescription list. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan presented change order #2 from Murray Company. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to accept the change order #2. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported Ron Baker, Allen County Regional Hospital Executive Director, will be scheduling quarterly or monthly to meet with the Allen County Commission.

Alan discussed publications, thanking the hospital staff for hard work and dedication. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve $1,000 from the commission fund to be used for this publication. Commissioner Williams seconded, discussion followed, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan presented payment requisition #69 for $528,158.90 to be paid to Allen County Regional Hospital for equipment, furnishings and fixtures. Discussion followed on condensing vouchers in to this one. Commissioner Williams moved to authorize Chairman Talkington’s signature. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan requested on behalf of Angie Murphy, Allen County 911 Communications Director, to have April 14 to 20, 2014 declared as National Public Safety Telecommunication’s Week.

PROCLAMATION
National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week

WHEREAS: When an emergency occurs the prompt response of law enforcement, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and

WHEREAS: The safety of our sheriffs, police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Allen County Emergency Communications Center; and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Dispatchers are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and

WHEREAS: Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our police officers, and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety; and

WHEREAS: The Public Safety Dispatchers of the Allen County Emergency Communications Center have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and

WHEREAS: Each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year; and

WHEREAS: in recognition of the forgoing, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America have designated the second week in April of each year as ‘National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week’

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, hereby proclaim the week of April 14-20, 2014 as ‘NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS’ WEEK’ and joins in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.
Commissioner Williams moved to proclaim this week as National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

  a) Clerk’s vouchers: 4/3/14-$232,540.01 & 4/15/14-$86,322.32
  b) Payroll changes
  c) Journal Entry #13-16

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 22, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman            Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk          Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS    OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK    April 22, 2014

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.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the April 15, 2014 meeting.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Ron Holman and Danny Ware, Superior Builders, requested a signature on the Southeast Multi County Health Department building porch project. Commissioners approved Chairman Talkington’s signature, the project was approved last fall.

Ron discussed the water treatment for the chiller and boiler which would include a treatment program, testing, evaluations and reporting. Discussion followed. Bids received were: CE Water Management, Inc. for the cooling tower and closed loop for $60.00 per month (which means the county purchases the chemicals) or water treatment for the closed loop for $185.00 per month (which means the chemicals are included in the cost); Hawkins Water Treatment declined to bid; Dubois Chemical’s declined to bid and Watersource Technologies, Inc. gave a verbal bid of $5,000 per year. Commissioner Works moved to approve the bid from CE Water Management, Inc. for $60.00 per month. Commissioner Works withdrew the motion. Commissioner Works moved to approve the bid from CE Water Management, Inc. for $185.00 per month. Commissioner Williams seconded, discussion followed, motion passed 3-0-0.
Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, discussed Great Southern Bank’s letter informing Allen County of charges they will be making; “effective June 1, 2014. Great Southern Bank will begin assessing service charges for processing and use of optional services...” Crickett stated by state statute, she has to stay inside Allen County for banking. She is looking at options so that Allen County might not have to pay out approximately $2,400 in monthly fees. Discussion followed.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested Jimmy Skaggs carry over 41.75 hours of vacation. Commissioners approved the carryover to be used within 6 months.

Bill presented an “Agreement for Equipment Sharing Public Works Department” with Anderson County. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the agreement and for Chairman Talkington to sign. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed the agreement.

Bill mentioned insurance for borrowed equipment. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed requesting a light at Oregon and US Hwy #169. Bill asked about just having a regular street light. Discussion followed.

Bill stated the Delaware Road project was started yesterday, April 21, 2014. Discussion followed on equipment.

Commissioners discussed the Owl Creek bridge project. Discussion followed. The Contractor who gets the bid will be who disposes of the bridge.

Bill reported mowing crews are getting equipment ready, but will be working on intersections and ditches that will have limited mowing. He stated they have scheduled June 18 to start dust control.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported on the old hospital. He discussed mowing and the little triangle in the middle of US Hwy #54.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:12 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan presented a personnel amendment to work comp as recommended by our Work Comp carrier KWORCC.

Amendments to Injury Leave Policy

Current Policy:

(a) All injuries occurring on the job shall be reported as soon as possible to the employee’s immediate supervisor.
(b) Any employee injured on the job shall be eligible to receive injury leave with pay during the seven-day waiting period for worker’s compensation claims.
(c) When an employee receives compensation under the worker’s compensation act the pay he or she receives from the county while an employee of the county shall be the difference between his or her
regular rate of pay at the time of the injury and the amount he or she receives from worker’s compensation.

Proposed Policy:

(a) All injuries occurring on the job shall be reported as soon as possible to the employee’s immediate supervisor.
(b) Any employee injured on the job shall be eligible to receive injury leave with pay during the seven-day waiting period for worker’s compensation claims.
(c) When an employee receives compensation under the worker’s compensation act beyond the initial 7-day waiting period referred to above, the pay he or she receives from the county while on injury leave and (while an employee of the county) shall be the difference between his or her regular rate of pay at the time of the injury and the amount he or she receives from worker’s compensation for a period of up to 6 weeks. Thereafter, the employee shall receive only those amounts payable pursuant to worker’s compensation until said employee returns to work.

Commissioner Works moved to approve changing the personnel policy for work comp from indefinite to 6 weeks. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: 4/17/14 - $198,088.94 and 4/22/14 - $14,526.88
b) Abatements: RE Value 352,108, $64707.82, Year 2013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 29, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson  Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  April 29, 2014

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.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the April 22, 2014, regular meeting.

Sherrie requested permission to have the Iola Senior Center on Jefferson rekeyed. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners discussed Allen County Regional Hospital. Discussion followed.
Chairman Talkington asked if Commissioner Williams would serve on the SEK Multi County Health Department Board. Commissioner Williams stated he could and perhaps Chairman Talkington could serve on the Southeast Kansas Juvenile Detention Board. Commissioner Works moved to appoint Commissioner Williams to serve on the SEK Multi County Health Board and Chairman Talkington to serve on the Southeast Kansas Juvenile Detention Board. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, shared a thank you note received from Geneva Cemetery and Township Board.

Bill stated they had to borrow a laydown machine from Anderson County while Allen County’s is being worked on.

Bill discussed Enbridge pipeline project. Discussion followed.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, requested Darlene Kitchens carry over 46 hours of vacation. Commissioners approved Darlene to carry over 46 hours of vacation to be used within 6 months.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Sheriff Murphy stated he has truck bids coming up.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers approved $33,851.71
b) Clerk’s Journal Entries #17-18
c) Payroll Changes
d) Abatement RE: 0 Value, $479.39, Year 2013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 6, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the April 29, 2014 meeting.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, gave commissioners a breakdown of EMS calls; response information, number of runs, transported patients and year-to-date monies billed and collected. Terry reported that the lack of EMS techs’ signatures on ambulance runs is the biggest problem according to Medicare and private insurance. This issue is uncovered when an audit is done by Medicare/insurance and therefore takes claim money back due to this error.

Chuck Richey, citizen, joined the meeting.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Ron Baker, Allen County Regional Hospital, stated he is happy to report to the commissioners quarterly. He shared a report “Adjusted Patient Days”, showing all activity the hospital does. How it is calculated isn’t as important as being consistent in the way in which the data is calculated. Discussion on the report followed. Another report he passed out was “Inpatient Census days”. The trend for acute care beds has been dropping off since 2005. Swing bed skilled is still the most in demand care in a rural setting. The Physical/Occupational Therapy department had some major improvements due to the growth of such.

Mr. Baker reported that the financials are looking pretty rough, but it’s still a new hospital with new equipment etc. The hospital gets interim payments, based on historical costs from past costs reports in the old building. The real costs will come into play once a historical report is on file for the new building.

Mr. Baker briefly touched on “Divestiture”, which refers the creation of a new organization, that being the new hospital. A lot of training has been done. A joint commission inspection was completed. Within nine months of the move to the new building, the commission will come back with a more thorough review.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Baker the removal of the “Allen County Hospital” sign at the old hospital. Mr. Baker also asked about borrowing a bucket truck to take care of lights in the new hospital parking lot. Commissioners will talk to Bill King, Public Works Director.

An agreement with the mason for the façade stonework at the hospital was discussed. The mason is to get an insurance policy for his work, which is still under warranty at this time. The original work did not hold, so this is still an issue. Erosion and landscaping was also discussed.

Mr. Baker requested help with the gazebo at the old hospital. He wants it moved to the new hospital. He said once it gets moved, he will make sure it gets repaired. Alan Weber will talk to Bill about this. The time capsule has been pulled up as well. Mr. Baker discussed what had survived in the capsule.

Mr. Baker asked if he brought the information that commissioners were interested in. They responded yes, it was good to be informed. Commissioner Works asked Mr. Baker about the cost difference from hospital to hospital. Mr. Baker discussed price changes. The level of care the hospital had been in the past is not the same as it is now. The prices
should be based on costs, rather than the charges implemented by other hospitals. Commissioners thanked Mr. Baker for stopping in to update them on hospital issues.

Alan presented commissioners with the Federal Aid, State-Wide Bridge Inspection Master Agreement. Commissioner Works moved to approve such and all three commissioners signed, Commissioner Williams, seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported that the old hospital building will be shown to an interested party on June 5.

The Hegwald Bridge contractor has a mover and it can be done next week if approved by commission. There will some costs savings, but an additional few weeks of the bridge being out. The contract will be let June 1. Commissioners unanimously approved the bridge be moved next week.

Alan talked about Rails to Trails.

David Bideau, Neosho County Commissioner, stopped by the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk. The time is now 9:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total $215,699.28
b) Abatement PP: Value 7244, $11,844.05, Year 2013
   TR: Value 1268, $180.46, Year 2013
c) Clerks Journal Entry #19

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 13, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman             Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk      Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                       OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  May 13, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Dick Works and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.
Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 6, 2014 meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Curt Drake, Landfill Foreman, discussed a piece of equipment called “Jersey Spreader” they use on road projects. He presented pictures of it and explain how it is used. It is a simple piece of equipment that fits on the front of a bulldozer and it pushed; no moving parts. They have been using it on a road project and they would like to purchase it for $9,000 from a local citizen. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve the purchase for $9,000. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chuck Richey, Allen County citizen, joined the meeting.

Bill presented bids for a ¾ Ton 4X4 pickup. Bids were received from Twin Motors Ford for a 2015 Ford F250 Supercrew for $28,414.00, delivery date 6 - 8 weeks with a 3 year - 36,000 mile bumper to bumper 5 year - 60,000 power train; Shield Motors for a 2014 Dodge RAM 2500 Crew for $28,817.00, delivery date 6 - 8 weeks with a 3 year - 36,000 mile bumper to bumper 5 year - 100,000 power train; and Ranz Motor Company for a 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD 4WD for $29,900.00, delivery date 4 - 8 weeks with a 3 year - 36,000 mile, 5 year - 100,000 power train. Discussion followed. The vehicle will be paid for out of the Landfill fund. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase from Twin Motors Ford. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill updated the commission on the Delaware Road project; they are still working on it. He stated the rain kept them off of it Monday.

Bill stated he has a meeting today with the contractor to remove the Owl Creek Bridge west of Humboldt. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed moving the hospital gazebo to the new hospital. Discussion followed. He will do some checking on size and height.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the EMS department. Carl reviewed the financial situation with the EMS Services. He highlighted the positive first; good staff, cost savings are there (saving overall between City and County past budgets); based on the projection from 2013 budgets for county and city total together were $2,688,404. 2014 Budget is $2,252,283 for a savings of $436,121. He still projects a $482,254 short fall based on a three month trend for current year budget of $1,983,175. He thinks there will be $269,000 deficit of which $200,000 is personnel. Shortage for the city is projected at $189,927. The department is short 5 in personnel, should have 33 but have 28 not including the chief. Discussion followed. He credited Fire Chief Tim Thyer and EMS Director Ryan Sell on scheduling. Mayor Wicoff went with Sandy Zornes and Ryan to review Humboldt and Moran stations. They stated there needs to be updates, one ambulance out of service now to save money. The cost of replacing an engine is $17,000, which is less expensive to replace a motor than to purchase a new ambulance. Discussion followed with city council’s thoughts on what to do about the deficit; from “give it back, to we will make it work”. He stated the longer they go, they will just have to take monies from reserves. He would like to have the
commission get the city revenue from levy to make up the deficit. Commissioners discussed the current contract. Commissioner Williams stated he would like to see more time given to the service and would consider more monies if something catastrophic happened. Commissioner Works stated the city has known that they would have a shortfall of about $400,000 and a contract is a contract. Carl stated he wanted it on record that monies could be saved by operating one service over two and that tax payers will save money. Discussion followed on funding and different types of services. Carl stated if they give up the service, the city would still have to fund the fire department. The city understood they were getting the short end of stick. The city will work towards savings and questioned money income for the upcoming budget. He stated they would use utility rates, sales tax or levy to make up the difference. Short term they still don’t have the ability to raise sales tax or levies, so it would fall back on the utilities. Carl stated Terry is doing a good job of collecting. Commissioner Williams stated he appreciated the fire department working with Terry. Discussion followed. Commissioners asked Carl for 2013 collections. Ryan stated the book of business is still open but collections are still trickling in, maybe around $300,000. The commission would like to see hard numbers on EMS collections from the City, Ryan and Carl will follow up. All agreed ambulance service is not a profitable service, but necessary. [FYI - Ryan did but after adjournment]

Commissioners discussed Type 1 service ambulances and possible changes.

Commissioner requested Ryan explain his reports. Ryan explained each of his 5 reports, some as an overall report and some per ambulance. Ryan explained he and Tim Thyer are working on a new budget for new policy to streamline spending due to being tight on revenue.

Carla Nemecek presented the commission with a “Fiscal Conditions & Trends Allen County”. She stated if they need more information, to just ask and they would provide it.

Carla explained Bourbon County Extension Agent Ann Ludlum retired and Agent Delta George left to go to another job. They hired Chris Petty and Joy Purkeypile to replace the two agents in Bourbon County. Discussion followed.

Carla reported Delaney Umholtz will be the Extension’s summer intern.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, presented a proclamation for review and to adopt:

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 7TH, 2014 AS A DAY OF GIVING FOR ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

WHEREAS, throughout our history, through difficult times and times of bounty, the spiritual, physical and emotional health of our community has depended on the good works and gifts of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, we, as citizens of Allen County, Kansas, are committed to helping our community flourish today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, through our commitment of our gifts of time and money, we can make a difference in our community for ourselves and for future generations;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the members of the Allen County Board of County Commissioners do hereby proclaim June 7th, 2014 as the Allen County Day of Giving

IN WITNESS WHEREOF WE HAVE SET OUR HANDS THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2014.
Chairman Talkington moved to declare the proclamation. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:12 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Mitch Sigg, Allen County citizen, presented information to the commission. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Totaling $22,091.78  
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Clerk Journal Entries #20-21  
d) Abatements  
   RE Value 54 ; $7.64 , Year 2011  
   RE Value 54 ; $7.52 , Year 2012  
   RE Value 54 ; $7.92 , Year 2013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 20, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson  Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner  Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

Information Only- 
Ambulance Collections – City of Iola  
2012 $106,023  2013 $262,196  2014 $142,650.98  $413,404.88

IOLA, KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  May 20, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting.
Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed the west sidewalk and steps and landing of the courthouse. Bids were requested from Danny Ware, Superior Builders, Hofer & Hofer, Ryan Sigg, J&J Contractors, Alert Construction, Mid Continental and Lickteig Construction, Inc. Lickteig Construction is the only bid received back. Lickteig’s bid is for steps and landing only for $5,013.00 or $6,142.00 for Sidewalk (front walk on west side) and Steps or South sidewalk for $5,184.00. Discussion followed on doing project in phases. Commissioner Williams moved to accept bid for steps for $5,013.00 and south sidewalk for $5,184.00. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron stated he has some people coming to view the brick on the courthouse and the cost to seal. He will be back with those bids.

Sherrie discussed the contract for AT&T. Discussion followed on the increase in costs. Commissioners requested Sherrie to get bids from Cox Communications.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting. He discussed the city’s change from AT&T to Cox Communications.

Carl stated there is a Lear jet coming in tomorrow to bid on Russell Stover’s. They requested the city to have fire trucks provided for the landing. Discussion followed.

Elyssa Jackson, Farm/City Days Committee, requested permission on behalf of the committee to use the Courthouse lawn for the upcoming Farm City Days on October 16, 17 & 18, 2014. Friday evening will feature a movie on the lawn. The movie will be free to the Public. Saturday events will be as they have been in the past with booths on the yard. If there is a car show, it will stay in the street. We are working together to make the day as much a success as possible. Discussion followed. Pub Crawl will be reintroduced (going from pub to pub). They will not be using the square for that. There will be a Saturday evening dance on the square. The theme for Farm/City Days will be “Boots and Suits”. She will coordinate with Ron for yard use. Commissioner Works moved to approve the entire request. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Totaling $175,753.71
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk Journal Entries #22

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 27, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson
Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the May 20, 2014 meeting.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Barbara Anderson, Southeast Kansas Regional Project Manager, Business and Community Development Division, Kansas Department of Commerce, to ask the county to help with a couple of complimentary registrations for each PRIDE group in Allen County.

Barbara Anderson, Southeast Kansas Regional Project Manager, joined the meeting. Commissioners asked how they would be distributing the registration monies. Discussion followed on projects the PRIDE committees have done. She stated they could use it for current or future PRIDE members. Barbara discussed Moran’s PRIDE committee projects, helping the community such as transporting kids to the Iola swimming pool and how they have beautified Troxel Park. They will be working on a walking trail with the City of LaHarpe as well. It is all volunteer work in each area. She discussed all the City of Humboldt has done for Humboldt; River Park Project, signage, etc. It is a combined effort of the Department of Commerce, K-State Research & Extension and Kansas Pride Inc.

Barbara discussed that they are planning on having around 80 persons; discussion followed on what the plans are for the event of June 14. They will learn about grants, projects and more about PRIDE, community development for Allen County and the betterment of the communities. Persons interested could have the registration supplemented as well. Commissioner Works moved to pay $150 to each of the four PRIDE groups within Allen County to be used as they see fit. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Cliff explained what the City of Humboldt PRIDE Committee does.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Scott Reeder, Special Bridge Foreman, reported they will be working on moving the gazebo at the old hospital. They also reported on the move of the Owl Creek Bridge.

Bill stated Brad and he were going to look at the intersection of US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road for lighting. They will also check on the “H” (hospital) Signage along US Hwy 169 from the north and the south.

Bill discussed rain in the area. It has been very spotty. The mowing crew will be mowing intersections but not the ditches until later. He wanted the commission to be aware in case they get calls. They are doing this to save monies.

Delaware Road has gravel laid, but has to pull off of the project to lay dust abatement; then they will return to the Delaware Road project. Discussion followed on dust
abatement for this season. They do send out letters to the residents who have signed up in the past.

Bill reported the boom mower has not been delivered. He stated it has been ready since April, but the manufacturer did not know whose it was. Discussion followed. Bill will be receiving it shortly.

Brad Fagan, Schwab Eaton, PA, discussed the bridge project # 1C-0388-01 (Owl Creek). Brad stated they have been notified the bridge has been removed and KDOT will start the project construction bidding. He discussed fees for the engineering for this project and why the increases such as insurance. Mike Stites is scheduled to be site manager for this project. They are scheduled for 90 working days to complete. Bill stated it will be 80/20 (State/County) percent on this phase of the project. The State has started to kick in on the engineering fees. Discussion followed on net fees and other charges. Commissioners reviewed the Proposal for Construction Engineering Services (Cost plus Net Fee) $118,270.00. Commissioner Works moved to approve and send to Topeka. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

David Meier, Pastor at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Humboldt, on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance and Food Pantry, and LaDonna Krone, came to say “Thank you” for use of the Humboldt Senior Center. They presented pictures of the pantry and information concerning the “2012 Food Insecurity Rate” for just Allen County; it is at 14.6%. Discussion followed on where funding comes from; some funding comes from “Feed America”, Kansas Wildlife and Parks and others. LaDonna presented a document “Humboldt Food Pantry” which explained the history of the Humboldt Food Pantry and its growth. They stated Dollar General is donating other items other than food. They are also getting shelving and carts from the old hospital.

Pastor Meier and LaDonna discussed “Invest an Acre” was discussed. Information is available on the National Food Bank website. Discussion followed and it could be used as a match. Linda Baker, Farmers Market, has given surplus of vegetables she has not sold to the food pantry. They are hoping more will be donated. Discussion followed. LaDonna stated they have four new pantry consumers.

Pastor Meier discussed commodities they distribute for “Feed America” from donations received from Walmart at Chanute. He explained the different products and areas receiving distributions.

LaDonna explained the “SNAP” program. They hand out information for pantry consumers to call and get more help. Discussion followed. Both Pastor Meier and LaDonna stated it has definitely increased traffic. Commissioners thanked them for their service to the pantry.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported he is starting on a tax sale. Discussion followed. He explained the process.

Alan discussed the “Rail Trail and South State Street” crossing. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to allow trail access across the State Street right of way located at the turnout across from Bassett Street. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan reassured Commissioners the Southwind Trail is not adjacent landowners so that lawsuit will go nowhere.

Commissioner Talkington asked what to do to get County-wide Neighborhood Revitalization. Alan stated he would get the details for the commission. Alan mentioned that there are already provisions for large manufacturers to build if needed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
   a)  Clerk’s Vouchers $73,816.86  
   b)  Journal Entry #23

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 3, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson  Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  June 3, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting.

Bob Hawk, citizen, visited with the commission concerning the Old Clock located on the south side of the courtyard. He stated it is in need of a new roof. There will not be a cost to the county as it will be donated. Ron Boren will have a pitch put on the roof to allow water to run off and keep it from rotting out. He explained some changes. He requested permission to have that done. The labor and roofing materials will both be donated.

Ron discussed painting the clock. Bob stated the painting might be considered in the donation and will check on it. Ron Boren joined the meeting. Commissioners approved the work on the clock.

Sherrie presented a bid for Computer Information Concepts for $38,503.00. Commissioner Works moved to authorize the Chairman’s signature. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed when he came in.

Chairperson Jim Talkington joined the meeting.
Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Curt Drake, Landfill Foreman, presented bids for a service body on a 2006 ¾ ton truck. Bids were received from Knapheide, Kansas City, MO for a Knapheide 696J for $5,916.00 installed with delivery 30 day more or less with a 6 year warranty; and Midwest Truck Equipment, Wichita, KS for a Knapheide 696J for $5,474.00 load out or $6,739.00 installed Class V receiver hitch and a 7 way socket for towing with delivery 30 day more or less with a 6 year warranty. Commissioner Williams moved to accept the bid from Midwest Truck Equipment with the bonus package installed. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed the Special Bridge Fund and other carryover funds. Discussion followed on upcoming projects in the next couple of years.

Bill discussed road conditions and district blading. Due to all the rain, they had to pull off of Delaware Road again. They will get back to it as soon as they can.

Sherrie presented 2015 budgets for the commission to start reviewing. Discussion followed on levied, budgeted, and non-budgeted funds.

Chairman Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, and Commissioner Works. The time is now 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:20 a.m. No action was taken.

Carl left the meeting.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, talked about “Click it or Ticket”. His department made 136 stops and 155 citations.

Bryan discussed broadband radios and connections. He has been trying to improve communications. The American Tower Company is being asked to move our antenna to the 370’ mark on the tower. The cost will be about $15,000 and $20,000 to move and update the antenna. He stated Angie is willing to use 911 funds towards the tower. Discussion followed on costs, inspection fees and contracts. He stated they want to be proactive as old as the tower is. Bryan stated it should be a large improvement to raise the antenna higher. They are in hopes of it being up before the end of summer. No action was taken at this time.

Bob Johnson, Jr., discussed valuation and changes in legislation.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, presented ambulance collections for the first five months of 2014. The total collections as of May 31, 2014 are $302,041.52. This is $160,000 more billed amount than the prior 2 years at this same point in time. He stated he is on pace to bill $1,465,275.48 with collections of $732,637.50. Terry reported in 2013 there were 23 trips billed to Medicaid and in 2014 there have been 73, the difference could be the City of Iola. Medicaid is not paying due to health insurance changes. Discussion followed on budgeting for an ambulance for 2015.

Terry stated the signature issue is resolved. There hasn’t been a missed one lately.
Terry reported there will be a class in August on reporting. Discussion followed. Some classes will be available at the KEMSA conference.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers $ 145,507.49
b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements: OIL  Value 1985; $308.92, Year 2013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 10, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson               Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk          Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                           OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK          June 10, 2014

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

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting.

Mike Trumbull, 1721 Idaho Road resident, discussed all the water on the road, rock in the ditches, and brush piled up. He discussed an incident where he had to clean out a whistle. Discussion followed. Mike discussed past problems; on 1600 Street and Idaho Road that gets snow drifts so big you can’t get through it; trimming the hedge row on September 27, 2013 did not clean up the brush the road crew cut. He expressed his concern on not having ditches clean and adequate whistles. Commissioners stated the rains we got last week tore up a lot of roads in Allen County. Discussion followed.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road and Bridge Foreman, discussed county roads and presented pictures since the torrential rains. Bill reported some parts of Allen County got 3” in 30 minutes; this does a lot of damage. Bill stated he would need more employees and equipment to get everywhere at one time. They have to prioritize fixing roads. Discussion followed.

Bill stated they had advertised that the Humboldt River Bridge was going to be closed last Thursday and Friday, then a culvert on 600 Road collapsed which was a detour road and then because of the rain a detour for 600 Road was flooded. Discussion followed. Commissioners stated they feel the crew is doing a great job. Bill stated they took care of 1,000 lanes of road during these rains. Black top roads that don’t normally flood did this time. Bill talked about other incidents that were reported. He stated his guys are working as fast as they can to fix the damages.
Bill discussed signage for directions to the hospital and others roads.

Sherrie reported Ed Miller called to say his term on the Southeast Mental Health Board is up at the end of 2014 and would like to give the commission plenty of time to find a replacement.

Tim Cunningham, Tri Valley Developmental Services, Inc. Executive Director, and Bill Fiscus, Tri Valley Development Services, Inc. Financial Director, discussed the 2015 budget. He reviewed the board, licenses, board minutes-July 1-June 30, news clippings and services provided. Tim explained the Service/Support Type and Number Served Living in Allen County. He explained state funding in detail. Allen County has 27 paid staff working in the county; 22 paid staff live in Allen County, 80 Allen County citizens are receiving services within Allen County and 14 Allen County citizens are served outside the county.

Tim discussed cuts in their income. He stated they have had $2 million in cuts in 7 years. Discussion followed. They have combined a lot of job responsibilities. Tim stated they are not asking for an increase in 2015 budget. Discussion followed on funding from other counties; Bourbon, Neosho and Woodson. They are moving over to Cottonwood Street to a larger building from Jefferson Street. Their total proposed budget is $5,201,105. Tim and Bill expressed their appreciation to the commission for their consideration.

Haley Trezise, Allen County Historical Society, and Larry Maness, Allen County Historical Society Board Member, discussed 2015 budget. Larry introduced Haley as the new Historical Director. Haley reported they have replaced the roof at the Funston home and installed gutters. They have yet to restore the old, old jail. She reported the paint is cracking off the walls. They have a great meeting hall, but are running out of space and there is a possible need of another building. They also need to have a building re-sided. Larry stated they got a grant two years ago to help seal the old, old jail outside, but damage was done inside. Discussion followed on other work needed, restoration businesses, the need to expand storage space and donated items. Larry discussed future possibilities. He stated they rely on Allen County ($26,500), the City of Iola (approximately $23,000), donations and sales for operating expenses which run around $70,000. Discussion followed on how hard it is to hire and keep a person for the wages offered. Larry discussed investments to increase monies, if new prudent investment laws allow. Discussion continued.

Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial District Judge, and Dina Morrison, 31st Judicial District Chief Court Clerk, discussed the 2015 proposed budget. Dina explained the increases for indigent services of $20,000 for a total of $250,000; a new level of Security in the Court Services Office of $15,000 - a one-time expense and an increase of $6,000 for computer services for combination server and replacement of camera server. This is an overall increase of $41,000. Discussion followed on indigent defense services. Dina explained the camera server is an old server and needs to be replaced. She is budgeting so it could be replaced before she is forced to replace a downed server. Dina explained how the camera is tied into court. All four counties are on the same system. Discussion followed on shuffling computers, traded out old to not as old.

Alan stated he is working on a towing policy. He will bring it to the commission at a later time.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, stated there was a good discussion on EMS last evening. He stated the council wanted him to visit with the commission about EMS. Discussion followed as to what will be options for increasing funding for EMS. Draw down reserves or access fees on utilities. He has proposed to transfer from Electric, Gas and general fund reserve of 5%. The city discussed charging $20.00 per utility bill starting in July, but this only reaches citizens who pay utilities; sewer is confined to city limits. This would take care of the shortage for this year, but council did not like these options. They are still collecting information and costs. Change order request to the contract will be presented to the commission. Discussion followed about operating by the city would still be less than the county would be able to run. Commissioner Williams stated the county has to make sure the county commission doesn’t give the impression to the other residents that they are funding City of Iola Fire Department. Carl will draft a change to the EMS contract between the City of Iola and Allen County; present it to the City of Iola Council, then bring to the Allen County Commission. Discussion followed on doing things because it is tradition. Carl stated the projection costs for the county wide ambulance services based on first quarter was 2.1 million and last quarter 2.3 million.

Commissioners and Carl discussed 2014 budget for both entities for EMS/Fire.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers 6/4/14 - $171,517.27 and 6/10/14 - $9,287.94
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries #24-26

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 17, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairman  Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  June 17, 2014

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, Allen County Clerk.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Richard Luken, Iola Register, was present to observe the meeting.
Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the June 10, 2014 regular meeting.

Wade Bowie, II, Allen County Attorney, discussed his proposed 2015 budget request. He discussed his changes and expressed reasons for the change; increases and decreases in line items. Wade requested $313,100.00 for 2015 which is a 17% increase over 2014. He stated the attorneys’ office will have more appeals, which is something that is paid from the attorney’s fund. Discussion followed. Commissioners will take the request under consideration.

Ed Miller, SEK Mental Health Center Board Member, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported they are shooting dust abatement this week. He discussed the weather.

Bill discussed the mowing crew is out, but two tractors went down; one is back up. He stated they are mowing intersections for sight line purpose.

Bill mentioned he is waiting on a contract from KDOT concerning Owl Creek Bridge, but he hasn’t received it yet. He explained what would happen when the contract arrives. Bill mentioned it might be next fall before it is finished.

Bill stated they received one of the new tractors yesterday. He discussed Delaware Road and where the crew is on that project.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported on the tower and contracts. He is hoping a new contract will be available next week. Discussion followed.

Jean M. Barber, Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Board Member and past County Clerk & Commissioner, stopped in to say hi and thank you for the support of SEK Multi County Health Board. She stated they are hopeful that they will be able to tour the new facility at the next meeting. Discussion followed.

Bob Chase, Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center Executive Director, Alan Hauser, SEKMHC Financial Director, Ed Miller and Walt Regehr, SEKMHC Board members, were present for 2014 budget discussion. Bob presented a letter explaining his budget request. It dealt with changes and challenges in the State of Kansas’ mental health system. SEKMCH is requesting $117,000 for the 2015 budget, which is a 3% increase over 2014’s budget. The funding will be used to help maintain the current level of mental health services for the county’s citizens. Bob discussed the ongoing issues with KanCare. The funding is not coming in, so services are being cut. Bob discussed major changes that have taken place in the Kansas Mental Health system. He stated in January 2014, reimbursement has become even more stringent as an “authorization for services” system was introduced, further complicating direct services to clients because therapists have to spend more time with paperwork, leaving less time for clients.

KanCare has added a program to coordinate health service for citizens with chronic illnesses. This program is designed to encourage clients to manage their care, thus lowering the system cost for Medicaid. The program to do this is called Health Homes. SEKMHC will be providing this service to Medicaid members. He discussed encouragement and support to clients.
Bob stated he appreciated the continued support the commission has given in the past and appreciate their consideration for 2015. He stated this is his 20th year serving as SEKMHC’s Executive Director. Commissioners thanked them for their services and assured them they would take their request under advisement.

Bob reminded the commission that the Alcohol Funds they request are separate.

Commissioners publicly thanked Ed Miller for all his services throughout the years; he will be stepping down at the end of the year.

Bob publicly thanked Commissioner Dick Works for all his service in the last 24 years.

John Green, Southeast Area Agency on Aging and Disability Resource Center Executive Director, provided information about their service to Allen County. He is requesting a local match of $2,000.00 for 2015. He handed out “Exploring Your Options - A Kansas Guide to Information and In-Home Services”. He stated there is a lot of “Life Lines” paid for in Allen County. They have the Older Americans Act, Nutrition Program, Senior Care Act, Home and Community based services (FE, PD, TBI), Help with Medicare and Insurance Counseling services(Senior Health Insurance Program). He discussed KanCare and explained the coverage. Physical disabilities go on a list, but the rest do not. The waiting list is not due to funds, but rather state regulations. He has a staff of 21; not all are full time. John thanked the commission for their continued support.

John presented an invoice for 2014 for $2,000.00.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported on positive reports back from the area banks. One was from Community National Bank and the other was Landmark Bank. She stated in review, it looked like the best one would be Landmark Bank, which would be charging service fees but not security charges. Community National Bank would have to charge once a certain amount of tax dollars were submitted. Charges from our current bank, Great Southern, would be approximately $3,000.00 per month. Discussion followed on changes that need to happen. Commissioners stated that she is the treasurer and taking care of bank changes are part of her job. Commissioners agreed Crickett should transfer from Great Southern Bank to Landmark Bank.


Alan requested approval for Hospital Payment Order #70 for $2,729.34 to Health Facilities Group, LLC. Commissioner Williams moved to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:17 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:27 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners requested weeds to be sprayed at the old hospital. Discussion followed.
Commissioners approved the following documents:
   a) Clerk’s Vouchers $48,270.68
   b) Payroll changes
   c) Kansas Blasting License Permit

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 24, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairman ________________________ Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk ________________________ Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK June 24, 2014

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the June 17, 2014, meeting.

Bob Nold, Delaware Road resident, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Jim Potter, citizen, discussed his property adjoining Southwind Trail. He expressed his concerns on old railroad ties, tree growth, and blocked drainage. Jim mentioned he would appreciate Allen County to do the cleanup. He had an estimate of $35,000 to clean up and said the volunteers do not have the monies to do so. Jim requested copies of the date of project filed with the county and a copy of project order. Jim stated there are KSA’s that back up his request. He asked when the work would begin. Commissioners asked if it is up to Allen County to do this. Alan stated it would be good to go to the property to review to see what Allen County’s responsibility is. Commissioners scheduled this for July 1, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Jim presented the commission with his written comment “May 27, 2014 The U.S. Claims Court just released a rails to trails compensation claim settlement with 127 property owners along a railroad right of way in Washington State near Bellevue. The settlement with the federal government was for $137 million or about $500,000 for each 80 foot of property; plus $33 million of attorney fees. Who said the rails to trails scheme would not cost much! There is another settlement due in a few months on another right of way near Bellevue that will probably settle for much more money as those homes are on a lake and the right of way is between the homes and beaches. If this type of nonsense riles you, then complain to your US Senator or Congressperson. Here is the URL to read about this settlement. https://www.courttlistener.com/uscfc/eHgx/haggart-v-united-states/” Alan explained a “Tucker Act Claim” is a federal claim not a local. Discussion followed.
Commissioners discussed clipping musk thistle as opposed to spraying.

Bill requested signature on the Agreement for Federal-Aid Construction Engineering Inspection Services by Consultant (Cost Plus Net Fee CE Agreement) between KDOT and Allen County. Bridge project 1 C-0388-01. The project is an 80/20 cost share with the State being 80% and Allen County being 20%. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Bill stated B&B Bridge, St. Paul, Kansas received the bid from KDOT to replace Owl Creek Bridge.

Bill discussed Magellan Pipeline is in the area and is working at Delaware Road and they cut through the road. Bob Nold stated he has worked as a contractor on roads and discussed as how they are doing the job. Discussion followed. Bob stated there are persons still running 62 miles per hour down Delaware Road, getting stopped and only receiving a warning ticket. Bill explained that with the weather continuing to pound us with rain, thus causing washouts, and the tall grass holding rain in the ditches, he has not been able to resume work on this project. Discussion followed. Bob asked if the speed limit would go back up once the road is complete. Commissioners stated it would go back to 55 miles per hour. Bill stated they are hoping to have Delaware Road completed before summer is out.

Jean Barber, SEK Multi County Health Department Board Member, joined the meeting. She discussed moving the SEK Multi County Health Department to their new building. Commissioners requested her to work with Bill on the move.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Works, Jean Barber, SEK Multi County Health Department Board Member and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan discussed the tower lease. He mentioned there is not cost change, but change in who signs off on the contract. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan discussed the Iola Senior Center floor. He suggested having all tile and black adhesive removed and see what condition is under the floor. Alan received a bid for $4,280.00 from ACM Removal, LLC Asbestos & Mold Abatement & Restoration out of Wichita. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to accept the proposal. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan requested the commission sign off on the changes to the Medical Plan documents to include smoking cessations. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan reported the Hospital Trustees will be meeting this evening.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers- 6/19/14-$137,811.01 and 6/24/14-$98,973.23
b) Payroll Changes
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman               absent                          
Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk        Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS            OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK       July 8, 2014

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, Allen County Clerk.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting.

Sherrie discussed a bill resulting from a rescue. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested she send it to the individual to file with their insurance.

Sherrie presented an agreement for Capital and Operating Assistance Funds for State Transportation Projects between the Secretary of Transportation of the State of Kansas and Allen County for the commission to sign. This is for operating expenses for the Services to the Elderly vehicle. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington sign. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, discussed ambulance billing for the first half of the year. He stated transfers are down from last year at this time. Terry explained year to date billing and what has been paid to the county in comparison to past years (2011 – 2013). Discussion followed on recovery costs and write off requirements. Terry mentioned insurance payments and patient payments made into City of Iola and what goes into Allen County. Discussion followed. Some of the requirements on the Allen County/City of Iola EMS contract were discussed.

Sandy Zornes, City of Iola Council, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Bill King, Public Works Director, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m. No action was taken.
Bill King, Public Works Director, stated the Public Works Department moved the SEK Multi County Health Department to 411 N. Washington Street in Iola on Monday, July 7, 2014.

Bill reported there will be a pre-construction meeting next week on bridge project 1C-0388-01. This is Owl Creek Bridge west of Humboldt.

Bill reported on MSHA inspections at the landfill/quarry. Discussion followed.

Bill mentioned they have started work back up on Delaware Road. Discussion followed on rainy weather.

Bill stated that he and Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, have been discussing moving dirt in around the courthouse. Bill said they have scheduled it for fall.

Sandy stated she doesn’t feel like the city has given the ambulance service a long enough chance. Discussion followed on working through problems. Sandy stated she has the “I know I have signed a contract, but I want you to succeed” attitude.

Kelli Kramer, Allen County Conservation District Manager, Craig Mentzer, Donna Beebe, Dwayne Jarred, and Dale Hartman, Conservation Board members, were present to present information on the Allen County Conservation District for the 2014 budget and request monies for 2015 budget. Kelli explained the benefits of the Allen County Conservation District to the County and its citizens. The total of state cost-share funds brought into Allen County because of the Conservation District in their fiscal year 2014 is $32,549, which will be distributed to county producers to help install conservation practices on their land. They also had $347,397 of USDA cost-share funds brought into the county through its partnership with the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Conservation District was able to get an additional $92,481 in cost-share funds from the Upper Neosho WRAPS. These total $480,427 for Allen County. The Conservation District also works with NRCS; they together are responsible for the installation of 127,425 ft. or 24 miles of terraces, 21 acres of waterways, 7 new ponds, 17 watering facilities, 16,968 ft. of fence installed, 2 pond clean-outs, and 474 acres of brush management. They have hired a Conservation District Buffer Coordinator in 2013 and have been responsible for 89 acres of CRP enrollments. They also operate a Great Plains No-Till Drill to aid producers in the planting of native grass. Kelli reported on events the Conservation District has put on; Earth Day to the schools, Envirothon for the college students, and the Kansas Bankers Award Winner and Annual meeting. She stated they are requesting the same funding as this year which is $25,000. This money is used for matching grants. Kelli stated the county has been funding the Conservation District for 60 years. They have held the line since 2007.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Sandy Zornes, Council member, Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, Tim Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, Bob Johnson, City of Iola Attorney and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, met with the County Commission. Commissioner Williams stated he understands there are rumors, but the county and city merged two entities and they got it done which was the 1st goal. 2nd goal is to give a product to the citizens and we are providing a great service to the community; the rest are details, but keep the big picture in mind.

Carl stated they have been working on the budget and what portion of the contract would need amended to carry out the new projected budget. Commissioner Works
asked what is attributed to the fire department and should it be left out of the equation. Carl stated the combined service still uses fewer people by utilizing city fire, based on the current 26 personnel. Discussion followed concerning overtime being higher because of low manpower, but benefits lower because there was anticipated to be 31 employees. Chuck Richey, citizen, joined the meeting. Joel stated they are very motivated to serve the county as well as the city. They are looking at a long term goal. Carl stated they have not amended the budget yet, but will still have a shortfall of cash. Discussion followed on planning for 2015 budget, but they cannot change current cash anticipated coming in. The only alternatives are raising utilities, surcharge to all residents, ask the county for more money or give the service back to the county (City doesn’t want to do that). Discussion followed on where the $750,000 figure came from originally.

Commissioner Williams explained the history of the request was made from working with the City departments during the negotiating period. Discussion followed on the numbers projected. Carl stated they are still under the idea that a combined service gives a better economy and manpower and better for the County.

City Council asks Bob Johnson II, City of Iola Attorney, to present the city’s solutions to the ambulance cash. Bob stated the county and city should be commended on looking to save monies. The budget for last year wasn’t set after the contract, so it could be fully developed for 2014, but can be set for 2015 with the knowledge of expected expenses. He reminded the commission everybody (Allen County residents) wanted this to work regardless who provides the service. All the residents want is top care and to save money, which is the most important. The city does not want to give it back to the county.

Commissioner Williams stated Allen County is collecting monies on runs since before January 1, 2014; not sure how much the money would be. Bob stated the City of Iola is requesting half of $378,000 (projected shortfall), which would be $189,000. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Works asked what it would cost the City of Iola to fund just a fire department. Carl stated they have estimated based on manpower and needs of $953,924.00. Discussion followed.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, and Angie Murphy, Allen County 911 Director, joined the meeting to discuss the phone system and a proposed change. The airport cost would be $98,000, so it’s not feasible, nor is the 911 center. Discussion followed on leaving the 911 Critical Access building and airport with AT&T. Commissioners approved to leave those two departments with AT&T and proceed the change with Cox for the rest of the phone lines.

Sheriff Murphy stated they have been approved on the tower and just waiting on the contractor to get his part down. They hope to have it done by September.

Alan discussed the joint Resolution of the Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Department. Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:48 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:53 a.m. No action was taken.
Alan asked if the commission wants him to get an appraisal of the old hospital and the old health building. Discussion followed. Commissioners agreed to have appraisals done.

Alan requested Commissioners to sign a letter authorizing District Judge Daniel Dale Creitz authority to execute on behalf of Allen County Commissioners grant agreements for the Allen County Drug Court program. Commissioner Williams moved Chairman Talkington sign the letter. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Alan and Commissioners discussed the Southwind Trail. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Works, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 11:03 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:13 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Works moved to authorize Alan to draw up an amendment to the City of Iola/Allen County EMS Contract that would state any monies given over and above the $750,000 would be given back to Allen County if Iola should default or voluntarily terminate the contract and give the service back to the county. Commissioner Williams seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Ken Rowe joined the meeting.

Discussion continued on EMS/Fire.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: 7/10/14-$165,625.91
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries: 29-31

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 15, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairman

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

July 15, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Thomas R Williams, Commissioner Dick Works and Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk.
Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported on a drug bust involving a 2 engine jet and 200 pounds of marijuana and e-cigarettes. He stated the value of the bust was estimated to be $200,000 to $800,000. Discussion followed.

Bryan requested vacation carry over for Roy Smith of 99 hours; Patrick Cash of 100 hours and Darlene Kitchens of 86 hours. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the carry over to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, presented bids for Aluminized Type II Culvert Pipe. Dennis Brown, Welborn Sales, explained the difference between aluminized and galvanized culvert pipes. Bids were received from Welborn Sales for size 48"X35' for 420 L.F. at $44.31 per foot, size 48"X40' for 480 L.F. at $44.31 per foot, for a total of $39,879.00, the product is made in Kansas with American Steel, lifting lugs, attached/no charge with 2 weeks delivery; Cleaver Farm & Home for size 48"X35' for 420 L.F. at $45.50 per foot, size 48"X40' for 480 L.F. at $45.50 per foot, for a total of $40,950.00; J & J Drainage Products for size 48"X35' for 420 L.F. at $46.15 per foot, size 48"X40' for 480 L.F. at $44.82 per foot, for a total of $41,535.00, Kansas owned manufacturer; Metal Culverts, Inc. for size 48"X35' for 420 L.F. at $61.40 per foot, size 48"X40' for 480 L.F. at $61.40 per foot, for a total of $55,260.00, located in Jefferson City, MO. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase from Welborn Sales. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill requested commissioner’s signature on the Authority to Award Contract Commitment of County Funds for bridge project 1C-0388-01. This is on “Grading and Bridge” for $520,840.75; Allen County’s matching funds plus 10% for construction engineering and contingencies are in the amount of $116,000.00. Commissioner Works moved to accept B&B Bridge Company LLC’s bid. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Bill reminded the commission about the pre-conference this Thursday at 10. Bill stated a Swab Eaton representative will be there for county support.

Bill explained KDOT’s new way of choosing a consultant will be streamlined so that the commission would not have to take bids for 3 years but if the commissioners chose this new way they will have to have a different consultant after 3 years.

Bill reported hot oil is being shot on Delaware Road today. It is a two-step process – 1st they will lay Oil MC800 then 2nd the RS-oil. The road is 24’ paved and a couple foot of shoulder with overall right of way at over 40’. Work should finish up on the project this week.

Commissioners and Bill discussed Special Bridge and what is paid out of this fund. Discussion followed on future use of this fund.

Robert Talley, citizen, discussed damage to his fence done in 2009, while ditches were being cleaned. Discussion followed. Bill had declined to fix it since it wasn’t requested closer to that time. Bill stated they have measured the road, but would like to have an engineer determine which side of the road has their fences on county right of way; one side is on county right of way. Discussion followed on a possible solution. Robert stated he would like to have longer posts put in. Bill stated he would help where he could. Discussion followed.
Bill mentioned he has had another culvert collapse in the county.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the proposed draft of the EMS agreement. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

Alan reported on a meeting with Southwind Rails Trail volunteers and their discussion on clean up. There will be some volunteers to help with clean up and they will be setting up a schedule for long term clean up. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington stated he felt Allen County should be a “good neighbor” and clean up Mr. Potter’s land and give him “dead dry earth”. Commissioner Works and Commissioner Williams disagreed; they stated they felt it is not up to the volunteers to go over and above their volunteer work for normal clean up maintenance on the trail. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:40 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll Changes  
b) Clerk’s Vouchers Total of $61,078.59

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 22, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Ron reported he has received another bid on the windows from Iola Glass. Discussion followed on replacing windows in phases.

Ron stated he is waiting to get bids on painting the courthouse.

Commissioners reviewed draft #2 of the 2015 proposed budget.

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

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported on bridge project #1C-0388-01, it will start August 6, 2014. The pre-construction meeting went well. Discussion followed.

Bill reported Delaware Road is complete, except for brooming it.

Bill stated they are doing chip and seal projects the rest of this week. They completed the 911 parking lot today. Discussion followed.

Bill requested to get bids for Jet pump for the Airport which will fuel quicker. Benefits were discussed; it would draw more in if the pumps were faster. The original bid was $90,000, but included several items with it; he will try to pare it down. Discussion followed. Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. will be sending the proposals out.

Bill reported some of the mowers are in the shop. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed with Bill the 2014 budget, in preparation of the 2015 budget.

Bill discussed purchasing a port-a-potty for $100.00, instead of renting one monthly for $300.00.

Carl mentioned the city is working on the 2015 budget as well. Discussion followed on sales tax options for USD#257. USD# 257 is proposing a 9 mill increase for bond proposal. City of Iola is proposing a mill levy increase.

Commissioners discussed the VIN account. Discussion followed on the purpose of VIN (vehicle identification number).

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, was present for a bid on a 2009 Chevy 1500, sheriff vehicle with 170,000 miles for $5,750.00 from Daniel R. Sigg. Discussion followed on a Kelly Blue Book price of $9,500. Commissioner Works moved to accept the bid from Daniel R. Sigg. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the 2015 proposed budget.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported what the hospital will be discussing this evening.

Alan stated we have requested bids from Advantage Computer, AT&T and Cox. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County
Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:43 a.m. No action was taken.

Jim Mueller left the meeting.

Phil Drescher and Stephen Euston, Bukaty representatives, updated the commission with their plan and the Interactive Health results.

Stephen reviewed the trend of Allen County’s charges, BMI’s analysis overview (good network savings), Network Utilization Summary, Benefit Cost Analysis, Paid Claims Distribution, Diagnosis Analysis, Lifestyle Analysis, Top 30 Providers, Physician Analysis, and Medtrak Prescription Drug Program (went up).

Phil explained, in detail, the Interactive Health results.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, asked what the county intends to do in the way of giving money to the City of Iola for ambulance, due to time restraints. Discussion followed. The City of Iola has requested $189,000. Commissioner Williams discussed paying $130,000 to the City to hold for reserves. Discussion followed. Alan asked about whether the commission would still want to have them repay, if they give the ambulance back to the County. Commissioners split on the decision, Commissioner Works stated yes, Commissioner Williams stated no. Commissioners state this is a one year incentive. Commissioner Williams moved to pay the City based on Alan’s recommendation at $136,000 and keep the $53,000 run money available. Commissioner Works seconded. Commissioner Works moved to table the motion for two weeks on August 5, 2014, until Chairman Talkington returns. Commissioner Williams seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioners discussed questions they would like to have answered by the City of Iola; Alan will inquire.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

   a) Clerk’s Vouchers $53,560.23 
   b) Payroll Changes 
   c) Journal Entry #32

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 29, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson 
Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the July 22, 2014 meeting.

Jim Mueller, Allen County Commissioner District #1 candidate, Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners discussed 2015 budgets.

Bill King, Public Works Director, presented bids for salt. He received bids from Central Salt for $60.12 per ton times 150 tons for a total of $9,018.00, delivery 24-48 hours after receipt of order; Frank Bills Trucking for $52.50 per ton times 150 per ton for a total of $7,875.00; Cargill Salt declined to bid; and Morton Salt declined to bid. Bill stated the 2013 salt bid was $49.87 from Central Salt. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to accept low bid from Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Bill stated chip seal is shut down for this week due to Allen County Fair, but will be starting back up next week, except on Tuesday. He reported on the condition of the roads that need a little more care than just chip seal.

Bill discussed the dust on roads.

Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck and Burns LLC, discussed budget; each fund and expenditures.

Alyssa Jackson, Power Up Iola representative, stated August 14, 2014, is the date for the Back to School Party; train rides, band after Farmers Market and movie on the square. She would like to have permission to use courthouse yard for the Movie. They will clean up after the movie. Discussion followed on port-a-potties or courthouse restrooms. Alyssa stated Power Up Iola is individuals 21 to 39 supporting and building the community. Commissioners approved the use of the courtyard and courthouse east level restrooms.

Kent Thompson, Kansas State Representative District #9 and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Rodney made budget adjustments and commissioners reviewed Draft #4.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported the Allen County Zoning Board hearing held July 24, 2014, to consider a Conditional Use Permit for property located in Allen County, Kansas. The property is currently zoned Agricultural. The requested Conditional Use Permit would permit a Home Plus Adult Care Home, as defined in K.S.A. 39-923, with a maximum occupancy limit of 12. Following is the description of the property for which the Conditional Use Permit is requested:

A tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 24 South, Range 18 East, Allen County, Kansas, beginning 1320 feet West of the Northeast Corner of said Northeast Quarter, thence West 555 feet, thence South 510 feet,
thence East 555 feet, thence North 510 feet to POB. Said tract having an address of 1727 Oregon Rd, Iola, KS

He reported Mitch Bolling had made a motion to recommend to the County Commission that the Conditional Use Permit be approved for Delbert Nelson’s conditional use request for Heartland Meadow. Delmar Sarver seconded, discussion followed on whether this would include an automatic increase in land if they want to build another one. Alan stated no, they would have to apply again for another conditional use permit. Motion passed 5-0-1, Harry Lee abstained.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to ratify the Zoning Board’s recommendation of the conditional use. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan requested on behalf of a concerned individual that a water fountain be installed on the courtyard. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Alan discussed persons inquiring about Severed Minerals. Severed minerals are still under Allen County property. Discussion followed. Alan discussed a process for ridding of them.

Kent left the meeting.

Carl asked the commission if they want the operation to succeed with the city. Both Commissioners stated yes they did. Carl asked “Is there a provision to contract an amendment?” Alan stated yes, any contact can be amended. Commissioner Williams asked what is there to amend. Carl stated service and cost to provide the service, either change needs to be made to funding or services.

Carl stated that people outside the city are saying the county is funding the City of Iola fire. Discussion followed. Carl said he did not see that it is. Commissioner Works stated at this point he is confident that the county is not funding fire. Carl asked is it fair for the city to fund the ambulance outside the city? Commissioner Works stated yes, because the city wanted to provide that service. Carl wanted to know if the county is not collecting enough to fund the ambulance, what should happen. Carl gave an analogy of a Corvette. Discussion followed on what the county should provide. Carl discussed the Joint venture between the city and county. Dick stated it is not a joint venture; the service is a contract with the city, with a set fee. Discussion followed.

Carl asked “If the county did not provide any other funding for the ambulance over and above run revenue, what did they save?”

Commissioner Works discussed the county cutting 6 mill and the city charging 6 mill, would save both the county and city residents.

Carl discussed the terminology in the amendment of giving back monies. He asked if the commission wanted the city to fail. Discussion followed.

Carl requested the commission to pull paragraph #3 from the amendment. Commissioner Works asked if they would rather accept a loan or charity. Carl stated he sees the clause as being inappropriate. The council would like to see it succeed, but he has to balance the books. Commissioners see the paragraph as an incentive for the city to make this endeavor work.
Linda Schreppel stopped in to say hi

Carl asked if the county would like to meet with the city council again. Commissioner Williams stated it would be fine and they should get all the other cities in the room as well.

Carl and Commissioners discussed valuations, levies and sales tax. The council is looking at a tax increase from sales tax or property tax levy or raise utilities to fund the ambulance fund.

A concerned citizen came by to say they are still concerned about 600 Street and Hawaii Rd and Commissioner stated 900 Street and Hawaii Road are on the schedule.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: $23,741.42

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 5, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson

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Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS   OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   August 5, 2014

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.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the July 29, 2014, regular meeting.

Dee Dee Martin, SEK Multi County Health Department, joined the meeting. Tom brought up the WIC program, regarding Allen County and Woodson County. Dee Dee discussed the need for an accessible building in Woodson County for such. If the service were ran locally, WIC services would be available daily in Allen County. It is currently ran out of Crawford County.

Dee Dee reported that they are all settled into the new multi county health building in Iola. She expressed thanks to the Public Works Dept for their help with the move.

Gary McIntosh, citizen, stopped by the meeting.
Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed phone systems with Commissioners. Bids were received from Cox at $1,200 monthly over 15 years $216,000, Advantage $1,493.59 monthly over 15 years $170,616.40 with us owning the equipment in 5 years and AT&T for continuing the current contract with an increase. Discussion followed. Advantage is working up a contract for review and approval.

Alan discussed the EMS Contract with City of Iola. Discussion followed on pay back monies for only 2014. Alan explained the contract with the City of Iola being all or nothing for the next 4 ½ years after that they could have just the City of Iola if necessary to them. Commissioner Talkington discussed different options. Commissioner Works moved to remove the motion from the table that tabled the $139,000. Commissioner Williams, motion passed 3-0-0. “Commissioner Williams moved to pay the City based on Alan’s recommendation at $136,000 and keep the $53,000 run money available. Commissioner Works seconded. Commissioner Works moved to table the motion for two weeks on August 5, 2014, until Chairman Talkington returns. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.”

The motion is open and Chairman Talkington moved to amend the motion to be up to $139,000 split the difference with the city at the end of the year. Discussion followed on why Commissioner Works thinks it should be taken care of now. Motion died due lack of second. Commissioner Williams called for a vote on his motion two weeks ago. Discussion continued on City of Iola expenses for ambulance services. Discussion was figured that City of Iola did not have the county ambulance when they projected their 2014 budget. Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, and Tim Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, joined the meeting. Commissioner Williams stated he felt the City Fire/Ambulance deserves a chance to succeed. Carl stated it is a choice of the County’s or Cities could do better bidding out. Chairman Talkington asked Carl if the city would be willing to wait until the end of the year to split the difference of under financed. Carl stated he is hopefully looking for something this year and next. Discussion followed on options of increasing revenue. Carl discussed the stumbling block of having to repay back. He is going to ask the council to increase now to hope they don’t have to draw as much out of reserve that they have to. They are willing to help fund some of the deficient throughout this year. Carl stated they are not looking to profit from this joint agreement. He stated they are still working on callback procedures. Call back could be charged to fire. Chief Thyer explained there is 26 plus himself working. Two openings and two on leave. He stated that doesn’t even account for people sick, vacation or away at training. Discussion followed. Personnel is getting along good, rotation is working well. Chief Thyer stated they don’t want to hire anyone while unsure of what the city council is going to choose to do towards ambulance and pay plan presented. He stated all they want is to have support from the city and county. Commissioner Works stated he is ready to vote. Commissioner Work voted “Yes”, Commissioner Williams voted “Yes”, and Chairman Talkington voted “No”. Discussion followed on expenses that hopefully do not have some of the expenses reoccurring. Chief Thyer state he felt it is a working system that saves tax payers money. He will continue to do his best for the county.

Carl stated he would like to see the city keep the ambulance. He discussed there are other places the county and city could benefit as a joint service such as the landfill and such.

Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck and Burns LLC, discussed changes in the proposed 2015 budget. Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting. Commissioners reviewed and discussed cuts and changes per department. Commissioners agreed to publish the budget hearing for August 26, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.
Terry presented information on year to date EMS trips for 2014. They have had 484 EMS calls in the Iola City limits, out of 1092 EMS calls countywide (45%) of those 160 calls were dry runs (33%). 609 EMS calls outside the Iola city limits (55%) of those 131 calls were dry runs (22%). Total revenue as of July 31, 2014 is $422,449.16. Discussion followed.

Terry discussed changes in insurance and changes in the way companies file for payments. He discussed charges for runs and mileages and the way insurances pay. Terry reported classes on the insurance changes for billers and ambulance personnel.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, requested Travis Buck using 20 hours of vacation during the time he is gone for military leave. Discussion followed. Alan discussed the authority the commission has for a discretionary decision. Commissioner Williams stated he felt for military leave they should. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve Travis Buck for 20 hours of vacation before his year is up. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Murphy requested to have 26 pay weeks from 24 pay weeks. Discussion followed. He presented information for Schedule pay.

Alan discussed the EMS amendment to the contract:

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ADDENDUM TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES JOINT AGREEMENT
DATED OCTOBER 1ST, 2013
BETWEEN THE CITY OF IOLA AND ALLEN COUNTY

This addendum amends the Agreement described above (EMS Agreement) as follows:

Whereas, City and County have entered into the EMS Agreement and City is projecting a deficit of operating expenses over budgeted amounts of $377,000.00 for the year 2014 due to the fact that the EMS Agreement was entered into after the budgeting process for 2014 had closed; and

Whereas City requests that County pay an additional $189,000.00, or approximately one-half of the projected deficit for the year 2014 to help offset the projected deficit; and

Whereas, the parties desire to amend the EMS Agreement for 2014 only, by the execution of this Addendum.

1. County agrees to pay to City the sum of $ 136,000.00 as and for additional compensation under the EMS Agreement for the calendar year 2014 only. Said sum is in addition to the $750,000.00 for which County is obligated under the original terms of the EMS Agreement. The additional funds will be paid by County to City on or before October 1, 2014.

2. Within 30 days after the end of the 2014 calendar year, City will provide County with final expense figures for its EMS operations to show the final operational deficit. In the event that the final operational deficit exceeds $272,000.00 (2 X $136,000.00), then County shall pay an additional amount equal to one-half of the deficit amount above $272,000.00. However, in no event shall the additional amount paid by County exceed the sum of $53,000.00. This additional payment shall be paid by County to City on or before February 15, 2015.

3. The parties understand that these funds will paid from the County's ambulance fund and that county desires to maintain a substantial balance in such fund to be used in the event that the City of Iola terminates its obligations under the EMS Agreement which will result in County having to provide EMS service thereafter.

4. City therefore agrees that in the event that City defaults in its obligations under or voluntarily terminates the EMS agreement resulting in County having to mobilize for and undertake all future EMS obligations, then City shall, on or before the termination effective date, repay to county the sum set out above.

5. All other terms and conditions of the EMS Agreement shall remain as written.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed and dated this agreement as set out below. Alan will submit to the City of Iola for approval.
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Commissioners discussed chip and seal. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk’s Vouchers approved $316,352.80
- Clerk’s Journal Entries #34
- Payroll Changes
- PP Abatement, 922 Value, $151.00 - 2013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 12, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson                  Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk        Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  August 11, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 8:00 a.m. with Chairperson Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works, Commissioner Williams, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk/Election Official for the purpose of canvassing the August 5, 2014 August Primary Election.

Commissioners reviewed the election and found no discrepancies. However, there was a tied race in Commissioner District #1. Commissioner Works moved to authorize a recount of Commissioner District #1 ballots. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners recessed until 11:00 a.m. to come back after the recount would be completed.

A recount was made of Logan, Humboldt, Cottage Grove, Salem, Elsmore and Marmaton Townships and City of Humboldt Wards 1 &2 overall by voting place and again by precinct. There are nine precincts within Commissioner District #1. The results did not change. Therefore, names of Jerry Daniels and James Mueller were “Drawn out of a Hat”; Jerry Daniels name was drawn by Chairman Talkington. Commissioners finalizes all the results of August 11, 2014 Primary Election.

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson                  Dick Works, Commissioner

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

Cliff Ralstin and Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union representatives, Bob Johnson, Iola Register and Jerry Daniels, Commissioner District #1 candidate were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the August 5, 2014 regular meeting and August 11, 2014 Primary Election canvas.

Sherrie passed around an invitation from Glenda Creason to a meal at the Iola Senior Center. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed designated voting delegates and alternates for the 39th Annual Kansas Association Conference to be held in Wichita on November 12, 13, and 14, 2014. Commissioner Williams moved to designate Commissioner Works as Delegate, Commissioner Williams and Sherrie L. Riebel as alternates. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the City of Iola’s council meeting last evening concerning the ambulance service. A motion was passed last evening to put a $5.00 surcharge on all utilities and demand the county negotiate the contract again in 6 months. Commissioner Works stated he felt the county needed to look at the best interest of the county for the next few years. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams discussed visiting with the hospital board about taking over the ambulance. Commissioner Works discussed the county running ambulance and the City of Iola running their fire department.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming meeting with the City of Iola on August 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss ambulance. Commissioner Williams stated he didn’t mind meeting with the city but did not want to discuss ambulance. Discussion followed on what it means to keep your “word” or “contract”. Definition of the contract and what it means to the city or the county was discussed. One of the discussions was an issue the city has; they can’t save money, if the city continues to run Type 1 service. Commissioners discussed that they don’t feel like negotiating anymore with someone who doesn’t keep their word. Chairman Talkington read the motion faxed over from a request to the city clerk: “Motion made by Council Member French “to add a $5.00 surcharge to electric customer bills that would end in December 2014, to help fund the deficit. Give the county six months notice to terminate the contract. Continue to negotiate with the county during the six month period.” Motion seconded by Council Member Becker. Voting in favor of the motion was: Council Members Becker, French and Franklin. Voting against the motion was: Council Members Zornes and Myrick. Motion passed by majority vote”. Discussion followed.

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported there is some work done west of Humboldt changing intersections to engineer specs. Discussion followed. Norm Bower, engineer, suggested they be changed for protection of drivers.

Bill stated three mowing tractors are down currently, but they are working on them.
Bill reported Delaware Road is complete, but signs are still up. He requested the commission to travel it and see if there is anything else they need to have done to it. Discussion followed.

Bill reported he will finish chip and seal soon on the old Hwy 169, but needed to have a full tanker scheduled before ordering.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, presented payment order #71 for $750.41 from HFG. Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve payment order #71. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan asked about 12 hours of vacation pay for 12 hour employees. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:19 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:29 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Works discussed revisiting the budget for 2015. Commissioner Works stated he feels we should add back in 2.2 mills in the ambulance fund and republish the budget hearing. Commissioner Works moved to raise the mill levy 2.2 and republish the 2015 budget. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

The 2015 budget will be increased 2.2 mills within the general fund and published for hearing on September 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll changes
b) Clerk’s Vouchers: 8/12/2014-$156,828.08 and 8/20/2014-$27,252.67

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 19, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson
Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner
Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK August 19, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. Commissioner Thomas R. Williams was absent due to another meeting conflict.
Clay Bettis, Linda Honas, Allen County Citizens, Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union representative, Bob Johnson, Iola Register and Jerry Daniels, Commissioner District #1 candidate were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed replacing the handrail on the west steps. He received a bid from General Repair and Supply, Inc. Discussion followed. Ron will follow up on state requirements and get more bids.

Ron discussed a roof rain drain for the north side of the Law Enforcement Center to run from the building to the street. He is requested to have a yard drain installed. He received two bids; one from Anderson Plumbing LLC for $2,930.00, and D & R Plumbing & Electric Inc. for $760.00, Sinclair Plumbing declined to bid. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve the bid from D & R Plumbing & Electric Inc. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Ron requested to add more trees to the courtyard and to the Critical Access building. Commissioners requested Ron to get more bids.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Linda Honas (lives on Hawaii Road). She commented the road has now been made a “T” intersection instead of a rounded curve on 600 and Hawaii Road. She discussed the dust, stopping and starting are noisy, and sunlight being blinding plus a few other issues. Commissioner Works reminded her the lights shine on the barn not her house. Discussion followed. She discussed 46 events for the school happening this year, expressing that road is highly traveled. Linda wants the curve put back in and leave the stop sign up, re-chip and seal, fix the fence, she would mow the island. She questioned when the county would change up the other intersections. Commissioners charged with public safety and her coming in but it will not change the situation. Discussion followed. Linda requested the engineer’s phone number. Commissioner Works stated the curve at Janie Works is not an intersection that is why it is not going to have the curve taken out. It is not an intersection. Commissioners have a manual that has rules and regulations and the county has been working on changes on the roads. Discussion followed on through trucks and not through trucks and regulations on the road.

Clay Bettis asked about if the county has a zoning policy. Commissioners stated yes it is. Clay discussed property dump at Rinehart’s property. Discussion followed.

Clay stated he thinks the bridge limit should be raised. Discussion followed on signage and what it means.

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

Linda continued questioning the reasoning on the road change.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested an "Agreement for Equipment sharing Public Works Departments" be signed with Woodson County to share equipment. Chairman Talkington moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioners discussed a similar situation with the City of Iola. Discussion followed.
Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, discussed ambulance charges. Discussion followed on a Blue Cross class he attended last week. Mileage charges need to go from $12 to $13.20. EKG charges need to go from $40 to $50 and ALS & base charges stayed the same but the ALSII went up $29.00. Medicaid has not changed the reimbursement rates since 2005. Discussion followed. Terry reported the KDHE has not voted yet on the 2015 allowed charges for Medicaid. Commissioners discussed Medicaid patient’s comparison within Allen County changes but Terry doesn’t access to the City of Iola records. Commissioners requested a resolution be drawn up to change charges.

Carl discussed the motion at the City of Iola’s City council. Discussion followed on the council reconsidering the motion and changing the contract.

Debbie Bearden and Damaris Kunkler, Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food Policy Council, expressed the different needs for food within Allen County. She made a presentation as to the needs. Damaris explained they had applied for a three year grant and what that means to Allen County. The grant provides monies for travel for education, stipends for time, mileage, consultation costs and etc. The grant will end in 1 year and 9 months. The grant was approximately $100,000. They requested Commission review and approve Resolution 201409.

RESOLUTION NO. 201409
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING
THE ALLEN COUNTY GROWING RURAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKS
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the availability of nutritious food for all citizens is essential to the health and well-being of the community and whereas, local government has a proper role to play in ensuring that all citizens have access to an adequate and nutritious food supply;

WHEREAS, food policy councils established in other communities have provided government officials and stakeholders with a forum to encourage the establishment of small businesses; to encourage the offering of affordable, nutritious and safe food available locally; to encourage larger institutional entities to commit to the use of 10% of local food to support growth and the local economy; to encourage the efficient use of land, and preservation and conservation of agriculture; to encourage reduction in food transportation; and to promote educational resources for the local population;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. The Allen County Board of Commissioners supports the Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food Policy Council, also known as Allen County GROW, for the following stated purposes:

a) Increase access to affordable, nutritious and safe food for all Allen County residents;
b) Enhance economic development and strengthen local food systems in the County;
c) Bring stakeholders together and provide mechanisms for seeking stakeholder advice and expertise;
d) Effect improvement in the health and well-being of all county residents;
e) Explore means for small business development;
f) Coordinate and collaborate with existing programs within Allen County and other county and state food policy organizations regionally;
g) Bring to the attention of the County new programs and opportunities;
h) Identify and recommend to the County policy initiatives to support the goals and objectives of the local Food Policy Council;
i) Establish a web site presence;
j) Review available options where the Council could/should be administered.

Section 2: the Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food Policy Council shall comprise of up to sixteen members appointed by the Allen County Commission Chair with the advice and consent of the Board of Commissioners, each council member to be appointed to a 2-year term and to include membership as follows:

5. One member from each city in the county;
6. One member from each the public health, food instability and youth communities;
7. One member from Higher Education and one member representing school districts;
8. One members from business/enterprise end users of local foods;
9. One member from a local farm and ranch organization;

Section 3: the Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food Policy Council shall be reviewed and assessed by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County in June 2018 for the continuing need for the local Food Policy Council;

Section 4: Allen County GROW may actively seek funding for its activities.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED this 19th day of August, A. D. 2014.

Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman’s signature on Resolution 201409. Chairman Talkington seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed Jeff Richards wanting to lease/purchase the building at 510 N. State to grow his business. Commissioners discussed what could be
done to help. Discussion followed on what land would be included? Alan stated the land west of the building would not be included and they would have to give permission to use the drive as it would not be included in the sale. The sewer needs to be updated. Alan will restructure the information before sale and get the land lines on a map for viewing.

Alan explained where we are on the AT&T, Cox and Advantage bids for phone service.

Alan requested a banner for the old hospital showing it is “Available for development”. Commissioners approved two banners.

Bob Johnson requested to have someone spray weeds in the old hospital parking lots. The commissioners will have Mr. Slife mow and/or weed eat the parking lot. Discussion followed.

Alan stated the hospital trustees continue to meet. Discussion followed on different issues on the move into the new hospital; good and bad.

Commissioners discussed publishing the delinquent taxes and budget hearing. Discussion followed on cost of 2011 publication at the Iola Register was $3,556.50; 2013 publication cost at the Iola Register was $5,537.35 and 2012 publication at the Humboldt Union was $1,687.75. These publications were for the delinquent taxes which had to be published three times. Commissioner’s requested to get a bid for one publication from the Iola Register.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total $284,769.22
b) Payroll changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 26, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairman

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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

 Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting.

 David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Jerry Daniels, Candidate for Commissioner District #1, Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, and Bob Johnson, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

 David discussed the banners approved last week. He requested the county install the banners. Commissioners referred him to Bill King, Public Works Director for installation.

 Sherrie discussed the SEK Semi-Annual District meeting in Coffey County on October 16, 2014.

 Sherrie inquired to how many commissioners will be attending Kansas Association of Counties Annual Conference. Discussion followed.

 Sherrie reported on a state inspection at the Moran Senior/Community Center. Discussion followed. Ron Holman will follow up on a door in question.

 Sherrie reported today is Lynn Cameron’s last day working in the Attorney’s office. She is moving to Geary County.

 Commissioners acknowledged Wade Bowie II had received the 2014 Kansas Prosecutors Community Service Award.

 Commissioners commented that the new west steps look good.

 Bill King, Public Works Director, took bids for 8.25 miles of striping of the old highway. There will be some in the area soon. Discussion followed.

 Bill will be presenting bids for engineering bids for landfill work here in a couple of weeks. Discussion followed.

 Bill reported there will be a field check on bridge project #1C-3665-01, Iron Bridge at the Geneva bridge itself for engineer review. There will be several persons attending. The estimated cost is $1,000,000 which Allen County’s part would be $200,000 plus engineering fees and right of ways (all together around $300,000 to $400,000). Discussion followed.

 Bill discussed the chip seal process for some of the cities within Allen County.

 Commissioners discussed heavy traffic along some of the black top roads. Bill stated overloaded trucks, with the weather so hot, causes black top roads to be getting soft. Discussion followed on portable scales and through trucks on county roads. Commissioners discussed working with the elevators to limit the weight of those trucks to 80,000 pounds.
Sherrie reported issues with the Service to the Elderly van lift door.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the old hospital. They would like to have someone go in and clean, spray for bugs and spruce it up for sale.

Jeff Richards, Rebel Works, was present. Alan explained the commission would still have to publish intent to sell. Discussion followed on proposed contract. Alan stated he needed authority from the commission to publish a notice of intent to dispose of county property. This will be published twice in both papers. Commissioners discussed area included in this contract. Alan stated it is an economic development plan project, not necessarily a sale. The publication is a legal prelude for public disclosure. Commissioner Williams moved to publish in both papers. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

The property at 502 N. State will be put back on the tax roll. Discussion followed. Alan recommends a survey to make sure the legal descriptions are what they say they are. Commissioners concurred with Alan’s recommendation. Conversation followed on City of Iola regulations. Jeff stated he has checked on items.

Alan discussed phones and what is happening with them. Discussion followed on what is included and what is not. He will bring the contracts to the commission next week.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, discussed tagging vehicles with the county and other counties.

Kim Ralstin, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Susan Lynn, Iola Register, discussed publishing in the Iola Register as well as Humboldt Union. A discussion as to the rates the Iola Register would charge and once the Iola Register is the legal paper, the Humboldt Union should still have the same consideration of publication. Discussion followed on distributions of papers and effectiveness. Susan expressed her appreciation of approval to publish in Iola Register. Commissioners requested lists of required publications from Sherrie and Crickett.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

   a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total $99,476.81
   b) Payroll Changes
   c) Clerk’s Journal Entry # 35
   d) PP Abate 2012 Year, Value: 1390, $179.62
      PP Abate 2013 Year, Value: 1668, $232.92

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 2, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson                    Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the August 26, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, House and Grounds Director, presented bids for the railing on the west steps of the Allen County Courthouse. Bids were received from General Repair for $891.50, Rebel Works Mfg for $1,270, and Doug’s Welding declined to bid. Discussion followed on the difference of the bids; one is single and one is not. Chairman Talkington moved to approve the Rebel Works, Mfg. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron discussed Westar’s tree program. They are willing to put in 10 shade trees and 5 ornamentals. Ron stated there are several missing trees yet from the courtyard. They like to involve school children in the tree program. Commissioner Works moved to approve. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron discussed removing two trees that are hollow and he feels like they are a safety issue. Commissioners approved removing trees and to coordinate such with Bill King’s department.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, reported EMS trips for 2014. Year to date they have had 1242 calls, with an average of 5.11 calls per day. There have been 314 calls with no transport - 26% of all calls this year, 2013 was 33%. Terry has billed $935,582.81, has collected $427,850.44, contractual amount is $337,072.07 and balance due is $171,060.37 which is 19%, about 17% is private pay. The total revenue as of 8/31/2014 is $485,260.78 which would be on pace for $728,000 for this year. Discussion followed on KanCare, Medicaid and Medicare payments.

Terry presented Resolution 201410 to increase the mileage. Discussion followed. Commissioners reviewed:

### ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS
### RESOLUTION 201410

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE BASE CHARGES AND MILEAGE LIMITS ON AMBULANCE SERVICE.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. BASE CHARGES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE.

- The BLS Non-Emergency rate shall be $450.00.
- The BLS Emergency rate shall be $575.00.
- The ALS Non-Emergency rate shall be $575.00.
- The ALS Emergency rate shall be $675.00.
- The ALS Intervention rate shall be $735.00.

The BLS and ALS mileage charge shall be set at $13.20 per mile, incurring when an ambulance is dispatched and only being charged when a patient is being transported.
SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This resolution shall be effective September 1, 2014.

Passed and adopted by the Governing Body of Allen County, Kansas, this 2nd day of September 2014.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 2014. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed EMS services.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported more information on the changes of intersections. He stated lots of rain was received this weekend.

Bill discussed speed limits on Delaware Road; they will be returning the speed limit to 55, but the weight limits will remain. Commissioners will visit with Alan about the changes.

Sherrie requested permission on behalf of Diane Kauth, USD #257, Iola High School, to use the Bandstand on September 12, 2014 for Homecoming. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie stated Ken Rowe, American Family Insurance, requested to be notified if and when the commission goes out to bid for property and casualty insurance.

Commissioners discussed 2015 budget for the City of Iola with Carl. Chairman Talkington discussed a meeting with Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Ryan Sell, EMS Director and Bob Johnson, Jr., City of Iola Attorney. Commissioner Works and Commissioner Williams stated they had both had similar meetings. He stated if they were looking to cut EMS services to maintain a full time Fire Department, he would have an issue. Discussion followed on what would make it work. Carl stated he has been working on cost savings on not having persons called out if the others are on runs. He stated it would have to be an attitude change in the council to obtain this. Discussion followed on other options to cut costs, EMS employees.

Commissioner Works stated he has always been concerned about the City of Iola being more concerned about “fighting fires than saving lives”. He has requested training information and has not received any at this time. Carl stated the trend in several cities is to have EMS and Fire together to save money. Discussion followed.

Loren Korte, Personal Service Insurance, Inc., presented the Commission with a check of $45,640.26 which is 3% of the 2013-2014 dividends. He explained Allen County is part of a Kansas County Safety Dividend Group and they had a profitable year, so they are returning a portion of the premiums.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the phone contract. He explained the differences and that Allen County could still save money. Alan is still waiting on an answer and would like to wait on that until next week. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.
Alan reported John Brocker is working on an appraisal at the old Health Care Building. Commissioners will advertise that the building is for sale and take sealed bids with a minimum bid.

Alan reported Allen County Community Foundation has $2,500 available for environmental and the public health funds have $5,000 to $10,000 available for health related projects. They would take suggestions for use by contacting Alan or Susan Michaels. Discussion followed on if the funds would continue to grow for bigger projects.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:53 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:58 a.m. No action was taken.

Susan Raines requested the Commission pass a Resolution to acknowledge the Thomas H. Bowlus Fine Arts Center is 50 years old. Discussion followed.

Chairman Talkington opened the public hearing for the 2015 Budget at 10:00 a.m. No public was present. Discussion followed; increases and yet cutting the budget 3 mills, and where Allen County stands on the EMS services. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the 2015 budget. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed ambulance services pros and cons and dollars. Commissioners discussed Alan meeting with Bob Johnson, Jr. and working out something to see if the county commission and the city can work something out. The city is requesting 1 million dollars, but under any proposal, Allen County maintains the revenue stream. Commissioners requested Alan to look at the contract with addition money up to $1 million and that they would look internally to save costs. Commissioner Works stated he did not want to see service cut to external areas, but efficiency in their fire area. Alan asked about 2014’s finances. Discussion followed on what items are options now.

Alan discussed the long distance telephone service. He stated Allen County will have 5,000 minutes. Alan will bring the contract next week.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total for $37,135.56

b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 9, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson                         Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the September 2, 2014 meeting.

Chairman Talkington presented a list of persons to serve on the Allen County Grow committee. Chairman Talkington moved to appoint Katrina Springer (Hospital Dietitian, Young Mom, Gardener), Brian Donovan (School Food Director), David Meier (Pastor, Food Pantry Director), Loren Lance (Small Rural Grocer), Dwight Hawkinson (Ag Producer, Ag Business), Calvin Parker (Market Grower, Farmers’ Market Board President), Robert Garrett (Ag Producer, Market Grower), Kathy McEwan (KSRE Food/Nutrition Agent/Educator), and Dorothy Sparks (Shelter Director, Ag Producer) to serve on the Grow committee. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed replacing the windows in the courthouse. Bids were received from Home Pro for $121,289 to install 298 windows and Iola Glass bid was $113,936.70 for 3200 fixed and over 3100 sliding windows with full screens. Jawhawk Glass and Glass Depot out of Chanute did not submit a bid. Discussion followed on the need for more detail. Ron will get more detail on the bids.

Commissioners discussed the new west steps of the courthouse. Discussion followed. The company is currently working on sidewalks on the courtyard.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Commissioners reviewed changes requested to the Elderly Van rider’s policy. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve an amended Service to the Elderly Van Policies and Procedures. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Damaris Kunkler, joined the meeting. She requested to nominate Elizabeth Wehlage (Dental Hygienist, Vegetarian) to the Grow Committee as well. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the addition. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chuck Richey joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, presented bids for road striping. Bids were received from Mid-West Striping for striping 8.25 miles for $8,000.00, they will be in the area the end of September for 4 weeks, the county would have to broom the road prior to striping and provide a vehicle to follow with a wet paint sign; Straightline Striping declined to bid. Discussion followed on purchasing equipment that would do this in the future. Commissioner Works moved to approve the bid from Mid-West Striping. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.
Bill discussed upcoming bids for Landfill Engineering Consultant. Discussion followed. He presented fee proposals from Burns & McDonnel (current and proposed); Allgeier Martin and Associates billing rates; Schwab Eaton’s hourly billing rate. Bill requested Commissioners review for next week’s meeting with the engineers to be able to ask questions. Discussion followed concerning legalities, per Alan and issues with KDHE.

Commissioners discussed weight limits on County roads and trucks going over such limit.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, discussed using a part-time employee from the Sheriff’s office in EMS billing. He would like to show her how to do the billing if needed.

Terry discussed Medicare requiring a dial up modem to file claims. Discussion followed on problems and issues. Terry discussed new RAM Software that would cover those issues; $3,600 dollars a year. If more billers are added, it would add another $1,000 per month. Discussion followed on electronics and no paper files. Terry stated the modem is up and going “right now”.

Alan requested to go into executive session. Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:23 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:28 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed response times on ambulance runs. Discussion followed.

Ron discussed whether or not to park the car show on the courtyard during Farm/City Days. Discussion followed. They will wait for Mike Jewell, who was scheduled at 9:30 a.m. but must have been detained.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported the county has 5,000 long distance calling minutes. Discussion followed on what all would be covered in these two contracts. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the Advantage and Cox phone contracts. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported the hospital trustees met and everything is alright.

Chuck discussed an ambulance run that happened outside City of Gas. He stated he was surprised at how quick the ambulance reported to the scene through all of the road construction.

Chairman Talkington opened the Notice of Intent to Dispose of County Property Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Jeff Richards, Chuck Richey, Jerry Daniels, Bob Johnson, Sr., Melodi Burke were present for the hearing. Notice was given by publication in the Iola Register and Humboldt Union for the property at 502 North State, Iola. Alan explained it is a hearing for an appraised sale of the property. Discussion followed on what is entailed in the contract with Jeff Richards. Alan stated it is a lease to own and a failure of payment forfeits the contract. Chairman Talkington moved to approve Alan to complete the contract with Jeff Richards. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Robert Johnson, II, City of Iola Attorney, and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, came to discuss a proposed New EMS contract. Robert stated they had a special meeting with the city council and he discussed the response of the council. The City of Iola council moved to move forward with the new contract. Additional language was added to the contract, i.e. COLA inflation (CBI) every year, increase the $750,000 to $1,000,000 and to give the City of Iola the $189,000 for this year. Discussion followed. City of Iola Council is in favor of the changes. Alan explained and discussed administrative issues and things before continuing. Discussion followed on thoughts from commissioners. Commissioner Williams stated he if fine with the contract and thinks it is fair, meets the needs of the department and would work for the entire county, better process for personnel. Chairman Talkington stated if the county is dealing with $1,000,000, it should be handled in house; it is a county function. Commissioner Works stated he felt he has expressed how he feels about the contract and service. He is lukewarm with the contract. He explained several years ago it was decided that the county would be the right way to run the entire EMS. Commissioner Works stated he would wait and see the language of the new proposed contract. Commissioner Works asked about the change in the wording of personnel and the intent. Robert stated the city is running just like the county did when they had the ambulances in cities of Moran and Humboldt. He stated he has suggested to the department not to do anything that would be in violation of the old contract. Carl stated he still feels like a combined service is better than two separate services. He is still working on a proposal to cut overtime. Overall he feels the operation is running good. They have employees that have left, the ones living in the area are staying and the others are finding different places. Discussion followed on paramedics living within the county. Carl stated once they iron out the contract and make it sustainable, they feel there will be housing issues that have to be addressed later on. Commissioner Works asked Carl what he envisions in 5 years. Carl stated he sees a central station that was discussed a few years back. He stated they have established that level of service. Robert stated he had visited with each commissioner individually and they promise they won’t be back requesting more funding. He said the city will be looking to cut and make it work with the new contract costs. Commissioner Works stated he signed the last contract because the City of Iola promised not to come back for more money. Carl stated there are always a lot of things promised in campaigning and not upheld. Commissioner Works stated there are things not provided that were promised to get the commissioners approval; operational protocols and schedules. Robert stated they will have Ryan get those things and get on the agenda for next week’s meeting.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, discussed holiday hours to be adjusted to 12 hours for 12 hour employees in the employee handbook.

Commissioners requested the Sheriff’s deputies to stop overloaded trucks that are tearing up the roads. The over the road loads are only legal at 80,000 lbs. Jerry discussed highway patrol regulations on semi weights.

Sheriff Murphy presented information on 26 week pay. He spent his time accumulating 105 counties information on 26 pay periods per year as opposed to 24.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total - $153,867.94 and for 9/9/14 - $18,231.75
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk’s Journal Entries #36-42
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 16, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY
September 16, 2014

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

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

Walt Regehr, Jr. stopped in to say “Hi”.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Ron Rutledge and Don Rutledge, Iola Glass Company, discussed the bids for replacing windows and what would be entailed in working with the current brick around the windows. The current windows are double pane. Discussion followed on how long it would take to replace the windows. They stated approximately two months, but depends on what happens after the first window comes out. Discussion followed. They have replaced the windows around the “townhouses” and Humboldt High School. Insulated and double pane windows were discussed. They purchase their windows from Columbia Metal located here in Iola. They explained how they will replace the current windows; they will have to cut out metal and slide and anchor the new windows in. Windows come in white and bronze.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed having their regular scheduled meeting at the same time as the 2014 November General Election canvass on November 10 at 8:30 a.m. due to their regular meeting being on November 11, 2014 which is Veteran’s Day holiday. Canvass will be at 8:30 a.m. with regular meeting to follow after canvass.

Bill King, Public Works Director, Curt Drake, Landfill foreman, Chris Cox and Jared Brooks with Schwab Eaton, Glen Davidson and Lindsey Henry with Allgeier Martin and Associates joined the meeting to discuss landfill engineering.

Chris explained the history of Schwab Eaton, their qualifications and referrals on current business with the same business as Allen County and their goals for keeping Allen County in compliance with KDHE, EPA and all their changes. They personally do not do gas
monitoring but have a person that can do this for them, since a lot of Subtitle D do not have gas wells. They don’t currently work with MSHA, but aren’t afraid to get involved. He discussed changes in transition and will stay on top of getting changes done. Jared discussed his past history to explain what he could bring to the table for Allen County. He has done design, construction and testing in new cells and worked on several landfills. Chris discussed outsourcing and the cost effectiveness of gas and ground monitoring. Their goal is working on keeping the cost affordable and economical. Discussion followed. Bill reported he and Curt have already taken them down into the quarry and landfill to see the operations.

Bill reported he has taken Glen Davidson and Lindsey Henry into the quarry and landfill operations as well. Glen introduced himself and Lindsey to the commission. He discussed the “team” and oversight, general, survey and Midwest Environmental. Glen explained the history of Allgeier Martin and Associates, their qualifications, and previous work in Allen County. They would have work done on time, keep schedules and have been proven in the past work for Allen County. Glen stated they work with KDHE and EPA, value practical common sense solutions, not costly, and would be efficient, considerate of resources and done right. They know how to bring in for the strength of knowledge. Lindsey, Midwest Environmental, explained his history in working in solid waste. He has been involved in transferring “dumps” to highly efficient landfills. Lindsey stated they work with emission of gas and have designed several, he has knowledge of regulators and works on getting their trust, has done landfill closures. Lindsey’s goal is “less is more, streamline as much as possible”. Discussion followed on the next design phase. Bill stated maybe around 6 years and Allgeier Martin actually designed the first cell at the Subtitle “D” in Allen County. Bill explained some of the previous cell design and why it was that way.

Bill discussed the lighting on US Highway 169 and Oregon Road for the turn off the highway to the Allen County Regional Hospital. The estimate is around $30,000. Bill explained they need to have a contact before going on. Discussion followed on type and size of lamp posts. Bill will schedule to have engineers come in to discuss what would be entailed and proposed size.

Bill discussed bridge replacement and funding. He explained low water bridges and eligibility for funding.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, has the sale agreement with Rebel Works Manufacturing. Commissioners had approved the agreement and just need the chairman’s signature. Chairman Talkington signed the sale agreement.

Alan discussed Karen Gilpin’s request, concerning items located at the old hospital for Vision Quest to use; cabinets to the schools for storing stock items for kids needing shoes and supplies and such. Wire mesh shelving to M & W to use for Rotary storage. M&W would be the main suppository deposit. They collect the items and then others could go to them to get the supplies. Chairman Talkington moved to approve giving the shelving to Rotary. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, discussed the history buttons on the computer software for reviewing. Discussion followed. He reported the Q&A is all caught up and the crews have been instructed how to open so that history shows up.
Karl Allen, USD #258 school bus driver, discussed the square and sweeping corners, especially on 900 Street and Georgia Road. He has concerns of cars lined up while he is turning a school bus around the corner. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested him to visit with Bill King, Public Works Director.

Robert Johnson, II, City of Iola Attorney, Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Sandy Zornes, City of Iola Council, and Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, joined the meeting for discussion on ambulance contracts.

Alan reported he and Terry have reviewed Q & A and that has all been taken care of. Alan discussed the different steps in Q & A. Ryan explained each step in detail and who does the review; medical director and Ryan’s staff. Alan reviewed changes in the proposed new contract.

“EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Joint Agreement

This agreement, made and entered into this ___ day of September, 2013 by and between Allen County, Kansas, by and through its governing body, the Board of Allen County Commissioners hereinafter referred to as “County” and the City of Iola, Kansas, by and through its governing body, the City Council of Iola, Kansas, hereinafter referred to as “City”.

WITNESSETH:

Whereas, Ambulance services are now being provided by County and City with Allen County EMS personnel providing primary coverage for areas of the county outside of the Iola area and with the Iola Fire Department/Ambulance personnel providing primary coverage within the Iola area; and

Whereas, City currently has a full-time professional paid fire department combined with its EMS service and the parties agree that non-residents of City will not contribute to City’s fire service.  

Whereas, The parties wish to restructure their EMS services in order to provide such services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner; and

Whereas, The parties agree that EMS services could best be provided to the City of Iola and Allen County generally if the county and city EMS operations were merged.

Now Therefore, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained it IS AGREED between the parties as follows:

1. By mutual agreement of the parties hereto, the provisions of the Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Agreement dated September 23, 2008 are terminated effective midnight on December 31, 2013. Thereafter the terms and conditions of this FIRE SERVICE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES Joint Agreement shall govern the conduct of the parties. Upon the termination, County shall transfer possession but not title to all county EMS service vehicles, equipment and buildings listed in Exhibit “A” to City.

2. It is understood, that on and after December 31, 2013 all ambulance services for Allen County shall be delivered under the ambulance license of County and all EMS vehicles shall be labeled “Allen County Emergency Medical Services.” All personnel shall be placed under the management of and become employees of City and City shall be fully responsible for all costs of operation including but not limited to wages, supplies, training, fees, licenses, insurance along with maintenance and upkeep of all fire and EMS service vehicles, equipment and buildings. City shall have sole responsibility for replacement or upgrade of any fire vehicles and equipment. County shall replace one EMS vehicle with another EMS vehicle of County’s choosing every other year beginning in the year 2015 to be delivered before the end of the year. Said vehicles shall be used by City but shall remain the property of County.

3. All charges for ambulance runs made by the parties until midnight on December 31st, 2013 will be processed by their separate services. All charges for ambulance runs made by the merged service after midnight on December 31st, 2013 will be processed by County. County shall pay to City the amount of $750,000.00 per year to be paid first from the receipts for ambulance runs. If receipts from ambulance runs are less than $750,000.00 then County shall pay the difference between the amounts actually received from run receipts and the amount of $750,000.00 from County funds. Any receipts in excess of $750,000.00 per year shall remain the property of County. Such excess receipts shall be held by County in a fund designated EMS Capital Outlay Fund and proceeds of said fund shall be used only for the salaries and office expenses of the Billing Agent and for the purchase of Ambulances unless other expenditures are authorized by the mutually agreement of the parties hereto.

4. All of the subsidies required under paragraph (10) of the Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Agreement dated September 23rd, 2008 have been or will be paid in full for the year 2013 on or before December 31st, 2013. From the date of termination set out above, City will be solely responsible for maintaining fire and EMS services in accordance with this agreement and applicable law.

5. The ambulance service coverage area for City shall be the entire area of Allen County, Kansas.

6. City shall be solely responsible for the ambulance runs they handle. This responsibility shall include but not be limited to:

(a) completing any necessary documentation required by law or provider protocols;
(b) investigating any complaints arising out of the transport or other service rendered;
(c) shall promptly (and according to law, within 24 hours of a run) provide all ambulance run information to County necessary for billing and quality of care review.

7. Billing for any and all EMS services rendered by City shall be handled by County with all receipts being paid to County by the various providers. City may, at its own expense, provide additional part-time help to provide backup for and to assist county in billing. Such
person shall perform his/her duties under the guidance and direction of County's billing person. In managing its records and in order to expedite the review and processing of ambulance runs for billing, City shall use Image Trend Software which is currently used by County and is available for fee from the State of Kansas.

[8] City shall also be responsible to operate the rescue vehicle and the HAZMAT vehicle.

[9] The parties have discussed the operational needs of the proposed joint operation and anticipate that the service should have a staff of approximately 33 full-time employees. In any event, City shall, at all times, have adequate personnel to provide Type I EMS staffing at all locations on a 24/7 basis. All Joint operation personnel shall be employees of City and shall be subject to all of said employer's personnel policies including the setting of wages and benefits. Employees of the combined service will be encouraged to reside in Allen County and within 15 minutes of Iola but will be grandfathered in as they retire from County. EMS full-time employees of County will be hired by City and will carry over to City all seniority and paid time off (including sick leave, vacation and personal leave) accrued to date with County. On or before January 31st, 2014, County shall pay to City the value (as of December 31, 2013 at midnight) of the accrued vacation leave which is carried over to City by County's transferred EMS employees. County will reimburse City only for the amount of sick leave that is paid out to transferred employees by reason of said employees leaving the joint EMS service during the first year of this agreement (2014). The cost of all such sick leave after the year 2014 shall be borne by City without reimbursement by County. All County employees hired by City pursuant to the terms of this agreement shall immediately qualify for group health insurance coverage and be covered under the City's group health insurance plan. The director of fire operations shall be appointed by City. The director of EMS operations shall be appointed by City with the approval of County. The director of EMS shall report to both City and County as directed.

[10] City shall maintain Type I ambulance service throughout the county with at least one Type I ambulance stationed in Iola, Humboldt and Moran 24 hours per day, 7 days per week during the term of this agreement. Currently, the City of Humboldt provides space for the ambulance stationed there and County rents a building in Moran to station its ambulance there. City shall be responsible to make proper arrangements in both Humboldt and Moran for the stationing of ambulances in both locations. City will develop and follow a plan acceptable to County which provides for rotation of personnel through all EMS stations to assure full utilization of each employee. City agrees to comply with all applicable Federal, State and County laws pertaining to contracts entered into by governmental agencies, including non-discrimination in employment.

[11] The operations of the EMS portion of the merged Fire/EMS service shall be administered by City under the ambulance license of County. Funding for operations shall be as follows:

(a) Except for the replacement of EMS vehicles by County as provided above, City shall budget for and pay any and all costs of the joint operation including both capital and non-capital expenses.

(b) All billing for services rendered by the joint operation shall be handled by County.

(c) County shall pay to City the sum of $750,000.00 per year as provided above beginning in the year 2014. In making the annual payment to City, County shall pay to City the run revenues received by County as they are received and within 30 days of receipt. In the event that run revenues are less than $750,000.00 in any year, the deficiency shall be paid by County to City on or before February 15th of the following year.

(d) All remaining receipts above the sum of $750,000.00 shall be retained by County and used as set out in paragraph 3 above.

(e) The $750,000.00 payment provided herein shall be adjusted for inflation only as follows: in the event that the City and County both give an inflationary or COLA increase of wages to their employees, the $750,000.00 payment shall be increased by the lesser of the two entities wage increase. Said increase shall be effective January 1st of the year following the wage increase. For example, in the event the City, in any given year, gives a 2% increase for COLA and the County in the same year gives a 1.5% increase for COLA, the $750,000.00 payment would be increased by 1.5% on January 1st of the following calendar year. In addition, in the event that the City’s increase was 1.5% and the County’s 2%, then the $750,000.00 payment would be increased by 1.5% on January 1st of the following calendar year, thus always being equal to the lower of the two (2) entities wage increase. Should the initial amount of $750,000.00 be increased based on the above paragraph, then in future years the increase would be based on the amount already increased to. The City and County agree to amicably meet to discuss any questions or problems which may arise in the future regarding this provision, however, the intent of the parties is only to increase the yearly payment from the County to the City in the event both entities vote to grant COLA raises.

[12] The City does hereby agree to indemnify County for any and all liability, loss or damages including attorney fees which County may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against it arising out of the acts or omissions of City, its employees, officers, elected officials or any other persons acting on behalf of City under the terms of this Agreement. County agrees to indemnify City for any and all liability, loss or damages including attorney fees which City may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against it arising out of the acts or omissions of County, its employees, officers, elected officials or any other persons acting on behalf of County that may have occurred prior to the date of this Agreement. City agrees to indemnify County for any and all liability, loss or damages including attorney fees which County may suffer as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgments against it arising out of the acts or omissions of City, its employees, officers, elected officials or any other persons acting on behalf of County that may have occurred prior to the date of this Agreement.

[13] The parties agree that they will cooperate to prepare a plan for a quality of care review process satisfactory to both. Such plan shall include the right of the City and County to appoint one representative each to the review board. It is understood that the employee of County who is placed in charge of billing (the Billing Agent) shall be a part of the review process and shall report to the EMS director any runs which appear to exhibit quality of care issues. If in the opinion of said Billing Agent, such issues are not properly resolved, such issues shall be reported directly to the governing bodies of City and County and shall be presented in executive session to protect confidential patient data. All operational protocols and any amendments thereto must be approved by both City and County. The schedule of fees to be charged for ambulance runs shall be set by County.

[14] Except in the event of Default as hereinafter set out, this agreement will remain in effect until December 31, 2019 and will remain in effect from year to year thereafter unless sooner terminated by either party giving six (6) months written notice to the other party of its intent to terminate. In the event of the City's default, all county ambulances, equipment, buildings and any replacements thereof shall be returned to County and both parties shall be entitled to operate separate EMS services within their respective municipal jurisdictions. In the event that this agreement is terminated by City, as provided herein, then County shall have the option to become the sole ambulance service provider for Allen County upon the effective date of such termination and for another 5-year term.

[15] In the event that either party shall neglect or fail to perform or observe any of the covenants or agreements contained in this agreement, then in that event, said party shall be deemed in default hereunder. The non-defaulting party may issue a written Notice of Default to the defaulting party, and said defaulting party shall have the right to fully cure any such default within 30 days from the date and time that said Notice was served upon such party. If the defaulting party fails to cure within 30 days after service of the Notice the then non-defaulting party shall have the option and right to terminate this lease. Provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed to prejudice the parties in any other right or remedy which they may have at law or in equity for the enforcement of the legal obligations of the parties under this agreement. Provided further that in the event that this agreement is terminated by reason of City's default, as provided herein, then County shall have the option to become the sole ambulance service provider for Allen County upon the effective date of such termination for the next 5-year term.

In witness whereof, the parties have executed this agreement the day and year first above written.

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Discussion followed on portions on the proposed contract. Commissioner Williams stated he has investigated and has concern on how the services are being provided. He explained all the information has been positive, all have been extremely professional. Commissioner Williams stated he wants professional service throughout the entire county. Commissioner Williams stated he proposes the county enter into the contract with the City of Iola because discontent throughout the entire county feels uncomfortable. Commissioner Works stated he would like to review the two together before signing. Commissioner Williams’ concern is the next meeting is Monday, and not sure if the city would sign off on it or not. Someone would get upset and angry with common sense to get out of line. Robert stated he thought it would be okay to sit on it another week. Discussion followed on changes in the proposed contract compared to the old contract. Joel stated the council is wanting to be done with the contract. Commissioner Works asked why the City of Iola council was shocked at the ambulance shortfall. Alan discussed proposed changes, none will be made.

Robert stated Ryan was there for questions on Q & A. Discussion followed on who is on the review committee. Alan will review the protocol procedures. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:26 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:36 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed buyers for the old hospital. Alan stated equipment needed to be moved to the lower level of the hospital. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

  a)  Clerk’s vouchers: $45,774.10
  b)  Payroll changes
  c)  Journal Entry #41-43

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 23, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman                          Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk                   Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS       OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK       September 23, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.
Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the September 16, 2014 meeting.

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

Sherrie requested to have Allen County pay for employees’ flu shots again this year. They are $30.00 and will be given on October 15, 2014 from 4-5 p.m. Chairman Talkington moved to approve the flu shots be paid for by Allen County. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed an employee appreciation dinner. No action was taken at this time.

Commissioners received a request from Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, for a truck. He received bids from GSA Auto Choice for a 2014 Ford $27,900.24 or a 2014 GM for $30,330.30; Twin Motors Ford for a 2014 F-150 for $29,600. Discussion followed on in county vs out of county. It is within 10% of government contract. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase of a truck from Twin Motors Ford. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Talkington discussed a citizen that is concerned about delinquent taxes and speed limits along old highway 169. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed Resolution 201411.

ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS
RESOLUTION NUMBER 201411

A Resolution Ordering the County Counselor to Institute an Action for Tax Foreclosure

WHEREAS, numerous parcels of real estate have been sold and bid in by the County at delinquent tax sales and have remained unredeemed on the 1st day of September of the 3rd year after such sale; and,

WHEREAS, the aggregate assessed valuation of all such real estate subject to sale within the boundaries of Allen County, Kansas, is more than $10,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, the legislature has passed laws providing for the foreclosure of tax liens and the sale of real estate in order to collect delinquent taxes:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the duly elected Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas that a judicial foreclosure and sale of all real estate tax liens be held. The County Counselor of Allen County is hereby ordered to prepare the necessary pleadings to initiate and prosecute a tax foreclosure action in accord with the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2801 et.seq.

RESOLVED this 23rd day of September, 2014
THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Bill King, Public Works Director, Curt Drake, Allen County Regional Landfill Supervisor, J. David Langford, Principal, Brian Weis, Project Manager, Laura Drescher, Assistant Project Manager and Scott Martin, Senior Engineer, all from Burns & McDonnell, joined the meeting to discuss landfill engineering. David introduced each of his staff and the history of Burns and McDonnell with Allen
County. He presented “Engineering Services for Allen County Landfill”. Scott presented information on other clients they serve and what services they are performing for them. Brian discussed his services within Allen County for the last 14 years and the values and strengths they bring to Allen County. He also discussed regulatory navigations; how their knowledge is valuable to Allen County and presented examples of paperwork required. Brian explained their line of communication between themselves and their clients. He mentioned new procedures they have planned for the future. Brian reviewed Burns & McDonnell’s low cost strategy for Allen County and what will be changed to guarantee Allen County a lower cost than they have been in the past. Laura discussed using younger staff to help reduce the costs. She discussed 2014-2016 regulatory compliance scheduling and Solid Waste integrated client schedule for staffing and scheduling. Laura explained her history of education which qualifies her for her position. Brian discussed future projects within Allen County Regional Landfill in detail and what could be done to save monies but still be within compliance. Overall Burns & McDonnell can minimize capital construction costs, reduce rates, lower billing levels and reduce subcontract or cost. Commissioners expressed the costs, not the service was why they were looking at having more bids. Discussion followed. Burns & McDonnell’s first project was in Allen County on a water and light plant in 1898.

Bill presented bids for 6” trash water pump. Curt and Bill have looked at the one from Foley Equipment that is a Caterpillar engine C4 with 1500 hours for $17,500. They haven’t looked at the ones from Water Movers for a new Godwin 6” CD150 Diesel Driven Pump, John Deere 4045T290 IT4, trailer mounted for $29,902.60 or a used Godwin 6” CD150 Diesel Driven Pump, John Deere 4045T290, trailer mounted 4600 hours on meter for $14,750.00. Discussion followed on new vs used and the value of maintenance. Commissioners requested Bill to get three bids for a new pump.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested commissioners approve Resolution 201411. Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 201411. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners discussed penalties for late taxes. Alan stated the penalty is set by statute. Discussion followed on costs plus penalties.

Alan presented payment order #72 for $2,188.40. He stated October 28 is the last date for engineer’s notice of any issues at the new hospital. There will be a hospital trustees meeting this evening. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington’s signature. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed the appraisal for $49,000 for the old health department building. Discussion on sale of property followed. Commissioners approved Alan to publish they are taking sealed bids with a requirement of $49,000. Discussion followed.
Joel Wicoff, City of Iola Mayor, Sandra Zornes, City of Iola Council member and Bob Johnson, Jr. joined the meeting to discuss EMS contract. Commissioner Works discussed changes in the proposed EMS contract. He expressed his concerns on placement of the ambulances and lowering the number of EMS employees. EMS plans involving both the city and the county. Discussion followed addressing each issue listed. Commissioner Works asked about cooperation between EMS and others on a review committee. Chairman Talkington expressed his opinion has not changed about EMS and that it should be a county function and he feels the only way the bickering will go away is if the county takes it over. He stated it isn’t a money issue and that the care would be the same no matter if the county or the city did the EMS providing. Commissioner Works stated the State EMS report showed the county was superior over the City of Iola EMS. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works stated anytime you have a service, you turn monies over to a committee. He also stated he would vote for the contract once it is tweaked to his preference. City of Iola representatives left the meeting.

Commissioners discussed EMS current service and coverage.

Commissioner Williams moved to appoint Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk to serve as Allen County representative and Dick Works, Allen County Commissioner, as alternate to the KWORC annual meeting. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll Changes
b) Clerk’s Vouchers for 9/18/14: $174,343.45 and 9/22/14: $23,794.54

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

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson Dick Works, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK September 30, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works and Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk. Commissioner Thomas R. Williams is absent due to another meeting conflict.
Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the September 23, 2014 meeting.

Jerry Daniels, Candidate for Commissioner District #1, Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union and Richard Luken, Iola Register, were present to observe the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported on road work. He talked about striping between Humboldt & Iola for $6,000.00. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Bill to extend the contract to include miles between Iola and Humboldt, Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0. Bill will ask if such can be included in the current contract.

Bill and commissioners discussed engineers for the landfill. Their experience, as well as costs are issues. Bill requested a decision by next meeting, so engineer of choice will have time to get up to speed on projects. Discussion followed.

Bill reported on mowers that are broke down. He said that some mowers need replaced. They get a lot of use, mowing is done for approximately 20 weeks. Dick asked which mowers hold up the best. Bill talked about the different brands.

Carl Slaugh, Iola City Administrator, joined the meeting.

Mike Jewell, who is not on Farm/City Days committee, however is in charge of the car show, stopped by to ask permission to use the courthouse lawn to park cars for the show. If it rains prior to the event, they will park on West Street. Mike stated the vehicles that would be pulling up on the lawn are lightweight and move very slowly. The time frame would be 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. He expects to have 70 cars at the show. Commissioner Works stated he wants to wait for Commissioner Williams to be present, as well as discuss this with Ron Holman, Grounds and Maintenance, before giving approval. Mike stated Farm City Days will begin October 17th with a movie.

Ron Holman, Grounds and Maintenance Director, joined the meeting. Commissioner Works asked Ron how he felt about the car show on the lawn. Ron stated he is not in favor of it. Carl asked how long it had been since they were allowed to park on the grass, Ron said probably five to six years. Ron said the cars do make a rough area where they were parked. It’s not just from the car show, but ruts are left from other events on the lawn as well. Commissioners will make a decision next week.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, stopped by the meeting. He reported on sending out final warnings to people regarding the tax sale. He said that 90% are in Iola City.

Carl talked about the community garden within the city. He explained how the water bill was paid by those that use the garden.
Carl passed out a contract that Cowley County uses for EMS. 1.5 mills is levied and divided between the entities. They have a total population of 36,000. They’re probably about twice the size of Allen County in square miles. Winfield has one location with four ambulances.

Carl explained the ISO ratings of fire departments. Iola City is a “4”.

Carl asked if commissioners received copies of the recent EMS inspection.

Sandra Zornes joined the meeting.

Commissioner Works stated pulling ambulances from Humboldt and Moran is a huge issue. Carl stated that was not the intent. Commissioner Works stated lives should be put ahead of property. Carl stated he agreed there are fewer instances of structure fires than ambulance calls. He said there are five ambulances right now. Discussion followed on changes to the contract to make it clear where ambulances would be stationed, etc. Also discussed was the personnel factor.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll Changes
b) Clerk’s Vouchers for 9/30/14: $62,288.86

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 7, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson

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Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

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Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK
October 7, 2014

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 30, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director joined the meeting. Ron and Don Rutledge of Iola Glass, presented windows for the proposed changed windows.
Discussion followed on the different types. Commissioners discussed Low E and Ergon Gas in the windows. Commissioner Works moved to try one window and see what problems come up. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

June Terrill, Moran Senior/Community Center, has requested help paying for a cleaning person. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to go half with the Moran center to pay for such. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jerry Dreher, and Carla Nemecek, representatives for Southwind 4H District stopped by the meeting. Jerry reported the livestock and Quiz Bowl teams had qualified to go to state at Manhattan where they competed in Livestock Judging (2nd place), Quiz Bowl (2nd place) and Skillathon (1st place). They won the overall sweepstakes, which in return qualified the teams for other National events. Colton Heffern (Judging and Quiz Bowl), Hayden Cole (Judging), John Emerson (Judging), Caitlyn Dreher (Judging and Quiz Bowl), Trent Johnson (Quiz Bowl), Hannah Fry (Quiz Bowl) have all qualified to go to Denver for National Western Livestock Exposition in January 2015 where they will compete in the Quiz Bowl and Livestock judging. Colton, Caitlin, Hannah and Trent will also go to Louisville, Kentucky in November 2014 for the North American International Livestock Expo for Skillathon.

Jerry explained the need to raise money for the 4H Livestock Judging and Quiz Bowl teams to go to their expositions. He requested permission to have a cow patty bingo, in the 10X10 panels and bring in a calf and see if the calf bingos on a bingo drawn on the ground. They would like permission to do this on the court yard. Discussion followed on where; suggestions were made to use the cement. Commissioners approved the use of the west sidewalk.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting. Commissioners discussed parking cars on the courtyard for Farm/City Days for the Car Show. Discussion followed on the weather. If it rains a week before and any time until the show, the cars will have to park on the street. Commissioner Works motioned to park the cars on the courtyard with the exception, that if it rains anytime during the week prior to Farm/City Days, the cars will have to park on the street. Chairman Talkington second, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the Ebola and comparison to the bird flu scare a few years ago.

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

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed engineering for the Landfill. Commissioners have heard from Burns & McDonnell, Allgeier Martin & Associates, and Schwab Eaton. Discussion on qualifications and costs savings followed. Bill stated they are all good, stable and dependable companies. Bill reported the plans for the next phase are already completed and we own the plans. He said a person needs to know EPA and KDHE and other requirements. Commissioner Williams moved to hire Schwab Eaton to be the landfill engineer. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Bill will check on year-end requirements.

Bill discussed the generator at the hospital and diesel fuel. They are cleaning roads to get ready for striping and mowing crews are out finishing up for the season.
Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, presented a copy of the collection of taxes, delinquency and Sales tax collection where Allen County is at this time of year. Discussion followed on changes, interest rates and securities.

Ron Baker, Allen County Regional Hospital Executive Director, discussed health care and challenges that come up. He presented a graph of Hierarchy of Environmental Pressures. Long-term Macro-Economic Challenges are putting pressure on providers in a number of ways: listing macro challenges, purchaser responses, provider implications and local Community Hospital and Goals and Key Capabilities. The Macro Challenges deal with ACA, Federal & State deficits, and Economic Stagnation. Ron’s presentation stated the Purchaser Responses deals with Public Payer, Rate Cuts, Cost Shifts to individuals, and Focus on Pay for Value and Shift Utilization Risk to Providers. He explained the Provider Implications are Margins under Stress/Cost Imperative, Increased Mergers/Integration, Assumption of More Utilization Risk, Value Payment Focus and Increased Transparency. He went on to discuss trends already underway; growing realities facing hospitals. Ron said hospitals play a key role in a “health care maze”. He stated hospitals often position themselves similarly and focus on the treatment of the “sick” and “dying”. Patients believe they can stay healthy enough to avoid the system. When patients need treatment, they do whatever possible to keep costs down. What patients really want from “your hospital” is a valuable experience which will improve my health. Discussion followed on programs that are cost effective. Ron’s graphs showed in Patient Discharges – Kansas from 2001 to 2012, Out Patients visits – Kansas from 2001 to 2012. Presentation included “Principles for a Sustainable Rural Health System (KHA Rural Health Visioning Project) need to focus on Improved Health; focus on prevention, primary care, chronic disease management, emergency services and other essential services to improve the health of the population served. The need to provide access; provide access to essential health services within a reasonable distance and timeframe. To encourage collaborative local and regional solutions for service provision and governance. High Quality to continue to pursue the highest standards of quality and patient safety. To Promote Efficiency and value; promote cost and operational efficiencies and provide value in the provision of local regional services. The need to embrace the use of technology to expand access and patient participation in his/her care. Financed fairly to address population health; be reimbursed and financed fairly by federal, state and local resources, private payers and patients such that the health of the population can be improved.

Ron stated the first year anniversary is about here. They moved in on December 10th, 2013. He discussed changes and the walk through. There are changes they would like, but they will be the responsibility of the hospital not that of the contractor or engineers. One example is the stone on the front of the hospital, he explained. Another example was installing vented manhole covers to deal with the sewer smell.

Ron discussed a hospital auction and requested a name of an auctioneer. Commissioners suggested just putting a bid out there. Discussion followed on what to leave in the hospital, what goes and what stays. Ron mentioned some items that are attached to the building but could be sold at the action if it is of no value to the building. Commissioners suggested he contact David Toland, as he is the one marketing the building.

Ron mentioned clinics that are working out of Allen County’s hospital that come from other area hospitals. He explained the future of hospitals and cooperative changes with them. Ron stated there is a geriatric program started. They are reviewing to make sure
they are not duplicating services. He discussed charges and payments. Ron explained Psychiatry and tele-a-medicine and how they work.

They are utilizing Ashley clinic and three other clinics, home health and the geriatric site at the clinic.

VA representatives will be visiting with him to see how they can work together. There are clinics in other cities within 30 miles; so a sole clinic is probably not going to happen because of the closeness, but would like to work with them on lab work that could be collected. ACH has a very highly qualified nursing staff that could use existing port-a-caf for collecting.

Ron mentioned the biggest change is the campaign for uniting excellence. They would like to use an existing 503B and continue the management.

Ron presented information on Adjusted Patient Days with total census days; Inpatient Census Days; and Allen County Regional Hospital’s Statement of Income and Expenses for period ending August 31, 2014. Ron explained the statement of operating revenue and operating expenses, operating income and non-operating revenues (expenses). Commissioners thanked Ron Baker for his hard work in making it all work for Allen County.

Carl Slaugh left the meeting.

Dick Horton, SEKCAP Executive Director & Core Group of Project 17, stated he is on a listening tour of the 17 counties within Project 17. He also works for SEKCAP, a 12 county area. He discussed doing assessments, especially for economic development; strong work force and willing to work, drug free environment. Dick Horton asked about concerns on economic development, infrastructure, high speed internet, tobacco and substance abuse, education challenges. He discussed promoting the area as well. Discussion followed on what other area frustrations are; housing being one, communities working against each other, gains/progress from Project 17. Dick Horton mentioned he didn’t know how long Project 17 will last if no gains are seen locally. Commissioner Works asked what sells Southeast Kansas. Dick Horton stated economic development has work force issues, but above other areas in the United States.

Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck and Burns, discussed landfill change between costs and change to Trust fund. Total cost of 8 Million to close and need more monies in the fund. They will fill a variance for Allen County since we close portions of the landfill as cells close and new ones are opened. Discussion followed.

Rodney discussed cash basis and budget violations. He discussed findings in public works, 911 telephone, and deposits. He reported a few items of findings and what they were. Discussion followed.

Rodney presented a $400 increase for his services next year. The contract is for $15,650.00 to audit 2014 and $1,300 for 2016 budget. Discussion followed on other counties and schools. Commissioner Williams moved to approve and sign the contract for 2014 Audit and 2015 Budget. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed EMS contract. Commissioner Works asked about changes. Alan read about the transfers and how that works.
Sandy Zornes, City of Iola Council member, joined the meeting.

A discussion continued on how the changes on ambulance transfers would work. Commissioner Works stated if the City was calling in the Humboldt or Moran crews, does Iola need back up for their station for fire requirements. His concerns reported from citizens outside City of Iola are that the City of Iola is taking their (outside of City of Iola) back up for fire from the citizens EMS services. Discussion on solutions proposed by the City followed. Alan discussed the changes with inflation within the new proposed contract. Alan will make changes, review and sign at next week’s meeting and the city of Iola will be meeting on Tuesday evening. Either side has a six month out.

Alan discussed the old health department for sale by sealed bids. Bids are due by October 17, 2014 at 4:30 to be opened on October 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Carl Slaugh rejoined the meeting. He discussed changes in the EMS contract and transfers and 2015 ambulance.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers for 10/2/14 - $313,160.69 and for 10/6/14 - $53,392.30
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk Journal Entries #44-47

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 14, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, discussed the effect of the wide outage of internet and phone services on Monday, October 14, 2014.

Angie explained and requested to purchase a pre-employment skills testing software by CritiCall. She stated she thought it would help the turnover of employees in her department. Discussion followed.

CritiCall simulates our work environment through a testing process that closely reflects the elements of a communications officer. The test is designed to measure those behaviors and/or skills and abilities that are a necessary prerequisite of the job. CritiCall is operator driven and requires very little to no time to administer.

CritiCall will evaluate the following areas: Job related computerized multi-tasking, Cross referencing using information from database list, Data entry, Map reading/geographic directions, Memory recall, Numerical ability, Oral comprehension, Vocalization summary, Character comparison, Prioritization ability, Reading comprehension, Spelling, Decision making and Call summarization.

CritiCall will help Public Safety Agencies: Reduce turnover, Decrease training cost and time, Test job related skills, including computer skills, save money, Automate pre-employment testing and Develop custom testing.

CritiCall would also be used for annual testing of each employee to ensure that they continue to meet baseline testing measures (dispatchers must maintain an 80% score) which ensures veteran staff maintain the skill sets as an SEG (standard evaluation guidelines).

A CritiCall license includes unlimited testing for dispatchers. Each licensed agency will also receive customer support, a headset and microphone, along with the testing software. A center of our size only needs 1 testing station and the purchase price is $3595. There is not another company to compare to CritiCall for quotes. CritiCall is used widely by dispatch centers all over the world, including Butler County and Reno County here in Kansas.

The investment of CritiCall is much more than a software purchase. It includes a premium customer support program and the following services for an annual fee of $720: Membership, Unlimited technical support, Software upgrades and Discounts on future renewals.

Angela explained hiring a new dispatcher can easily take 4-12 weeks. Finding out if they have the skills you thought they had, can take another 2-3 weeks. Even then, if they don’t measure up, you have to start the entire process once again. CritiCall can help reduce turnover rate by identifying capable applicants up front.

If you consider the cost of advertising, cost to screen, interview, background, and hire applications, along with the salary to train a new hire you will easily exceed $25,000-$50,000 each time you hire a new person.

Over all we will save money and resources and hire more qualified individuals.
The total purchase price of this software is $3,595 and it will pay for itself immediately by eliminating a lot of turnover. I have received a $1,000 grant from Enbridge that I plan to apply towards the overall cost. I am asking to take the remaining $2,595 out of my county budget. I have currently used 61.24% of my budget making me 13% under budget. This software can be purchased out of the 911 funds. I have $119,825 in 911 funds. I will be providing you additional information about NG911 and the cost of it ($60,000 a year) in a separate presentation. Perhaps we can divide the remaining cost of this software (after the grant) out of my budget and the 911 funds.

Angie discussed the purchase of this software and upon approval we can determine the funding source.

Angie discussed Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) by the State. Discussion followed on future funding from 911 fees and equipment that will be inadequate.

Commissioners discussed 911 budget and what the future would be. The software would not take care of persons who decided they do not like to work night shifts. Angie stated she has 9-10 employees and discussed applications from applicants and who she could interview or not.

Commissioner Works moved to try it for one year. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0. The funding will all come out of 911 and a $1,000 grant from Enbridge.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed regionalization of 911 services and questioned whether the state would help with funding if they are encouraging regionalization.

Angie discussed the dispatch setup at the center.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Rebel Works is ready to go. Title insurance exposed a problem with the description of the land. Due to this Alan created an Addendum to installment sale agreement dated September 16, 2014, between Allen County, Kansas and Jeff J. Richards and Kristy M. Richards D/B/A Rebel Works MFG. for the building at 502 N. State Street. Commissioner Williams moved to approve and the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Alan explained how the payment is set up. Commissioner Works moved to approve and sign the General Warranty Deed. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Alan presented information and contract with the City of Iola for EMS Services. Discussion followed on City of Iola 2015 budget. Questions and answers followed on county input on hiring or retention of EMS Director. Discussion of a 30 day notice of deficiency followed. Commissioner Williams moved to sign the contract and addendum. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Alan reported Allen County will be having a zoning hearing for a towing service in November. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed working up a compressive towing rotation for call out by dispatch. Discussion followed on fees and insurance.
Alan explained where he is at on the Tax Foreclosure Sale and the process.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administration, reported Jackson Street will be closed Wednesday, October 15, 2014, to set up the carnival for Farm/City Days. He also recommended not parking on the courtyard. Commissioners agreed that the previous approval was if it rained within the week of Farm/City Days, the Car Show would have to be on the streets.

Carl discussed the nursing facility that had looked at Iola before and decided on Chanute, will be looking at Iola again for another facility. Discussion followed on locations, suggestions and type of care provided.

Jennifer Taylor joined the meeting to share information on an Economic Impact Study done concerning the USD #257 Bond and the City of Iola Sales Tax questions on the November ballot. She explained in detail the project and impact on the community. Jennifer stated the contractors would use as much local vendors as possible. Benefits of new buildings were discussed. Land value, utilities and street changes were all part of the discussion.

Carl stated a few cities have charged fees for persons outside of city limits using their utilities and services. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Totaling $63,951.27
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk Journal Entries #0062013

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 21, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the October 14, 2014 meeting.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported the Iola High School band has the opportunity to go to the Alamo Bowl in Texas. He would like to make a donation from the Law Enforcement Trust of $500. Commissioners approved.

Bryan reported he has received 5 DAGS from the DA. He stated this does not include the jet at the airport. This will generate approximately $160,000.00 for Allen County.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff. The time is now 8:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:40 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Talkington requested to use the Bandstand for GOP bus tour on November 1, 2014 in the afternoon. Commissioners approved.

Chairman Talkington reported Bob Dole will be at St. Johns Parish on October 30th, for his “Farewell Tour” from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will be open to the public.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Wanda Lytle, Veteran’s committee, to have the courthouse open for use of the east restrooms on November 8, 2014 during the Veteran’s Day Parade. Commissioners approved.

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

Bill King, Public Works Director, Curt Drake, Landfill Foreman, and Archie Moffet, Foley Equipment, were present for bid presentations. The Landfill needs to replace a six inch portable trash pump. Bids were received from Foley Equipment for a new 2014 Pioneer for $45,153.00 with a 1 year unlimited or 2 year 2000 hours, pump 2 years from date of shipment, 6-8 weeks delivery; Foley Equipment for a used 2010 Pioneer for $17,500.00 no warranty, 1,500 hours available immediately; Berry Tractor & Equipment for Dragon for $36,097.78 with 1 full year does not cover mileage, 4 weeks delivery; Water Movers for a new Godwin for $38,300.00 plus $2,500.00 delivery for a total of $40,800.00 with 12 month or 2000 hours warranty, 6-8 weeks delivery. Discussion followed. Chairman Talkington moved to accept the 2010 Pioneer for $17,500.00 from Foley Equipment. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids on steel culvert pipe. Bids from J&A Materials (old JR Crow) for 12”x38’-40’ for $12.50 per foot and 16”x38’-40’ for $17.50 per foot; Railroad Yard for 12”x38’-40’ for $14.80 per foot and 16”x38’-40’ for $19.35 per foot. Discussion followed. Commissioner Williams moved to approve purchasing from J&A Materials. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed using Purple Wave to purchase a couple of trucks. He stated they would like to have a fuel pump truck for the airport and one for the landfill. It would be a transport truck for airport fuel to have available when the electric goes out at the airport.
He would like to have Curt and Harry go look at these trucks. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved to keep an eye on these.

Bill reported they are approved for state funding on a bridge (5.4-A.0) in Geneva Twp. located on Martin Creek on the county line between Allen and Anderson Counties. $160,000 from state which will be a 50/50 grant. Discussion followed. More information will be provided as time progresses.

Carl discussed Farm/City Days. The weather was good and the people turned out great. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed EMS staffing, paramedics and EMTs. Discussion followed.

Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, Crickett Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Cara Barkdoll, Allen County Register of Deeds, and Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented a card of appreciation to the commission.

Alan presented a holiday request from the departments:

**SUBJECT: 2015 HOLIDAYS (All full time employees except landfill, dispatch, deputies, & jailers)**

NEW YEAR’S DAY THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015
FLOATING HOLIDAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015
PRESIDENTS DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015
MEMORIAL DAY MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015
INDEPENDENCE DAY FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015
LABOR DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2015
COLUMBUS DAY MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015
VETERAN’S DAY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015
THANKSGIVING DAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2015
DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2015
CHRISTMAS EVE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015
CHRISTMAS DAY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2015

**SUBJECT: 2015 HOLIDAYS (full time landfill employees, dispatch, deputies, jailers)**

NEW YEAR’S DAY THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2015
FLOATING HOLIDAY FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2015
Commissioner Works moved to accept the 2015 Holiday list. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Works stated the commissioners appreciate the department heads and their holding the lines.

Sherrie mentioned December 9 was chosen for Snack Day and December 16 for Employee Appreciation dinner at the park building.

Chairman Talkington asked about equipment mutual aid between the county and city. Discussion followed. Carl will add to his agenda for the City Counselor.

Alan discussed a bid opening for the old health department building. No bids were received. Alan would like to take off the minimum of $45,000 and list with the Health Department Building, open with the option to refuse any or all bids. A new hearing was set for November 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Alan presented Hospital Payment #73 to pay Health Facilities Group $525.90. Alan reported payment orders are slowly coming to an end. Commissioner Williams moved to approve Chairman Talkington’s signature. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed future projects at the Allen County Regional Hospital and surrounding area.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk’s Vouchers: 10/16/14-$105,859.39 and 10/17/14-$76,068.78
- Journal Entry #49-51
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 28, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson       Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk   Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  October 28, 2014

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

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported dirt and grass has been planted around the courthouse foundation.

Ron discussed bids for putting cement trim around the berms on the south of the courthouse. He received a bid from Custom Borders for $1,776.75. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve the bid. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron presented bids for flooring in the Driver’s License Office. Bid was from Decorator Supply for $3,759.99 for 16X16 feet. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested more bids.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, requested Commissioner’s signatures on a certificate for Enbridge for the 22 trees given to the county.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 8:40 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed old hospital supplies. Discussion followed. No action has been taken.

Commissioners discussed Bob Dole’s Tour to be held Thursday, October 30, 2014, from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. and the Republican tour Saturday, November 1, 2014 at the Band stand from 2:30 to 3:00 p.m.
Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk’s assistant, joined the meeting, Sherrie left.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed sign and post proposals. Stop signs to 911 signs need to be purchased. Proposals were received from Welborn Sales for $18,157.88, freight $1,131.85, for a total of $19,289.83 and National Sign Company for $17,598.38. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the purchase from National Sign Company, Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk, joined the meeting, Shannon left.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, reported that the time has come to request bids for the Guardian Ad Litem contract. Alan will check into this matter further.

Commissioner Works moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for legal counsel with county counselor. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk. The time is now 9:20 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan reported he got the tax sale filed. He reported on collections.

He stated that bids for the health building will be opened November 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. He said he’s had calls about the building, but no one has come to see him as of yet and no bids have been turned in.

Sheriff Murphy reported to the commissioners that there was an inmate death in the jail over the weekend. He stated that his staff did a great job conducting the scene until everyone could get there.

Sheriff Murphy talked about the issues with software in the jail facility, discussion followed. The total will be around $40,000.00. He said his budget is 11% under budget as of now. If they wait, it will only end up costing more. There are three years on his contract with Thermal. Discussion followed.

Sherrie joined the meeting, Jill left.

Sheriff Murphy discussed looking for ice at the fair and would like to use the VIN account or Trust Fund for an ice machine. Discussion followed on the use of an ice machine. Bids were presented for $1,840 from a restaurant equipment magazine. Sheriff Murphy will keep looking by the need for CERT and other activities.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers 10/27/14: $58,294.10
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries #52-53
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairman

Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  November 4, 2014

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, Allen County Clerk.

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, and Donald and Ronald Rutledge, Iola Glass, discussed the new window in Ron’s office. Discussion followed on changing out and damage. Commissioners really liked the window. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the rest of the replacement of windows. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed work at Humboldt River Bridge. The work is supposed to be finished today.

Bill reported the Bridge project west of Humboldt is staying on schedule.

Bill requested Kim Riebel carryover 88 hours of vacation. Commissioners approved the carryover to be used within six months.

Bill discussed lighting on Oregon and US Highway #169 at the turn towards the Allen County Regional Hospital. He reported what engineers are suggesting.

Bill updated the commission concerning the new engineering at the landfill.

Bill mentioned he has received salt for the winter. Discussion followed.
Commissioners reviewed an Agreement for Equipment Sharing Public Works Departments between Allen County and the City of Iola. Commissioner Works moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed Chris Phelan’s appointment as Coffey County Attorney. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers $260,396.87
b) Payroll changes
c) Journal Entries #54-55

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 10, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse for canvas of the November 4th General Election and regular Commission meeting.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman                      Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk              Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS    OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   November 10, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in a special session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk for the purpose of canvassing the November 4, 2014 General Election and to hold a regular meeting since Tuesday is the Veteran’s Day holiday.

Jerry Daniels, Candidate for Commissioner District #1, and Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union reporter, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners reviewed the election and found no discrepancies. Commissioner Works moved to appoint Chris Elmenhorst as Deer Creek Township Clerk and John Bilby as Salem Township Clerk as elected by write-ins. Therefore, results of the canvas were finalized.

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session following canvas with Chairman Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the November 4, 2014, meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed the weather and what is projected for later this week.
Bill stated he has had persons comment on how nice the road striping is south of town. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed road damage done when Enbridge was in the area, but they will be here later this week to patch it up.

Bill reported the bucket truck has come in. All the mowers are out today mowing.

Bill stated the contractors are currently working on the bridge west of Humboldt.

Bill had attended a KDOT meeting in which they discussed the old Hwy #169 between here and Earlton proposed KDOT project.

Sherrie on behalf of Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, offered to join the City Council on a tour of Russell Stovers. New ownership and plant manager Darrell Weick has offered such tour.

Sherrie offered on behalf of Bob Chase, SEK Mental Health Executive Director, to sell their 2001 van that has 57,000 miles. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Works moved to appoint Terry Broyles to serve as Humboldt Township Treasurer to replace Ann Johnson upon her resignation. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie requested Election pay to match Auto pay to the treasurer. Commissioner Williams moved to approve. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mark Stean joined the meeting for the bid opening for the old health department building located at 221 S. Jefferson, Iola. Mark’s bid was $1,000 and Clyde Toland’s bid was $27,550. Alan explained the commission has 15 days to accept or reject the bids. The commission would like to “mull” over the bids. Mark stated he would like to have it as renting or having as a “Wedding Chapel”. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers- $35,363.08
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries #56-57
d) Abatements: 2014, Value 81,249, $14,118.74

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 18, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman                  Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk           Dick Works, Commissioner
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 download 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

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  Office of the Allen County Clerk  November 20, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 2:00 p.m. with Chairman Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk for the purpose of touring Russell Stover’s Candy Factory. No action was taken.

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

Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Dick Works, Commissioner
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, Allen County Clerk.

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested the commission to authorize Chairman Talkington to sign a certificate of completion. He explained the hospital project is substantially complete except for a final retainage amount of $165,000. Commissioner Works moved to authorize Chairman Talkington’s signature. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Alan discussed a zoning hearing. He explained the zoning was to make a spot in the county commercial. He will bring to the commission next week.

Alan discussed annual termite inspection with Heinrich Pest Control.

Bill King, Public Works Director, publicly thanked the commission and Alan for the Donna Talkington Annual Award he received at the Thrive Banquet Friday evening.

Bill presented a Mutual Aid Agreement for use of equipment with the City of Gas for the Commission to sign. Discussion followed. Commissioner Works moved to approve and for the Chairman to sign. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Bill requested to carry over 76 hours of vacation. Commissioners approved to be used within 6 months.

Bill reported they went to Columbia, Missouri after the fuel truck they purchased from Purple Wave.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Hope Unlimited to place six silhouette screens in the courthouse. Commissioners approved.

Commissioner Works moved to appoint Kenneth McWhirter to the Governing Board of the Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed Guardian Ad-Litem contracts. Commissioners approved and will have Alan send out letters to the 31st Judicial District requesting bids. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners discussed a request from Area Chamber of Commerce.

RE: Request for permission to use the Courthouse lawn for upcoming Holiday activities
The Chamber would like to request permission to utilize the courthouse lawn for the following Holiday activities on the following dates: November 24, 2014-January 8, 2014.

Santa House will once again be on the Southeast corner of the lawn. We will also have our reindeer and sleigh displayed. Santa will be in his house every Thursday evening starting December 4, 11 & 18 from 5-7. Santa’s first visit is to be on Thursday December 4, 2014 after his arrival in the Fire truck. There will be a Candy Cane Hunt 4:45 p.m. that Evening around the Santa House. The Kiwanis will again be giving rides in their train and the Trolley will give free rides around the Square. We will be having all the activities around the Santa House this year. Weather permitting all these activities taking place. Cold weather 30 degrees or below cancels for safety reasons.

Commissioners approve.

Heather Morgan, Project 17 Executive Director, gave a brief overview of what Project 17 is and the need issues identified when they started three years ago. Discussion followed on rankings of unemployment, poverty and health issues. She presented information concerning Health, Economic Development, Education/Workforce, and Leadership and what each involved in detail. Heather reported on Regional Health data for Allen County. Discussion followed on employment, wages and housing. Heather stated there are three things the commission need to be taking under consideration; 1. Watch Topeka - keep in communication, 2. Water – less than 40 years of water in some areas, 3. Help elevate work force. Heather offered to help in any way possible.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, acting on behalf of Allen County Substance Abuse Task Force Co-chairman, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Michelle Meiwes, Hope Unlimited, and Stacy Haines, Regional Prevention Center, joined the meeting. Angie explained their target is to make this community drug free. Sheriff Murphy explained the long desire of zero tolerance, and proactive education on drug use within the county. Angie pointed out some successes in other counties; Labette and Neosho. She also mentioned some of the grant funding. Stacy explained what programs and strategies that would work in the community; underage drinking and such. She explained they are applying for a grant for $125,000 that would be for five years. They are requesting Special Alcohol monies for startup for this education. If the grant is given, they will be working on other drugs other than alcohol abuse, such as tobacco and prescription drugs. This might not be a one-time request. Discussion followed on funding. They have been using funding from fund raisers, volunteers and in kind donations. The ACSATF is requesting $3,000 from Allen County. Stacy stated the Regional Prevention Center is a state agency, KDID and there are 11 counties within the region. Discussion on what is currently done followed. Commissioners stated they will take this under consideration.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Land Acquisition Exception. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Bill King, Public Works Director, Kent Thompson, Thompson Realty, Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:40 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
a) Clerk’s Vouchers: 11/19/14 - $277,393.69, 11/25/14 - $64,910.46
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries: 58
d) PP Abate 2014 - Value 3278, $491.68
   TR Abate 2011 - Value 93, $12.60
   TR Abate 2012 – Value 86, $12.00
   TR Abate 2013 – Value 84, $12.00
   TR Abate 2014 – Value 2950, $253.52

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 2, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairman                        Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk           Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   December 2, 2014

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

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

Wade H. Bowie, II, Allen County Attorney, told commission that he has submitted his resignation letter to Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. His last day will be December 31, 2014. He explained it was a tough decision, but he has the opportunity to work closer to “home” Michigan. Commissioner Williams stated Wade has been a loyal advocate to children and friend to law enforcement. Commissioner Williams stated it has been an honor to work with him and wished him the best. Commissioner Works stated he appreciated his professionalism in his job. Wade has been supportive in child advocacy and developer of other programs for the community. Discussion followed.

Sherrie discussed the zoning held November 20th for Zoning Change. The Zoning Board recommended to the Allen County Board of Commissioners to approve the change of the zoning from agricultural to commercial for a 100’X100’area.

Following is the description of the property for the zoning change:

A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section (11), Township (25) South, Range (19) East of the 6th P.M., further described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of said section; thence North 89°58'52" West on the South line of said section a distance of 1965.67 feet to the intersection of the extension of a North/South fence line, said point being the true Point of Beginning; thence North 02°28'54" West on the existing fence line a distance of 660 feet; thence West 330 feet; thence South parallel to the East property line 660 feet; thence East along the South line of said section 330 feet to POB, less road right-of-way containing 5 acres more or less. ADDRESS: 2722 Minnesota Rd., LaHarpe, KS 66751
Commissioner Williams moved to approve the zoning change request. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reported Gary McIntosh suggested an electric car station be set up at Allen County Community College with monies from the environment foundation.

Sherrie stated she had missed having the commissioners appoint John McRae to serve on the Tri-Valley Board. Commissioner Works moved to reappoint John McRae to serve another term from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2017 on the Tri Valley Developmental Center Board. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie presented requests from Southeast Kansas Mental Health and 31st Judicial Drug Court for Special Alcohol monies for 2014. Discussion followed on past years. Commissioner Williams moved to approve $7,500 for SEK Mental Health, $2,500 for Drug Court and $1,000 for Allen County Substance Abuse Task Force for 2014. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed ambulance monies. She reported she will be delivering $40,000 to the City of Iola later today, making the total year to date $598,401.83.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed bridge project 1C-4713-01. He needed a bridge project agreement with Kansas Department of Transportation for this project to proceed. The county will be responsible for 10% of the actual costs of preliminary engineering, construction engineering, right of way and utility adjustments up to $177,777.78 and 100% of all costs over that. This bridge is located in northern Allen County. Commissioner Works moved to approve the commission sign the agreement. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill requested to put the 1968 fuel tank truck and 1985 Peterbilt tractor on Purple Wave. Commissioners approved.

Bill discussed replacing the landfill scales; they need to be replaced in the near future. They are over 20 years old; $50,000 or less is projected on cost.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, presented information on ambulance collections. He reported year to date he has billed $1,280,483.03, paid $594,774.52, contractual (write off) $465,529.85, balance due is $220,178.93 for 82%. He estimated collecting around 50% of the balance due. Discussion followed. Terry also presented run information by zip codes and by hospital.

Commissioners visited with Carl about collection agencies. Nothing came out of sending out proposals. Discussion followed on variety of collection options.

Commissioners asked about Terry’s part in run reviews. Discussion followed on Terry actually sitting in on meetings and not over the internet.
Carl discussed the city being involved in the county billing. What would it take to have the city be involved? Carl stated he would like Shelia to be involved. This needs to be solved.

Commissioner Williams requested to have a report from the City of Iola. Carl would like to match Ryan’s meeting up with Terry’s report. He will have a report on Monday for his commission.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll Changes, pay vouchers, sick payout and yearend bonuses  
b) Clerk’s Vouchers Total of $51,472.59  
c) Abatements:  
   - PP Abate-Year 2014, Value 10069, $1637.12  
   - RE Abate-Year 2014, Value 2921, $494.08  
   - Oil Abate-Year 2014, Value 0, $0  
d) Journal Entries: #59

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 9, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Jim Talkington, Chairperson

Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK December 9, 2014

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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Rick Danley, Iola Register, and Jerry Daniels, Commissioner-Elect, District #1, were present to observe the meeting.

Bill McAdam, citizen, requested the Allen County Commission check on the old, old Allen County Hospital; it has a corner stone that says “1905 Allen County Hospital”. He stated this should be preserved. Discussion followed.

Paul Sorenson, citizen, expressed his appreciation to the Allen County Commission and County Clerk for a job well done.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the tile in the front of the Iola Senior Center is scheduled to be removed January 13 & 14, 2015. The center will make provisions to close the front of the building, but will have it back open for Meals.
Ron reported the borders around the flower berms are completed on the south side of the courthouse.

Danny Strunk, citizen, expressed his opinion on ACARF. He stated since ACARF has started, he hasn’t had any dogs dropped at this place. Danny would be in favor of the county supporting ACARF.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Matt Kerr, citizen, stated he purchased land at 2300 Street and West Virginia Road. He requested to have the road closed to run cattle and would like to put up a gate. Commissioners stated they would start the process of a road closing.

Sherrie discussed the 2001 Southeast Kansas Mental Health van they are offering to sell for $16,500. It has 59,000 miles and new tires. Discussion followed. Commissioners tabled until next week.

Marsha Storrer, citizen, stated the Class of 1970 will be meeting this next year for their 45th Class Reunion. They are planning on having an auction and want to give monies back to the community. Ron discussed replacing benches. Discussion followed. Marsha asked Ron to provide her with more information and ideas.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed signing the deed to Southeast Multi County Health Building over to T & T Business, Inc. Commissioners will sign.

Alan reported Harry Lee and Debbie Roe’s terms are up on the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees. He explained bylaws on holding trustee positions. Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Harry Lee, Jr. and Debbie Roe to the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan discussed insuring the old hospital. Discussion followed. Commissioners took this under consideration.

 Commissioners discussed closing the Health building fund into County General. Discussion followed. This fund will be closed at the end of 2014.

Phil Drescher and Stephen Euston, Bukaty representatives, updated the commission with their plan and the Interactive Health results. He reviewed.

Phil covered future Health care reform and what it means to Allen County. We will still be subject to 2015 underwriting since we are self-funded through Benefit Management Insurance (BMI). But, in 2016 since we will be considered a small group under 100, the rate will be set by the carrier for Jan 1st effective date. Fully insured might be beneficial to Allen County in 2016. Community rates might be cheaper as opposed to self-funded. Phil discussed budgeting for fully funded run out liability in 2016.

Phil requested the commission sign a document that would allow him to get insurance information from BMI. Chairman Talkington moved to approve an Employer Access Agreement for Phil Drescher, Bukaty. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK December 16, 2014

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.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting.

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner-Elect, District #1, and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Paul Sorenson, citizen, presented a “Thank you” to Commissioner Works for all his dedication and service to Allen County.

Commissioners discussed the Southeast Mental Health van that is for sale. Commissioners suggested Mr. Chase list it on Purple Wave, he might get more for it that way.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed transferring the rent monies out of the building maintenance fund to the general fund, closing fund 130, Health Building Maintenance. This building has sold, so there is no reason to keep the fund open. They approved by signing a journal entry making the transfer.

Commissioners discussed ambulance monies.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested Mitch Garner to carry over 49.5 hours of vacation and Jeff Ford to carry over 90.25 hours of vacation. Commissioner Williams moved to approve each of the carryovers to be used within 6 months. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioners discussed bridge projects going on and ones that are scheduled for the future.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported the sale of the old SEK Multi County Health Building is complete.

Alan discussed old hospital insurance for 2014 was $16,592 and will be $13,338 for 2015 or $1,880 for just liability. Discussion followed. Commissioners agreed to just purchase the liability insurance for 2015.

Alan discussed the request for the old cornerstone at the old, old hospital. The new hospital administration is not interested in it, as they do not have the funding to remove and restore the cornerstone, but would be interested if a donation were made.

Gary McIntosh, President, Susan Michael, Administrator and Gary Parker, Vice-President, all of the Allen County Community Foundation joined the meeting. Susan explained the endowment. She shared a spreadsheet for the commissioners that shows the breakdown of the monies the Foundation has. Gary Parker explained that the interest earned on the county’s donated amount is added back into the fund. In 2012 the county gave $50,000.00. Public Health Fund gets half and the other half goes to expenses. What has been funded besides administration costs? Gary McIntosh stated the hospital benefited on the Day of Caring. They have benefited the MOM’s group, the Bowlus and the Kansas Health Foundation. Some of these projects they have facilitated the giving so that the monies could be tax deductible; being a pass through since they are a 501-C3. Discussion followed on others giving, such as scholarships that are matched. Gary Parker stated rolling it back in does not get a match. Alan explained that having projects gives to the community. Gary McIntosh stated they should have an “area”, such as including Woodson and Anderson Counties for the communities. Alan stated they need tax monies to keep their full time administrator. They could give to the Health fund with a 1 to 2 match, environmental fund with a 1 to 2 match or the Hospital fund which has a 1 to 4 match. Gary McIntosh stated they are requesting monies from Allen County. Alan stated $30,000 would get them to their match 2 to 1. They would need the donation before the end of the year. Gary Parker stated they would like to have the County withdraw some of the money for a grant project. This would also give the foundation recognition.

Gary Parker stated giving to the animal shelter would be beneficial.

Commissioners will take the requested donation under consideration. The Foundation will get an expense list to the commission.

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

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Jerry Daniels, Commissioner-Elect, District #1, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:52 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: $108,122.84
b) Clerk’s Journal Entries: 62-63
c) Payroll changes
d) Abatements: RE Value 3145, $736.58, Yr 2014  
   PP Value 4822, $734.20, Yr 2014  
   Gas Value 15666, $2506.52, Yr 2014
e) Inventory Reviews: Public Works Department  
   Allen County Maintenance Department  
   Iola Seniors Inc  
   LaHarpe Senior Center  
   County Counselor  
   EMS Financial Office

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 23, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson  Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  December 23, 2014

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.

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner-Elect, District #1, and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the December 16, 2014, regular meeting.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Attorney and Bob Johnson, Iola Register reporter, joined the meeting.

Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, and Timothy Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, joined the meeting to discuss EMS information. Designations of runs to and from were discussed. Chief Thyer explained Type A and B service difference on ambulances staffing. Discussion followed on when a paramedic is or is not on a run. Commissioners discussed staffing. 28 on the roster (26 operational, 1 on leave of absence, 11 paramedics, 2 in school, 7 advanced EMTs and 9 EMTs). Ryan stated they could still use 3 paramedics; they still have 3 openings. A discussion followed on scheduled and unscheduled overtime and amended budgets. Ryan reported on training hours and upcoming scheduled training.
Terry discussed collections, billing and regulations.

Terry asked about specifications for a new ambulance for 2015. Discussion followed on set up of ambulances being the same as the other ambulances.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed the Special Machinery fund (168) and the Road & Bridge fund (144) transfers for yearend. Discussion followed on carryover and new equipment. They are looking at transferring $385,000 from Road and Bridge into Special Machinery.

Alan discussed Angie getting a stipend from serving on the Community Connector; she would be trained as such. Discussion followed.

Alan presented the bids for Adult Misdemeanor and Guardian Ad-Litem contracts. Bids were received from Charles Apt, III and Jill Gillette. Jill's bid is $3,200 monthly fee for Guardian ad litem and adult misdemeanor for $3,000 per month. Chuck's bid is $4,000 monthly for Guardian ad litem and $3,200 per month Adult Misdemeanor. Commissioner Williams moved to accept the bids from Charles Apt, III due to experience and history. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported they will be discussing holiday pay next week.

Alan asked about a decision towards the donation to the Allen County Community Foundation monies. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:22 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:27 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Works, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie requested approval on a pawn license request from Linda O’Connor for 2015. She reported the Sheriff has approved. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie reported LaHarpe Senior Center has donated $200 to the food pantry this year, which is up $100 more than last year; this is money from renting the center.

Commissioners will not meet on December 30, 2014, but will meet on December 31, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of completing yearend business.

Commissioners approved shutting off credit cards of those not turning in receipts.

Commissioner Talkington opened the public hearing for the 2014 Amended Budget for the Road and Bridge and Hospital funds. No public was present. Discussion as to why the amendments are needed followed; Public Works had more cash carryover than
The hospital received more sales tax than what was budgeted. Commissioner Works moved to adopt the amended budget as published. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

b) Clerk’s Journal Entries #64-67
c) Payroll Changes
d) Inventory reports: Appraiser’s office, Iola Senior Center, Register of Deeds
e) Oil, Value 152504, $23626.82, Year 2013
   Oil, Value 374482, $54320.52, Year 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 31, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse for the purpose of yearend.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson

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Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

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Dick Works, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS   OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   December 31, 2014

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 1:00 p.m. with Chairperson Jim Talkington, Commissioner Dick Works, Commissioner Thomas R. Williams and Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk.

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner-Elect, District #1, Bob Johnson, Iola Register and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the December 23, 2014, regular meeting.

Sherrie presented Resolutions 201412 and 201413 for yearend transfers for commissioners’ review.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201412
ALLEN COUNTY SPECIAL MACHINERY FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

WHEREAS, in accordance with K.S.A. 68-141F and K.S.A. 68-141G will hereby transfer $400,000.00 from Allen County Public Works Fund to Allen County Special Machinery fund an amount not to exceed twenty-five (25%) credit to the Public Works Fund. All moneys credited to the Special Machinery Fund shall be used by Allen County for the purpose of purchasing road or bridge building machinery or equipment or the building of bridges and such fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 to 79-2937 or acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, except that in making the budgets of Allen County the amounts credited to
and the amount expended there from shall be shown thereon for the information of the taxpayers of Allen County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of December 2014.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 201412. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201413
ALLEN COUNTY AMBULANCE FUND

BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

WHEREAS, in accordance with K.S.A. 19-119 and Allen County resolution number 201413 the Board of Allen County Commissioners order a transfer in the amount of $155,872.00 from the General Fund to the Ambulance Fund as budgeted.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of December 2014.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolution 201413. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed a 2015 contract with R&S Digital Services, Inc. for website and maintenance for the appraiser’s office. The contract is for $7,024.00. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the contract with R&S Digital Services for 2015. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Alan discussed the request from the Community Foundation. He stated they have met their match as a result of recent contributions and by moving funds from their unrestricted account to the endowed accounts. In doing so, the foundation is not able to fulfill plans to pay the hospital $15,000 for remodeling of the Medical Office Building. Commissioner Williams moved to pay the hospital $15,000 for remodeling expense of the Medical Office Building, which is a county building. Commissioner Works seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Murphy and Alan discussed holiday pay policy with the commission. Currently if a person is scheduled off on a holiday, they get a day off later. Bryan stated if a person works a holiday, he feels they should get another day off in addition to getting holiday pay. Discussion followed. The other request for consideration is changing the definition of holiday time from midnight to midnight to 6 a.m. to 6 a.m. the next day. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

Sherrie swore in Jerry Hathaway as Allen County Attorney. Jerry then discussed salary and positions within the Attorney’s office with the Commission. Discussion followed on the future within the Allen County Attorney’s office.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll changes
b) Clerk’s Vouchers: 12/31/14 (YE)-$44,623.10 & 12/31/14-$324,416.19
c) Inventory Reports: Allen County Treasurer
d) 2014 Annual Reports: LaHarpe Rural Fire Department
e) Abatements:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson     Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk Dick Works, Commissioner