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.

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 31, 2014 meeting.

Sherrie presented Resolution #201501 for review:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201501

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, 2015, 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, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 6th day of January 2015, 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, 2015.

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 Works moved to approve Resolution 201501. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting. He had been at an executive session at an earlier meeting and wanted to update the commission where things stood on the session.

Commissioners discussed fund status starting in 2015.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed the weather over the holiday weekend. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed the possibility of raising the weight limit on the Humboldt River Bridge with certain restrictions. Discussion followed on the reasons. The bridge was thought to be fracture critical, but it is not according to engineering reports and that is why there is consideration of increasing the weight limit. Bill thinks it should be closer to 80,000 weight limit as maximum. Discussion followed. Bridges in Allen County are done every two years. No action was taken at this time.

Bill reported he is still working on lighting at the intersection of Oregon Road and US Highway #169. Discussion followed on options.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.
Darrell Monfort, Allen County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, invited the commission to join them at their meeting January 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Red Barn Veterinary Service premises for the purpose of discussing 2015 legislation and issues.

Commissioner Works discussed information and changes that have happened over the last 24 years.

Adam Lusker, Kansas State Representative 2nd District, and Kent Thompson, Kansas State Representative 9th District, joined the meeting to discuss 2015 legislation.

Commissioners discussed the mortgage registration fee changes. Representative Lusker discussed education issues that might come out of the House. He said he has been assigned to the Transportation Committee, Agriculture Committee and Veterans & Home Land Security. Discussion followed on transportation bills. Representative Thompson serves as vice chair on the Pensions and Benefits Committee and Taxes Committee. He stated there will be challenges in the 2015 session. Representative Thompson expressed his concerns on the state taking the remaining funding on Special Highway and Special Alcohol. Discussion followed on changing City School Elections to the fall; more services and school districts funding being sent back to the counties; funding problems for several issues at the state level (oil/gas, businesses, tax cuts).

Representatives Lusker and Thompson both stated please let them know if there are any issues at all concerning County and or City issues.

Commissioner Works discussed School funding and rewriting the school formula. Representative Thompson expressed his concerns on this funding and what changing the formula would enact. One concern is that the schools that have been frugal and have a reserve will be forced to use those which will only be a one year solution and hurt that district in the long run.

Representative Lusker was concerned about the formula attacking the administration services and para help. The whole idea is to educate the people of Kansas.

Lonnie Addis, Labette County Commissioner, joined the meeting and discussion. He stated they have visited with their Representatives. He discussed tax cuts on LLOC’s and special alcohol.

Chairman Talkington discussed lottery monies going towards education. Representatives stated the lottery monies go into the General fund, which about 50% is education. Discussion followed on funding. Representative Thompson stated if you cut funding, you need to cut spending as well, where else would you get the money from. Discussion on “Address of State” possible topics; i.e. KPERS and such.

Representative Thompson stated he thought the idea of “Starve schools into consolidation” is still at the Capital.

Commissioners adjourned to a “Thank You” reception for Commissioner Dick Works for 24 years of service as commissioner to Allen County.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers for 1/6/15 - $197,209.38
b) Payroll changes
c) Journal Entry: 1
d) Annual reports: Iola Township
e) Inventory Review: Commissioners
f) Affidavit of Existing Participant for Equitable Sharing
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 13, 2015 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 January 13, 2015

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

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

Sherrie swore in Jerry Daniels as Allen County Commissioner, District #1. Those present: Dena Daniels, Jerry’s wife, Sandy and Tom Hildinger, Jerry’s mother and step father, Patty and Roger Mintz, Jerry’s aunt and uncle, Beverly Johnson, Jerry’s aunt, Daniel Schowengerdt, Bob Johnson Jr., Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director, Darolyn Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the January 6, 2015 meeting.

Sandy discussed the food for Meals on Wheels. Discussion followed for changing food. She would like the commission to consider a different food preparer for Humboldt’s Meals on Wheels.

Chairman Talkington nominated Commissioner Williams as the County Commissioner Chairman for 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reported the jail board brought in $20,574 more than budgeted in 2014. Discussion followed. The jail bond will be paid off in 2023.

Bill King, Public Works Director, presented information from KDOT 1988 Coding Guide on Kansas load rating trucks, semi-trailer and truck-trailer. He said the engineers suggest posting a three way posting; “H” unit with a 15 ton limit, Type “3” unit at 25 ton, and Type “3S2” unit at 40 tons. Bill suggested posting a speed limit at the west park entrance going into the City of Humboldt. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to put up weight limit signs. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. A resolution on speed limits will be considered.

Bill reported Neosho County has lowered a weight limit on a bridge south of Allen County’s Bridge 660 south of Humboldt at the Allen/Neosho County Bridge, now the weight limit posted is 9 tons on old 169 Highway. Discussion followed on one bridge being one weight and one with a lower weight limit, but both on the same route. This could cause an issue.

Bill discussed bridges built or rebuilt since he has been with Allen County since 1992. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed Public Works Department’s 2015 project list. Discussion followed on individual roads, and special machinery fund.

Bill said they are going to go out for bids for a new motor grader. He presented a list of equipment; unit number, description and last meter reading.
Bill mentioned to fix the scales at the land fill will cost approximately $50,000 as is.

Bill explained they are going to try the repeater on their tower at the courthouse.

Bill discussed the fuel system at the Allen County Regional Airport. They need to increase the fuel systems at the airport if the fuelling system was larger or quicker, there would be more pilots come to the airport. If the AWOS was improved or updated, it would help the pilots.

Bill discussed raises for 2015 for employees. Chairman Williams explained the discretionary raise is based on merit. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to give raises to the appointed officials and employees, not to include Elected Officials, of 2% COLA and 3% discretionary per department head. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron Baker, Allen County Regional Hospital Executive Director, discussed budget planning and cash flow. He talked about the bond amortization schedule, pay twice a year: principal in June and interest in June and December. They have sales tax but need revenue as well. Ron reviewed each line item; by the end of 2015 the left over monies will be gone and will have to put funding in the accounts to have monies to pay in the future. The year 2036 the Hospital Bond will be paid off.

Commissioner Talkington asked about cost concerns at the hospital. Ron stated yes there are always concerns due to Health care; it is hard pressed for all hospitals. He discussed critical access hospitals and what keeps them critical access. Discussion followed on qualification and needs.

Ron discussed “in patient” and “outpatient” numbers. Administrations, skilled care, patient days stay, and other trends were discussed.

Ron discussed the Ebola preparation they did for Allen County at the hospital. He explained different procedures they are doing and planning.

Ron stated he appreciated Allen County’s support in the renovation of the clinic. This will allow Home Health to move in.

Ron said they are trying to get things wrapped up on construction at the new hospital and still holding retainage until it is completed. There were a few items they still have concerns on. Ron reported one of their big costly items was an ultra sound; the old one bit the dust and they had to replace it. Ron stated he did not bring financials up because the board has not seen the reports at this time. By the time he comes back next quarter they should have 2014 audit reports as well.

Joe Hess, Iola Senior Citizens Inc representative reported the county owns the building they are in so he would like to give a report on how it is used. He stated he appreciates the upkeep and utilities paid by the county so they can make donations to the area. In 2014 they paid $19,150 to CURB, hospice, public schools, Iola preschool, Cross Roads School, Faith House, Hope Unlimited, CASA, Food Pantry, Crime Stoppers, Ministerial Association, Community Gardens, Project Care, and Moran Schools. Joe stated there needs to be a way to teach parents how to be parents. He explained how each of these donations benefited each of these recipients. Some of the monies are matched by outside entities.

Joe reported on persons who purchase items and what uses they go to. He discussed storage sheds and storing out of season items. Discussion continued. Sherrie reported the county pays $3,666 for a return of $19,150 back to the community.

Sheriff Murphy discussed software in the jail. He reported it is 10 years old and has been forced to change a few things to keep working. Sheriff Murphy explained to update the current system would be around $35,900 (Thermal) and control panels for approximately $4,000. He said the
intent of changes on the panels and how it would work. The cost to totally change software and equipment would be $144,000 to $175,000 (Sydaptic, Inc.); for a change to a completely new system. Sheriff Murphy stated he would like the commissioner’s approval to continue with Thermal Components for updating. Commissioners approved the update.

Kim Ralstin, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy stated he will be purchasing new cameras out of Inmate Trust Fund. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint Jeff Johnson, Tom Nevans and Neal Barclay to the Regional Revolving Loan Committee. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint Thomas R. Williams, Nicholas Lohman and Jean Barber to the Multi County Health Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners declined to renew dues to Resource, Conservation and Development Committee.

Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint LaDonna Krone and Paul Sorenson to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

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

Chairman Williams moved to appoint Jim Talkington to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint June Terrill to serve another term on the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. June’s term will run January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017.

Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint Ronald D. Moore to the Public Building Commission. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Ron’s term will run until February 2018.

Susan Lynn, Iola Register, updated the commissioners on the Iola Register. They publish 5 days a week. They have a website. They have subscribers in all Allen County towns. Susan stated she feels they are doing a good job representing all towns. She would appreciate Allen County’s business to print legals. They submitted to Kansas Press Association. Readership is 3000 to 3200, registration and online at 3000 to 3200. Online is 700 only. Susan asked for consideration. She stated the Iola Register has the same rates as Chanute, Fort Scott and Parsons. Iola Register has 13 full time employees. They had a good year last year. They would like to be the official newspaper for Allen County for 2015.

Kim Ralstin, Humboldt Union, thanked the commission for letting the Humboldt Union rotate each year with the Iola Register. She stated they are cheaper because of a weekly paper and would like to continue to serve Allen County. They have increased staff from 2 to 4 persons, so they are growing. Their Readership has now hit 1,000. They have been the official newspaper for the City of LaHarpe, USD#258, and Allen County. Kim thanked the Commissioners for their consideration and business this past year.

Commissioner Talkington ton moved to appoint Iola Register as the official newspaper for 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan discussed Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) with the commission. Nothing has happened with this opportunity to college students.

Commissioners asked about telephone changes. Alan reported he is visiting with Advantage tomorrow and will let commissioners know, but at this time Allen County is still with AT&T.

Commissioners discussed the upcoming proposed road vacation. Discussion followed, the hearing is next week at 10 a.m.

Commissioners discussed Elected Officials rate increase. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve a 2% increase to all elected officials except for the county attorney. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

After discussion and consideration, Commissioner Talkington moved to rescind the motion and revisit the raises for Elected Officials. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve a 5% increase to all elected officials except for the County Attorney. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers Total for 12/31/14 (YE) - $36,979.21 and 1/13/15 - $40,375.48
b) Payroll Changes
c) RE Abate, Year 2014, Value: 1749, $306.06
d) Annual reports of Fire District #2 Iola, Marmaton and Osage Township’s
e) Inventory reports: EMS Moran station
   EMS Humboldt station
   EMS 410 N. State, Iola

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 20, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
agreed that it should be left clean for awhile, in the meantime will see what options are available.

Sherrie explained last week she had asked the commission to reappoint persons to the Allen County Revolving Loan Committee and they have been inactivated. She stated the Regional Planning Revolving Loan was still active. Commissioner Talkington moved to withdraw the motion last week and reappoint Andy Dunlap to serve on the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested the commission to approve Schwab Eaton to check 35 bridges. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed changes in the weight limits posted on the Humboldt River Bridge. They will have to be posted: “H” Unit with a 15 ton limit, Type “3” unit at 25 ton, and Type “3S2” unit at 43 tons. Signs are only made to reflect these weights. Commissioners approved.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Talkington, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Daniels, 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 presented a resignation letter to the Allen County Board of Commissioners effective July 31, 2015. He thanked the commission for the past 22 years.

Bill requested the commission to review and adopt Resolution 201502:

RESOLUTION NO. 201502
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH ON A PORTION OF GEORGIA ROAD IN ALLEN COUNTY

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 reducing the maximum speed limit to 35 MPH on a portion of Georgia Road (a/k/a Bridge Street) as set out below; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration, the County Commissioners have determined that the reduction in the maximum speed limit on the portions of road 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 35 MPH shall be established for the Neosho River bridge lying west of Humboldt, KS and for that portion of Georgia Road between the west end of the Neosho River bridge for a distance of 300 feet to the West.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that signs designating said speed limits 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 20th Day of January, 2015.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the Resolution 201502. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. It will be published as soon as possible in the Iola Register and the Humboldt Union.

Commissioners reviewed the contract with Advantage Computers, Inc. for 2015. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the annual retainer contract with Advantage Computer, Inc. for $70 per hour. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Williams opened the Road Vacation Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Those present were: Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director, Bernita M. Berntsen, Ronald
Helman, Billy Tidwell, Richard C. Adam, Dan F Herbel, Robert W Hatch, Matt Kerr, Rick S Berntsen, Jon Hicks, Jeff Strickler and Eldon Strickler, all interested parties.

Chairman Williams stated it is a county road is described as follows:

The section of county road known as 2300 Street, South of West Virginia Road, lying between the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-three (23) South, Range Nineteen (19) East of the 6th P.M., Deer Creek Township, Allen County, Kansas

Matt Kerr stated he purchased the land and everyone in the room had the opportunity to purchase the land. He mentioned there are lots of persons that still party down that road. They own the property both sides of the road. It was the old Kettle place. Matt explained who farms around the land. He wants to close the road off to run cattle on it; the intent is to open the entire 80 acres.

Mr. Tidwell stated he is opposed to it as it limits access to their property, limits wildlife and access to property.

Dan Herbal stated they can’t access from their land because of crossing. Eldon stated it would be a pain to have to make other entrances. Bernita stated that is the only way they can get into Herman’s property, the property they farm. They have farmed it for 30 years. Tidwell asked if it was a low maintenance road, Bill stated yes, very little gravel on that road.

Rick Berntsen stated key to gate, he didn’t have a problem with it. Alan said you don’t want to have roads that aren’t used, but don’t want to inhibit access to their property, it could cause claims for damage.

Commissioner Talkington moved to deny the request to close the road. Commissioner Daniels stated he appreciated Matt’s desire to close the road to ranch, run cattle and stop the partying, but he seconded the motion, motion passed 3-0-0.

Steve Robb, Larry Robertson, Jeanne McKamin, Jack McKamin, Darrel Catron, Rhonda Hill, and Kenny Baker, representing the City of Gas, joined the meeting.

Darrel Catron, City of Gas Mayor, explained the City appreciates all Allen County does for them. He thanked Bill King for rock and purchasing culverts at a lower place. He stated the city has done several things. They have already spent ¾ million on ditches and streets and storm shelters. Mayor Catron explained more expenses; they had the school sold to them at $1.00, but can’t get cash reserve any lower than they are. The school district did not want to spend $90,000 on the school. They plan on using the building for the city office, library/museum, a senior center, and community room.

Rhonda Hill, City of Gas Clerk, stated she has visited with Ron Baker and what is available at the old hospital; appliances, tables and chairs. They will know more at the end of April.

Steve Robb, Maintenance Staff, explained the plan for the center. They put a pitch roof in steel beams and 29 gauge 10 on the roof. They will do the labor, $15,000 on material for roof. They have installed handicap railing and an electric chair in one stair case. They are asking for help to have a Senior/Community center. They are the third largest taxing entity city in the county. Discussion followed on how much and what it will be used for. They would like to have finances to cover the material on the roof ($15,000). Discussion followed on the counsel of Gas making a wish list and get solid numbers for costs.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - YE – $37,010.22 and 2015 – $93,909.73
b) Payroll Changes

c) Abatements: RE, Value 11069, $1849.56, Yr. 2014

d) Inventory – Moran Senior Center

e) Annual report – Fire District #2 Allen County Rural Fire
    Fire District #3

f) Clerk Journal Entries #2

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk        Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                        OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK        January 27, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting.

Commissioners took under consideration a request for use of the band stand in July. They would like more information. Commissioners will make a decision next week.

Commissioners reviewed the request from the City of Gas for reimbursement of $14,878.90 for roofing materials. Discussion followed on uses of the building; being used for Senior Center and on Election Days. Commissioner Daniels moved to reimburse the City of Gas for the Gas City Community Building. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, requested review and approval for the Noxious Weed Annual report to state. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the report. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill requested to put a couple of items on Purple Wave; 1991 flatbed truck and portable air compressor.

Bill stated they fixed Nevada Road from 1700 Street to Kentucky Street while they were in the area.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed corrections for the Rebel Works deed. Corrections were made and signed off.

Alan reported the Senior Center floor is complete and he submitted a bill.

Commissioner Talkington discussed due diligence on the reimbursement on the Gas City Community Center roof materials.
Chairman Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:32 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:37 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan discussed Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees and their duties, what commissioners’ role would be if needed. Discussion followed.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator and Timmy Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, joined the meeting.

Chief Thyer presented a couple of resignations for the commission to review.

Carl presented information on EMS Budget and Operations. He explained his handouts in detail and reviewed what he had presented to the City of Iola Council meeting Monday evening. Discussion followed on averages of the previous years. He thinks it is running smoothly but there are still challenges in filling positions and turnover, but normal. Ryan Sell, EMS Director, joined the meeting. Carl stated they are still looking at overtime and always will, due to fire operations. Chairman Williams stated what they have done is outstanding and have done a great job. Chief Thyer stated the 2015 budget looks solid and sound, barring any unexpected blown engines (fire or ambulance) will be in good standing. 31 employees are what would be a full staff. Carl stated he looks at budget and they look at staffing and scheduling. Discussion followed.

Chairman Williams stated he is impressed that for once in several years they can discuss EMS favorably. Chief Thyer stated they are working diligently to make sure all employees are trained. Discussion followed on other area protocol. Ryan stated they have 3 part time employees that are EMS only, so they fill positions in Moran and Humboldt stations.

Chief Thyer reported they have on staff: 1 RN, 9 Paramedics, 7 AEMT, and 9 EMT’s.

Carl stated that over the last two years he has seen how other areas deal with Fire/EMS. He said there might still be some issues, but have come a long way on communications and attitudes.

Ryan said their crews are energetic and he likes to see them have a good support system.

Carl stated that they have been reviewing compensation or other issues that affect moral. The Fire/EMS staff is 14 to 16 % lower than market. Sometimes it is more than just money; but moral, service, pride and stability, that draws employees.

Phil Dreasher, and Steven Hueston, Bukaty, discussed Allen County’s renewal for 2015. He covered plan performance, RX performance, Dental analysis, open enrollment support, 2016 renewal discussion and 2016 reporting requirements.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - YE - $25,146.02 and 1/27/15 - $34,836.10
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk Journal Entries #3-4
d) Abatements: RE – Value 484, $89.04, Yr 2013
   RE – Value 484, $84.70, Yr 2014
e) Annual reports – Logan Township
f) Inventory reports – Allen County Clerk

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 3,
The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 27, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie requested Rev. Carolyn Loffer be allowed to use the bandstand on July 18, 2015 from 6 to 8 for a Praise and Worship. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie requested a cereal malt beverage license be renewed for Rhenda Whitworth, dba Humboldt Speedway, Inc. for 2015. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the renewal. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed health insurance for 2015. Commissioner Talkington moved to adopt Reliance Standard for 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bob Johnson discussed a Moran City Council concern about roads being maintained in the same process as they are now after Bill King retires. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels is planning on attending a Moran City Council meeting soon. He will reassure them that nothing should change.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented information on ambulance runs for 2014 and year to date for 2015. He showed billed amounts and collected amounts. He reviewed in detail. Discussion followed on billing verses collected and time of collection.

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

Terry discussed getting a CVS Health Community Relations Grant. He requested commissioners sign a support letter for application of the grant. Commissioners reviewed and signed:

“The Allen County Board of Commissioners are committed to supporting law enforcement with their local efforts to removing unwanted, unused or expired medications from the community in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.

They have had good results with their Local Drug take back events, and we feel that they can receive even better results with a local drop box to be located at the Allen County Law Enforcement Center.

Young people are especially susceptible to the dangers of unintentional prescription drug overdose. Nearly four in ten teens who have misused or abused a prescription drug have obtained it from their parents’ medicine cabinet.”
The Allen County Commissioners strongly support The Sheriff’s Department in their efforts to help fight the epidemic of prescription drug abuse.”

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve signing the letter. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners signed the letter.

Carl presented commissioners with a press release announcing “Gates Corporation Announces Expansion of Iola, Kansas Facility”. He discussed what the City of Iola will need to do to get utilities to the area by the existing facility. Commissioners mentioned that Bill King, Public Works Director, already has a project on Montana Road in process.

Bill King, Public Works Director, introduced Archie Moffet, Foley Equipment, Travis Clinesmith, Murphy Tractor, and Donna LaRue, Allen County Blade operator. He presented bids from Berry Tractor, Foley Equipment and Murphy Tractor. Berry Tractor declined to bid; Foley Equipment bid on a 2015 12M3 Caterpillar, $246,000 less $23,300 trade allowance for a total of $222,700.00, 5 year/7500 hour premier warranty, 2 weeks delivery, scarifier available in 2 weeks; Foley Equipment bid on a 2014 12M2 Caterpillar, $227,000 less $23,300 trade allowance for a total of $203,700.00, 5 year/7500 hour premier warranty, immediate delivery, scarifier available in 2 weeks plus a $2,500 parts credit; Murphy Tractor bid on a 2015 670G John Deere, $210,600 less $28,000 trade allowance for a total of $182,600.00, 12 months full coverage plus total extended coverage to a total of 60 months or 7500 hours whichever comes first warranty, 35-45 days delivery, included with warranty – drive time and mileage for 5 years 48 hour uptime promise; Murphy Tractor bid on a 2015 670GP John Deere, $224,417.00 less $28,000 trade allowance for a total of $196,417.00, 12 months full coverage plus total extended coverage to a total of 60 months or 7500 hours whichever comes first warranty, 35-45 days delivery, included with warranty – drive time and mileage for 5 years 48 hour uptime promise; Murphy Tractor bid on a 2015 770G John Deere, $227,480.00 less $28,000 trade allowance for a total of $199,480.00, 12 months full coverage plus total extended coverage to a total of 60 months or 7500 hours whichever comes first warranty, 35-45 days delivery, included with warranty – drive time and mileage for 5 years 48 hour uptime promise; and a Murphy Tractor bid on a 2015 770GP John Deere, $241,342.00 less $28,000 trade allowance for a total of $213,342.00, 12 months full coverage plus total extended coverage to a total of 60 months or 7500 hours whichever comes first warranty, 35-45 days delivery, included with warranty – drive time and mileage for 5 years 48 hour uptime promise.

Archie presented information on a couple of his motor graders. Travis presented information on the four motor graders he proposed. Discussion and questions followed.

Donna has demoed both machines, Caterpillar 12M2 and John Deere 670GP. She explained it would be handy to keep the style of levers in each machine in case they have to cross machinery if someone is not available. Discussion followed. She stated that learning machines isn’t necessarily a quick thing if you are used to a different one; i.e. joy stick verses a steering wheel.

Bill discussed a couple of the machines with the commission. He would prefer the 670GP but the 770GP would be a heavier machine and would last longer and help with pushing snow with a “V” plow. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase the Murphy Tractor 2015 770GP. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed accepting the trade in from Murphy Tractor. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved to accept the trade in with Murphy Tractor.

Bill requested commissioners sign a “Contract for Engineering Services by Consultant” with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. for bridge engineering. Discussion followed. The contract is not to exceed $38,000. Bill discussed off system bridges and how they are classified. Commissioner Daniels moved to sign the contract with Schwab-Eaton. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, presented information on the history and purpose of Economic Development within Allen County. An economic development committee was established in 2013 with the guidance of Thrive Allen County. The financial support was funded in 2013 by City of Iola, Allen County and Iola Industries. In 2014 the support was increased to $20,000 per partner; no increase requested for 2015. He explained the county wide effort to include other cities with in Allen County.

David also gave a 2014 Economic Development overview. He discussed success highlight activities; increase in employment, Broadband connectivity, business inquires, community demographic profiles, Gates, housing study, industrial sites (or lack of), International Conference of Shopping Centers, Iola Supermarket (one of the top priorities; EPA restrictions on a prospect), labor pool, old hospital, ownership turnover, population, Recruitment–Medical professionals, and Veterans Administration.

David reported B&W Trailer Hitches overtook Russell Stover to become the second-largest employer in Allen County.

David mentioned Broadband connectivity and how important it is to Allen County to increase speeds to meet demands of businesses.

David said out of 35 business inquires for “request for proposals (RFP)” they could only respond to 3 because of limitations of labor market, lack of sites or buildings that fit the RFP, and in some cases roads, railroad or a metro area within a certain radius. He mentioned they need new industrial sites in which to build new industries; Iola Industries is out of quality space.

David discussed community demographic profiles. He mentioned Thrive has purchased ESRI demographic data license that will help with area statistics.

David reported on Gates public announcement to expand the company located in Iola. He stated three of the largest manufactures in Allen County changed ownership in 2014.

David stated there are housing studies available so that cities can apply for financial help; there are monies available for this.

David said the USDA has funding so a feasible food market is being studied.

David reported they have shown the old hospital nine times and Alan said “another yesterday”. David stated he would be back later to show ideas how the site can be reused if the hospital is razed.

David expressed his concerns on reports stating the population continues to fall. He stated the Census Bureau showed Iola gaining 12 persons. He explained how the Census Bureau figures population.

David presented a pie graph showing where Economic Development time and money goes. He explained some of the questions about Allen County, recruitment (23%), local assistance (42%), responding to inquiries (14%), data (9%) and other (12%). Discussion followed on each. David explained the cost of economic development services (total spent in 2014: $61,049). Staffing (3 staff) was $43,821, travel was $7,490, printing/data/marketing was $6,712, subscriptions $995, and miscellaneous of $2,031. Questions followed on housing, employment, CDBG grants and such.

Carl explained qualifications for CDBG grants and other option grants.

David requested Commissioners grant the County’s investment in Economic Development of $20,000 for 2015. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the funding of $20,000.00 for
Economic Development. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. It will be paid out quarterly.

Susan Galemore, Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC), presented an informational power point to the commission. She explained what all is available through Southeast Regional Planning: Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), SEKRPC Revolving Loan Fund, eCIVIS, and EMSI Data.


The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) was developed to provide gap financing for businesses in our region. Financing is available for land, building, machinery, equipment, inventory and working capital. Susan expressed that not many know of this opportunity.

The eCIVIS is a new service offered at no cost to SEKRPC members. This grant database allows SEKRPC to research all types of public and private grants for their members.

EMSI collects data from more than 90 sources, brings it up to date, and delivers it to us. EMSI’s composite dataset gives you valuable insight on occupations, job posting, demographics, wages, skills, education, training, companies and more. Susan explained these are all available to us through them. Commissioners thanked Susan for her time and information.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:29 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 1 hour to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Bill King, Public Works Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Allen County Airport Manager, Curt Drake, Allen County Landfill Foreman, Scott Reeder, Special Bridge Foreman, Harry Maley, Allen County Road Mechanic and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:30 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to announce the appointment of Mitch Garner as Public Works Assistant Director effective February 16, 2015. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - YE - $10,028.18 & 2/3/15 - $33,889.38
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk Journal Entries #5
d) Abatements: RE, Value – 5464, $853.38 Yr 2014
e) Inventory Reports: District Court
   911 Communications
   Humboldt Senior Center
   Allen County Attorney’s office
   Emergency Management
f) Annual Reports: LaHarpe/Elm Cemetery
   Deer Creek Township
   Elsmore Township
Geneva Township
Humboldt Township
Salem Township
City of Mildred
Fire District #4

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson               Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk              Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                                OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                 February 10, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 3, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie requested permission on behalf of Rebecca Adair, Kids Kingdom to use the Allen County Courthouse as a place for the kids to go to in case of an emergency. They will use the courthouse in their emergency evacuation plan. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie asked to schedule a time for the April 7, 2015 City/School General Election canvass. Commissioners set 8:30 a.m. on April 13, 2015 for the canvass.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported Jeff Richards does metal work and reported the Iola Senior Center has requested to have a sign installed at the center. He is donating the sign and would like permission to install it.

Ron presented bids for US and Kansas flags for the Commission office. He received bids from Iola Office Supply for $120.00, McCarty’s Office Supply – no bid submitted and Service Office Supply for $338.91. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase from Iola Office Supply. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron presented bids for mowing five properties of Allen County. Bids were received from All-in-One Pest, Home & Lawn for $295 per mow; Green Acre Lawns Care, LLC for $325.00; Hawley Davidson Mowing for $360.00. Discussion followed. Ron was requested to get more information on mowing the old hospital from one of the vendors.

Bill King, Public Works Director (PWD), and Mitch Garner, Assistant PWD, presented bids for truck scales for the landfill. The current scales are 20 years old and coming apart; current size are 60’X11’ scales. Bids were received from WH Scales for $44,500.00, 5 year warranty, 4 weeks delivery, will take 2 days to install, can be done on a weekend to eliminate down time; United Scale for $48,235.00, 5 year on all parts, weigh bridge, labor and mileage, annual service agreement required for this warranty, annual visit price is $350.00, delivery March 20, 2015, does not include any conduit or conduit installation or concrete work. Discussion followed.
Commissioner Talkington moved to accept the bid from WH Scales. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed the Hydro Seeder at the landfill and tractor that pulls it. Discussion followed. Bill will be getting bids for a new tractor that will be heavy enough to pull the Hydro Seeder.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss land acquisition. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director, Mitch Garner, Assistant PWD and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:07 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, presented a hospital board payment order, #74 for $45,000 to Murray Company for the chairman’s signature. He explained this was presented earlier for a larger amount, but the hospital trustees wanted to retain more monies, so this payment request was revised. This will leave a reserve of $105,000. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Chairman Williams sign. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed health insurance changes and the contract. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved going out for bids for bug spraying, once the current contract is up.

Phil Drescher, Bukaty, discussed a program that would work with self-funded employer group health plans and their service partners to implement service; Dialysis PPO Cost Containment network. He explained the savings and what is involved. Discussion followed on references of such a good deal. There is no change in person care or place of care.

Commissioner Talkington moved to execute the Consulting Services Agreement between Kimberton Healthcare Consulting, Inc., d/b/a/ DialysisPPO and Allen County, Kansas. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed the contract.

Carla Nemeczek, Southwind Extension District Executive Director, introduced Chris Petty, Southwind Extension District Forage and Livestock agent. Discussion followed on projected projects for 2015. Carla explained how the intent of organizing an extension district was to specialize in areas.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, 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.

Steve Prasko, Advantage Computer, discussed email services and domain for Allen County with the commission. He explained how email and website traffic works within our domain. Advantage Computer can provide web hosting, house domain and email accounts for $1,270.00. Sherrie explained issues the county emails are having and requested support from Advantage Computer. Discussion followed on costs. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Advantage Computer. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements: PP, Value 3423, $1578.94, Yr 2014 TR, Value 7420, $1060.46, Yr 2014
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  February 17, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented the extra bid to mow the hospital. Bids for mowing five properties of Allen County were received from All-in-One Pest, Home & Lawn for $340 per mow; Green Acre Lawns Care, LLC for $450.00; Hawley Davidson Mowing for $460.00. Commissioner Talkington moved to accept the bid from All-in-One Pest. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3\-0\-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss land acquisition. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3\-0\-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director, Donnie Diebolt, citizen and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 8:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Donnie offered 255 acres of land around the landfill. Bill stated the property will not be used for a landfill for a very long time, if ever, as the current landfill capacity is in excess of 50 years, but needed the dirt for the landfill and rock for the quarry in the future. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase 255 acres for $3,000 per area from Diebolt. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3\-0\-0.

Donnie mentioned they are splitting up the remaining property with the buildings into three different properties. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.

Bill discussed moving persons around to fill vacancies created within the department from the promotion.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested payment #75 be authorized to pay $286.94 to architects. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Chairman Williams to sign. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3\-0\-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Alan discussed where the hospital is on finishing the punch list.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - $70,195.03
b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements:  
   PP Value – 178, $32.74 Yr 2013  
   PP Value – 105, $18.00 Yr 2014
d) Inventory Reports:
e) Annual Reports:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until February 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson            Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk            Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                             OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK             February 24, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting.

Commissioners considered a request from Debbie Bearden and Calvin Parker for weekly use of the southwest corner of the courtyard from April 16th to October 8th 2015 from 5:05 p.m. to 7:10 p.m., Thursday evenings for the purpose of accommodating the Allen County Farmer’s Market. This is where the vendors who sell from their vehicles will be setup in the street and those who are willing to carry their merchandise onto the grass to sell from a table or display will be setup on the courthouse yard. Commissioner Talkington moved to authorize the Farmer’s Market use the courtyard. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, requested Chairman Williams’ signature on BASE Reallocation and Yield Update Decision for Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Programs with the Allen County Farm Service Agency for the airport farm. Commissioner Daniels moved to authorize Chairman Williams sign. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed infrastructure located at the Allen County Regional Airport. Future use as an industry park was discussed.

Bill discussed they are crushing rock and maintaining roads currently.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested executive session. Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney Client privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and
Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:21 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:26 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan reported there is a hospital meeting this evening. Discussion followed on demolition of the old hospital.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers: YE - $696.90 and 2015 (2/19) – $120,859.13, (2/23) - $2,208.34
b) Payroll Changes
c) Clerk Journal Entries #9-10
d) Inventory: Allen County Sheriff

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk                  Jim Talkington, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.

Calvin Parker, Farmer's Market Board President, and Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed the startup of Farmer's Market a few years ago. He reported a survey had been done at the end of last season and the results were persons requesting the west doors of the courthouse be left open for restrooms. Discussion followed. Ron stated the band concert follows the Farmer's Market; the west doors are not handicap accessible. Farmer's Market is a Thrive project and it was suggested they check with Thrive office and Museum for available restrooms. Calvin stated they did not get funding this year, so they don't have funding for porta potties.

Commissioner Talkington stated he received a request from Iola Masonic Lodge to use the sheriff's shooting range for their concealed carry class. Discussion followed. No action was taken at this time.
Commissioners discussed the parking on the west side of the square. The intent is for no parking on the eastside of North Washington from West Street north to Jackson Street. Discussion followed.

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

Mitch Garner, Public Works Assistant Director, reported employees were out Sunday for cleaning roads after the snow storm that left about 5 inches. Discussion followed on cleaning, mailboxes and roads.

Commissioner Talkington asked Mitch to relay the Iola Masonic Lodge request to Bill. Commissioner Daniels stated some places charge fees to use the shooting range. Discussion followed.

Commissioners asked about signage around the courthouse. Carl stated the city council will be revising signage in the future.

Jamie Mosbrucker, Veteran’s Day Committee President, introduced himself and explained the history of the Veteran’s Wall maintenance. He is the one replacing Alfred Link (deceased). He presented minutes of January 24, 2012 that showed what was expected of the County and of the committee. Discussion followed on what the Committee needs to pay for. Chairman Williams stated the county does the mowing around the wall. Jamie stated the committee is responsible for replacing broken ground tiles; they have names on them. Discussion followed. Jamie stated he thinks it is 100% Veteran’s Day Committee, but appreciate the county’s support and donations.

Jamie stated the committee has an idea for a money maker; to put up a donation box on the square, such as a secure ammo can. Discussion followed.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed towing contacts. He stated it is mainly on impoundments. Discussion followed. One tower is willing to do the impoundments, but wants to be kept on the rotation. Alan said they would take bids for low impoundments and leave rotation out of it. Commissioners discussed options and approved Alan to get bids.

Alan discussed evaluating the old hospital to see what all would be entailed in the demolition of it. Commissioners approved Alan to hire AMC. Discussion followed on salvage and demolition. Commissioners discussed the generator and other sellable items.

Alan discussed Ron Baker, remarking on the financial challenges. Discussion followed. He just wanted the commission to be aware of these. With changes at the state and federal levels, it could amount upwards of $500,000.

Commissioners discussed 201 S. Second St Iola, the old home health building. Discussion followed. Alan suggested listing it in the auction as well. No auction date is set at this time.

Carl mentioned suggestions that have been made to straighten the street. Discussion followed on all that would pertain to.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - 3/3/15 - $50,167.67 and YE- $4,507.41
b) Payroll Changes
 c) Abatements: RE Value 15, $2.24, Yr 2013
     RE Value 28206, $4978.26, Yr 2014
     PP Value 2242, $381.34, Yr 2014
     Oil Value 23629, $3591.44, Yr 2013
     Oil Value 56136, $7908.98, Yr 2014
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk                Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                                OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                             March 10, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 3, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for the Iola Senior Center floor; the intent is to install tile. Bids were received from Bauman’s for $2,431.00, Caldwell Floor Covering, Inc. for $3,403.40; and Decorator Supply, Inc. for $4,621.75. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to go with the lowest bid. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, Allen Co EMS Financial Director, presented information on ambulance collections up to February 28. He has billed $267,417.36 and has received $75,028.58 and has had to write off $68,711.20. Total receipts year to date is $147,065.00, which includes 2014 billed runs. Discussion followed. Terry also reported there have been 366 runs from January 1 to February 28; 88 considered dry runs, 163 ALS Emergency runs, 97 BLS emergency runs, 17 BLS non-emergency runs, and 65 of these were hospital to hospital transfers. BLS is Basic Life Support and ALS is Advance Life Support.

Terry stated there is a person coming to Iola to teach a class on ambulance reporting. Discussion followed on other classes.

Commissioners discussed the new ambulance for 2015; has not been discussed with them at this time.

Sherrie discussed a letter of agreement with American Red Cross for use of the Humboldt Senior Center during an emergency. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Williams' signature. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Sherrie discussed the Kansas Association County Survey for wages. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, to complete this survey. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Sherrie stated Dana Endicott, representing senior moms, requested to use the Bandstand on April 18, 2015 for Senior Prom Dinner. Her hopes are that at least 16 to 20 couples can be there. Commissioners approved the use of the bandstand for her.

Bill King, Public Works Director, Mitch Garner, Assistant PW director and Glen Davison, Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. discussed the proposed fuel station at the Allen County Regional Airport. Glen presented proposals to the commission and explained this is to increase the speed of refueling. He stated they broke out the bids so that experts could be used in their field. Bids were received from Hoffmeier Electric, LLC, for Section 2 (Electrical) for $10,860.00; P.B. Hoidale Co., for Section 1 (Jet A Fuel Dispenser and Pump) for $75,784.75, Section 2 for $18,206.75, and Section 3 for $6,765.46. Bids have been opened on March 3, 2015 at the office of Allgeier, Martin and Associates, Inc. in Joplin, Missouri. They were publicly opened, read aloud, checked, and accompanied by bidder’s bonds. Discussion followed on what all would be entailed for this project. This will be paid for out of airport and landfill. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Bill sign off on the project award documents and proceed with the installation. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill reported Bridge Project 1C-0388-01 (Sinclair-Hegwald) west of Humboldt is close to completion. They have installed a plaque on the bridge: Sinclair-Hegwald Bridge, Allen County Commissioners Dick Works, Thomas Williams, Jim Talkington, Director of Public Works, Bill King, Engineers Schwab Eaton, Contractor B & B Bridge Company, LLC, and Design Loading HL-93 2014.

Commissioner Talkington asked Bill about the Masons using the shooting range for concealed classes. Bill stated he feels everything should go through the Sheriff’s office to set up the use. He has explosives out there and he thinks it should be supervised by an authorized employee. Bill said possible, but use caution.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed AMC will be giving a proposal for review and removal of asbestos at the old hospital.

Alan reported Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustees meeting last evening to start the process of replacing the hospital administrator Ron Baker who has announced his retirement date. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed a request from Denise Smith, Relay for Life Event Manager, to use the courthouse square on Friday, June 5 & 6, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. for the annual Relay for Life. They would like to display event signs, purple ribbons and bows around the square this week and the week of the event. Commissioners approve the use of the courthouse square and display of signs.

Commissioners discussed Relay for Life request for the restrooms to be open from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. Commissioners stated they don’t feel like they could leave the courthouse open all night without being staffed and didn’t think they should make the employees work all night. Discussion followed on the request for Farmer’s Market as well. Commissioners tabled their decision. No action was taken.

Loren Korte, Personal Service Insurance, Inc. (PSI), and Justin Sager, PSI representative, discussed Allen County’s property and casualty insurance for March 18, 2015 to March 17, 2016 verses 2014 to 2015. Loren reviewed each line item listed; Commercial Property, General Liability, Linebacker, Law Enforcement Liability, Crime, Commercial Inland Marine, and Business Auto. Not covered is flood and earthquake damage. Allen County has a $5,000 deductible, $10,000 for windstorm and hail (this is per storm not per building), last year was $5,000. Courthouse cost went up due to replacement cost estimates. Discussion followed on what costs would be if deductibles were increased. Loren will check on that.
Commissioners approved the following documents:


b) Payroll Changes

c) Abatements:  
   PP Value – 282, $49.24, Yr 2014  
   TR Value – 5610, $801.76, Yr 2014  
   Oil Value – 42177, $6033.16, Yr 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson            Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk           Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS    OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK    March 17, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 10, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie reported on behalf of Ryan Sell, EMS Director that Med 34 has hit a deer and cost estimate is at $3,500.

Sherrie asked if the commission had thought about the request for use of the restrooms. Commissioners discussed ideas in detail. Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting. He had some suggestions which they will check into. Commissioners are taking under consideration installing public restrooms downtown Iola. Commissioners will look at options with the courthouse for now. No action was taken at this time.

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

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting. Commissioners asked if he would take under consideration use of the front jail lobby restroom to be available overnight for Relay for Life and the Charlie Melvin Run. Sheriff Murphy stated “Yes, we can do that.”

Carl stated that in public restrooms there is too much vandalism and it is cheaper for the events to get port-a-potties than to build and repair and maintain public restrooms.

Bill King, Public Works Director, Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, Dave Austin, Sellers Tractor and Chris Matthews, O’Malley’s Equipment were present for 15” Flex Wing Mower bid proposals. Each representative explained why their equipment is best and safety features offered. Bids were received from O’Malley Equipment for a JDCX15 for $16,175 X 2 = $32,350 with a $4,750 trade in for a total of $27,600, 12 months – 60 month warranty on gear boxes, with a 45
day delivery; O’Malley Equipment for a JDHX15 for $15,550 X 2 = $31,100 with a $4,750 trade in for a total of $26,350, 12 months – 60 month warranty on gear boxes, with a 45 day delivery; Sellers Equipment for a Schulte FX 1800 for $15,908 X 2 = $31,816 with a $3,000 trade in for a total of $28,816, 12 months – 60 month warranty on gear boxes, with a 30 - 60 days delivery; Sellers Equipment for a Schulte XH 1500 for $26,825 X 2 = $53,650 with a $3,000 trade in for a total of $50,650, 12 months – 60 month warranty on gear boxes, with a 30 - 60 days delivery. Loren Korte placed a bid of $3,186 for the trade in mower. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from O’Malley Equipment for the JDHX15 with trade. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Public Works needs three 10” Flex Wing Mowers. Bids received are: O’Malley Equipment for a JD CX15 for $14,000 X 3 = $42,000 with a $6,200 trade in for a total of $35,800, 12 months on cutters and – 60 month warranty on gear boxes, with a 45 day delivery; Sellers Equipment for a Schulte FX 1200 for $13,855 X 3 = $41,565 with a $9,900 trade in for a total of $31,665, 12 months parts and labor, with a 30 - 60 days delivery; Sellers Equipment for a Schulte XH 1000 for $18,670 X 3 = $56,010 with a $9,900 trade in for a total of $46,110, 12 months parts and labor, with a 30 - 60 days delivery. Harry Maley placed a bid of $1,125 for the old Schulte 10’ (7105) and $875 for the other old Schulte 10’ (4105). Discussion followed on pros and cons of each mower. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Sellers Equipment for the Schulte XH 1000’s with trade. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented ATV proposals. He stated this would be for the Noxious Weed Department, the current one would be placed at the Airport. Bids presented from O’Malley Equipment for Model JD XUV 825i for $16,245 less trade in allowance of $2,020 for a total of $14,225, 12 months or 1,000 hours warranty, 70 day delivery, gas engine 50 HP; O’Malley Equipment for Model JD XUV 825i for $16,560 less trade in allowance of $2,020 for a total of $14,540, 12 months or 1,000 hours warranty, 70 day delivery, gas engine 50 HP with roll up windows; O’Malley Equipment for Model JD XUV 855 P for $17,225 less trade in allowance of $2,020 for a total of $15,205, 12 months or 1,000 hours warranty, 70 day delivery, Diesel 22-8 HP; O’Malley Equipment for Model JD XUV for $17,520 less trade in allowance of $2,020 for a total of $15,500, 12 months or 1,000 hours warranty, 70 day delivery, Diesel 22-8 HP with roll up windows. Bids received for the 1999 6X4 JD Gator were Fadel Shaaban for $595, Harry Maley for $652 and Kevin Covey for $500. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from O’Malley Equipment for Model JD XUV with roll up windows. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids for Asphalt Oil for chip and seal process. Bids were from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions for RS-1H for $1.84, RS-1M for $1.99, CRS-TR no bid, RS1HM no bid, RS1H+ no bid, MC-800 for $2.93, AEP for $2.67, Pump Charge for $60.00, Demurrage 2 hours free then $80.00 per hour, no moving charge, return load rate is $290.00; Vance Brothers for RS-1H for $1.94, RS-1M no bid, CRS-TR no bid, RS1HM for $2.05, RS1H+ for $2.00, MC-800 for $2.90, AEP no bid, Pump Charge no charge, Demurrage 2 hours free then $70.00 per hour, return load rate is $100.00 and $.20 cents per gallon; Coastal Energy for RS-1H for $1.95, RS-1M no bid, CRS-TR no bid, RS1HM $2.24, RS1H+ no bid, MC-800 for $2.93, AEP for $2.15, Pump Charge for $70.00, Demurrage 2 hours free then $70.00 per hour, return load rate is $825.00; Wright Asphalt for RS-1H no bid, RS-1M no bid, CRS-TR for $2.20, RS1HM no bid, RS1H+ no bid, MC-800 no bid, AEP for no bid, Pump Charge for $75.00, Demurrage 2 hours free then $80.00 per hour, no moving charge, return load – full freight there & half back. Discussion followed. Chairman Williams moved to accept the bid from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids for dust abatement. Scotwood Industries presented bids for Mag Chloride for $1.03 a gallon, 35% Calcium Chloride for $1.41 a gallon, 38% Calcium Chloride for $1.47 a gallon, 2 hours free spray time then $75.00 per hour. Bill stated Scotwood Industries was the only bidder. He requested Commissioners up the cost to citizens to $1.47, which would be up .07 cents due to increase. Chairman Williams moved to accept the bid from Scotwood and charge $1.47. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting. Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed public restroom facilities with David. They requested David to take under consideration where there might be an option to put in a public restroom. David stated public restrooms would attract more events in the area. Discussion followed. David will look into available grants and options.

Alan presented the hazardous materials and asbestos review bid for the old hospital from ACT for $2,400 dollars. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: 3/17/15 - $50,395.34
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson          Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk           Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                              OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK      March 24, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the floor at the Iola Senior Center is completely installed and they will be waxing it this week.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Ron discussed opening the courthouse lobby on Thursday evenings for Farmers’ Market. David Toland stated the Farmers’ Market could put up signs.

Ron discussed the Law Enforcement Center roof. It is ten years old and has issues. Ron would like to have the roof redone. Discussion followed on the history of the jail roof. Alan will check on a warranty. Commissioners approved Ron to get bids for roofing the Law Enforcement Center.
Ron discussed the Moran Senior/Community Center at Moran. The sheetrock tape is coming lose, the tresses in the attic are too far apart and walls are coming apart. Danny Ware, Jr. is going to come to the meeting.

David Toland stated he visited with the City of Iola on a public restroom, but just on the public comment time. No action was done.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 8:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan stated the asbestos company was to be here today to view the old hospital, but had to reschedule for tomorrow.

Danny Ware, Jr., Superior Builders, discussed the walls at the Moran Senior/Community Building. They are pushing out to the north about 1". The building has foam core walls and roof tresses are 8’ apart. He discussed to take siding off on north to try to pull in the tresses and stakes in the ground with airbags to keep it from going anywhere. Discussion followed on what needs to be done to fix this. Commissioners requested a bid.

Bill King, Public Works Director, Mitch Garner, Allen County Assistant Public Works Director, and Chris Matthews, O’Malley Equipment, joined the meeting for tractor bid proposals. The money would be coming out of the landfill. The bid was for a John Deere 6140M Cab Tractor, for $86,046.09, with a 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty, 150 days delivery, has 114 PTO HP or a John Deere 6125M Cab Tractor, for $77,621.75, with a 24 month or 2,000 hours warranty, 150 days delivery, has 102 PTO HP. Discussion followed on changing the warranty to a 36 month or 2,000 warranty, but would cost more. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid for the John Deere 6140M Cab Tractor. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids for a tandem axle dump truck with snow equipment. Bids presented were from Joplin Freighliner for a 2015 Freightliner 108SD, for $154,952.00 with an engine 2 year/250,000 miles warranty, transmission 5 year/unlimited mile warranty, extended warranty included, 120 to 150 days delivery and 330 HP 6 speed Automatic or a 2015 Freightliner 114SD, for $153,128.00 with an engine 2 year/250,000 miles warranty, transmission 3 year/unlimited mile warranty, extended warranty included, 240 days delivery and 450 HP. Discussion followed on need. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the purchase of the 2015 Freightliner 114SD. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed options of opening up the firing range to public and groups. Discussion followed in depth on concerns of opening it up publicly. Commissioners stated it should go to the sheriff. Commissioners tabled it for a week to discuss with Sheriff Murphy.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:36 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:46 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:49 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie reported the zoning scheduled for Thursday evening has been cancelled.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - 3/19/15 - $142,790.20, 3/24/15 - $58,110.16 & YE – 1,671.63
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until March 31, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk
Jim Talkington, Commissioner

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IOLA, KANSAS
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK
March 31, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Bill King, Public Works Director, Mitch Garner, Public Works Assistant Director, Gary Hoffmeier, and Curtis Utley, Masonic Lodge representatives joined the meeting to discuss the use of the shooting range. Curtis explained the Masonic Lodge wants to put on a concealed carry class and would like to use the shooting range.

Jerry asked about insurance procedure on the jail roof. Sheriff Murphy talked about the warranty. Discussion followed.

Bryan talked about setting aside money for software upgrades at the jail. He asked if a fund can be set up for such. This would be money for major projects.

Bryan reported that an air conditioner motor had burnt up in the jail yesterday evening. The smoke alarms went off and such, but it was under control.

Bill King, Public Works Director, brought up the wellness program and $25/month charge to those that do not meet the wellness criteria. Bill proposed this be delayed a bit longer. Tom stated all they need to do is fill out a form with their doctor, it’s already been delayed. Bill suggested instead of dinging employees $25/month, give the ones that do meet the criteria $25/month. Tom suggested we wait and see how the most recent delay works out, having given these employees more time to get their form turned in. Discussion followed on benefits of the Wellness Program. Commissioners have requested a week to take under consideration.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, and Danny Ware, Jr., Superior Builders, LLC. discussed the Moran Senior/Community Center. Ron presented an estimate for repairs; it ranges from $1,500 to $4,000. Danny explained why the difference in cost. Commissioner
Talkington moved to accept the proposal to be started within a couple of weeks from Superior Builders, LLC. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to authorize Chairman Williams to sign the proposal for approval. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

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

Sherrie discussed auto insurance premiums. Commissioners reviewed and no change was made.

Sherrie reported SFS Architecture was contacted for jail roofing contracts. Nothing has surfaced at this time.

Daren Petrowsky, Kansas Department of Transportation representative, updated the commission on projects happening within Allen County and the area. Discussion followed. Work is being done north of US Hwy#54 on US#169 that will be starting back up again. Asphalt work will be done on US#54 east of LaHarpe to the Bourbon County line, if still approved by state. He mentioned bridge rehab job on Hwy#58, bridge replacement on US Hwy#54 east of Yates Center, bridge at Humboldt the guardrail is ordered and the job is on its way, passing lanes on US Hwy#400. Daren stated it would be after the current KDOT plan ($30,000,000) in 2020 before they would probably even consider passing lanes for US Hwy#169. Discussion followed.

Daren discussed the KDOT budget for 2016 and stated the 2014 and 2015 both have deficits. Due to this several projects have been either postponed or canceled all together.

Aimee Daniels, CASA Executive Director, Cynthia Jacobson, Iola CASA, Donita Garner, Michelle Melwes, and Katrina Fernandez, Iola Hope Unlimited, Muluya Jennings, Nicole Hines, Leslie Kidwell, Nichole Orton and Stephanie Taylor, all KVC Chanute, joined the meeting.

Michelle explained CASA and Hope Unlimited partnering up for Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION
2015 Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month
Allen County, Kansas

Whereas, children are key to the state’s future success, prosperity and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and
Whereas, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and
Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas’ families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and
Whereas, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and
Whereas, by providing safe, stable and nurturing relationships for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas’ children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation.

Therefore, we, the Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim April 2015 as Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Proclamation 2015 Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Month as April 2015. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams read the Proclamation.

Commissioners went to plant pinwheels.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported ACT asbestos was in the old hospital for two days and will send in samples.
Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:27 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:32 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:32 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:37 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 3/31/15 - $115,797.83
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Abatements: PP Value – 1088, $192.76, Yr 2012

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  April 7, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 31, 2015 meeting.

Bill Maness, District Representative for US Senator Jerry Moran, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, requested having a pin oak removed. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved the pin oak be removed and replaced. Ron suggested red buds.

Ron discussed a SEED grant program he has applied for to enhance the courthouse lawn.

Ron presented bids for painting the courthouse. Bids were received from Superior Builders LLC for $48,685.00; Pro Painting & More for $51,100.00 and Mid-Continental Restoration for $68,430.00. Commissioners discussed not painting for a while, but will reconsider after the windows have been replaced.
Jana Taylor, Small business Group representative, requested to use space on the courtyard, if needed on May 9th, 2015. This is to promote an Iola Market Day to help small businesses promote their businesses. Jana explained how it would work and the reason would be to draw in persons passing through Iola. Commissioners approved.

Bill Maness reported TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) Grant Program FY2015 is available for transportation projects. There will be $500 million available for grants in this round of TIGER.

Commissioners reviewed a Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ 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 911 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 911 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 12-18, 2015 as “NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS’ WEEK” and joins in honoring the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

ADOPTED this 7th day of April, 2015.

Commissioner Daniels moved to adopt the Proclamation National Public Safety Telecommunicators’ Week. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

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

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported getting new mowers and the grader. All seems to be going well currently.

David Ensminger stopped in to say “hi”.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Richard and Marjorie Gibson, Arlyn & Ethan Briggs, Bill Maness, Senator Representative, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:25 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting.
Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, and Timothy Thyer, Iola Fire Chief, joined the meeting. Discussion on quarterly reports was discussed per type and quantity. There are some runs that are not charged for because of refusal of transport. Ryan stated some of the calls happen over and over for the same person, it is a service. Ryan discussed covering western Bourbon County since they are closer, but if Moran EMS is not available, they deny mutual aid. Discussion followed. Terry stated they average six runs a day.

Commissioners asked about staffing. They are currently at 29 staff including Tim and Ryan. Discussion followed. Chief Thyer stated there are a couple staff in paramedic classes.

Ryan stated the licensing time is here. They need to get a sign off on one ambulance that needs a windshield repair before they get approved for 2015-2016 licensing.

Carl stated they are starting the bid process for an ambulance and was wondering if the commission had an idea of what they are thinking. Ryan stated they are looking at Type A and Type B ambulances. Type A is a higher cost, but worth more in the end than a Type B. Discussion followed.

Ryan asked about Med Unit #31(International). It is not licensed and cost more to get it up to speed than it is worth. Discussion followed on sale on Purple Wave, keep in the county if motor and other options. Ryan will be visiting some of the manufacturers to view ambulances and specifications.

James Nixon, Diebolt LLC., reported there will be an auction on the 18th at the old Diebolt Lumber and it will be opening as Diebolt LLC. They will be doing model homes and such. James explained the current situation and why they filed a Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The economy is changing and they are looking to the future of home building. They would like the opportunity if the county would ever look at a building.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Bill Maness, Senator representative, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:27 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:37 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed site planning on the old hospital site. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Williams’ signature on a site plan for the old hospital site with Landworks Studio Landscape Architects. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:43 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:48 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:49 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:54 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the use of the Allen County Courthouse lawn for Iola Middle School’s Spring Band and Choir Concert on Monday, May 11, 2015.

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 7, 2015 meeting.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, joined the meeting. Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 8:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, requested to donate a vehicle (2007 Chevy 1500 4X4) to Iola Rural Fire (which is covered by the City of Iola), to make a brush truck. Sheriff Murphy would like to sell it for $2,500 to them. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved of the action.

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed the flooding around the county from the weekend rains.

Bill requested Jimmy Skaggs carryover 46 hours of vacation. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the carryover to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill reported the new truck scales have been delivered and installed at the landfill. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Talkington discussed cleaning ditches and grading roads for the City of Bassett. He also discussed what the cost would be to install lighting from the City of Iola limits to the City of Bassett limits. Discussion followed on getting a cost estimate for lighting. County would have to pay the cost, as it is a county area. Bill will visit with Larry Crawford, Bassett City Mayor, about the ditches and road. Bill stated he would check on the cost of installing lights.
Bill discussed the lighting at the intersection of US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road because of it being the hospital corner. Discussion followed. Bill reported the engineers are still looking at options due to the vicinity of where the light would need to be and right of way issues.

Bill discussed tractors and electronics that make them run. He discussed persons leaving radios on at the end of a season; running the batteries low and busting during the winter. He discussed it ruining sensors and the problems created by errors. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs reported he has the blueprints for the old hospital digitized. He wants to know what the price would be for the hospital or what lease costs would be. Commissioners would like to have a week at least to discuss this with the other commissioners and Alan. Arlyn would like to have the information before moving forward. Discussion followed. Commissioners stated Alan will let Arlyn know once they have had a chance to discuss it.

Alan discussed the asbestos report concerning the old hospital. Discussion followed.

Sherrie asked if the appraiser’s office could close on Thursday afternoon to allow the employees to attend the funeral of Burma June Gonzalez who is Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser’s mother. Commissioners approved.

Commissioner Daniels 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 Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, 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.

Sherrie reported there was a recount requested by Lloyd Wayne Turner, City of LaHarpe Mayor candidate. Commissioners, Alan Weber, County Counselor and Sherrie will be recount committee.

Commissioners recounted the LaHarpe City Mayor, and Council races starting at 10:00 a.m... There was no change in results. The election stands as certified.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - $116134.42
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the windows for the courthouse will be installed starting this week. Discussion followed on what all windows were included in the bid process since there is a question on old jail windows. On September 9, 2014 the minutes reflect “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.” Commissioners will meet with Iola Glass and Ron for review.

Sherrie reminded the commission need to replace Delmar Sarver on the Allen County Zoning Board.

Sherrie has a request from Jud Hawley to use the band stand for playing Jazz songs on May 17th around 7:00 p.m. for the public. Commissioners approved.

Commissioners discussed Interactive Health and stated to send a letter to the employees reminding them deductions will start on May 20th pay checks. Discussion followed. A letter will be sent from the Commissioners.

Commissioners reviewed the contracts on 2015 insurance. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve and authorize Chairman Williams to sign insurance papers for 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mary Tucker, 31st Judicial District Community Corrections Juvenile Justice Administration Director, sent a letter of request to reappointment of the Honorable Judge Tom Saxton to the 31st Judicial District Community and Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. He would serve a two year term from May 5, 2015 to May 5, 2017. Commissioner Talkington moved to reappoint Tom Saxton to the board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed the fact that not all local auctioneers had been notified of the need for an auctioneer to sell the remaining hospital personal property. Alan advised that he would put together an RFP to get an auctioneer hired.

Alan reported Don Diebolt’s land did not sell last weekend because it didn’t meet requirements. Alan discussed a request from Don to remove one acre from proposed land sale to Allen County so that the other area of land could have the acre for lateral field on land so that it sells. Discussion followed on cost and vicinity. Commissioners approve removing the one acre and Alan will rewrite the deed description. Discussion followed on costs of what did sell.

Alan requested Commission sign a support letter for Thrive stating “The Allen County Board of Commissioners is providing this letter in support of Thrive Allen County’s application for funding under the Kansas Health Foundation’s Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) program. This funding would be used during the Demonstration Phase to convene a county-wide conversation, informed by surveys, community forums and voting, that would lead to a Community Action Plan identifying issues and priorities relating to 1) increase access to healthy foods that support healthy eating, and; 2) healthy community design that supports healthy living. During the projects Implementation Phase significant resources will be made available by
KHF to take action on the priorities identified. Both, healthy food and community design are important concerns to our county. The Allen County Commissioners are pleased to support this citizen-led process that empowers our residents to improve the health of our community. We look forward to participating in this process and supporting the work of this initiative." This letter of support is to allow Thrive to apply for funding. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the letter of support and authorize Chairman Williams to sign. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Bill King, Public Works Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:12 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Bill King, Public Works Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:18 a.m. No action was taken.

Carl Slaugh joined the meeting.

Chairman Williams moved to appoint Mitch Garner to Public Works Director in August 2015 when Bill King retires wages being $25.00 per hour for $52,000 per year. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington stated he thinks it should go through the advertisement process for transparency. Commissioner Daniels stated he understands wanting transparency but Mitch would be going through probation for 6 months and has been in training. He is for hiring within if there is a good candidate, which he believes there is. Chairman Williams asked for a vote. Chairman Williams and Commissioner Daniels voted "yes". Commissioner Talkington voted "no". Motion carried 2-1-0.

Bill requested to carryover 42 hours of vacation for Curt Drake. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the carryover to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill stated there will be an engineer will be here next Tuesday to discuss the lighting on Oregon and US Hwy #169.

Bill discussed a request for work on South State Street south to the overpass. He suggested doing a smooth seal but would like to put off for one year since it was just striped. Discussion followed on costs and budget for 2015.

Bill discussed the request for lighting between the City limits south and Elm Creek bridge. He stated the estimate is $10,000. Discussion followed on costs if other entities help with the labor.

Bill mentioned pros and cons on cleaning ditches, how some neighbors want it and others do not, or they don't like how it was done. Discussion followed on making individual requests, not through the department head.

Carl discussed lighting and problems caused by heat and wet.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen
County Clerk. The time is now 9:40 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:56 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:58 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:08 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk’s Vouchers – April 17, 2015 for $144,160.31
- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry #18

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until April 28, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk       Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK April 28, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting.

Larry Crawford, citizen and Mayor of Bassett, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed the window installation. He stated the jail windows were included in the original bid. There are two windows over the courthouse, located in the old jail that was not seen by the ground for the original count. Ron asked if they want these windows included. Commissioners suggested asking Sheriff Murphy if it makes a difference. Iola Glass has started on the windows in the lower portion of the courthouse.

Ron reported on the Law Enforcement Center roof. An adjuster came and viewed the roof to see what damage was done by the weather.
Ron reported the extension office suggested an Oklahoma Redbud to put out by the Veteran’s Wall. Discussion followed.

Sherrie reported Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, had called to report the City of Iola Council had approved to install the proposed light poles along South State if the county paid for the supplies. The City of Iola will also absorb the cost of the lighting bill each month. Discussion followed.

Johnathan Muhl, Eagle Scout candidate, requested to put up a flag deposit box as his Eagle Scout project, at the courthouse. The box will have on it “We gladly accept your worn and tired flags to be properly retired with honor and respect.” Discussion followed. Commissioners stated they are willing to house it somewhere on the square. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the installation of the flag deposit box on the courthouse square. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, Larry W. Stoss, P.E. Senior Project Manager for H. W. Lochner, Inc. joined the meeting to discuss lighting at the intersection of US Hwy #169 and Oregon Road. Mr. Stoss reported the State of Kansas was ok with installing lights at that intersection, as long as they meet state requirements. He presented pictures to show what he is proposing for Allen County. There were a couple of choices: one is to put lights where the lanes change, the second would be to put one at the actual corner on the side you want drivers to turn. Discussion followed.

Larry Stoss and Bill discussed signage for that area, which would acknowledge the turn for the hospital. Mr. Stoss gave commissioners a Kansas Department of Transportation sign request form for their review. He stated it is harder to get permission to put up signs along state highways. Discussion followed on electric above ground or below. Mr. Stoss said in the long run, the cost savings would be to install the electric underground. Mr. Stoss suggested putting up three lights on each side of US Hwy 169 leading up to the intersection.

Bill suggested Mr. Stoss fix a contract to include lighting and signage. Discussion followed on what to include on the signage; i.e. Industrial park, hospital and college. Commissioners discussed visiting with Heartland on ongoing costs of the lights. Mr. Stoss will work up a project score of work for approval and bring back to the commission.

Bill reported on gas collection at the landfill. There is a blockage somewhere in the lines. Discussion followed. Bill mentioned the cost savings by changing engineers at the landfill.

Commissioners discussed the lighting along South State Street with Bill. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the lightning along South State Street. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Bill will contact the City of Iola.

Bill discussed haul roads for wind farms. Discussion followed.

Bill stated the five year plan is now a three year plan, Kansas is not letting the funding build up for bridges. Discussion followed on changes at the state and future for Allen County.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Bill King, Public Works Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, discussed the possibility of keeping warm meals going to our Allen County citizens. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved to check into the options.

Commissioners asked Sheriff Murphy about payroll. He stated he is going to visit with Sherrie because his payroll system contract expired in April and will be looking to use the same payroll system as what the rest of the county is using. Sheriff Murphy had been asked to combine it with the county’s payroll system for efficiency and reporting purposes.
Commissioners asked about cameras for general security. Sheriff Murphy stated they are underway.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed Memorandum of Understanding with Thrive on the Lehigh Portland trails. Thrive has $29,000 out of grant funding to pay towards the work. Discussion followed on available bridges for trails. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and Chairman Williams to sign. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed the memorandum.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:55 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:01 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed the “Inmate” Garden and the savings for the county on vegetables. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed windfarms proposed in the Moran area and regulations within Allen County. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers: - $25,752.78
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the April 28, 2015 meeting.

Ryan Sell, EMS Director, Corey Isbell, EMT and Carl Slaugh, Iola City Administrator joined the meeting. Ryan discussed the cost to build an ambulance is roughly around $158,000.00. He would like a Type 1 chassis. They are higher than a van type cutaway chassis. He handed out
some information to the commissioners regarding such. He's requested quotes from four builders and received figures back from three. The module he prefers did come in at the lowest price. The quotes are unofficial, first they need to decide on a chassis, then the formal bidding process can begin. Carl asked about the importance of the chassis. The Type 1 has the best ride, more adjustments available. He currently has some Type 3, but the Type 1 has on spot chain system, allows more traction. Commissioner Daniels asked about the mileage. The oldest they currently have is a 1995, but the most mileage is on the 2008. Commissioner Williams asked about the cost of maintenance. Discussion followed. Ryan suggests the F5-50 Chassis. Commissioner Daniels asked him to get bids for F450 and F550 so they can compare them; 4 wheel drive should be included.

Ryan told commissioners that a life pack 15 brand new is $28,000.00. There is a hardly used, bio-certified with a one year warranty for $19,500.00. He suggested placing an order right away, as they move fast. Currently they have three monitors, they already have to buy batteries and papers for the three machines, therefore staying with the same kind would be beneficial. Ryan will apply for a grant to help pay for another monitor later in the year. Commissioners will get back with Ryan on this next week.

Ryan stated the ambulance to be replaced needs to be listed for sale. It will be worked in the bid. This one was purchased as an exchange with Kiowa County a few years ago. It’s a medium duty chassis. Ryan stated he will work with Sherrie Riebel, County Clerk to start the bidding process.

Bill King, Public Works Director, handed out the US 169/Oregon Street Intersection Lighting & Signage Lochner Project #10960 proposal. Commissioner Talkington asked Carl if this project would tie in with what the City of Iola will do on Kentucky. Carl did not believe it would, the timeframe is unknown. Commissioner Daniels suggested, all three phases, just the study, doesn’t mean you have to build it all at once. Commissioner Williams moved to authorize the study for phase 1. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

David Toland, Mary Kay Heard, John McRae, Nancy Ford, Lisse Regehr, Beverly Franklin, Aaron Franklin and Gene Myrick all joined the meeting. David Toland passed out a Site Plan of Madison & First Streets. It is a formal announcement that G&W foods would like to build a store in Iola at the former Allen County Hospital, 101 S 1st St, Iola. This envisions several phases. Construction could start this fall. It’s early in the process, but building of apartments and town homes are in the plan. G&W Foods sent a formal letter of intent dated March 6, 2015. The area is in a neighborhood revitalization zone, so there would be an abatement on the taxes on the new building. It will be a 15,000 square foot building, 100 parking spaces, Commissioners expressed appreciation to David. David thanked the commissioners for their time.

Andrew and Teresa Laffery and Brian Shaughnessy requested use of courthouse lawn for show and shine car show on August 22, 2015. Fox 22, a television channel from Kansas City would come down and do interviews. There will be a calendar made with pictures of the cars. There will be trophies for several categories, even kids with bicycles. This will be a fundraiser in part for Hirschsprungs Disease. The other portion of profits go towards putting on the show the next year. Teresa stated they really try to help the community as well with promotions trying to bring people to Iola. The alternate route would be on the street in front of courthouse and down West St. They are expecting around 75 cars. Ron Holman, Maintenance Director, joined the meeting. Commissioners approved the use of the courthouse lawn, providing there isn’t rain prior, in which case the group will need to speak with Ron.

Commissioner Williams read an agreement between Allen County Commissioners and Senior Services of Southeast Kansas for use of facilities.

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF FACILITIES

The County Commissioners of Allen County and Senior Services of Southeast Kansas Inc. enter into this agreement to assure the elderly of Humboldt, and Iola may participate in the Senior Services
congregate meals program and receive associated services. The County Commissioners of Allen County does agree to allow use of the Humboldt and Iola Senior Center for the services of a noon meal Monday thru Friday by Senior Services.

Senior Services of Southeast Kansas, Inc. agrees to reimburse $25.75 each month to Allen County for janitorial work at the Humboldt Senior Center since September 2014 until notice is given by either party.
This agreement may be broken by either by giving 30 days’ notice to the other.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Williams sign the agreement. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Alan stated he published for an auctioneer to sell off contents at the old hospital. He is doing research on the value of the generator.

Commissioner Talkington asked Alan about the county’s obligation for purchases regarding EMS. Alan stated by contract the county buys only the truck.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk. The time is now 9:32 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:37 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - $286,919.96
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson         Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk         Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                          OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                               May 12, 2015

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, and Dennis P. Brown, Welborn Sales Representative, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Pastor Mike Farran permission to use the band stand on June 13, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for a Patriotic Christian Concert. There will be country/gospel singers. Commissioners approved the use of the bandstand.
Commissioner Jim Talkington moved to appoint Steve French to serve on the Zoning Board in place of Delmar Sarver who retired from the committee. Commissioner Jerry Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director and Mitch Garner, Assistant PW Director, discussed the bridge west of Humboldt. It has been held up due to the guard rail. Bill stated it is about a month out. He explained some residents are upset because they have to drive around; the bridge itself is done, but not the guard rail. They are doing the best they can.

Bill requested Deb Ludlum to carry over 66.75 hours of vacation. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the carry over to be used within 6 months. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids for steel culvert pipe. Bids presented from Rail Road Yard for 12 ¾”X.250 new steel for $10.95 per foot, 14”X.219 used steel for $13.50 per foot, 16”X.250 used steel for $16.95 per foot; J&A Materials 12”X.250 used steel for $12.50 per foot, 13 3/8”X.250 used steel for $13.50 per foot, 14”X.250 new steel for $25.00 per foot, 16”X.250 used steel for $17.50 per foot. Discussion followed. Bourbon County will be sharing a load with Allen County so that the price can be lowered. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the purchase from Rail Road Yard. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill presented bids for aluminized culvert pipe. He is ordering 12 pieces of each size. Bids were presented from Welborn Sales for 30”X35’ for $24.96 per foot, 30”X40’ for $24.96 per foot, 36”X35’ for $29.82 per foot, and 36”X40’ for $29.82 per foot; Cleaver Farm & Home for 30”X35’ for $26.90 per foot, 30”X40’ for $26.90 per foot, 36”X35’ for $32.10 per foot, and 36”X40’ for $32.10 per foot; J&J Drainage Products for 30”X35’ for $28.50 per foot, 30”X40’ for $28.50 per foot, 36”X35’ for $34.00 per foot, and 36”X40’ for $34.00 per foot; and Metal Culverts for 30”X35’ for $28.50 per foot, 30”X40’ for $28.50 per foot, 36”X35’ for $33.95 per foot, and 36”X40’ for $33.95 per foot. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the purchase from Welborn Sales. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill also reported the crews will be starting chip seal and dust abatement before long. He stated they are still working on Montana Road, but it is getting closer to being complete.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested a signature on payment order #76 for $141.13 to be paid to Health Facilities Group, LLC. Commissioner Talkington moved to authorize Chairman Williams sign the payment order #76. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan had ran an ad in the Iola Register April 29, 2015 seeking to hire an experienced auctioneer to conduct a public sale of personal property and some fixtures still located in the old Allen County Hospital building. He reported he has received two auction bids; one from Petersen Auction Service (David E. Petersen) bid for 20% of gross sales with Allen County paying the advertisement and one from Allen County Auction Services (John Brocker) for a charge of 15% of sales with a minimum commission of $600 with Allen County paying for all newspaper advertisement or if they are selling all left over items and salvage rights they will charge 10% and the County will pay for all newspaper advertising. Discussion as to what will be included in the auction sales include or not include some of what demolition crew might include in their price. Time frame was discussed, but nothing will be done until after June 1st. Commissioner Talkington moved to have John Brocker as auctioneer when the time comes. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan stated he has had persons interested in demolition of the old hospital and will send an RFP to those as well as publication in the official newspaper for interested persons who have not contacted him.
Linda Guiot, Air Med Care Network Membership PR Manager, (Eagle Med in this area), discussed their membership program. She explained the membership program and what it entails. Companies included in this membership program are Air Evac Lifeteam, EagleMed, Med-Trans Air Medical Transport, and Reach for Life Air Ambulance Membership. Discussion followed on a proposal for Allen County. She explained a plan cost for the entire county would be $57,000. They will be advertising $65.00 per household per year available for individuals.

Larry Crawford, citizen and Mayor of City of Bassett, discussed codes within Allen County on burning. Commissioners referred him to Alan Weber, Zoning Administrator.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk’s Vouchers – $60,821.55
- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry # 19-22

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until May 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 19, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 12, 2015 meeting.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, and Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, updated the commission on the roof at the Law Enforcement Center. Sheriff Murphy stated the 15 year warranty is not holding up and it is only in its 11th year of warranty. Bids were requested and only one was received. It had been advertised in the paper and Ron actually called seven roofing companies. Boren’s Roofing, Inc. presented a bid for an entire new roof for $67,850.00. Discussion followed on warranty and pursuing damages from the company warranting the roof. The roof is leaking everywhere and when they call the company, they come and it is a temporary patch. EMC Insurance has looked and it is not due to weather damage. Discussion followed. Commissioners tabled until Alan is scheduled to check on warranty.

Sheriff Murphy discussed a camera project he is working on.

Sherrie requested a vice chair for when the Chairman is not available. Commissioner Talkington moved to appoint Commissioner Daniels as vice chair. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioners will not meet next week.

Arlyn Briggs joined the meeting. He stated he had an issue with the openness of the process of the meeting and other issues concerning the old hospital and his position. He is interested in the property north of the hospital and wants public acknowledgement to be open and honest when the time comes for it to be sold. He wants to have the same opportunity to bid on the land as well as others. Discussion followed. Commissioners stated he has the same opportunity as everyone else.

Mitch Garner, Allen County Assistant Public Works Director, reported there has been 70 people set up for dust abatement, which will start the week of June 8th.

Mitch stated they will be chip sealing Montana Road and Nevada Road starting June 15th.

Mitch reported they have advertised for equipment operator.

Arlyn requested a map of the old hospital property. Alan stated he could get him one.

Darelyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported on the status of taxes collected since the major tax time. The percent collected currently is at 94.4%. Discussion followed.

Crickett reported the state will no longer send out vehicle registrations starting in July 2015. Persons will need to contact the Treasurer’s office to find out what their registration costs are. They will need to bring in tag numbers and insurance cards for renewal if they want it streamlined when they come in. She explained it will cost her office more time than normal when renewing vehicles.

Crickett thanked the commission for the compliments her office received. She appreciates the acknowledgements.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and John Brocker, Allen County Auction, discussed the hospital and bidding out salvage rights or demo persons to give deductions on bid. John stated he felt they would make more monies if they give them a 30 day period after the auction. He stated the demolition persons would not give as large of salvage credit as a salvage person could do. John stated he would like to have three weeks for promotion (starting on the third week in June which is a Wednesday), then give the person who wins the salvage auction 30 days from the auction date to be complete on salvaging. John will have waivers of liability would have to be signed off by whoever wins the salvage bid. Discussion followed on dates. Alan stated one person thought that 90 days for demo would be sufficient, then surveyors would have to be scheduled in before things start happening. The salvage auction does not include the generator. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed who gets the proceeds from the sale. Commissioners stated the salvage proceeds would be used to defray the demolition costs.

Alan stated the demolition bids would be accepted before July 15th so that they know exactly what they are getting. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve John to start advertising for the salvage auction by the end of June 2015 and for salvage to be done by the end of July 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0

Ron and Sheriff Murphy rejoined the meeting to discuss the Law Enforcement roof. Chairman Williams reported what has been done with the roof and what could be done because the warranty does not support the roof. Alan stated we are limited with arbitration with the current company.
Bill King, Public Works Director, and Mitch joined the meeting to discuss solid waste funds. Commissioners discussed repayment of the funds if used out of solid waste to pay for the jail roof. Bill stated the funds are available if needed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Boren’s Roofing. Commissioner Talkington seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill discussed persons who call commissioners should call Public Works first, then they can bring it to the commission if needed.

Alan discussed the tower lease agreement. He reported the cost is going up.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO TOWER SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT

This Second Amendment (the “Second Amendment”) to that certain Tower Space Lease Agreement dated December 1, 1995, by and between Liberty Cellular, Inc. and 911 Services (the “Lease”), as amended by that certain First Amendment to Tower Space Lease Agreement dated July 1, 2014 (the “First Amendment”) (collectively, the “Agreement”) is made and entered into as of the latter signature date hereof, by and between American Towers LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “Lessor”) and County of Allen, KS, a governmental agency (the “Lessee”) (collectively, the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Lessor owns a certain communications tower and leases a certain parcel of land located at 73 Angeles Crest Blue Ridge, Valyermo, CA 92397-9500 more commonly known to Lessor as the Blue Ridge CA 5, CA tower site (the “Tower Site”); and

WHEREAS, Lessor and Lessee entered into the Agreement for the use of a certain portion of the Tower Site; and

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to extend the term of the Agreement, among other things, all on the terms and conditions as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing promises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1) Lessor and Lessee agree to extend the term of the Agreement commencing on December 4, 2015 (the “Extension Term Commencement Date”) for a period ending on November 30, 2020 (the “Extension Term”).

2) Lessor and Lessee agree and acknowledge that effective upon December 4, 2015, the rent shall be Three Hundred Twenty-Five and 00/100 Dollars ($325.00), and adjusted pursuant to the annual escalator on each anniversary of the Extension Term Commencement Date. The Increased Fee for any fractional month at the beginning or end of the period shall be appropriately prorated.

3) The Agreement shall automatically renew for two (2) successive five (5) year terms.

4) Effective upon December 4, 2015, the annual escalator shall be four percent (4%).

5) Capitalized terms contained herein, unless otherwise defined, are intended to have the same meaning and effect as that set forth in the Agreement.

6) All other terms and provisions of the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have set their hands to this Second Amendment to that certain Agreement as of the day and year written below:

LESSOR: LESSEE:
American Towers LLC, County of Allen, KS,
A Delaware limited Liability Company a governmental agency

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the contract. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels stated he wanted to publicly acknowledge and recognize all the uniformed men and women in service and veterans in honor of Memorial Day.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $179,454.60  
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entry #23-25

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson               Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk               Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                                  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK      June 2, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting.

Ray Maloney, Ray’s Metal Depot, joined the meeting. He stated he wanted to discuss some information on a zoning coming up.

David Toland, Thrive Director, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, came in to discuss the new windows. There is an area between the new windows that needs insulation and new panels to match the windows. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve $1,800 for insulation and window panels. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ray introduced himself. He discussed spot zoning for T.J.’s Zoning that was made by the Allen County Zoning Board. He gave his history of getting his business up and going. He stated his concerns on spot zoning and state requirements. Discussion followed. He stated there would be no value to the county of selling. Commissioners stated they would take under consideration.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, presented information on ambulance billing collections. He has billed $666,555.44 since January 2015 to current, he has collected $268,379.97 of that and has had to write off $230,998.41; still due to the county is $164,981.58. New coding starts in October 2015. Year to date collections have been $363,339.75, this includes prior billing; $16,068.15 was prior to the merger. Discussion followed.

Chuck Apt, III, Apt Law, joined the meeting. He stated he is here on behalf of Arlyn Briggs, who wants to continue his project at the old hospital. Arlyn needs additional time, until July 7, to make a fully informed presentation to Allen County Commissioners. Chuck stated it is important that the facility stay intact as it is until decisions are final. Chairman Williams stated he feels Allen County Commission was fair on both entities that requested the area. Chuck stated there is just
a theory out there for a future building. Chuck stated he didn’t think four weeks out of five years was asking too much. Chuck stressed Arlyn wants to do the facility here without tearing the facility down. Discussion followed.

Carl Slaugh joined the meeting.

David stated time is of the essence for economic development.

Sherrie asked on behalf of Angela Murphy, 911 Director, to use the courtyard on June 18, 2015 for ACMAT to host an event in conjunction with Farmers Market. Commissioners approve.

Sherrie inquired if Department heads could review and make changes to the 1999 purchasing policy. Commissioner approved the review request and for the final product to be approved by them.

Bill King, Public Works Director, presented maps in regards to the lighting project on US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road. Bill presented a proposal from Lochner for Allen County Hospital Roadway Lighting and Signage at US Hwy 169/Oregon Road intersection. Lochner is working with Heartland Electric to determine electrical service location. All roadway lighting is LED on metal poles with screw-in foundations. All lighting along US Hwy 169 shall be placed 15 feet back of traveled roadway. All lighting along the north side of Oregon Road shall be placed 10 feet back of the traveled roadway. All lighting shall be mounted at 30 feet above the roadway. All conduit and wiring will be installed underground from service to light poles. He explained six poles on US Hwy 169 lighting and $10,000 worth of signs. Total cost is approximately $125,000.00. He wants the commission to consider for a week or two. Carl stated he would get Heartland to look at it. Bill stated contractors are looking at this to light up the intersection; they would do the installation that accounts for the cost. They are not wood poles, but break away metal poles. Discussion followed on the purpose to be for safety reasons only. Bill stated the 169 project should go on, but Oregon could wait.

Chairman Williams discussed a request for a disaster declaration he had while he was on vacation, but stated it needed to be brought before the entire board of commission. Chairman Williams expressed his concerns on an employee surpassing their supervisor’s authority. Discussion followed. Bill stated he didn’t feel there was anything more than there usually is when we get a sufficient amount of rain. Bill mentioned he did not have anything out in the county that would call for a disaster. Bill stated he does what is needed when it is rated.

Chairman Williams stated the reasons behind a disaster declaration is to claim damage if warranted. He asked the commission if they want to declare a declaration. Discussion followed on cost of damage. Chairman Williams moved that Allen County not sign a declaration of disaster for the time May 1, 2015 through May 31, 2015. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Williams moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director, Bryan Murphy, Sheriff, Angie Murphy, 911 Director and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bill King, Public Works Director, Bryan Murphy, Sheriff, Angie Murphy, 911 Director 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.
Debbie Bearden, Allen County Farm Bureau, invited commissioners to participate in a Kansas Farm Bureau Master’s Program.

Commissioners discussed demo of old hospital. Alan mentioned the salvage auction.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for executive council. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk. The time is now 9:52 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:02 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Williams moved to move forward with the demolition and salvage request, exclusively dealing with G&W as the only entity we’ll do business with on old hospital property, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-1-0.

John Green, SEK Area Agency on Aging, joined the meeting. He passed out “Explore Your Options”, a Guide to Information and In-Home services, booklet to commissioners. He then presented his request for mill levy report. It included the services offered by the agency and the stats showing the need for funding. Mr. Green offered to answer any questions the commissioners might have. Isaac Brown, from Coffeyville, is the new Senior Services of SEK Director. Commissioner Williams thanked Mr. Green for his years of service, especially to Allen County.

Alan reported that Glen Buchholtz will resign from the hospital board. Commissioners need to be thinking about a replacement. Alan said that Glen has given notice of about two months. Commissioner Daniels asked about stipulations of board members, Alan responded they need to live in Allen County. He said any suggestions, let Alan or Sherrie know.

Alan stated that Monarch has land north of Humboldt, the conditional use permit they applied for before was rejected, but they have now filed a new application for permit. They’ve eliminated the traffic issue, since they’ve purchased the land surrounding the area in question. If permit is allowed, this will give Monarch 60 years’ worth of dirt. The hearing is July 23, 2015.

Commissioner Talkington asked Alan about progress on surveying of land. Alan said land is already platted; however, there will be fractional plots when it is surveyed. This will give a legal description. There is a process to release real estate from the bonds, the survey will happen first of course. The mobile home at old hospital location will be a part of the auction.

Commissioners asked Alan about spot zoning. He will have information for commissioners next week.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - $86,339.55
b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements: PP Value 996, $140.36, Year 2014
   TR Value 8144, $1163.84, Year 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                     Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, Charles H. Apt III, Apt Law Offices, LLC, George Arlyn Briggs, his client, and David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, reported he did not get the “SEED” Grant, but will apply when offered again.

Ron also mentioned the middle sidewalk needs attention.

Chuck stated he was speaking on behalf of Arlyn Briggs, Arlyn is serious to continue his pursuit of the old hospital. He has the $157,000 to put down and will have the plan all ready within 90 days. He never got an offer in March like G&W. He has the cash and requests reconsideration on Arlyn’s proposal. Discussion followed. Chuck stated he would not be interested in the old hospital if the salvaging continued. He appreciates the commission’s time. Discussion followed by all involved.

Jim Lewis joined the meeting.

Chairman Williams asked, that considering comments made, is Arlyn interested in working with the commission. Chuck stated if the commissioners are interested in approving, they are ready to go. A little heated discussion followed. Chuck stated they are ready and can do the paperwork to be ready today.

Chairman Williams asked Commissioner Talkington his thoughts, since he voted “No” last week. Commissioner Talkington stated the “commission voted to go forward, so let’s go forward”. Each commissioner expressed their concerns. Commissioner Talkington stated “let’s go with G&W.

Jim Lewis was concerned about tax-payer money. Discussion followed.

Shirley Diehl, 54 Rebuilders, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed the cost of maintaining the old hospital. Jim Lewis stated the commission should just let it go, as they should not be using taxpayer monies. Alan stated if not maintained, the mold would start to grow and nothing or no one could use it. Chairman Williams asked Jim Lewis if he wanted to purchase the hospital. Jim Lewis stated no.

David asked if Jim Lewis thought an Alzheimer’s unit could make money, not accepting Medicaid or Medicare or be down the hall from a troubled teen’s unit. Discussion followed.

Heather asked if G&W would be hiring employees. David stated yes, G&W has plans to hire 4 full time and 15 part time persons.

Terry McDonald, Zoning applicant, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, discussed lighting along US Hwy 169 and signs. Bill stated if the commissioners approve lighting on US Hwy 169 and signs, he could cover the cost, but lighting along Oregon Road would be out of his
budget. Discussion followed on finances. Commissioner Daniels moved to go ahead with the US Hwy 169 project and wait on Oregon Road. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill stated the mowing it’s a little wet to mow, but will be doing it as soon as they can and not get stuck.

David stated for the record they have had a great discussion with G&W and G&W is sending engineers to Iola to set the sites. He went on to explain other items going on. They are looking at a spring construction, because it will be at least November before all bids are said and done.

John Brocker had expressed his concerns about what will be on the sale bill for the salvage rights at the old hospital. Discussion followed.

David stated they need to work with the City of Iola on 3 items; 1. Be available in coordination of the demo, since they will be working around utilities. 2. Up the zoning to accommodate a facility of this type. 3. Have street improvements: 1st street redo, Madison and 2nd street and traffic engineering in conjunction for safety.

Shirley stated she would be in support of a grocery store in Iola. Commissioners stated they have all had calls supporting such.

Sherrie requested on behalf of John Barker for the commission to consider electrical stations along the west side of the courtyard. He plays music during Farmer’s Market and would like a closer hook up. He will check with the City of Iola about electric on the existing light poles. No action was taken.

Sherrie presented a contract from Computer Information Concepts, Inc. for the annual contract. The contract is for Budgetary Accounting, Payroll/Personnel, Public Works, Time Centre and Tax Administration Solutions. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the annual contract. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

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

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:21 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:26 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Williams called to order the hearing for Terry McDonald’s zoning at 9:30 a.m. Those present were Terry McDonald, TJ’s Towing/zoning applicant, Steve Robb, City of Gas Superintendent, Shirley Diehl, 54 Rebuilders owner/operator and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor. Alan introduced the purpose for the zoning hearing is for changing the current Commercial District (C-1) to Heavy Industrial District and to grant a Conditional Use Permit to permit the operation of a salvage yard. He presented a map of the property affected:

Tract I:
A tract of land located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 19 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Allen County Kansas described as beginning 660 feet West and 458 feet North of the Southeast Corner of said Southwest Quarter, thence West 406 feet; thence North 763 feet; thence East 406 feet; thence South 763 feet to POB.

Tract II:
A tract of land located in Section 28, Township 24 South, Range 19 East, Allen County, Kansas Beginning 1066 feet West and 1221 feet North of the Southeast corner of the Southwest corner of said section, thence South 786.8 feet; thence West 349 feet; thence North 222.8 feet; thence East 250 feet, thence North 564 feet; thence East 99 feet to POB.

Alan explained the zoning board recommendations for zoning with these conditions for approval are:

Construction and operation of the facility must, at all times, comply with all local, state and federal laws and regulations. You are required to build and maintain an 8 foot high metal fence along the south border of the foregoing tracts and to plant and maintain a vegetative screen consisting of trees around the remainder of said tracts before engaging in salvage activities. The foregoing tracts are to be used for storage only-no stacking of cars is allowed and no processing machinery shall be located thereon.

Terry stated he has purchased the residence and property to the east as well as the property behind MicroTronics. His zoning request property is about a half block away from US Hwy 54. Discussion on acreage followed. Steve asked if it is spot zoning. Alan stated all the zoning is really spot zoning and not really in consideration at this time due to laws:

**Spot Zoning Exception**

Spot zoning is the placing of a small area of land in a different zone from that of neighboring property. For instance, because it serves a useful purpose to neighborhood residents, a park or school might be granted this zoning exception and be allowed in a strictly residential area.

**Legality of Spot Zoning**

In general, spot zoning is recognized as a legitimate exception to zoning. The business owner either seeks a permit to use his land differently than presently permitted under the local zoning law, or he requests that this zoning ordinance be changed for his intended activity. Therefore, he must get the approval of his local governmental agency before being granted the spot zoning exception. However, in some areas of the country, the courts have found spot zoning illegal on the ground that it is incompatible with existing land use zoning or with the overall community zoning plan. Whether the exception carved out is reasonable and supported by the particular facts often turns on public interest, the effect spot zoning has on the current uses of neighboring properties, and any ramifications created by the zoning.

When asked who would be the overseer, Alan stated he would be. Shirley commented their land would not be of any value to anyone except Terry if they tried to sell it. It is located next to TJ’s Towing. She stated in 1998 they had problems getting the zoning on highway frontage so they had to get where they could to have their business, which was not located on highway frontage.

Terry explained he is trying to get the area looking good. Discussion followed on current zoning laws. Alan discussed area is not currently zoned as salvage, it just looks like it. Terry stated he is working hard to get things screened. Discussion followed on phone calls the commission has had concerning the zoning. Alan stated they had the opportunity to express their concerns at the Allen County Zoning hearing held for the public. Residents within 1,000 feet were sent certified letters, it was published in the Iola Register on April 23 and again on April 30, 2015. Discussion followed on what is allowed on zoning.

Shirley asked what she could do with her land if it is zoned “salvage” around it. Discussion followed. Alan stated Terry hurt himself with letting it get cluttered. Shirley asked “How many vehicles will get stored up behind her property?” Currently there are 25 vehicles. Terry stated he just bought the property two months ago and is trying to get things cleaned up but rain has delayed things. Alan asked if there is any reason why there would be more than three vehicles outside of the salvage area at any one time. Terry stated no, they could move as soon as they get the salvageable items off of them. Chairman Williams asked if it is a hard ship to have just 3 vehicles at the shop area. Shirley asked what or who determines a disabled vehicle. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels reported his calls were concerning the looks of this area, and he is excited about businesses expanding within Allen County. He stated he would support, with the 3 vehicle limit. Terry stated he would have it cleaned up within 30 days.
Commissioner Talkington moved to approve and uphold the zoning decision by the zoning board with the stipulation that Terry shall have no more than 3 disabled vehicles outside of the fenced area at any time. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Alan reported next week the bids will be opened for the generator and vehicle towing.

Commissioners received a resignation letter from Glenn Buchholz from the Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. Several names were submitted which will be taken under consideration.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entry #27-29  
d) Abatement – TR, Value 125, $18.02, Yr 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 16, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  June 16, 2015

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

Rick Danley, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director and Morgan Mann, government class observer, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, updated the commission on the brick work on the chimney.

Ron got a bid for the handicap rail on the ramp and the step hand rail on the south side of the courthouse. A bid was received from Rebel Works, but commissioners requested other bids and to make sure the style matches. Ron will check into this.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Tom Wheat, resident, discussed reference of repurposing the old hospital. He has been part of several “need” organizations, teaching skills of needy and such. Mr. Wheat stated several of these services could be integrated. He presented a document with an alternate proposal for use of the old hospital. Chairman Williams reported he has checked into consolidation of organizations at a state level and they were not interested in housing at the old hospital. Discussion followed. He has been a project doer, not administrative. Commissioner Talkington stated he has visited with Mr. Wheat and reiterated that he supports the commission’s previous
decision to continue with G&W. David reported Thrive has looked at these options and this hospital is not the right building, but there might be others that would be more workable. David asked about who would finance this; if it would be partners or who? Mr. Wheat stated there are several options for financial support. Chairman Williams asked if he has a concrete plan. Mr. Wheat stated “no”, but if the decision to demo the hospital were to be delayed, it would help. He asked for a couple of weeks to pull something together. David stated he has been working with G&W for two years to find an area. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels stated he agreed with Chairman Williams’ “that ship has sailed”. Commissioners thanked Mr. Wheat for his time and thoughts.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, requested Gary Henderson to carry over 43 hours of vacation. Chairman Williams moved to approve the carryover to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Gary Parker, citizen, joined the meeting. He stated he felt 2600 Road south of LaHarpe needs attention. Discussion followed. Bill stated that road can’t be reclaimed, because it has brick under it. He stated it has been resurfaced a couple of times, but money is the hang up.

Bill reported the guardrails should be here by the end of the month for the bridge west of Humboldt. Discussion followed.

Bill stated the lights have been requested, it is up to the contractor to do his coordination with KDOT and Heartland Electric.

Sherrie reported a rough draft of the July valuation is 3,785,211 less than last year at this time.

Commissioner Talkington moved to sign a KDOT application for Services to the Elderly operating expenses. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Rick asked if the traffic study has been done. Commissioner Talkington stated it would be a city function. Discussion followed.

Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, reported he will be advertising, as required by the Allen County Purchasing Policy, in the Iola Register for a 2015 or newer Ford F-450, 4 x 4 w/ 47-L Ambulance Prep Package and a 2015 or newer Ford F-550 4 x 4 w/ 47-L Ambulance Prep Package once the commission approve. Ryan stated he thinks the costs will come in around $175,000 or $185,000 for just the chassis, with equipment the bid would over $210,000. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved Ryan to publish to request bids for an ambulance.

Ryan stated calls are up about 1.8%. He discussed runs and run types.

Commissioners discussed types of ambulances and needs for rural area vs city area.

Nathan Fawson, Southeast Kansas Mental Health Center (SEKMHC) Associate Executive Director and Alan Hauser, SEKMHC Chief Financial Officer, and Kenneth McWhirter, SEKMHC Board Member, joined the meeting to discuss the 2016 budget request for SEKMHC. The request is for $120,500 which is about a 3% increase. Nathan stated he started in 1996 and gave his background. He discussed services SEKMHC provides. SEK Wellness is a new health home program as of 2014, not to be confused with home health. Nathan explained the purpose of this service.

Nathan discussed Osawatomie State Hospital (OSH) losing some of their housing. Discussion followed. Nathan stated this is one of the reasons they are requesting more finances and stated why. In patient care is the biggest problem.

Walt Regehr, SEKMHC vice Chair Board member, joined the meeting.
Nathan explained other cuts that are causing them challenges within their services. Their job is assessment, and law enforcement’s job is safety. Therefore OSH losing housing could cause issues within the community.

Terry McDonald, T.J. Towing, and Roxanne Hutton, City of Iola City Clerk, joined the meeting.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported the Emergency Manager has retired. He stated the commission needs to have a person appointed at this time, at least as interim. Discussion followed on whom to put as interim. Commissioner Talkington moved to appoint Bryan Murphy to serve as interim Emergency Manager. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Resolution 201503 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INTERIM DIRECTOR

Be it resolved and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas as follows:

That the following be appointed as the Allen County Emergency Management Interim Director effective June 16th, 2015:

Bryan Murphy
1 N. Washington St.
Iola, KS  66749
620 365-1400

RESOLVED THIS 16th DAY OF June, 2015.

Resolution 201503 was reviewed and signed as motion to appoint had been made.

Alan presented payment order #77 for approval. It is payable to Health Facilities Group, LLC for $389.55 for architectural fees through May 31, 2015. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve payment order #77. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan discussed demo of the old hospital and connection to the Medical Arts Building. The lower level of the Medical Arts Building houses the Mary Ellen Stadler Conference room (ramp room) and when the hospital is torn down, it will leave this area without fire exits. Alan requested to get bids from an engineer to install metal stairs from this area to an office located above the area. Commissioners agreed to have this looked at.

Alan explained the reason for taking impound bids; this is only for impounds. The bid received from T. J. Towing: for $60.00 hookup fee, $2.00 per running mile, 1st 5 miles reaching free, $20.00 per day storage fee (time 12 midnight to 12 midnight). Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from T. J. Towing. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Alan will work up a contract.

Alan opened bids for the Generator at the old hospital, which was published in the Iola Register on May 19 and May 26, 2015. Bids were received from Evergreen Design Build for $22,750.00; Macha Enterprises, Inc. for $10,000; Joe Weiner for $6,100.00; Critical Power Exchange for $12,000 and Preferred Power Source for $10,000. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Evergreen Design. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $91,610.33
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entry #30

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 23, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, and Lisse Regehr, Thrive Community Healthcare Educator, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting.

Arlyn Briggs canceled his appointment.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, joined the meeting.

Jon Wells, spoke on behalf of himself, even though he is a City of Iola council member. He stated he would highly encourage the Allen County Commission stay the course with G&W and the housing.

Sherrie explained the valuation is down due to two State Assessed Utilities not being certified due to filing problems.

Sheriff Murphy stated the confiscated jet from a previous drug bust sold for $45,000. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed appointment for the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee Board. Chairman Williams moved to appoint Loren Korte to serve the unexpired term of Glenn Buchholz; which is through 12/31/2016 on the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee Board. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, reported dust abatement is being laid this week.

Bill stated the mower crew is out this week, but he is still short one. They are only mowing intersections at this time.

Bill explained they are going to be finishing up Montana Road to Nevada Road. The roads are being reworked.

Bill mentioned he is still waiting on the bridge guard rail for the bridge west of Humboldt.

Bill reported the lights at the intersections of US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road are still in the works, but has to go through the state for permits.

Bill discussed the work at the Allen County Regional Airport has begun with the bigger pump. Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported there is a tax foreclosure sale tomorrow. There are 45 properties still on the sale. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed the Emergency Manager position and reported Angie has suggested Jason Trego be appointed to serve as Emergency Management. Jason has some training and is willing
to get certified. Part of the pay for this position is grant funded. This grant application due by
end of the month.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 201604:

RESOLUTION NO.201504
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Be it resolved and ordered by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas as follows:
That the following be appointed as the Allen County Emergency Management Director effective
June 23, 2015:

Jason Trego
410 N. State St.
Iola, KS 66749
620 365-1473

RESOLVED THIS 23rd DAY OF June, 2015.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Resolution 201504 appointing Jason Trego to serve
as Allen County Emergency Manager. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Daniels opposed. He would like to see the position advertised.

Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial District Judge and Dina Morrison, Court Clerk, discussed budget and
the State of Kansas finances. They reviewed the 2016 proposed budget. Judge Creitz explained
the increase of cases for CASA, drug testing supplies and security issues. Dina explained the
budget for this year’s security budget has not used the funding this year, but explained the
proposed project. The overall increase for Allen County District Court is $4,873.

Judge Creitz and Dina discussed Drug Court funding with grants and expenses. They reported
they have been having very good response from Drug Court. Chairman Williams explained the
success from Drug Court; stating they are doing “God’s Work”. Judge Creitz stated it is a lot of
extra work on the staff, but such a proud and successful program where people are succeeding
in making life changes.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - 6/18/15 - $146,469.09 and 6/23/15 - $21,554.77
b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements: SAU, Value 12, $1.54 , Year 2004
   SAU, Value 2, $0.24, Year 2005
   SAU, Value 16, $1.94, Year 2006
   SAU, Value 9, $1.10, Year 2007

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until June 30,
2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 23, 2015 meeting.

Larry Crawford, county citizen, joined the meeting.

Tim Cunningham and Bill Fiscus, Tri-Valley Developmental Services, came to the meeting to discuss budget. Tim presented information to the commission on what Tri-Valley services entail, as well as numbers of clients and employees and where they reside. Tim asked for $65,000, same as last year. Tim explained the increases in the Tri-Valley budget; KPERS is one of the main reasons an increase was needed. He stated their health insurance costs have gone down. Tim thanked the commission for their consideration and the support they’ve given Tri-Valley in the past.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy joined the meeting.

Commissioner Talkington presented an idea from Bob Johnson, asking if the Historical Museum could have some items from the old hospital. He is referring to some plaques. The plants at the old hospital were mentioned.

Carl Slaugh, Iola City Administrator, joined the meeting.

Bill King, Public Works Director and Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, stopped in the meeting. Bill discussed posting weight limits for bridges. Bill received word that the guardrail for the bridge west of Humboldt was supposed to be shipped this week.

Bill said the signs on the US Hwy#169 project are a problem. KDOT suggested a billboard on private property. They would still have to approve such sign. The lights, however, are still a go; that’s the good news.

Bill explained asbestos. It’s not a hazardous waste, it’s a special waste and you need a permit from KDHE. It can be taken at the landfill because it’s a special waste, not hazardous. The permit does not cost, it’s a matter of approval and has to be logged.

Colleen Riebel, Dale Hartman and Craig Mentzer of the Allen County Conservation District joined the meeting. Colleen presented the Allen County Conservation District Annual Report for County Commissioners. The Conservation District is asking the Commissioners for $25,000 as their budget request.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, reported to the meeting. He talked about proposed amendments to the demo bidding. He suggested getting a local contractor for refill and compaction of the property after the demo. The revised proposal includes requirements for the asbestos removal. The ideal is to have the refill and compaction person move right in once the building is demolished.

Since John Brocker will not auction the salvage, his contract should be modified. Commissioners approved a modified contract.
Commissioners are ok with plants being given away to those that want them. Alan concurred. The historical society may potentially want items on the wall; Alan will talk to John about these items as well.

Alan set July 10, 2015, 4:30 p.m. as the date the bids are due. They will be opened at the following commissioner meeting, July 14, 2015.

Alan stated the tax sale was not a good one. He is going to re-advertise and send notice and maps to all the neighbors that live near the lots for sale. The total collected from the sale was $13,935.00. 36 out of 44 sold. They had 48 originally, but some had been redeemed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 06/30/15 - $257,989.44
b) Payroll Changes
C) Journal Entry #31-32

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Aryln Briggs joined the meeting.

Bill discussed the guardrail at the bridge west of Humboldt is still not delivered and he is working with options until it comes in. He has had Darrin Petrowsky, Kansas Department of Transportation representative to help with the guardrail regulations.

Bill reported he has the mowing crews out. He has hired 6-7 seasonal people so far and has lost 1 or 2. He discussed problems hiring due to health care regulations and such.

Chardel Hastings, Multi-County Health Department, introduced herself and what counties are included in the four county Multi-County Health Dept. She reported they had to move into a new building in Woodson County. She stated they have been able to get WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program in Allen County as of October 1st of this year. Chardel explained the process and how it benefits Allen County citizens. She stated it is an advantage for them to get and or keep immunizations current.

Chardel stated they are fully staffed and can benefit from the other counties’ personnel coming in to help get the program off the ground. She said she thought they would be fine in absorbing the work.

Chardel discussed budget expenses and how that affects costs. Discussion followed. She requested $100,250 from Allen County for 2016. They are in hopes of 1 mill, due to unknowns with the State Assessed Utilities. Commissioners thanked her for her services and all she has got going for the health department and they will do what they can.

Commissioners asked her about different diseases such as Bird Flu, measles, H1N1 and such. Discussion followed.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported the money coming in from the jet landing in Allen County has dwindled to $2,800.

Sherrie introduced Isaac Brown, Senior Services of Southeast Kansas, Inc. Director, Cindy Lane, Area Agency on Aging Director, Glenda Creason, Iola Senior Center representative, as they joined the meeting. She explained Sandy Hildinger, Humboldt Senior Center representative was not able to join the meeting, but has been active in the planning process along with Glenda, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff and herself as they have been discussing Meals on Wheels.

Isaac presented information concerning the meal preparation site; it has been sold, but Senior Services of SEK has not received a vacate notice at this time. He explained the kitchen in Chanute provides meals for Allen County, Neosho County and Woodson County seniors. They have been searching for a suitable place to move the kitchen, but have not been able to secure a site suitable without costly renovations. Isaac stated that following the trend of the last 3 years, Senior Services is currently running on a deficit basis and congregate participation is down. After careful consideration of the situation and the solutions available, it has been determined that changing the format of the meal delivery program to once a week meal delivery and closure of the congregate sites with less than 10 participants for these counties would solve both problems, still provide meals, but probably frozen. There are close to 200 meals currently; all still warm. Isaac explained they have checked with other places to cook meals.

Isaac stated their objective is delivery of foods to the Chanute kitchen participants within quality and safety guidelines; decrease costs for the organization; ensure food is available during bad weather; allowing participants more flexibility; ensuring the homebound have weekend meals; and serving more eligible people.

Isaac reviewed opportunities: Increased meals from 5 days to 7 days a week; decrease operating costs; participants are given a meal option or choice of time when food would be
Isaac stated they are scheduled to present their plan to the Area Agency on Aging on July 14, 2015.

Cindy discussed most grants are for four years. Area Agency on Aging has gone out for bid for food service and Senior Services was the only bidder. Cindy’s concerns were somewhat based on getting meals out safely, due to time restraints by the State. They have plans to provide microwaves to individuals if needed, should the frozen meals happen.

Sherrie stated the committee’s main concern would be the lack of personal contact on a daily basis. They felt the citizens deserve at least one warm meal a day. She reported the costs would be the same as the current meals.

Sheriff Murphy stated the costs per meal would range from $2.50 to $2.55; currently they cost the county $2.48 per meal. The meal costs more than $2.48, but a portion of the current meal cost is subsidized by USDA Grants, as Cindy had mentioned. He has visited with Louis Anderson, Kansas inspector, about the licenses required. Sheriff Murphy stated if the congregate sites serve coffee or tea with the foods, they are required to have a site license. Discussion followed on how many meals are currently delivered within Allen County (Meals on Wheels or congregate site).

Cindy stated one concern she has heard is “Jail” food. Sheriff Murphy assured her they are required to have balanced meals for the inmates as well, so he didn’t think that would be a concern. Discussion followed.

Commissioners tabled the discussion until they hear results of the Area Agency on Aging Board meeting on July 14, 2015 before taking action, until then everything continues as is.

Alan mentioned the bids for the hospital demolition are due this Friday and will know more once the costs come in. He has been visiting with Superior Builders on how to be able to incorporate a staircase in the Medical Arts Building, linking the upstairs to the downstairs since the hospital itself will be gone.

Alan stated John Brocker is still working on the auction bill for sale of personal property at the old Allen County hospital. The sale will be held by the end of July. The notice of demolition published was to be able to proceed by September 1st, and completed by December 1st.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - 7/1/15 - $157,277.55 & 7/7/15 - $28,813.09  
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entries: 33-37

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 14, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 7, 2015 meeting.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, discussed his 2016 budget. He stated they have saved monies this year by not replacing an employee for a couple of months. Jerry stated he budgeted for appeals that are coming up. He mentioned the John Sigg case was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for sidewalk and crack repair. Bids were received from Lickteig Const. Inc. $4,380.00 and Rock Creek Design Inc. for $5,994.25. Discussion followed. Ron stated either vendor could have the work done before Farm/City Days. Commissioners stated they like to stay within the county, but they are more than 10% different. Commissioner Talkington moved to use Lickteig Const. Inc. for the sidewalk repair. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron presented the only bid he received on the hand railing for the south side of the courthouse handicap ramp. Rebel Works Mfg. for $5,200 for all handicap handrail and small wall mounted hand rail, wrap around handrail – high and low, all welded mild steel built, powder coated and mounted. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Rebel Works Mfg. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron presented the only bid he received on hand railing for the steps on south side of the courthouse. Rebel Works Mfg. for $1,270 for one handrail, same as the one on the west side of the courthouse, all mild steel, all welded and powder coated. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Rebel Works Mfg. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Mitch Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, discussed an article in the County Comment concerning cutting monies, which in turn causes short cuts and or services. Discussion followed. Bill stated he is about as lean as they can be on their 2016 budget request.

Sherrie presented a Resolution 201505 concerning 2016 budget.

RESOLUTION NO. 201505

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County with respect to financing the annual budget for 2016

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, provides that a levy of property taxes to finance the 2016 budget of the Allen County exceeding the amount levied to finance the 2015 budget of the Allen County, as adjusted to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for calendar year 2014, be authorized by a resolution adopted in advance of the adoption of a budget supported by such levy; and
Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, also provides that current year revenue that is produced and attributable to the taxation of (1) new improvements, (2) increased personal property valuation other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes, (3) property located within added jurisdictional territory, and (4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when determining whether revenue produced from property tax has increased from the preceding year; and
Whereas, Allen County provides essential services to protect the citizens of the Allen County; and
Whereas, the cost of providing these services continues to increase.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners that a levy of property taxes in support of the 2016 budget exceeding the amount levied in 2015, as adjusted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2925b, as amended, is hereby approved. Adopted this 14th day of July, 2015 by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Resolution 201505. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Officer, presented a trip report for the first half of 2015. He reported 1,014 total ambulance responses with an average of 5.61 calls per day. 263 have been dry runs, 469 ALS Emergency, 245 BLS Emergency and 37 BLS Non-Emergency and of those 205 hospital to hospital transfers. Terry has billed $780,698.60, of that $334,890.95 has been paid, $280,535.51 has to be written off and a balance due is $163,066.80. Total receipts for 2015 have been $433,190.60; $414,589.75 since merger and $18,600.85 prior to merger, which goes into the county ambulance fund. He discussed actions they are taking to prepare for reporting.

Terry discussed 2016 budget request for Ambulance. A discussion followed on concerns for the costs of ambulances.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported the treasurer’s fund in the General fund and the Auto Fund is outside of the General, which is not budgeted, but shows budget to track finances. Crickett reported her department’s plans for 2016. Discussion followed on state unfunded mandates. They are expected to do more with less, much like the rest of the government. She has built in a part time position that she has had in the past and hasn’t used, but wants to keep it in just in case they are needed.

Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, discussed having to hire another employee because she is having problems meeting state deadlines. The state encouraged her to hire enough help to meet her deadlines. The appraiser’s 2016 budget reflects another employee, gas and insurance for three trucks. Discussion followed on State Assessed utilities and the effect of Herff Jones closing.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, discussed 2016 budget. She stated she is keeping her Emergency Management budget at the 2015 request. Angie reported on her request for the dispatch fund. She discussed 171(911 Telephone monies) fund. She reported there is no more grant money available through the state. They will continue to receive tax money like we do now (171) but never will we get a 911 Grant anymore. The state is keeping that money so they can enact NG911 and then we will use our 911 tax money to pay a monthly service fee back to them. She stated they don’t have anything needed in the dispatch building; they are in really good shape other than when NG911 comes out they will have to buy some additional equipment but Angela stated they have no idea when that will be but don’t anticipate dealing with it until 2016. The state will continue to give funding to the county and they will be sending it back to the state for NexGen system at the state level.

Angie would like to give CPR mannequins to Iola Fire Department for their CPR training classes. Commissioners approved.

Angie reported Jason Trego, new EM Director, attended training in Bourbon County last week. Discussion followed.

Commissioners asked about the phone provider change. Sherrie stated the switch over is supposed to be sometime in August.

Cara Barkdoll, Allen County Register of Deeds, discussed her 2016 budget with the commission. She discussed the Mortgage Registration changes by state and how it is affecting her budget. Discussion followed on trends for recording. Cara mentioned most of her budget increase is salary. She visited a little about the Register of Deeds Technology Fund.
Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, discussed 2016 budget requests and explained changes within each of the different departments.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed his 2016 budget. He stated 90% of his budget is salary, so not really any changes.

Alan stated John Brocker has set the auction for hospital salvage on July 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Alan opened bids for hospital demolition at 10:45 a.m. Bids were received from RTS Shearing $247,500; Bahm Demolition for $391,635 less $107,737 for a total $286,000; Skillman Construction for $1,348,763.20 less material salvage value $57,500 for a total of $1,291,263.20; G & G Dozer for $243,000; JR8 Industries Inc. for $260,000; Gator Industrial LLC for $249,500; Remco Demolition for $198,810. Commissioners and Alan will review the bids for any exclusion and commissioners can make a decision next week. Alan will visit about finalizing a contract once the commission has made a decision.

Chairman Williams moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 11:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 11:10 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:15 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 11:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:20 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 1 minute to discuss attorney client. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 11:20 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:21 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk's Vouchers – $60,229.03
- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry #38-40
- Abatements –
  - RE Value 2398, $485.34, Year 2013
  - RE Value 1676, $320.56, Year 2014
  - SAU Value 50,006, $7436.76, Year 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 21, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, was present to observe the meeting. Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 14, 2015 meeting.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve a letter in support of transportation providers of the Coordinated Transit District #10 in their application to the Kansas Department of Transportation for capital assistance and/or continued operating assistance under Section 16 or 18 grant. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington moved to vote for Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner, to serve a 2-year term to the NACo Board beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2017. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Talkington discussed meeting with City of Iola Council and Representative Thompson concerning changing the curve on US Hwy #54 at the old hospital. Discussion followed.

Mitchell Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, presented bids for de-icing salt. Bids were received from Frank Bills Trucking for $55.50 per ton times 120 tons for a total of $6,660.00; Central Salt $60.12 per ton times 120 tons for a total of $7,214.40; Morton Salt declined to bid; and Cargill Salt declined to bid. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the purchase from Frank Bills Trucking. Commissioner Daniels second, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported all is going well with roads at this time. They had to fix some roads after the rain and wind last week.

Sherrie reported Cindy Lane, Area Agency on Aging Director, called last Tuesday afternoon to report the AAA board passed the proposal to serve frozen meals to persons currently receiving warm meals out of the Chanute kitchen. She stated it is to take effect August 3, 2015. Sherrie requested to proceed with warm meals out of the county kitchen. Discussion followed. Chairman Williams moved to proceed with warm meals out of the county kitchen. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

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

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, discussed his 2016 proposed budgets; sheriff, jail, coroner and medical jail. He explained his biggest increase is on food. Currently his budget in jail is running a little higher but should even out by the end of the year. He discussed coroner budget, he left as is for 2016. Jail Medical is running about the same.

Mike Russell joined the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy stated currently the meals cost the county $2.48, so it is only an increase of $0.02 per meal that the county provides.

Mike asked about the hospital demolition bids.
Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Talkington asked Carl if he thought a joint meeting would be beneficial. Carl stated he thought a joint meeting is always a good idea, but didn’t know if KDOT would be available for that type of a meeting on the curve.

Commissioner Talkington stated he received an email from Carl concerning the utilities and sewer... and he agrees. Carl stated there is a sewer line that runs under the hospital or not. Carl asked if the elevation will be changed during the demolition period. Alan stated the grade would not be able to be changed at this time. Discussion followed. Carl stated they have not gone on with the traffic study at this time. Alan stated they are still in the process of working on a contract with G & W. Carl stated there has been a request for a cross walk for persons going to the Middle School; a press to cross light. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 2 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:58 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Alan stated one bid came in late and it is his recommendation to review any and all bids received.

David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, Timothy Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, and Michael Burnett, Paramedic, joined the meeting. Ryan opened a sealed bid from American Response Vehicles for a 2015 AEV Truamahawk Type I 172X96X72 X-Series limited Ford F-550 4x4 Powerstroke Diesel ambulance less Ford, AEV & ARV discounts for a total of $185,985.00 or a 2015 AEV Truamahawk Type I 172X96X72 X-Series limited Ford F-450 4x4 Powerstroke Diesel ambulance less Ford, AEV & ARV discounts for a total of $185,025.00 both with additional requested options for Stryker Power Pro XT #6506 for $13,393.00, Stryker Power Pro XT #6506 per your specification w/XPS Option for $16,251.00, Physio-Control Lifepak 15 V4 per your specifications $28,189.00, Physio-Control Lifepak 15 V4 per your specifications w/options $31,817.00 terms are net on delivery or active list, delivery will be 120 to 150 days after receipt of confirmed shop order, warranties are 20 years on all aluminum fully welded modular body, 7 years or 70,000 miles, includes electrical system, paint and graphics; Professional Ambulance for 2016 Ford F450 4x4 Horton 623 Type I Ambulance $188,979.00 or 2016 Ford F550 4x4 Horton 623 Type I Ambulance $190,024.00 options to consider Kenwood TK-5910 800 mhz Mobile Radio $2,300, Low Profile Radio Antenna $100, Stryer Power Pro Cot Model#6550 - $15,500, delivery approximately 220-250 days after receipt of signed production order and receipt of chassis. Discussion followed on difference of bids in regards to Stryker cots. Commissioners requested Ryan to review the bids.

David updated the commissioners on the super market. He stated Dan Williams, G & W Foods, Inc. is ready to sign a contract if the commission will take out the wording “if the bids come in too high the contract would be cancelled”. Alan stated he is good with taking out the statement “if the bids come in higher”. Commissioners approved taking that sentence in the proposed contract out. They discussed the demolition bids presented last week. Alan reported he had checked on the references for Remco Demolition (Tim Cates); he stated every person, city or company he had checked with was pleased with Remco Demolition’s services. Alan stated if the retaining wall and grade were requested, it might affect the bid cost. Commissioner Daniels discussed having someone from G&W on site during the demo so that they aren’t tearing up more than necessary.

Commissioner Talkington moved to accept the bid from Remco Demolition for $198,810 and to authorize Alan to work with Remco Demolition on the contract. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed on possible changes. Motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioner Talkington moved to authorize Chairman Williams to sign the contract with G & W Foods, Inc. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed the contract.

David thanked the commission for all their support of the Charlie Melvin Run. He stated Ron Holman has done an awesome job in helping.

David discussed having a ceremonial event for the demolition of the hospital. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk's Vouchers – $157,934.46
- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry #41

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until July 28, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson          Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk          Jim Talkington, Commissioner
Carl stated he needs to have a person to be a trustee from this area. Chairman Williams and Commissioner Daniels suggested Commissioner Talkington serve on this board. They meet the 3rd Thursday of the month and serve on another one of the KWORCC committees. Commissioner Talkington will take under consideration. KWORCC has 71 members which consists of other taxing entities.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, to have a joint City/County meeting on August 17, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners agreed to meet.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Mitchell Garner, Assistant Public Works Director, discussed one of the hangars at the airport.
Chairman Williams asked about a viewpoint on the zoning coming up next week. Bill stated they had posted a weight limit on one of the bridges north of Humboldt. He also stated the road going down the middle of Humboldt is actually a county road, but works with the city to keep it the way they want. Discussion followed. Bill stated they should take the most direct route right through the City of Humboldt. Bill stated a traffic count shows 2000 vehicles a day that is all currently going down that road. He stated Monarch is going to build a haul road from the site to the old 169. Bill stated there should be signs put up stating “Trucks entering road”. He stated Monarch as always giving to the county and works well.

Commissioner Talkington asked about a curve entrance onto the road Monarch is building. Discussion followed. Bill stated it is a haul road, not a county road, and it will be more of a gradual sweep entrance. Commissioner Daniels stated Monarch should be marking the road as a private entrance. Discussion followed.

Bill stated the City of LaHarpe has the same thing. Their main road is a county road.

Bill stated he would not route the trucks down a rock road, the traffic will tear it up. Heather asked if the county has to fix the county road through Humboldt, would Monarch take an alternate route.

Bill discussed future work on new 169 rebuild, they will be routing traffic down old 169 as well. Since it is an old highway, it is built to take the traffic without tearing up road. Commissioner Talkington discussed having an escrow account to fix roads. Bill stated Monarch as always came through.

Bob stated since it used to be a federal highway, it should hold up better than any others.

PROCLAMATION
Bill King Day
Allen County, Kansas

Whereas, Bill has served Allen County for 23 years; and
Whereas, Bill has honorably served and aided citizens of Allen County in emergency and normal times; and
Whereas, Bill has spent countless hours volunteering his time serving throughout Allen County for many worthy causes; and
Whereas, Bill has provided a safe and stable work environment for Public Works; and
Whereas, Bill has nurtured relationships for the betterment of Allen County throughout the Southeast Kansas area and the State of Kansas;

Therefore, we, the Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, do hereby proclaim July 28 2015 as Bill King Day.
Chairman Williams made a motion to proclaim today as “Bill King Day”. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan stated the auction was done at the old hospital. John Brocker had told Alan that he had grossed $20,000 from the auction.

Alan stated he has a signed contract from Remco Demolition for the old hospital demolition.

Alan mentioned Thrive is working on a “Fair Well” for the old hospital before it is demoed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

   a) Clerk’s Vouchers  - 7/23/15 - $35,938.23 & 7/28/15 - $60,632.68
   b) Payroll Changes
   c) Journal Entries:

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 4, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson        Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk        Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                           OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK           August 4, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented a bid from Ron Boren for the canopy overhang on the north side of the courthouse. Ron stated he would like to have it repaired before painting next spring. Discussion followed. Boren’s bid was $4,725.00. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reported Cox now has the phone lines. Advantage Computers have been programing the system and will soon be up and complete.

Sherrie stated Allen County hot meals started yesterday. All went well but there is still a major need for volunteers.

Sherrie requested to renew a lease with Pitney Bowes. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie mentioned Austin Peters Group, Inc. would be available to review the employee handbook and job descriptions and valuations. Commissioners stated it would be a good thing. Sherrie will get more information.
Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported they are doing a little bit of chip and seal.

Commissioner Talkington asked to check into how much mag-chloride would cost to do from Iowa Road to Hawaii Road down 1400 Street. Mitch will get the cost.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, requested a signature for payment order #78 for $80,000.00 to Murray Construction. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Williams sign. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. This leaves

Alan discussed warranty on masonry on the new hospital.
Alan ask the Commission for their approval to have a building farewell at the old ACH on Tuesday, August 25 from 4-7PM and for a ceremonial swinging of demolition hammers the following morning, Wednesday 8/26 at 10a.m. The Wednesday morning will be primarily elected officials with G&W officials and KOAM and local media invited. Commissioners approved.

Alan reported he has received the contract signed for demolition from Remco Demolition and need the commission to sign it. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Chairman Williams signature. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Alan discussed the Monarch Conditional Use Permit hearing held on July 23, 2015. He stated the Planning Board is the fact finder and the commission will determine whether or not they did so with due diligence.

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

Alan discussed stock in Monarch. Discussion followed.

Commissioners and Carl discussed lighting and signage at US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road Intersection and along Kentucky to the hospital.

Ryan Sell, Allen County EMS Director, Timothy Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, stated they have reviewed the specifications. Ryan stated after review he suggests to purchase the 2015 AEV Truamahawk Type I 172X96X72 X-Series limited Ford F-550 4x4 Powerstroke Diesel ambulance less Ford, AEV & ARV discounts for a total of $185,985.00 from American Response Vehicles. Alan stated the contract only requires the county to purchase the ambulance but not the cots and other items. Discussion followed on the need of these extra items: Stryker Power Pro XT #6506, Stryker Power Pro XT #6506 w/XPS Option, Physio-Control Lifepak 15 V4 per your specifications $28,189.00, Physio-Control Lifepak 15 V4 per your specifications w/options $31,817.00. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the purchase from American Response Vehicles for a 2015 AEV F-550 for $185,985 to satisfy the obligation to the County/City contract. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commission discussed rotation and transportation. This would be the only four wheel drive available in bad weather. Ryan stated they just don’t want to run the warranty out of it which is 7 years or 70,000 miles.

Carl stated the August 17, 2015 joint meeting has been set up at 6 p.m. and approve by the City Council as well. The plan is to discuss the hospital, platting of G& W and apartments (options and development), future plans. Carl suggested Chairman Williams conduct the meeting. Alan stated if the City purchases the equipment they will own the equipment not the county.

David Bideau, The Monarch Cement Company attorney, joined the meeting. Commissioners adjourned to the assembly room for the Monarch Cement Company CUP.

Tom reconvened at 10 a.m. in the assembly room at the Allen County Courthouse. Alan summarized the zoning meeting held on July 23, 2015. He explained that The Monarch Cement
Company had applied for a conditional use permit in February of 2014 to allow a quarry to mine shale, limestone, and associated minerals which would be utilized in cement manufacturing. At that time Monarch had planned to transport rock down 1300 Street south to Hawaii Road then east to US Hwy 169 south to Delaware Road west until trucks would enter Monarch’s property. Allen County Zoning Board rejected this. Monarch withdrew their application before Allen County Commissioners could hear the recommendation. Alan reported that Monarch had made several modifications in its new CUP application including limiting the CUP to excavation of clay and shale only with no limestone quarrying and no blasting and further, changing the haul route by purchasing land to the west and gaining access to old 169. Its hearing on July 23, the Allen County Zoning Board moved to recommend approval of the conditional use permit to allow the installation of a Borrow Pit to excavate Shale/clay which is used in cement manufacturing. Someone asked what the difference is between shale verse dirt.

David Bideau, The Monarch Cement Company’s attorney, thanked the commission for the opportunity to appear before them. He stated the Planning Commission had thoroughly heard everything at the conditional use permit hearing. He introduced Walter Wulf Jr, The Monarch Cement Company Owner/CEO, made a brief statement. He stated Monarch has 300 shareholders, it was started in 1908 and in 2014 they paid Allen County around $800,000 in property tax. They pay pensions for several employees. Monarch does property improvement to houses they buy; currently they have 17 houses rented out. He asked the employees of Monarch to stand; several stood. He asked the commission for approval of the recommendation from the zoning board. Walter introduced Kenny Miller, Doug Sommers, Brent Wilkerson, employees and what each title. Ron Carlburg, representative of International Brotherhood of Boilmakers Union. Ron read a letter:  

Kenny stated they have a great need of more clay and shale. This particular piece of property has a 60 year supply. Their plans had been to use 1300 Street at the time they had applied in February 2014 but withdrew the application and re-applied after they addressed concerns stated in February 2014. Monarch even purchased land so they could make their own haul road to old Hwy 169. Kenny presented and reviewed a traffic count survey chart from 1976 to 2013. This traffic count was for 9th Street in Humboldt, Kansas:  

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<th>Dear Allen Country Commissioners, 8-3-2015</th>
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<td>I am writing this letter, on behalf of 99 collective bargaining employees of the Monarch Cement Co.</td>
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<td>It is important to us that Monarch be granted these permits for shale removed from their property North of Humboldt. Monarch needs to be able to stay competitive in today’s market.</td>
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<td>In addition to the 75 bargaining unit employees there are 78 retired employees, plus 57 spouses of deceased retirees that receive retirement benefits from Monarch.</td>
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<td>We would like to be able to insure our employment now and for future employees of the Monarch Cement Co.</td>
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<td>Monarch is a very big part of the Humboldt and Allen County.</td>
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<td>Thank you sincerely, Allen Ford</td>
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<td>President Local D-93</td>
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<td>International Brotherhood of Boilmakers Union</td>
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Kenny stated Monarch did listen to the concerns and revised their plan to address the concerns of February 2014 zoning meeting.

Marilyn Jenkins, landowner, presented a handout of a commission meeting held in July of 2013 stating “eight points enumerated in the “Golden” decision at that time. (4).

Kenny stated there is a lot of river gravel in all the property currently CUP by Monarch. Marilyn asked if there wasn’t any other property Monarch could go to. Had they core drill, if so how far apart. Kenny addressed her questions stating some of the soil contents are too high alkalized. Marilyn stated she is asking to preserve the agricultural character of the area between Humboldt and Iola. Kenny stated this property would last Monarch for 60 years. They could use other property but they would need to use 1500 acres or more because of the shallow soil.

A discussion followed on core drilling to find the right chemical composition and problems found like river gravel in some of the content.

Marilyn presented a list of properties Monarch has file for zoning. #3
Marilyn stated they have 180 acres of tiled ground. She stated her concerns: 1) what devastation it is and would be to landowners, 2) concerned about welfare of neighbors. Marilyn recommended a permanent professional staff because she questioned the qualifications of the Zoning Board and several county offices. She stated Daniel’s farm Monarch land and feels they can’t be biases.

Sean Bowman, Monarch, stated they did more than drilling they actually use back hoe for the checking of river gravel.

Nicole Hoepker, stated she live just east of the property. She asked the commissioner to wait to make a decision until they would check with qualified persons. Chairman Williams stated old 169 is a truck route. Nicole stated the commission should do due diligence to get the correct information before a decision is made.

Chairman Williams state most persons would use common sense when driving. He asked about limiting any and all trucks if any limit was required on Monarch’s trucks. Nicole went on about normal traffic on old hwy 169.

Nicole asked if reclamation has been checked into or not. Brent stated Monarch does their reclaiming as required by the State of Kansas which means they don’t have to reclaim as long as they are still quarrying. Debbie Roe stated Monarch has to post a bond with all the quarry land Monarch owns. When does it ever get reclaimed; if they are not gaming the system they can keep it open as long as there is some quarrying or the state will take the bond money to reclaim the quarry. Commissioner Talkington asked about what all goes into reclaiming. Brent explained slopes, berms and other items. Kenny stated they have a quarry (Riebel Quarry) that is ready to reclaim but still using it as a road to the plant in order to stay off of county roads as much as possible. Brent stated they have done most of the reclamation but when it is no longer used as part of the haul route they will damn it and allow it to fill with water.

Nicole stated since land can’t be turned back into Ag land, why a CUP? Alan stated allows quarrying in Ag land will be Ag afterwards. Nicole pleaded with the commission to “Please check with persons who are qualified to know this information”. Nicole mentioned she did not want in her back yard with all the trucks, traffic and noise.

Chris Bauer named several items Monarch has done for City of Humboldt as well as a lengthy list of what monarch does for community. He dealt has dealt with Walter Wulf Sr. several years ago and he stated Monarch does not want recognized for what they do. Chris reported Monarch is one of the largest contributors to the community.

A discussion followed on lowering the speed limit to 45 miles from the haul road into Humboldt. It was suggested that maybe even take the speed limit down at the south side of Humboldt Hill.

Mona Hull stated she really does appreciate what Monarch has done but her concern is safety. They can accept the noise if they have to. The old hwy 169 all the way through town is very narrow. She explained the narrowness causes semis to wander all over the road. Mona stated she has a video of truck traffic not stopping but slowing around stop signs and have seen them cut off traffic. She mentioned the stop signs too low for truckers to see; tree coverage inhibits the site so truckers have to go out farther to see. Once again Mona stated “Safety is #1
concern”. She added her parents lived out there 40 years and worry about dust control and their health.

Ron Herder expressed his concerns on his property value dropping, the quality of trucks passing by consistently. He suggests Monarch use Iowa road to new US Hwy 169. He stands opposed if 1100 Street is the only route.

Mike Yowell stated where he lives. He has nothing against Monarch but chose several years ago to move where they did so that they could live in quiet. Mike presented pictures of roads and damage from large vehicles. He wants to live in peace and quiet, so requested that Monarch stay south and east of Humboldt area. Mike requested the commission to deny this CUP and have Monarch go with a different option.

Larry Hoepker, expressed his concerns were safety. He requested Monarch stay south and east of Humboldt. They support Humboldt now but if they keep going they will destroy Humboldt. Larry elaborated on the old hwvy 169 (1100 Street) there are no shoulders on county roads, what would the commission do with law suits from insurances for wrecks because of no shoulders. He presented a map showing land Monarch owns and what of it has been quarried. Larry says just say “no”. He also added “Monarch can be a provider but also a subtractor”.

Sharon Barton reported she lives on 9th street and works on 9th street. She allowed if Monarch takes their trucks straight through town it is not being a good neighbor; if they are even considering going through town. There are now and will be more broken vehicle windows due to rocks falling off Monarch trucks. Sharon is “Against it”.

Lane Sterling lives on 1300 Street. He discussed measurements on haul roads and other traveled roads. He requested the commission just insert permits regulations on the requested CUP. Monarch has been in operation over a 100 years and just now seeing they were short of shale? Lane suggested Monarch change the ingredients of cement to use what they have. He asked about core drill definition and what that really means. He stated his bottom line was that Humboldt requested to annex land around Humboldt 3 years ago. Cole reminded Lane that he was against expanding to the east. He highly suggested the commissioners investigate Nicole’s questions. Once again he stated Safety is his concern. Lane suggested Monarch reinstate the rail. Lane refused to answer Chairman Williams’ question of where he stands on the CUP.

Marilyn mentioned there were several persons not able to come to the Commission meeting because they are working at this time of day.

Karen Emerson said everyone is a “NIBY”, not in my back yard. She has raised her kids in Humboldt and it was already a highway at that time. Karen stated Monarch is a good neighbor and has always been one. They have always tried to address the communities concerns. She felt that if the Commission limit Monarch trucks that they should limit all trucks or no trucks.

Brent addressed noise and dust concerns. He stated noise is not an issue any more that farm equipment, no dust more than farm ground being worked.

Chairman Williams asked if Monarch knew about an aquifer and how that would affect well water. Brent stated they core to cap rock which is at 60 feet through the 30 foot of shale and another 30 foot of limestone to cap rock and did not see an aquifer.

Chairman Williams asked if Monarch would consider an alternate route. Walter stated Monarch would prefer the county not designate a route if it is already a truck route.

Commissioner Talkington stated he was ok for now, but has a lot to think about.

Commissioner Daniels stated safety is #1 thing to take under consideration and the success of all of Allen County. He stated this county is all combines and quarries and safety for all.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy discussed an accident in the area of Delaware Road was with truck, but not any other roads else involving trucks. He expressed his concerns with entry on to 1100 the Street. Discussion followed on traffic concerns and speeds dropping before Humboldt Hill. Sheriff Murphy discussed a speed limit south of Iola that has help in the last 5 years to reduce accidents.
Chairman Williams thanked everyone for their input. Commissioners tabled a decision until August 18, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck and Burns auditor discussed the requested 2016 budgets and 2015 valuation. He reviewed department budgets. Commissioners discussed where each department is currently, whether or not each would be able to cut 5% off of this year’s budget to help carry over. Commissioners will review changes and meet with Rodney again on August 18, if needed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry #42-43
- Abatements – RE Value, $, Year

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson            Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk              Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                              OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK         August 11, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 4, 2015 meeting.

Marilyn Jenkins, citizen, joined the meeting.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented information for ambulance trips year to date: Ambulance responses were 1,204 for an average of 5.68 calls per day. Of those runs 309 were dry runs, 555 were ALS Emergency, 296 BLS Emergency, 44 BLS Non-Emergency and 235 of those were hospital to hospital transfers. Terry has billed $924,416.29, has had $408,779.47 paid and had to write off $33,481.55, balance currently due $177,949.93. He reported total receipts for 2015 is $515,521.54; since merger is $492,716.92 (this goes into 650 fund) and prior to merger is $22,804.62 (this goes into 104 fund).

Terry requested a new computer for his office. He presented bids from Advantage Computers for a 500 GB HDD for $962.00 or a 500 GB SSD for $1000.92; HP.COM’s bid for a 500 GB HDD for $969.98 or a 500 GB SSD for $1,288.00; Dell’s online bid for a 500 GB HDD for $999.49 or a 500 GB SSD for $1,498.49. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Advantage Computers 500 GB SSD for $1,000.92. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan discussed not hearing Marilyn Jenkins presentation due to not having both parties present; Monarch and Marilyn. Marilyn left the meeting without giving her presentation.

Commissioners discussed 2016 budget to decide on a hearing date and publication.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the guardrail is up on the Hegwald Bridge. They installed them yesterday and KDOT will do their final inspections.

Mitch stated the Jet pump is installed at the Allen County Regional Airport. He reported it took 8 minutes to fill 750 gallons into a Lear Jet. It will be changed on FFA and website reporting so others will be aware of increase fueling time. Mitch discussed the installation process and cost.

John Brocker, Allen County Realty, Inc./Allen County Auction Services, joined the meeting.

Mitch discussed hangar space at the airport. He and commissioners discussed future plans for the airport.

Mitch reported numbers for the dust control for one mile was 5,625 gallons at $1.47 per gallon for a total of $8,268.75. 1400th Street would be costly to dust abate and it wouldn’t stay because the road would have to be graded. Discussion followed on chip and seal and upkeep on a county road. Mitch stated he doesn’t have the budget to keep 1400th Street maintained with major traffic on it.

Mitch presented information on a traffic count for 24 hour period on 1100th Street.

John Brocker presented a check for $18,599.70 to the Commission for the auction at the old hospital; Gross proceeds were $22,446.50, less publication and commission of $3,846.80.

Alan discussed cleaning up the hospital so that it would not have any hazards to trip over. Discussion followed. Thrive is running the farewell. Commissioners approved Alan to bid out cleaning so that it would be “a safe stroll down memory lane” at the hospital.

Mitch presented traffic counts for August 4, 2015 from Idaho – Iowa was 1,460 and Humboldt intersection at Bridge Street and Ninth Street was 1,893. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed selling land around the old hospital or offering it up to neighbors.

Marion “Tony” Thompson, Allen County Regional Hospital Chief Executive Officer, introduced himself to the commission and a little about his background. He discussed budgeting, state regulations, and strategic planning (5 to 10 year plan). Tony will be back after the New Year with their visions for Allen County Regional Hospital.

Alan reported on a Thrive meeting last evening in Humboldt to stimulant private citizens to get involved.

Commissioners discussed the conditions listed in the Monarch CUP meeting:
1. The plans for the intersection of the driveway and old 169 must be approved by Allen County engineers before construction of the driveway can begin and the driveway as constructed must be approved by Allen County engineers before it is used.
2. Only shale/clay may be excavate from the site. No limestone mining and no blasting.
3. Excavation and hauling activities will only occur during daylight hours.
4. Monarch will offset all excavation activities at least 100 feet from the surrounding property lines including those of the Rail Trail.
5. When the east side of the Rail Trail is mined, Monarch will, at its expense build a bridge for the trail over its excavation site.
6. Monarch will comply with all Federal, State and local laws and ordinances in the conduct of its activities at the site.
7. The haul route for excavated materials from the borrow pit site to the cement plant shall be established by the Board of Allen County Commissioners.
Commissioners asked why they couldn’t put more restrictions on the CUP, such as during inclement weather travel, lowering the speed limit and such. Alan stated they (Planning Board) did and could if they (Commission) needed.

John Naff, citizen, joined the meeting. Chairman Williams stated Alan would explain they are limited on what could be said on the defense. Alan stated there have been two public hearings on the Monarch CUP. John stated he felt there should be some fairness and he should be able to speak. Chairman Williams explained both parties are not present for their defense. John stated he has an opinion and not for either side. He stated the Commission has great power and he should be able to state his opinion and they aren’t being fair. Discussion followed.

John said he appreciated the speed limit on South State being lowered a few years ago.

Alan reiterated both parties are not substituting for the planning board; they have to have a finding that they acted arbitrarily. More than gut feeling but something that could be articulated. Discussion followed. Alan stated there could be a condition on what would reserve the right to alter the route at a later date if issues arrive. Questions on what would be permissible conditions were discussed.

John stated Cherokee County and area has been making monies on the strip pits due to beautiful homes being built on them and fishing and hunting.

Commissioners stated they would not be taking testimony or comments from the public next week, just a possible discussion between the Commissioners then at that time to make a decision one way or the other.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $48,410.53
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entry #44

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 17 for the purpose of a Special Meeting with the City of Iola at the new community building at the Riverside Park and then a regular meeting will be held on August 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

IOLA, KANSAS

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of a Joint City/County meeting with Chairperson Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

City of Iola: Joel Wicoff, Mayor, Austin Sigg, Johnathon Wells, Aaron Franklin, Beverly Franklin, Don Becker and Robert Shaughnessy, Iola Council, and Roxanne Hutton, City Clerk. Council Members Nancy Ford and Sandy Zornes were absent due to a death in the family.
Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, Cory Schinstock, Assistant Administrator, David Toland, Thrive Executive Director, Richard Luken Iola Register, Paul Zirjacks, Donna Houser, and Arlyn Briggs, were present at the meeting.

One of the first items of discussion was the old hospital. Chairman Williams asked Alan Weber to update the city on the next step and what has been completed. Alan discussed proposed development and what it might look like. He discussed road visibility, the retaining wall currently around the north side of the old hospital, and revisions to the current Medical Arts Building. He is working with Superior Builders on the Medical Arts Building revision project.

Council member Becker asked about the possibilities of straightening US Hwy #54 in the planning stage. Chairman Williams stated neither KDOT nor the county or city has the money to straighten the highway. Alan commented it would cost more than the whole project. Chairman Williams stated they need to check with G&W on what they are wanting the land to look like in regards to removing the retaining wall, as they have plans in the works. Council member Wells stated the county did a great job in deciding what to do with that property. He thanked the county and commented on the county’s vision to work with G&W and look at long range plans for apartments. Council member Wells commented on a traffic study for that area.

Commissioner Talkington asked David Toland about the interest in building the apartment complex. David stated yes there is interest, but G&W wants more apartments around the store. He mentioned there are 3 private investors that Thrive is working with concerning apartment buildings. Thrive has been working with Iola Industries on a housing market study. They had hoped to have ground breaking the same time as G&W. Council member Wells commented on valuation and the tax dollars they would bring to Iola.

A discussion followed on zoning and codes. Cory discussed current utilities need to be removed from the old hospital before the demolition starts. Alan will visit with Cory to coordinate a time line for this. Chairman Williams commented on the neighbors in the area and the need to do the best we can for them during this building process. Commissioner Talkington asked about a time line for the project. Alan stated the persons from the public auction had 30 days to remove their items, and Remco will have 90 days once they start to complete the demolition. He has a walk through scheduled with them. Commissioner Talkington discussed the “Farewell” ceremony at the old hospital on August 25. David stated yes, it will be August 25 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for families to come bid farewell to a place where some were born and some lost family members over the last 60 years. August 26 at 10 a.m. is scheduled for a “building breaking” ceremony which will be heralding the old building and starting a new chapter. He encouraged all the commission and mayor/council to attend. Commissioner Talkington stated the old hospital will be down by the end of the year. Council member Wells asked if the ground breaking would be in the spring. Commissioner Talkington stated yes, there has to be ground compaction and an engineering study done. He asked David about when G&W hoped to be done. David stated G&W anticipates 9 months, so they should be complete and open at the end of 2016. A discussion followed on compaction of that area.

Council member Shaughnessy asks if the apartments would be government buildings. David stated they would not be restricted to income but based on market rate. They are dealing with 3 builders.

Chairman Williams stated the County Commission has already agreed the buildings should be aesthetically pleasing to look at.

Council member Beverly Franklin commented about the ambulance. Commissioner Talkington stated he felt there was a good working relationship among the crew. Chairman Williams commented on what the city has done to make the merger work was appreciated. Council member Wells said “Kudo’s” to the folks doing the work.
Commissioner Talkington stated open communication is the key and there should be at least semiannual joint meetings with the cities, if not more. Council member Wells stated we have come a long way in two years.

Chairman Williams reported the county is having lighting installed at the intersection of US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road, both to the south and north. This is a dark intersection and it would help to see the turn for the new hospital. The commission had looked at installing lighting along Oregon Road west to Kentucky, but felt it wasn’t feasible at this time.

Commissioner Talkington asked about the city lighting Kentucky out to the new hospital. Council member Wells stated installation is out right now until something is done with Kentucky Street itself. Council member Shaughnessy stated he felt Kentucky should have work done on it and the lighting should be on a divider in the middle of the street, as the sides have steep ditches. Council member Sigg ask about the possibility of the county paying for materials, if the city installs.

Council member Beverly Franklin asked about a Medical Arts Building. Commissioner Talkington stated no, not at the new hospital, but yes at the old hospital. He reported the new Allen County Regional Hospital administrator is Tony Thompson.

Council member Becker asked how the new hospital is doing financially. Commissioner Talkington stated great. Chairman Williams commented the next two years look good. Alan agreed that the next two years look good, but after that depends on what the government does down the road.

Council member Beverly Franklin asked what was being done to recruit a VA division. David stated they have a meeting Wednesday at the new hospital and that topic is on the agenda.

Chairman Williams asked if there were any other concerns or comments. Council member Beverly Franklin stated she didn’t feel the county was paying enough to the city on the ambulance. Commissioner Talkington assured her the county signed the renegotiated contract with the city in good faith. Chairman Williams stated it is hard to wish of sick people and hope not to be making a profit.

Council member Becker commented on Kentucky Street with concerns on bad winter weather and how narrow the street is. Council member Beverly Franklin stated a line down the middle and both sides could help. Commissioner Daniels stated the new ambulance purchased for the city was a 4 wheel drive, so that would be reliable during winter weather.

Council Wells asked if the Allen County Regional Airport was used much. Chairman Williams reported new pumps were installed. Commissioner Daniels commented the airport is in an excellent location for pilots, with added bonus of improving the fueling pumps to allow larger planes/jets to fuel quicker, also updating the weather reporting system. Most of the hangars are full. Allen County has an airport to be proud of! There have been some interested businesses in expanding around the airport and would be an excellent area from his view point.

Council member Beverly Franklin asked how the county felt about trying to annex the Berg addition again. Chairman Williams stated it didn’t matter one way or the other to the county.

A discussion on sewer and utilities at the old hospital site were discussed, as well as the basement fill. A return discussion on ambulances and expectations followed.

Commissioner Talkington thanked the city for their help on the lighting south of town on State Street.

Council member Becker moved to adjourn the city portion of the meeting. Council member Beverly Franklin seconded, motion passed.
With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 18, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                                                     Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk                                                     Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS             OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                        August 18, 2015

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie discussed an email from Brenda R. Sharpe, President & CEO of REACH Healthcare Foundation. She recommended Allen County Commissioners appoint Patti Boyd to the REACH Healthcare Foundation’s Community Advisory Committee to fill the term recently vacated by Jon Marshall. Patti’s term would run retroactive to June 1, 2015 and conclude May 31, 2018. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to appoint Patti Boyd to the REACH Healthcare Foundation’s Community Advisory Committee. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie mentioned Allen County Officials have been invited to attend the Southeast Kansas Officials meeting in Elk County on September 10, 2015.

Commissioner Talkington discussed the joint meeting with the City of Iola and Allen County last evening. He suggested the offer of a joint meeting should be offered to all cities within Allen County; the other two commissioners agreed.

Commissioners discussed with Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, the praise received from the joint city/county meeting concerning the airport.

Mitch presented information for the cost of chip seal for a one mile stretch of road. Oil would cost $13,185.00 for 4,500 gallons of MC800, $8,280.00 for 4,500 gallons of RS-1H; road work would be $22,286.76. Totals for just chip seal: $30,566.76 and for rebuild: $43,751.76. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported crews are still out mowing.

Chairman Williams discussed giving Public Works and Sheriff the authority to shut down Monarch operations on old 169 hwy during increment weather and reduce speed limit along areas along old 169 hwy. Commissioner Daniels stated when you reduce the speed of vehicles, you reduce chances of incidents. Discussion followed on speed limits and safety. Commissioner Daniels expressed concerns on making sure the debris is kept off the roadway. Commissioner Talkington stated he would like to reserve the right to make changes if it isn’t working out. Discussion followed.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, introduced Jason Trego, Emergency Management Director. Jason explained a training he had attended at Fort Scott.

John Naff joined the meeting.
Commissioner Talkington stated he would like to see Monarch routed to old 224 hwy to merge onto new US Hwy 169 down to Delaware Road. Discussion followed. Chairman Williams stated he is not for dictating a route for Monarch. Any damages done will be monitored by Public Works Road Supervisor and Monarch persons and damages paid by Monarch. Chairman Williams stated he will not suggest a road route, but would like to keep it to paved roads.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting. Chairman Williams informed Alan of what his motion will be and that Commissioner Talkington wants to state a route. Alan stated he would like to reserve the right to take a designated truck route, which are built for heavy traffic. Alan stated it is all perspective. Industry is important to Allen County and cities. Discussion followed.

Alan requested authorization for payment order for building and improvements to Allen County Regional Hospital to pay Health Facilities Group, LLC for $1,908.26. Commissioner Daniels moved to authorize Chairman Williams’ signature. Commissioner Talkington seconded. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the Farewell at the old Allen County Hospital on August 25, 2015 at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be a demolition ceremony on August 26, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Discussion followed.

Paul Zirjacks joined the meeting. He stated he felt the idea for the new store is a great idea. It will be a good addition for the east side of Iola.

Commissioners recessed to move down stairs for the Monarch decision.

Chairman Williams reconvened the meeting in the Assembly Room. Those present were Mona Hull, Marilyn Jenkins, Bill Jenkins, Larry Hoepker, Paul L. Zirjacks, Kenny Miller, Walter Wulf, Jr., Paul Finney, John Naff, Kent Webber, Sam Budrean, Karen Emerson, Doug Sommers, Sandra Drake, David Bideau, Cole Herder, Justin Hoepker, and Nicolle Hoepker. Chairman Williams expressed his many Thanks to the Zoning Board for their work on the “No win” situation decision. The Zoning Board is made up of our neighbors and friends, they are not paid for their service, but the county truly appreciated their time given. Chairman Williams also thanked the individuals that called with concerns and or support. He agreed with some and some he didn’t, but appreciated all the calls.

Chairman Williams made a motion to accept the findings of the zoning board with the following additions: 1) that the route consist of paved roadways, using no county roads; 2) that the speed limit from Maryland Road to the north edge of Humboldt be lowered by resolution to 45 mph; 3) that the Sheriff of Allen County and Road & Bridge Supervisor together can declare inclement weather conditions and hold Monarch trucks from using the old 169 highway until they agree conditions permit; 4) that the County Commission reserve the right to change the routing conditions as necessary; 5) that the Commission reserve the right to hold Monarch responsible to extensive damage related to operations. Commissioner Talkington seconded. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Talkington thanked all for their input. He has had 50 calls for and 50 calls against, so this has been a hard decision to make, but in his heart he knows it is the right decision.

Chairman Williams stated he felt safety was addressed in the motion, which is his number one concern.

Chairman Talkington stated he felt that the county reserving the rights to change routes if needed, would be to keep persons safe.

Commissioner Daniels stated there were a lot for and against the requested CUP. He reminded all that this is his home too, in this area. He felt discussion he has had concerning issues on safety
had helped. He stated there is no perfect solution, but the commission had all looked at safety. Commissioner Daniels has worked at local, county and state levels in safety supporting jobs.

David Bideau, Attorney for The Monarch Cement Company, asked for clarification on condition number 3...All trucks or just Monarch/Whitaker trucks?

Alan stated it would be just Monarch/Whitaker trucks.

David stated if it was all trucks, they wouldn’t have an issue but singling out Monarch/Whitaker is a problem.

Chairman Williams stated they are looking at keeping things safe as possible. Marilyn Jenkins commented that if David could question she had a comment question as well. She asked about the motion on reserving options if and when new US Hwy 169 reroutes traffic onto old 169 hwy through the middle of Humboldt.

Commissioner Talkington stated he had visited with KDOT and if and when this happens, they will not reroute traffic, but will have a 10 mile one lane road and not close the road.

Chairman Williams called for a vote: Commissioner Talkington - aye; Chairman Williams – aye; and Commissioner Daniels – aye.

Commissioners recessed to the commission room.

Chairman Williams reconvened the commission meeting.

Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed the budget and mill levies. Discussion followed on projected Enbridge valuation and CCPS Transportation. Questions on whether valuation would be questioned at a later date were discussed. Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck and Burns, discussed possible valuation and what that does to the tax levy. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to publish as discussed. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - $75907.05
b) Payroll Changes
c) Abatements: RE Value 4756, $945.48, Yr 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson        Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie discussed the valuation from Enbridge Pipeline and CCPS certified last Wednesday.

Sherrie requested a new refrigerator for the Moran Senior/Community Center. Commissioners approved to get bids.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, stated he would have bids for lighting in a couple of weeks. He presented signage signs for US Hwy 169 acceptable for KDOT. They approved two of the three requested signs: Allen County Regional Hospital >1, Allen County Community College >2 were approved and Iola Industrial Park was declined.

Mitch stated they had to do some work on one of the pumps at the Allen County Regional Airport.

Alan discussed clean up at the hospital. The “Farewell” gathering is today at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Alan discussed the upcoming demolition. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 8/19/2015 122,714.89, 8/25/2015 $132,671.96
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson      Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk      Jim Talkington, Commissioner
John Muhl, Eagle Scout, updated the commissioners on his service project. He needs a project beneficiary. He explained that meant for someone to act as a third party; communicate with John concerning the project. His service project is to have a box for American flags to be placed, and then dealt with for a means of proper destruction. Chairman Williams stated he feels it’s a good project and John should be commended for working on this. This is a great way for people to properly dispose of their American flag. John further explained that anything he fundraises will go to Allen County and Humboldt. John read from a document provided by Boy Scouts of America. As of now, he doesn’t have a receptacle for the flags. Chairman Williams moved that Allen County Chairman be beneficiary of Eagle Scout, John Muhl’s service project, Commissioner Talkington seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy discussed roof repair. He stated it’s guaranteed for 15 years and didn’t even make 11. Chairman Williams said he didn’t want to put Sheriff’s budget in jeopardy, tipping fees were mentioned, Commissioner Talkington mentioned County General. Sheriff Murphy discussed his budget and expenses. He stated his concern was his budget and the roof issue. Chairman Williams stated to take the roof repair cost out of County General and hopefully at year end we can recoup some of it from the Sheriff’s budget.

Chairman Williams discussed speed limits with Sheriff Murphy regarding the recent Monarch decision. Sheriff Murphy brought up a suggestion he received about a light at top of Humboldt hill. Sheriff will get with Mitch Garner, Public Works Director about speed limit.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported to the meeting. Chairman Williams asked Mitch about a letter concerning LaHarpe. Mitch explained the area. He stated it’s been cleaned out, but it just sits in a hole. Mitch doesn’t feel an engineer is needed. He will take another look at it to see if there is anything at all that can be done by Allen County.

Carl Slaugh, Iola City Administrator joined the meeting.

Commissioner Talkington asked about dirt at the Super Eight. A citizen had asked him about it. Carl explained that KDHE had required that new clean soil be brought in. Commissioner Daniels noted that all this activity is being monitored by KDHE.

Commissioner Daniels suggested Mitch communicate with staff at Monarch about the signage. Sheriff Murphy asked about where to start slowing down traffic. Discussion followed.

Carl asked Mitch about cover at the landfill. Mitch explained the procedure that approves such.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel for 5 minutes, Commissioner Daniels seconded. It is now 9:09 a.m. Those in the room are Chairperson Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk. Commissioner re-convened at 9:14, no action taken.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, reported to the meeting. He discussed the demo project at the old hospital. Commissioner Daniels asked about the medial arts building. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Murphy reported that the jail administrator has resigned. He stated that Dathan McMurtrey just graduated from the academy. He’s looking at putting on a new deputy in October and one in November. The jail administrator’s office was discussed.

Ron Holman, House and Grounds Director, stopped in to share bids for a refrigerator for the Moran Senior Center: Westco for $589.98, Flynn Appliance for $624.00 and Home Appliance Co for $645.00. It was noted that Flynn Appliance would provide maintenance if need be. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase a refrigerator from Flynn Appliance Center for $624.00. Commissioner Talkington seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.
Alan brought up the LaHarpe road issue. He said Allen County has the responsibility to put in the proper drainage, other than that there's not much that Allen County can do.

Chairman Williams moved to go into executive session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege for 5 minutes, Commissioner Talkington seconded. It is now 9:35 a.m. Those in the room are Chairperson Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, County Counselor and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk. Commissioner re-convened at 9:40, no action taken.

Commissioner Talkington asked about a set structure for pay raises. Allen County does not have step-grade. Alan mentioned that there is a company that would do a review of the Allen County personnel manual and the way in which pay raises are given. Commissioners asked that he look into that option.
Alan said he'll probably start working on the next tax sale in October.

Chairman Williams opened up the Allen County Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m. There was no public present. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the Allen County Budget, Commissioner Daniels seconded and motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers – $134,697.15
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk
Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK September 8, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting.

Carla Nemecek, Southwind Extension District Executive Director, reported since the 4H kids did well at State last year (1st in state for livestock judging and 1st in Quiz bowl in Omaha), they want to attend Ak-Sar-Ben (Nebraska spelled backwards)Aquarium to compete again. Carla requested to hold Cow Patty Bingo again for Farm City Days on the west side of the courthouse. It worked well last year. Discussion followed. Carla stated they would be competing again at
the American Royal at the end of September. Commissioners approved Extension to have the Cow Patty Bingo on the sidewalk.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported mower problems. They are getting there, everything is going good. They have been selling a lot of jet fuel to spray planes. Discussion followed. He stated the motor on the new pump was being replaced.

Commissioner Talkington asked Mitch to look at the intersection of 2000 Road and Oregon Road; it needs trimmed back.

Mitch stated the bid for the lighting will be completed next week, and then they will be waiting on the State of Kansas.

Mitch discussed hangar rent at the Allen County Regional Airport. Mitch presented a state form for Agricultural Risk Coverage – County Option (ARC-CO) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) Contract for Aaron Coltrane who farms the crop land at the Allen County Regional Airport. Aaron has to turn this in to state. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Williams sign the form. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported the demolition of the old hospital should be started by the end of September. The demolition will take approximately 90 days, but construction will not start until spring. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels stated he read where the Independence, Kansas hospital is closing. Discussion followed on other hospitals in Southeast Kansas.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Jennifer Hill, EMC Insurance/McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A., and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:06 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Jennifer Hill, EMC Insurance/McDonald, Tinker, Skaer, Quinn & Herrington, P.A., and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 11:06 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:16 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers  - $369,128.49
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entry #45

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. Chairperson Thomas R. Williams was absent.

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 8, 2015.

Sherrie requested to pay for flu shots for Allen County employees offered by the SEK Multi County Health Department on September 28, 2015. These shots cost $30.00. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the county paying for flu shots for the employees. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported the county has a back hoe and conduit ready to put in an entrance along 1100 Street between Idaho Road and Iowa Road just north of Humboldt.

Mitch requested Ronald Fulton to carry over 59 hours of vacation. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the carryover to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Mitch presented bids for the lighting on US 169 and Oregon Road. There will be six lights. Two bids were presented; one from Atlas Electric, LLC at a cost of $39,888.00 to be completed by December 31, 2015, they are out 12 weeks for the poles; Strukel Electric, Inc. at a cost of $29,990.00 to be completed by December 31, 2015, they are out 12 weeks for the poles. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Strukel Electric, Inc. for $29,990.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Mitch present bids for tires. Bids were from Eastside Tire for Triangle TB516 Rock Lug E-3 29.5R25 at $4,175.00 plus .25 for a total of $4,175.25, labor $65.00 per hour, need two tires; Eastside Tire for BKT SR30 Rock Lug TL 29.5R25 at $5,135.00 plus .25 for a total of $5,135.25, labor $65.00 per hour, need two tires which would be a special order; Fred’s Treads for Trevera 28 ply 29.5R25 at $2,550.00 need two tires; Fred’s Treads for Deestone 28 ply 29.5R25 at $3,450.00 need two tires; Fred’s Treads for Two Star 28 ply 29.5R25 at $3,900.00 need two tires; Fred’s Treads for BKT Two Star 28 ply 29.5R25 at $5,275.00 need two tires; J-D’s Automotive for Bias-Prime X 28 ply 29.5L5-L5 at $5,960.00, labor $85.00 per hour, need two tires; J-D’s Automotive for General 28 ply 29.5LE5-L5 at $5,600.00, labor $85.00 per hour, need two tires; J-D’s Automotive for Firestone 28 ply 29.5LE5-L5 at $5,650.00, labor $85.00 per hour, need two tires; J-D’s Automotive for Michelin XLDLZ LS Radial 28 ply 29.5 at $7,780.00, labor $85.00 per hour, need two tires. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested Mitch to get more information.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, reported Jim Gilpin notified that Diebolt Lumber Company building and land is going up for sale on Wednesday. Discussion followed. Allen County is not interested in the building. Some of the land is under consideration.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, reported the old mapping office is open to be inhabited. He would like to be allowed to move into it. Telephone lines and computer hook up will need to be updated. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the move. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Terry discussed receiving faxes from the Allen County Regional Hospital.
Alan reported James Gentry employment as maintenance worker is over at the hospital and the electric has been disconnected. Alan is still working with Superior Builders to get the Medical Arts Building separated. Discussion followed.

Alan reported the executive director for the Allen County Community Foundation has been terminated since they aren’t raising enough monies to pay wages. Discussion followed. Alan explained the foundation will continue, just not with a full time executive director.

Commissioners discussed area hospitals’ future. Critical Access, Medicare and what the state has done to reimbursement monies were all discussed. Alan stated there are always several things to consider, which are always changing due to government. Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:16 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:21 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:26 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $65,571.33
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entry #47

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 22, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                     Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk                     ______________________________
                                                  Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                     OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                     September 22, 2015

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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, and Jeremy Kettler, citizen, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the September 15, 2015 meeting.
Sherrie presented a certification of voting delegate and alternate to KWORCC annual meeting. Commissioner Talkington moved to appoint Sherrie L. Riebel, as voting delegate and Jerry Daniels as alternate. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Tom Nevans, Veteran’s Day Committee representative, requested November 7th to use the square for an obstacle course and a climbing wall. They will have the annual parade around the square. He would like to use the assembly room in the courthouse to have an event with the school kids. Tom requested the courthouse be open for use of the restrooms from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Commissioners approved.

Tom requested the County Commission help with cost on replacing flags around the Veteran’s Wall. Commissioners will visit with Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, concerning the flags.

Commissioners wondered about combining the Eagle Scout project with the Veteran’s Day events. Discussion followed.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented bids for tires. He mentioned they didn’t change from last year. Bids were received from Eastside Tire for Triangle TB516 Rock Lug E-3 29.5R25 at $4,175.00 plus .25 for a total of $4,175.25, labor $65.00 per hour, need two tires; Eastside Tire for BKT SR30 Rock Lug TL 29.5R25 at $5,135.00 plus .25 for a total of $5,135.25, labor $65.00 per hour, need two tires which would be a special order; J-D’s Automotive for Bias-Prime X 28 ply 29.5LE5-L5 at $5,960.00, labor $85.00 per hour, need two tires; J-D’s Automotive for Firestone 28 ply 29.5LE5-L5 at $5,650.00, labor $85.00 per hour, need two tires. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the purchase from J-D’s Automotive for the Bias-Prime Z. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting. Carl discussed body cameras. He stated there are three communities in Kansas that received them; Wichita, Dodge City and Wyandotte County. Discussion followed on the benefits and success of officers using the cameras.

Carl discussed the hospital demolition and when it is to start. Commissioners reported from 60 to 90 days. Discussion followed on utilities between the old hospital and the Medical Arts Building.

Carl reported the EPA is supposed to start work the week after tearing up yards to remove lead. The last time was in either 2005 or 2006. The waste is taken to the landfill to be used as fill.

Carl visited with the commission about a meeting scheduled on October 26th to discuss community health awareness; it is currently between the city and schools. Commissioner Daniels stated there is something similar happening September 30 at Humboldt USD 258 school district.

Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck & Burns, LLC, presented the audit. He reviewed and explained what each report meant to Allen County Commission. Discussion followed. Rodney explained the first two pages are his opinion (Independent Auditor’s Report), pages 4 & 5 are a summary statement of all county funds (Cash Receipts, Expenditures and Unencumbered Cash), starting page 6 are notes of financial statements (Allen County doesn’t follow GAAP procedures, as we waive out with a resolution and use cash basis) these include Allen County policy’s, page 11 has stewardship, compliance and accountability, page 12 lists all of Allen County’s outstanding debt (hospital and jail), page 15 to 58 has individual funds by year with actual expenditures compared to budgeted, very back pages are a summary of fee offices. Rodney discussed the landfill and how it is figured, computation of closure. Discussion followed. Last year Alan had to send a letter to the Health Department at state; he needs to do so this again this year.

Rodney discussed the Meals on Wheels concerning reimbursement and actual costs.
Rodney stated there was one issue with Tiger Software in the commissary account, but it is a program error.

Rodney recommended a mandatory one week vacation of all employees that handle financial. He stated so many persons having gambling problems are found in the cases of embezzlement.

Rodney presented a contract for 2015 with a 2% increase, which would make the fee for the audit service $15,975.00 and a contract for the budget for 2017 for $1,300.00. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve both contracts. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counsel, discussed the landfill compliance. He will be taking care of it.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:37 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $161,315.52 & $2,406.89
b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 29, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Talkington moved to nominate Bonnie (Rob) Roberts. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, discussed the assistant attorney position. He is still looking for the position.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, stated all was going well. Commissioners commented on the ditches. The crew is out mowing currently.

Mitch stated they have installed the entrance for Monarch Cement. Commissioners stated the entrance is long, but looks good. Loren Korte, PSI Insurance, presented a dividend check to the commission for $15,159.05. Kansas County Safety Dividend Group is 1.68% of the 2014-2015 Dividend.

Loren discussed saving money for SEK Multi County Health Department.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Rorik Peterson, EDP Renewables (EDPR), project manager, discussed the Moran Wind Energy Project. EDPR NA is the third largest owner/operator of wind farms in the United States. Locally, their staff is based in Overland Park, Kansas; out of the Overland Park Regional Development Office, they develop projects across the central United States. He stated wind energy has grown rapidly in Kansas over the past 15 years. Rorik discussed the first utility-scale wind farm in Kansas – Gray County (Montezuma), 2001 112 MW; today 2,864 MW. They have seven wind farms under construction this year in Kansas. Roughly 21 percent of electricity generation in Kansas is from the wind. Rorik covered several items such as “Benefits of wind energy to Kansans” and “Moran Wind Energy Project”. The lifecycle of a wind farm generally consists of three phases: Development is 3 to 10 years, Construction around 6 to 11 months and Operations of 20 to 50 years. He stated successful development of a wind farm requires several “stars to align” before it actually happens. Rorik stated he understands Allen County would require them to apply for a Conditional Use Permit to be issued. He also assured the commission they work through a project engineering and formulation of transportation plan to keep county roads in prime condition.

Commissioners discussed how taxes would be collected or assessed. Rorik explained how it has worked in other counties; tax exempt or pilot agreement with county, annual payment to the county. He explained about changes the legislature passed this year: 10 year life time exemption is new this year. They would have to have everything done by the end of 2016 to get a lifetime exemption. Rorik stated it is a toss-up on which would be most beneficial to the county; In lieu of tax or tax role. The state would be assessing the Wind Farm turbos.

Rorik discussed the Wind Farms going up in Coffey County and how the county is handling it.

Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Cara Barkdoll, Allen County Register of Deeds, and Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Rorik discussed legislative issues that happened this year at the state. Discussion followed. He stated he looks forward to working with Allen County.

Rebecca G. Crowder, The Austin Peters Group, Inc. President, has worked since 1998 consulting. She has worked for city and county. Rebecca discussed visiting department heads and with each employee to update job descriptions. The handbook will be reviewed at the same time. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Chairman Williams sign the Letter of Understanding for Allen County Classification and Compensation Study, Job Descriptions and personnel manual. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed the letter.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk’s Vouchers - $93,090.64
- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry # 51

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 6, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  October 6, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of September 29, 2015.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, reported on the LaHarpe Senior Center door. He stated the frame is rotting, needs replaced. He presented a bid from Superior Builders for $1,450.00. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from Superior Builders for $1,450.00, Commissioner Talkington seconded. The motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron asked about the flags around the Veterans’ Wall. Commissioners confirmed he needed to order new flags. Ron will talk to the Veterans Committee Representative about their process on these flags.

Mitchell Gamer, Public Works Director, reported to the meeting. Commissioner Talkington suggested that Mitch and some of the other county department heads get together with their counterpart at Coffey County regarding the windfarm. Mitch agreed that was a good idea. Commissioner Williams stated he wouldn’t limit it to Coffey County, talk with others that have been through the windfarm process, find out what worked, what didn’t, etc.

Mitch discussed the signs for trucks entering the old highway, regarding the Monarch trucks. Discussion followed.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting. He mentioned that Farm City Days will be next week.

Carl asked about lights being put in on Oregon Road. Commissioner Williams stated just to light the intersection of 169 Highway.
Ryan L. Potts, Agent for Liberty National Life Insurance Company, presented information on his company. He stated they primarily work with counties, hospitals and businesses. Two major items each employee gets: 1) discount card for vision, hearing & drugs. 2) Accidental death policy for $3000 for self & spouse & $1000 for children. It is a pre-tax life insurance, up to $50,000. It would be paid for via payroll deduct. He said that his company does not advertise. He works directly with the employee when they need assistance with a claim. The cancer policy is for life, the rate never changes. Commissioner Talkington asked Ryan what their rating was. He answered it was strong, but he could find out for him. He said his company currently serves 50 counties in Kansas, Greenwood being the closest to Allen. Commissioners thanked Ryan for the information he presented.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, reported to the meeting. Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for ten minutes for attorney-client privilege, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Talkington moved to go back in execute session for five more minutes, Chairperson Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:41 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:46 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a.) Clerk’s Vouchers – $306,009.98
b.) Payroll Changes
c.) Journal Entry #53-57

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed work Monarch is doing at the entrance on 1400 Street.

Mitch stated the hospital demolition has not headed to the landfill at this time. Discussion followed on salvaging the material.

Commissioners informed Mitch about the motion on closing N. Dakota Road for a couple of days.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels 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 Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:07 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $48,776.12
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries - #58-61

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 20, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

October 20, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 13, 2015.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, Sandra Drake, Allen County Appraiser, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, and Terry Call, EMS Financial Director joined the meeting to show Commissioner Appreciation. Department heads requested 2016 Holidays, a January 26, 2016 Appreciation Dinner, December 15 Snack Day and 2016 COLA 2%/Merit 3%.

2016 HOLIDAYS (All full time employees except dispatch, deputies, & jailers)

NEW YEAR’S DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016
Chairman Williams moved to accept the proposed 2016 Holidays. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed having a January 26 appreciation dinner. Commissioners approved. Discussion followed on catering and other options.

Commissioners discussed job descriptions and pay.

Ron presented door repair bids for the N. State Street building. Bids were presented from Superior Builders LLC for $1,080.00 to fix a door on the north side of their building. Phil Loveall and Helman Construction both declined to bid.

Mitch discussed a bridge project #000011025405700, where Martin Creek crosses the Anderson/Allen County line. Anderson County will be doing the majority of work on the grant, but Allen County Commission needs to sign off on it as well. Allen County will be paying a certain percent and Anderson County will be paying another percent and the state will pay the rest. Commissioners will review the documentation and make a decision later.

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

Carl discussed the success of Farm/City Days this last weekend.

Alan stated Angie’s suit is solved and will be finalized.

Alan discussed a letter from an attorney in Topeka expressing concern that there is a conflict of interest in coroner and calling for transportation. Discussion followed. This is actually a decision of the district coroner, but Alan would like this to be addressed. Commissioner Daniels asked about rotation on calling transportation. Alan will check more into this concern.

Bobbi Bonds, Damaris Kunkler, and Pastor Meyer, Allen County GROW Food Policy Council, presented information on the history of GROW and reasons for GROW. Pastor Meyer reported there had been a survey by Linda Garett that covered senior centers, food pantries and businesses showing the need of education of foods. They requested the commission appoint the following people to the AC GROW FPC committee: Donna Beebe, Ag Producer, Ag Bus.,
Lorelei Goforth, Feeding America Coordinator, Isaiah Macias, Restaurant Manager/College, Cindy Ritchie, MVHS Food Service Dir., Christine Tholen, Family Physician, and Clara Wicoff, Youth. Commissioner Talkington moved to appoint, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Damaris stated Allen County has been a leading example for the State of Kansas. She explained more successes and needs. Discussion followed on buy in throughout Allen County; changes and working programs. Debbie Bearden joined the meeting. Everyone present discussed how to encourage more gardening in communities. Chairman Williams stated the most calls he has had from residents’ are concerns regarding food availability i.e. the need for G & W.

Alan discussed the Tax Foreclosure Sale property that might be a possible use for a “Land Bank” to use for food gardens. Discussion followed on several different options that would benefit communities throughout Allen County.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $175,659.64
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entry #62-65

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until October 27, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk        Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  October 27, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting.

Sherrie discussed a publishing requirement in order to apply for a Service to the Elderly Van Grant. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the publication. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reported Austin Peters’ group has started employee interviews and will finish up Tuesday. They have scheduled a department head meeting with the supervisors at a later date.
Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, requested Kim Riebel to carry over 62.5 hours of vacation. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the carry over to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch discussed why they still need to have land lines for airport due to AWOS and land lines for noxious weed and shop due to the fuel system.

Mitch stated Allen County Commissioners did not have to sign off on the bridge project on the Allen/Anderson County line. Anderson County has the grant project and Allen County will end up paying approximately $20,000. The project is just extending a low water bridge.

Mitch reported there are issues with KDOT and engineers on digging along US Hwy 169 and Oregon Road for lights. Discussion followed on state right away and digging.

Commissioner Talkington discussed ditch work at the Bassett area. Mitch will check into this.

Commissioner Daniels asked about “Trucks Entering Roadway” signs for 1100 Street between Humboldt and Iola. Discussion followed on having rumble strips or washboard so that it knocks off the dirt and such before entering on 1100 Street.

Commissioner Daniels stated he flew over the new windfarm in Burlington. There has been quite a bit of traffic on US Hwy 54 with the turbans and parts.

Sherrie discussed 2016 Spring Elections.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed a general release for Angela Murphy’s claim. He requested commissioners sign off on the release. Commissioner Talkington moved to have Chairman Williams sign. Chairman Williams seconded, motion passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Daniels voted “No”. Chairman Williams signed the general release on behalf of Allen County.

Alan presented information from Iola Industries requesting to purchase a portion of the hospital land not signed as purchase agreement by G&W Foods. Discussion followed on particular properties. Alan showed a map of the area, which excludes the medical arts building, the former home health parking lot and the site already under contract with G&W Foods. Discussion followed on grade of the land. If Allen County accepts Iola Industries proposal, they expect to break ground on the first 20 apartment units in the spring of 2016. They would like to know by November 10th.

Iola Industries would like to purchase this land for $20,000, with $10,000 up front and $10,000 additional at closing. Should the Iola Industries opt not to proceed with the project, the county would keep the $10,000 option payment. They also request the option of a 24 month extension to the original 24 month option to protect the development, in the event of an unforeseen market disruption. Discussion followed in depth on land site and ground breaking. Commissioners approved Alan to work up a contract between Allen County and Iola Industries.

Ron reported on a problem with the expansion tank in the basement. Design Mechanic will be replacing at a cost of $1,000 to $3,000. Commissioners approved.

Chairman Williams discussed the hand railing on the south side of the Courthouse. Alan stated he would like to see the commission give 30 days’ notice. If not delivered and installed by then, they will be looking for another vendor to finish the job.

Commissioners visited with Alan on the demolition of the old hospital. Discussion followed.

Alan visited with the commission on a wellness committee meeting he had attended.
Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - $18,093.66  
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entry # 65-66

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 3, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson              Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk             Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                             OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK      November 3, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2015.

Sherrie requested Relay for Life have permission to put up a Christmas tree on the bandstand. Commissioners approved.

Sherrie reported Sewer District #1 has a new licensed contractor. Charles Sellman has agreed to serve in this capacity starting November 2015.

Commissioners discussed the demolition of the old hospital and attachment to the Medical Arts Building.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, requested permission to allow Scott Reeder to carry over 71 hours of vacation. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the carry over to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed demo on a house by the old Allen County hospital. Mitch will look at it to see what would need to be done. Discussion followed. No action at this time.

Mitch discussed speed limit on 1100 St. Commissioners will have to pass a resolution before signs are installed.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees.
David Toland, THRIVE Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Alan discussed the hospital site and zoning from the City of Iola. He stated Allen County does not have to rezone for a grocery store, but would have to apply for zoning from a “C0” to “R3”. Discussion followed on possible need for zoning once they get closer to finalizing contracts.

Alan discussed the request last week from Iola Industries, Inc. for a land contract. Commissioner Talkington stated he feels like this is county assets and should be up for other options. Alan stated he would have to publish and there would be a public hearing. He stated at that time commissioners could decide.

David discussed an option from someone building duplexes in Allen County. Alan explained most builders will apply for Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) so they would not be paying taxes for 10 years on these units. Discussion followed on size and quantity. Chairman Williams stated he is ready to move forward because it is good for everyone involved. Commissioner Talkington stated he is only looking out for the county’s best interest. Alan stated the publication will be in the Iola Register. Chairman Williams moved to go ahead with the publications. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Williams discussed the Iola Senior Center allowing a hospital from outside the county to do health screenings. Alan will check into it and request the Allen County Regional Hospital to offer wellness screenings.

Alan discussed the Allen County Senior Services transportation grant. He assured it was fine to sign. Sherrie will have it available next week for signing.

Alan discussed Rotary and expanding their recycling efforts. They would like to have the commission expand their donations. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $39,037.71  
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entry #67-68

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 10, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson  
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  
Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  
November 10, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting.
Sherrie reported she had her first Allen County filing. Sheriff Murphy has refiled for office for the 2016 Election cycle.

Sherrie mentioned she is keeping an eye on the Hospital Sales Tax Fund in case more sales tax is collected than what is budgeted. Discussion followed. We will look at the end of November.

Sherrie discussed a call from Ryan Potts, Liberty National on a rating for AM Best and it is A+.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, discussed Treasurer’s bond statutes. Discussion followed on what is required and what is done throughout the state at each treasurer’s office. Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported that everything is running smoothly. There are a few breakdowns, but nothing major.

Mitch discussed Monarch Cement Plant and truck traffic along 1100 Street. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels reported on a class at KAC on road grading that he and Mitch attended. The class was on what the future looks like. Discussion followed.

Commissioners recognized employees that have been in county service for 8, 16 and 24 years. Those employees were Michael Hough with 8 years, Crystal Richey, Mitchell Garner, Dennis Gardner, and Kevin Covey with 16 years, and David Craft with 24 years. Commissioners expressed their appreciation to each.

Chairman Williams reported on five county employees that have completed Kansas Roads Scholar Certificate Level I Technical Skills Program. They are Rachel Covey, Dennis Gardner, Jeff Jackson, Terry Johnson and Harry Maley.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, discussed the City of Humboldt’s Neighborhood Revitalization Program. The previous NRP has expired and will be working on a new plan to present to the commission. He would like to include the entire city and take into consideration if a major catastrophe happens.

Cole discussed projects within the city that the county helped with throughout the years. He presented a power point of projects that will have to be done in the very near future. Cole explained the cause of road damage and solutions to fix it. He said a “Zipper” ($100,000) would be the solution to keep from hauling off debris by shredding the material and laying it back down. Cole discussed solutions, wants and costs. Cole has permission from the city council to purchase the “Zipper” by the end of the year to have delivered in March, with payments to start in one year. Discussion followed on options he is looking at to fix the streets. He wants to get the rock from the county. Commissioners stated that would probably work. Cole stated the county might be able to use the “Zipper” on their roads. If the commission was interested in buying in with them, that is a possibility as well.

Cole discussed the Humboldt Action Team project on fixing homes. He reported Humboldt had applied and received a landlord grant through CBDG and SEK Regional Planning.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed reappointing Allen County Regional Hospital Board members Patty Boyd and Sean McReynolds to serve another term to end December 31, 2018. He has visited with both and they are agreeable to stay another term. Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Patty Boyd and Sean McReynolds to serve one more term with the Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported on a strategic planning session at the hospital held on Saturday for future building and needs.
Alan presented a resolution for review and approval. Commissioners reviewed Resolution 201506:

RESOLUTION NO. 201506
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 45 MPH
ON A PORTION OF 1100 STREET (OLD 169 HWY) NORTH OF THE
CITY OF HUMBOLDT, 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 reducing the maximum speed limit from 55 MPH to 45 MPH on a portion of 1100 Street (Old 169 Hwy) as set out below; and

WHEREAS, upon due consideration, the County Commissioners have determined that the reduction in the maximum speed limit on the portion of road 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 45 MPH shall be established for all that portion of 1100 Street (Old 169 Hwy) lying between Maryland Road and the north city limit of the City of Humboldt, Kansas.

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 10th Day of November, 2015.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve and adopt Resolution 201506. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman Williams to sign a Department of Transportation Grant application to apply for a new Service to the Elderly van. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Alan visited with Commissioners concerning Danny Ware Jr. construction business taking down a portion of building between the old hospital and medical arts building this weekend. Discussion followed. Alan mentioned the demolition company will be leaving fence around the area for 90 days after they have completed the project.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 11/5/15 - $203,551.96 & 11/10/15 - $9,385.92
b) Payroll Changes
c) Journal Entries - #69
d) Abatements: RE Value 10,105, $1802.88, Yr 2015
   PP Value 297, $42.50, Yr 2014
   Oil Value 10,130, $1642.56, Yr 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 17, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the November 10, 2015 meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed heat and air conditioning bids for the Humboldt Senior Center. Ron explained the history of the current heater; it was installed in 1977. Bids presented were Dale’s Sheet Metal, Inc. for a Lennox for $1,746.80; Tholens Heating and Cooling, Inc. for a Trane for $1,679.34; and Ace Refrigeration Heating & Cooling LLC for a Rund for $2,525.99. Discussion followed on comparison of efficiency; all were at 80%. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase another Lennox for $1,746.80. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed year-end pay. Discussion followed.

Sherrie requested to discontinue the 365-1435 phone number and usage, as the purpose is no longer in effect. Commissioner Talkington moved to disconnect this phone number. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed a request from Debbie Bearden to rename the GROW Committee. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to change the name of the Allen County GROW Food Policy Council to Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works (GROW) Food and Farm Council. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed the “Zipper” Cole Herder discussed last week. They visited about usage within the county. Discussion followed. Commissioners discussed 212 miles of paved roads within Allen County.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, and Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting. Carl said the City of Humboldt should put their monies into asphalt and not a “Zipper”. Discussion followed on if county was to purchase it, would it be more available to other cities as well. Carl stated the City of Iola already rents one and uses it on small projects. Mitch stated the county’s is a very large one and it’s hard to get into the small areas. Mitch will check into the one the City of Yates Center has and how it works.

Mitch presented bids for 30X30 Stop Signs, RI-1 High Intensity. Bids were received from Lowen Sign Company for 200 signs at $28.20 each for a total of $5,640.00 without shipping & no delivery time; Barco Municipal Product Inc. for 200 signs at $24.55 each for a total of $4,910.00 with shipping & no delivery time; National Sign Company for 200 signs at $23.33 each for a total of $4,666.00 with shipping & 14 to 21 working days delivery time. Commissioner Daniels moved to
approve the purchase from National Sign Company. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jim Gilpin, Community National Bank/Rotary member, Stan Grigsby, Rotary Club President, Jeff Cokley, Allen County Community Foundation Executive Director, Gary McIntosh, Foundation member/Rotary, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, joined the meeting to discuss recycling.

Jim discussed the Allen County Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency and its finances. He commented on the Rotary Club picking up newspapers and magazines for recycling for years. Jim stated he is reminded that there are other recyclable items. Jim stated he wears several hats; Investment hat and foundation hat are some of the hats. He stated a person has to be visionary to invest in the county foundation. He said it is for that purpose he is requesting the county invest $100,000 each year for the next two years that would trigger a $25,000 match grant from the Environmental Grant or $50,000 from the Health Foundation Grant. Discussion followed on what would work within Allen County on investments to the foundation. Jim would like to see funds from the Allen County Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency go towards the Allen County Foundation to benefit the citizens of Allen County. Discussion followed. Allen County Community Foundation would like to invite other groups to become involved to boost the foundation. Gary stated the county’s foundation needs to network with the surrounding counties. Alan stated that if the monies were given to the environmental fund, the foundation would receive a 25% match while if funds were given to the public health fund, the foundation would receive a 50% match. The earnings from either fund could be used to sponsor recycling activities. Jim explained how the endowments work. He used an example of Thomas Bowlus endowment and how it works. Jim asked Carl if the City Council has discussed recycling. Carl asked if he meant money or items. Jim stated the City of Humboldt is at least looking into recycling. Stan discussed taking things to the “Dump” versus keeping things out of the landfill. He stated the entire country is looking at how to get recycling under control. Stan stated Rotary is very interested in recycling if possible and he would like to be involved in it. Commissioner Talkington asked about counties that are currently recycling? Jim stated Anderson County seems to be successful with that. He said it could be a Thrive county wide involvement. Moving money from one pocket to another would help the citizens of the county by keeping items out of the landfill; Jim related it to preventative medicine example. Currently there is $1,100,299.90 in the Allen County Solid Waste Financial Assurance Agency, which is separate from the Allen County Solid Waste Fund that runs every day operations.

Jim gave a history of how the Allen County Community Foundation came about. Discussion followed on how it is currently doing financially. Commissioner Talkington asked about full time administrator going part time to hiring another full time administrator? Jim stated there needs to be a person good at fund raising and paperwork. Jeff said he would like to see the monetary match made. He stated there will be two full time employees and next year at this time will be better off fund wise. Jeff advised that he is working on private contributions to fund the foundation salaries.

Karen Gilpin joined the meeting.

Chairman Williams asked what the risk would be if Allen County did this and the foundation failed? Alan stated there is no risk to the investment because the monies would remain at the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation, if the Allen County Foundation failed. Chairman Williams stated the monies are currently not doing anything and could be used to help get monies in to the Health Fund or the Environmental Fund. Discussion followed.

Commissioners requested to take this request under consideration.

Jim has offered to come back and give an account report.
Alan discussed the demolition at the old hospital and the connection to the Medical Arts Building. Chairman Williams stated he would like to see the Medical Arts Building at the new hospital. Discussion followed on what the future should look like in regards to a location by the hospital which in turn would make the current hospital more valuable. Chairman Williams stated he felt the commission should be talking about adding a Medical Arts Building sometime in the future, but the current Medical Arts Building needs a wall at this time. The commission should keep in mind to put the hospital and Medical Arts building together.

Alan stated David Toland, Thrive Allen County, mentioned G & W will be here in a couple of weeks to survey the cleaned area at the old hospital location. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed the Allen County Foundation funding and investments. Commissioners discussed the history of the landfill trust fund, where the monies came from and the amounts.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk’s Vouchers: $33,802.11
- Payroll Changes
- Journal Entry #70
- Abatements: RE Value 10,417, $1821.72, Yr 2015
- PP Value 7,647, $1118.90, Yr 2015
- Oil Value 10,275, $1492.16, Yr 2015
- Gas Value 2,281, $338.46, Yr 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until November 24, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner
Jeff requested a vote for $100,000 into the community foundation for the purpose of recycling. Commissioner Talkington stated he votes “No” because he felt it is better left to private enterprise or community service organizations. Commissioner Daniels stated he has concerns; unknowns. He would like more time to discuss it, if he has to vote today he would vote “No”. Jeff explained if it is done, but the end of the year the $100,000 would turn into $167,500, which $50,000 would go into the community foundation and $16,500 would be used by the community, with the opportunity to do the same thing next year. Chairman Williams stated it doesn’t harm the original purpose intended for closing the landfill if necessary. Discussion followed. Commissioners will have Mitch do some checking. These funds would be strictly for recycling. Commissioner Talkington stated the public sector could be doing the recycling for a profit, if it is a profitable project.

Jeff asked if the commissioners were concerned about the county using public funds for the foundation. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels stated his concerns on the expenditures, but Jeff stated commissioners have control on the interest. Commissioner Talkington asked about donations coming in. Jeff stated “Not much match monies this year”.

Chairman Williams stated it might be informational to know what other public entities are benefiting from monies donated within their foundations. He said if doing this would take the load off of the landfill, he sees it as a win/win situation. Jeff will send information he has on benefits to other communities.

Commissioners asked Mitch to get cost of closing and opening cells at the landfill. They also asked about the offsetting cost of recycling and how it would benefit the landfill. Discussion followed.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, presented bids for grader tires. Bids were received from J.D.’s Automotive for Michelin XGL A2 14.00X24 for $1,046.56 for a total for 18 tires to be $18,838.08, tire changes $50.00 each, O-rings $8.00 each. Chairman Williams moved to accept J.D. Automotive’s bid. Commissioner Talkington seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Bill McAdam, Marmaton Township Trustee, requested road work 1,000 feet overlaid with asphalt at the township cemetery. Commissioners asked Mitch to check into some costs.

Bill discussed his plans at the east limits of Iola. Some of the land was contaminated and he has to redo that area. He is making a parking lot and future plans for a nice restaurant. Discussion followed. $400,000 for the building.

Commissioner Talkington moved to adopt the Resolution 201607

RESOLUTION NO. 201507

A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF
THE ALLEN COUNTY GROWING RURAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKS
FOOD POLICY COUNCIL TO THE ALLEN COUNTY GROWING RURAL OPPORTUNITIES WORKS FOOD AND FARM COUNCIL

WHEREAS, By Resolution No. 201409 dated August 19, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners established the Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food Policy Council; and

WHEREAS, Said organization wishes to change its name to The Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food and Farm Council

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

The name of the Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food Policy Council shall be changed and shall henceforth be known as the Allen County Growing Rural Opportunities Works Food and Farm Council

The remaining provisions of Resolution No. 201409 shall remain unchanged.

PRESENTED, ADOPTED, APPROVED and RECORDED this 24th day of November, 2015.
Commissioner Talkington moved to adopt and approve Resolution 201607. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Tracy Keagle, Santa's Toy Shop, is organizing a Christmas Parade and would like to light up the square. She said we brag about the largest court square in the nation, but it’s not very decorated. She would only do the trunks up on the tall trees and use light balls. There would be solar lights, but would still have ones with electric cords. Commissioner Talkington stated "knock your socks off". Chairman Williams stated he is concerned about the cords everywhere. Commissioner Daniels asked if she had visited with Ron. She stated she has. Chairman Williams stated he is ok with it, but they need to watch where the extension cords are placed. He asked about putting up lights along the sidewalk in lieu of on the trees. Commissioners asked to her to work with Ron on safety.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the City of Iola board meeting last evening due to the development of the old hospital site. He stated he has to get permits to split the land, but it will be up to G&W to get the building permits. Discussion followed.

Alan discussed what will be done to seal off the Medical Arts Building. Discussion followed.

Alan mentioned the G&W’s engineer will be here in the next couple of weeks to stack off the area and discuss grade. Discussion followed on what all other items need to come together.

Alan asked about the foundation. Commissioners updated Alan on what their concerns were. Alan stated the Funds would be invested in Greater Kansas City Foundation. The earnings and interest would be income for the commission which the commission would be advisory over this portion of it of the environmental fund, but not over the health fund. Discussion followed.

Jim Lewis joined the meeting. He expressed his opinion on the landfill monies. Jim doesn’t see any problem not spending it, if the public sees it, then the public all want to use it. He stated he would like to see it sent back to the tax payers if they don’t want to keep it. Discussion followed.

Jim Lewis stated the commission should have taken $160,000 for hospital land and could have walked away, but he feels the county is helping Iola build a grocery store.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 11/20/15 - $169,808.55 & 11/24/15 - $73,622.22
b) Payroll Changes
   c) Abatements: RE Value 1731, $394.30, Yr 2015
      PP Value 720, $92.06, Yr 2015
      Oil Value 107, $15.46 , Yr 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 1, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of November 24, 2015.

Sherrie discussed amending the ambulance budget as a precaution for yearend. Chairman Williams moved to approve a budget amendment hearing for the ambulance fund to be held on December 22, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed recycling and options. Discussion followed.

Carl Slaugh, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting. Commissioners asked if the City of Iola was going to invest in the community foundation. He discussed the legality of investing county &/or city monies.

Mitch Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented information to close different sections of the landfill. The main solid waste estimate to close is $3,068,253.98 to close right now, C&D would cost $318,461.23; Tire Monfill would cost $177,503.16 and Post Closure Care would be $129,548.25. Discussion followed. The cell opened in 2002 and cost the county $1,326,005.50

Bill King, past Public Works Director, stopped in to catch the current commission up on the landfill expansions and closures. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented information on the county trips to Wellsville to take newspapers and magazines to be recycled. The county owns five trailers for this process.

Dick Works, past Commissioner, stopped in to say Hi and left the commission with a quote from Will Rogers, “I’m not as concerned about the return on my money as I am the return of my money.”

Bill discussed Asphalt Zipper and what equipment it takes to pull a zipper. He gave some history of what the County’s zipper was used for over the last few years.

Bill discussed the startup of the landfill. He stated if the county was transferring waste out of the county, then recycling might be more important. Discussion followed. He discussed that it currently costs the county more than just the cost of the trailer, but also employees, mileage and such. Bill stated you have to look at the entire picture, not just the issues at hand.

Mary Kay Heard and Beverly Franklin joined the meeting.

Beverly stated her daughter lives somewhere where they recycle. She stated it looks like it works and has worked for years.

Mitch stated he checked the road at Moran.

Commissioners reviewed a pawn license application from Linda A. O’Conner. This is just a renewal. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the annual renewal of the pawn license for 2016. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Chairman Williams moved to open the public Option to Purchase hearing at 9:30 a.m. Those present were David Toland, Jim Gilpin, John McRae, Gary Parker, Beverly Franklin, and Mary Kay Heard, all Iola Industries, Inc. Board Members. There was no one present to protest the sale to Iola Industries, Inc.

Commissioners discussed the option to purchase with Iola Industries, Inc.:  

**OPTION TO PURCHASE**

This option is dated this 1st day of December, 2015 and is by and between Allen County, Kansas (hereinafter referred to as “County”) and Iola Industries, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “Purchaser”).

WITNESSETH:

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the above and foregoing and further in consideration of the mutual promised and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The County, in consideration of the Purchaser making an option payment to the County in the amount of $10,000.00, grants to Purchaser an option, beginning upon the date first above written and ending at the end of the day on October 31st, 2017, in which Purchaser may elect to purchase the real estate described herein. Notice of Purchaser’s intent to purchase the real estate must be delivered to County in writing by mail or personal delivery by October 31st, 2017 and closing shall occur according to the terms and conditions hereinafter set out. Purchaser shall be allowed one extension of this option for a period of 12 months ending at the end of the day on October 31, 2018.

2. The real estate to which this option applies is a portion of the old hospital site in Iola Kansas. The entire old hospital site is described in Exhibit “A” attached hereto. A portion of the core of the old hospital site will continue to be used as a medical office building and another portion of approximately 72,000 square feet will be sold to G & W Foods, Inc. for the construction of a grocery store. The specific legal for the Medical office building, the grocery store and the remaining tracts covered by this option will be determined by survey after demolition of the old hospital building. Costs of the survey will be borne by County.

Further, County agrees to demolish the old green house at 801 E. Madison, Iola described as follows: The West 76 feet of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8), ROBINSON’S ADDITION to the City of Iola, Allen County Kansas.

3. The option payment is non-refundable if this option is not exercised but will be applied to the purchase price if the option to purchase is exercised by Purchaser. If Purchaser exercises its option to purchase, County agrees to furnish merchantable title and convey said premises to Purchaser by Warranty Deed subject to easements, restrictions and road rights-of-way of record unless otherwise provided herein.

4. The total purchase price to be paid by Purchaser to County for the real estate if the option is exercised is Twenty Thousand Dollars ($20,000.00) to be paid by Purchaser to County (less the option payment already paid) as hereinafter provided. If this option is not exercised, then no payment beyond the option payment shall be due to County. Purchaser intends to use the property described herein for the construction of residential apartments. However, it is agreed by the parties that Purchaser shall have sole and absolute discretion to exercise this option or to allow it to lapse at any time.

After deducting the option payment of $10,000.00, the balance of the purchase price in the amount of $10,000.00 shall be paid to County at closing.

5. At any time after the execution of this agreement and before the option lapses, Purchaser or its agents, employees or consultants may enter upon the property for the purpose of examining the same and to conduct testing at Purchaser’s expense.

Exercise of this Option by Purchaser shall be made by Purchaser giving written notice to County on or before October 31, 2017. Upon exercise of this option County will, within a reasonable time, furnish a title insurance commitment to Purchaser in the amount of the purchase price. Purchaser shall have fifteen days after receipt of the title insurance commitment to review it and to notify County of any objections in writing. County will then have a reasonable time within which to satisfy any valid objections. In the event that County is unable to furnish merchantable title as above provided, then Purchaser shall have the option of accepting title as is or declaring this contract null and void. If Purchaser accepts title as being merchantable, then they shall so notify County and the matter may proceeding to closing within thirty days. The expense for title insurance shall be paid by County. As county-owned property, the property has been exempt from property taxes in past years. The parties understand that the tax exemption will end upon the completion of the sale to Purchaser. Purchaser will bear sole responsibility to apply for any other exemptions available under Kansas law and County shall have no responsibility therefore. At closing, County will deliver to Purchaser their deed to and possession of the property described herein.

6. The parties acknowledge that the optioned property will need to undergo a zoning change to permit the construction of apartments. The parties will cooperate in seeking the appropriate zoning change from the City of Iola. If the necessary zoning change is denied, then this option shall be void and the $10,000.00 option payment will be returned to Purchaser by County.

8. Purchaser or County shall be in default under this Option if either fails to comply with any material covenant set forth herein. In the event of a default by either party, the non-defaulting party may (a) specifically enforce this Option and recover any damages suffered by the default or (b) may terminate this Option and pursue any remedies and damages available at law or in equity.

9. Any notices required by this agreement or otherwise shall be mailed or delivered to the parties at the following addresses:

Purchaser:
Iola Industries, Inc.
16 W. Jackson
Iola, KS  66749

County:
Allen County Board of County Commissioners
1 N. Washington
Iola, KS  66749

10. The parties acknowledge that all of the terms of their agreement have been put into this contract; that it shall supersede any and all prior written or oral discussions, offers or agreements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and Purchaser have executed this contract at Iola, Kansas on the date set out below.

County: Allen County, Kansas

Thomas R. Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Allen County, Kansas

Attest: 

Sherrie Riebel, Clerk
Commissioner Talkington asked about 25’ setback. Carl explained the property lines and the planning commission would recommend changes to the City Council. Jim Gilpin stated there were three homes that are now parking lot area. David stated there have been houses on all this property before. Jim Gilpin discussed codes and such within the City of Iola limits. David discussed hopes on the city changing the lanes from four current to three lanes with bicycle trails. Jim Gilpin mentioned redesigning lanes and would have to have KDOT approval.

Commissioner Talkington expressed his thoughts about keeping the site line open on the land in question. John stated the area that Jim Gilpin is talking about is the current proposal site. Discussion followed. David stated the whole anchor of this is G&W, so what they are considering is very important. He asked if Commissioner Talkington’s concern is not to build anything north of the G&W site. Commissioner Talkington stated yes. David expressed his thoughts are they will be looking at safety.

Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the Option to Purchase with Iola Industries, Inc. with his concerns noted. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed on safety and success. Motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed, as did John McRae, Iola Industries, Inc. President and Jim Gilpin, VP and Secretary. Iola Industries, Inc. presented the commission with a check for $10,000 which will be put in the Allen County General Fund.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $13,705.22  
b) Payroll Changes  
c) Journal Entry #71  
d) Abatements: RE Value 1447, $258.64, Year 2015  
TR Value 423, $63.58, Year 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk       Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK December 8, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting.

Alan submitted a letter of support addressed to USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Application for Thrive getting a grant. Commissioners discussed and agreed they totally support
Thrive. Commissioner Talkington moved to authorize Chairman Williams to sign for support. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams signed.

Commissioners reviewed the 2016 Agreement for Services with Tri-Valley Developmental Services. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Angie Murphy, 911 Communications Director, requested to attend the Kansas Certified Public Manager (CPM) course offered through KAC and League of Municipality. She explained the process involved and the benefits. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested to take under consideration for a week.

Jeff Cokely, Community Foundation and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, shared that they have withdrawn the request for funding for the community foundation. The grass roots efforts will be turning into a good thing for the recycling. There are still some prominent individuals in Allen County that are disappointed on the decision. Jeff would like to get the community involved in the recycling.

Alan discussed three properties that did not sell at the Tax Foreclosure Sale. There is an interested person and so Alan requested permission to publish notice of sale and sell the properties. Discussion followed. Commissioners approve Alan to go through the process again.

Alan discussed Diebolt Lumber selling off the buildings south of LaHarpe. The land that the county has previously made an offer to purchase still remains tied up in litigation.

Alan discussed speed limit signage on 1100th Street between Humboldt and Iola.

Commissioners discussed lighting and rumble strips along Oregon Road. They will visit with Mitch to see where they are at on the lighting and possibility of the strips.

Alan updated the commission on the work at the Medical Arts Building. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, 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.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers - 12/4/15 - $363,605.56 & 12/8/15 - $6,437.64
b) Payroll Changes
   c) Journal Entry #72-74
d) 2015 Inventory – Allen County Counselor
e) Abatements: RE Value 438, $64.20 , Yr 2015
   PP Value 138, $17.64, Yr 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 15, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson            Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 8, 2015.

Sherrie discussed Special Alcohol money requests submitted by Drug Court and Hope Unlimited. Chairman Williams recommended funding the two entities (Mental Health and Drug Court) they have been the last few years. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve $7,500 to SEK Mental Health and $2,500 to Drug Court. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. These two entities will supersede monies received in 2015, so Hope Unlimited was declined.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, visited with the commission about the Kansas Certified Public Manager Program. Commissioner Talkington expressed the growth opportunity is great and a plus for the county. Angie expressed her excitement on what she would be bringing to the county. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve Angie attends the Kansas Certified Public Manager Program. Chairman Williams seconded the motion, discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels discussed the class taking place in Southeast Kansas. Motion passed 2-1-0.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, discussed Oregon Road up to US Hwy 169. Chairman Williams asked about rubble strips along Oregon Road. Mitch stated he would look into it and he offered to put up a “Stop Ahead” sign along Oregon Road headed east. Mitch has received the KDOT permit to proceed with the lighting project along US Hwy 169. So, he has gotten the contract turned it to get supplies ordered. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels asked about having Mitch visit with KDOT to install flashing stop sign. Mitch with check on this.

Commissioners visited with Mitch about Coffey County’s wind farm. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated they are receiving cement pieces from the old hospital at the landfill. Discussion followed on completion date of clean up.

Commissioners and Mitch discussed the Diebolt Lumber buildings and land up for sale located close to the landfill. Discussion followed on the opportunities and needs within Allen County and surrounding counties.

Caryn Tyson, Senator District #12, Adam Lusker, House Representative 2nd District and Kent Thompson, House Representative 9th District, Mitchel Garner, Public Works Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, and Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, joined the meeting. Representative Lusker related to what area he covers geographically and offered to listen to all. He discussed tax lid and state budget. He mentioned paving a road in Marmaton Township. Representative Thompson stated sometimes they are surprised at what is proposed, but those having past history in local government are more understanding. “Keep your eyes wide open” watch and act upon what you see. Discussion followed on sales taxes, property tax bill, Ag land, Medicaid, school funding, consolidation, vo-tech and several other topics.

Commissioners and department heads expressed their appreciation of the representatives’ time and presence.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $101,723.25
b) Payroll Changes
c) Annual Inventory – Register of Deeds Office
   EMS - Iola, Humboldt, Moran, and Office
   House & Grounds Department
   Iola Senior Center
   Commission Office
   Public Work Department
d) Journal Entry #75-76
e) Abatements: Oil Value 1430, $189.28, Year 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 22, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk       Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS   OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK    December 22, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, updated the commission on the 2015 taxes. They collected 53.03% so far for the first half.

Paul Sorenson, citizen, thanked the commission for their job throughout the year!

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed being approached by Tammy Spiva, A & W Coop. representative. She requested to have an individual work for 40 minutes a day for learning processes to clean. A person will be with them the entire time the person works. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved.

Ron Boren, Boren’s Roofing, discussed dumping at the landfill. The new guy is having problems with them dumping in the C&D area, but the cost to dump elsewhere is $4.00 more which he said isn’t that bad because they pass the cost on to the customer. Discussion followed on what is county and what is state?

Sherrie presented bids for catering the employee appreciation dinner:
Commissioners are taking under consideration.

Larry Crawford, City of Bassett Mayor, joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed the landfill and regulations. Commissioners asked Mitch about it. He stated he has to follow State regulations and MSHA. Discussion followed.

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

Mitch stated the new plow and spreader will arrive today.

Carl asked about grading all winter long. Mitch stated they have to fill holes and fix ditches, if there isn’t snow but there is always something to do. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed the State notices for hearings on solid waste in Allen County.

Commissioner Daniels asked to have mileage put on inventory sheets turned in.

Charles Apt presented contracts for 2016. He submitted $4,000 monthly for Guardian ad litem and $3,300 per month for Adult Misdemeanor; an increase of $100 from last year. Commissioners tabled a decision until next week when Chairman William will be in attendance.

Commissioners discussed ambulance service with Carl. He updated the commission that one of the vehicles broke down on a run to Wichita and they had to call Eldorado to complete the run.

Carl stated emergency only spending for the City of Iola was put in effect a month ago. Discussion followed.

Carl stated they are having problems hiring paramedics. He discussed training within and the problems arising when individuals need to attend classes and filling their empty positions. But in general things are going well.

Carl updated the commission on the walking study the city is having done. He discussed a study on the old hospital curve and retaining wall. Larry discussed if the retaining wall was out, they could use the 18 to 20 inches of dirt as fill. Discussion followed. The demolition company is not responsible for fill. G & W need to have their engineers come and see what needs to be done so it is not messing up the engineering plans. Carl stated the other study is: Do you change from 4 lanes to 2 lanes with turning lanes. Discussion followed on findings so far. Carl discussed cross walks within the City of Iola.
Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.

Vice Chair Daniels opened the amended ambulance budget hearing at 9:30 a.m. The public present were Carl Slaugh, Larry Crawford, Bob Johnson and Heather Bosler. Comments followed on cash and reason. Sherrie stated it was more a precautionary step since budget was close. Commissioner Talkington moved to accept the amended published budget. Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 2-0-0. Vice Chair Daniels closed the public hearing.

Alan discussed old hospital and connection to the Medical Arts Building. Discussion followed on ending dates for demo and penalty and liabilities.

Alan reported they have been doing some visioning in November and will be discussing at January’s meeting.

Larry discussed problems at the fair grounds and the bleachers need repair or replacements. Discussion followed on options. Commissioners asked about seating and regulations. Larry stated if they put in over five rows, they have to put covers and backs on them. Fair Board will be holding a meeting to plan for 2016 fair in January.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 12/18/15 - $330,812.43
b) Inventory: Humboldt Senior Center
   LaHarpe Senior Center
   Services to Elderly Van
   Emergency Management Department
c) Journal Entry #77
d) Abatements: RE Value 4127, $705.88, Yr 2015
   PP Value 4668, $749.00, Yr 2014
   PP Value 5661, $828.12, Yr 2015
   TR Value 1831, $275.14, Yr 2015
   Oil Value 999, $178.58, Yr 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 29, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson                          Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk                           Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                             OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK                     December 29, 2015

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

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

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting of December 22, 2015.
Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented ambulance billing information for year to date December 28, 2015. There have been 1977 total ambulance responses; an average of 5.48 calls per day. There have been 387 hospital to hospital transfers.

Terry has billed $1,535,795.59, received $728,399.77 with $576,569.17 written off and $228,621.39 due to Allen County. Discussion followed on what is in the City of Iola Ambulance fund and what is in Allen County Ambulance fund. Total receipts year to date are $841,793.50 which is made up of $814,781.71 since Iola took over and $27,011.88 prior to the merger. Payments consist of:

- Medicare: $438,475.13
- Medicaid: $39,232.94
- Commercial: $288,213.39
- Patient: $50,443.15
- Setoff: $25,428.98

Terry compared 2007 to 2015:

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Commissioners thanked Terry for a job well done in 2015, stating they appreciate all he has done staying on top of the billing.

Larry Crawford, citizen, joined the meeting.

Sherrie reported the position for the non-lawyer 31st district nominating board will need to be either reappointed or appointed. Currently David Ensminger holds that position.

Sherrie reviewed the bids for Catering the Employee Appreciation Dinner January 26, 2015. Chairman Williams moved to accept the bid from Stacey Cakes without servers. Commissioner Daniels seconded, discussion followed. Motion passed 2-0-1. Commissioner Talkington abstained.

Sherrie asked if the commission wanted to continue the Wellness Program which would have the blood draws on February 3rd and 4th. Interactive Health is the company used, they have done this the last two years. Commissioner Talkington requested to see statistics from previous findings.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported they are just working on keeping the roads clean from the winter storm. The Elsmore area got more snow than most of the county, nothing major, just a few trees down.

Mitch has not looked at the Diebolt buildings at this time.

Commissioners thanked Mitch for a year well done.

Commissioners discussed the contract with Chuck Apt for Guardian Ad Litem. The Guardian Ad Litem contact is for a monthly fee of $4,000 and $80.00 an hour for that time which exceeds 40 hours per month. The Adult Misdemeanor is from Associated Attorneys of Southeast Kansas, LLC for $3,300 per month. The proposed bid will cover all expenses under the contract except those associated with an appeal to the district court. Similar to previous attorneys employed under this contract, Associated Attorneys of SEK, LLC. This is $100 per month more than 2015. Discussion followed. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the 2016 contracts for Guardian Ad Litem and Adult Misdemeanor. Jerry seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting.
Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:56 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman Williams opened the public hearing for sale of real estate. No public present. Alan explained there are three parcels that did not sell at the first tax foreclosure sale. There has been two public actions held where these properties did not sell. Alan had a person interested in these properties, so another hearing was necessary. He published the notice of sale of property in the Iola Register on December 16, 2015. Discussion followed. There are no other parties interested in the properties. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept $5 for each of the three properties from Charles Wilson. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Williams closed the public hearing and reconvened the open meeting.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a. Annual Inventory – House & Grounds Department mileage inventory
   Iola Senior Center
   Appraiser’s Office
   Public Work Department mileage
   Allen County Clerk’s office
   Emergency Management Vehicle mileage

b. Abatements:
   Real Estate Value 9170, $1739.58, Year 2015
   Personal Property Value 108, $17.56, Year 2015

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 31, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse for the purpose of yearend.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Jim Talkington, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

December 31, 2015

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of yearend business with Chairperson Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201508

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 $250,000.00 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 therefrom shall be shown thereon for the information of the taxpayers of Allen County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of December 2015.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Commissioner Daniels moved to adopt Resolution 201508. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed the ambulance fund.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported books are balanced and sent to the auditor. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for all the work the county employees have done in 2015.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll Changes
b) Journal Entry #
c) Abatements: RE Value , $ , Yr
   PP Value , $ , Yr

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until January 5, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson        Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk         Jim Talkington, Commissioner