

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, Allen County Clerk.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, Bryan Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Scott Sarchet, Humboldt Union, and Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the July 25, 2017 meeting.

Commissioners discussed an email received from Rodney Burns, auditor, for Allen County 2018 Budget-Analysis of Tax Dollars Levied. He discussed recent history for comparison and 2018 options.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, requested a signature on a Kansas Local Bridge Improvement Program Bridge Reconstruction/Rehabilitation Supplemental Agreement#1 for reimbursement from KDOT on the bridge 0.8 miles North and 1.0 miles West of Petrolia on 600 Street. Commissioner Daniels moved to authorize commissioner sign. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. All commissioners signed.

Mitch discussed Geneva Bridge project. He reported it was a very costly bridge and KDOT didn't have monies for us so it was taken off the list for now.

Commissioner Williams asked about the Allen County Regional Airport hangar repair or replacement. Mitch replied we are waiting on bids back to see how much more monies are needed to fix the hanger the way we want it to be so that the wind will not keep tearing it up. Discussion followed.

Mitch would also like to start planning for another new hanger at the airport. Discussion followed on carrying enough monies over to start building. Commissioners discussed building future hangers. Mitch discussed purchasing a hanger this year to install at a later date. It is a factory building that was built by the company and the purchaser never showed up to pick it up. Commissioners approved him to proceed.

Mitch reported large jets flew in to the Allen County Regional Airport this weekend for refueling.

Commissioner Daniels discussed Delaware Road dirt work. Mitch has people working on reclaiming it for now. Cole stated KDOT was going to be working on the same road so Mitch will check on.

Mitch reported Kansas Wildlife and Parks is getting involved in the tree jam at Neosho River Bridge in Humboldt.

Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS Director, Timothy Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, and Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, joined the meeting. Michael updated the commission on the EMS; he stated they have had 1,140 calls this year as of last evening. Sid said higher than last year. Michael reported on trainings. They are still looking for paramedics; a couple are classes. They have about 6 trained for EMTI but still need more EMS employees. Commissioner Daniels asked for statistics for when the Humboldt Ambulance is out of the City of Humboldt. A factual sheet. Chairman Talkington asked for the same for the Moran Ambulance. A discussion following on that is should be for all ambulances so it is easier to answer questions from the public.

Commissioner Daniels asked if anything from the commission. Michael stated they would like to have the ambulance stations in the City of Humboldt and the City of Moran. Commissioners would like to have a little more than pictures. Discussion followed on types of buildings; comfortable, modern buildings. Cole stated for the City of Humboldt it will have to be engineer coded. Commissioner Williams asked if it was in the county they wouldn't have to worry about the City of Humboldt approving it. He asked for Michael to come up with the engineer drawings and quotes; he would like to start building in the spring. A discussion followed on ambulances and sizes. Commissioners stated they are scheduled to budget \$300,000 in 2018 budget earmarked for ambulance stations. Fire Chief Thyer stated they have a lot of people walk in and neither of the Humboldt nor Moran Stations are marked. Commissioner Daniels stated it is easier to hire people when they like going to work.

Commissioners discussed Rodney's analysis again. Commissioner Williams stated he has reviewed it and feels that 66.000 mills would be a safe and still be able to function. He mentioned lowering the budget again next year if needed. The tax lid is a hindrance when lowering the budget and creating a new base limit which they cannot exceed 1.40% Consumer Price Index without a Special Tax Election. Commissioner Daniels stated he would still like it to be lower than that. Rodney is coming next week to visit again with the commission.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$79,893.91
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Abatements: RE, Value 11,918, \$1960.20, Year 2016  
Oil, Value 2792, \$398.58, Year 2014  
Oil, Value 2751, \$351.76, Year 2015  
Oil, Value 1531, \$212.90, Year 2016

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

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Jim Talkington, Chairperson

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Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner