The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Dick Works, Commissioner Robert A. Francis, Commissioner Gary G. McIntosh and Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk.

Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Thomas R. Williams, Allen County Sheriff were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the August 14, 2012 meeting.

Commissioner McIntosh stated he would like to be able to stay on the RC&D board. He explained why.

Sherrie presented Resolutions 201208, 201209, 201210, 201211and 201212.

**Resolution No. 201208**

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for Allen County.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2013 Allen County budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2012 Allen County budget, except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all county services are the responsibility of the board of county commissioners; and

Whereas, Allen County provides the essential services to protect the health, safety, and well being of the citizens of the county; and

Whereas, the cost of provision of these services continues to increase; and

Whereas, the 2012 Kansas State Legislature failed to fulfill its obligations in regard to the statutory funding of demand transfers and, by significantly limiting state revenue sharing payments to counties, has contributed to higher county property tax levies to finance the 2013 Allen County budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Allen County Commissioners that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2013 Allen County budget due to the above mentioned constraints, and that all persons are invited and encouraged to attend budget meeting conducted by the Board of Allen County Commissioners. The date and time of budget hearings with the Board of Allen County Commissioners will be published in the Iola Register. Interested persons can also address questions concerning the budget to County Clerk by calling 365-1407 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Fridays, excluding holidays.

Commissioners published budget in the Iola Register. Interested persons can also address.

Adopted this 21st day of August 2012 by the Board of Allen County Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION NO.201209**

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for Fire District #2, Allen County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2013 Fire District #2 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2012 Fire District #2 except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and
Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the district board; and

Whereas, Fire District #2 provides essential services to district residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Allen County Commission that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2013 Fire District #2 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 21st day of August 2012 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

Resolution 201210

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for Fire District #3, Allen County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2013 Fire District #3 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2012 Fire District #3 except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the district board; and

Whereas, Fire District #3 provides essential services to district residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Allen County Commission that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2012 Fire District #3 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 21st day of August 2012 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

Resolution 201211

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for Fire District #4, Allen County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2013 Fire District #4 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2012 Fire District #4 except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the district board; and

Whereas, Fire District #4 provides essential services to district residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Allen County Commission that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2012 Fire District #4 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 21st day of August 2012 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

Resolution 201212

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2013 annual budget for Sewer District #2, Allen County, Kansas.
Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2013 Sewer District #2 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2012 Sewer District #2 except with regard to revenue produced and attributable to the taxation of 1) new improvements to real property; 2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes; and 3) property which has changed in use during the past year, or with regard to revenue produced for the purpose of repaying the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes, or no-fund warrants; and

Whereas, budgeting, taxing and service level decisions for all district services are the responsibility of the district board; and

Whereas, Sewer District #2 provides essential services to district residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Allen County Commission that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2013 Sewer District #2 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 21st day of August 2012 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

Commissioner Francis moved to approve Resolutions 201208, 201209, 201210, 201211 and 201212. Commissioner McIntosh seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie discussed a request from Bureau of Water to decide how to receive notices with changes in accessibility of web and emails. Commissioners approved to receive notice by email.

Sherrie presented bids for batteries for the current Ferrups battery backup for the computer room. Bids were received from EATON for 4 batteries at $229.93 each with installation costs of $1,038, removal and disposal of old batteries $40 for a total of $1,997.00; EATON for a total replacement of $10,619.00 for an new one like the current one; Advantage Computer for a UPS Smart APC XL3000 VA Tower for $2,000.00. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested to have a representative from Advantage come speak to them.

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

Bill King, Public Works Director, discussed a request from the City of Humboldt to help rework the roads. He mentioned the City of Humboldt is having a sales tax question mail ballot. Bill stated a sales tax is the most fair tax there is because it effects everyone not just landowners.

Bill discussed his current budget and how he is watching it. He is putting off some of the road work because of costs. Bill stated the drought is causing some issues that were not anticipated. Discussion followed on different cost issues. Bill reassured the commission he is watching the budget closely due to cash flow.

Bill put a traffic counter on the bridge requested to come out and close the road. Discussion followed. No action was taken.

Bill discussed calls to KDHE reporting sewage at the landfill. He addressed the issue and KDHE inspects it and it is in compliance. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed the Moran Senior Community Center’s refrigerator. Commissioners think they should replace it. Commissioners requested Sherrie to check with the board to replace the refrigerator.

Commissioners visited with Carl about City of Iola replacement of two recalled councilman. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed the Certification of Voting Delegates for Kansas Association of Counties 37th Annual Conference. Commissioner Francis voted to appoint Dick Works to be voting delegate and Sherrie L. Riebel, 1st alternate voting delegate and Bill King, 2nd alternate voting delegate. Commissioner McIntosh seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Carl stated the city has hired a code officer. Discussion followed.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed a request for payment of $405 for a replacement repeater. Commissioner Francis suggested paying for it out of general fund. Commissioners agreed.

Alan requested commissioners authorize Payment 24 for $200,368.00 for Hospital funding. Commissioner Francis moved to approve Payment 24 for $200,368.00. Commissioner McIntosh seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan reported Allen County did not receive any bids for the Iola Senior Center floor replacement. Commissioner Francis stated he would like to get a warrantee. Discussion followed. Alan will resend and advertise for bids to replace the flooring.

Chuck Richey, citizen, joined the meeting.

Sherrie requested on behalf of an employee about the County Auction being open to employees first and commissioners stated “No”.

Chuck discussed the Sheriff’s budget. He asked about the mention in the paper about the monies collected for the jail. Discussion followed. Sheriff Williams discussed budgets.

Richard Hurst and Dale Hurst stated they thought the work on the front of the Humboldt Senior Center would be able to be redone. Richard stated there are two buildings that the front is covered with the metal frontage. Discussion followed on what they thought could be done to restore. Richard stated he would like to have pictures of the buildings before the front was covered. He thought it would cost around $15,000 to $30,000 to restore the building. Barfoot Lumber has the windows for $399.99 times 7. He mentioned there should be fiber coat put on the building. Discussion followed.

Lynn Cameron, Attorney office staff, presented bids to replace a printer in the Attorney’s office. Bids were received from Copy Products for a Samsung for $300; Advantage Computer for a Lexmark E360DN Laser Printer for $486; and Modern Coy Systems for $350 for a Kyocera FS-1370DN Digital Laser or a Kyocera FS-4020DN Digital Laser Printer for $925. Commissioner Francis moved to purchase from Copy Products. Commissioner McIntosh seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers $145,777.29 signed 8/17/12 for 8/20/12 payout
   $ 15,905.31 signed 8/21/12 for 9/5/12 payout
b) Payroll Changes
   c) Journal Entries # 72 & 73

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until August 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Dick Works, Chairperson        Robert A. Francis, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Gary G. McIntosh, Commissioner