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

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the December 2, 2014 meeting.

Rick Danley, Iola Register, and Jerry Daniels, Commissioner-Elect, District #1, were present to observe the meeting.

Bill McAdam, citizen, requested the Allen County Commission check on the old, old Allen County Hospital; it has a corner stone that says “1905 Allen County Hospital”. He stated this should be preserved. Discussion followed.

Paul Sorenson, citizen, expressed his appreciation to the Allen County Commission and County Clerk for a job well done.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, reported the tile in the front of the Iola Senior Center is scheduled to be removed January 13 & 14, 2015. The center will make provisions to close the front of the building, but will have it back open for Meals.

Ron reported the borders around the flower berms are completed on the south side of the courthouse.

Danny Strunk, citizen, expressed his opinion on ACARF. He stated since ACARF has started, he hasn’t had any dogs dropped at this place. Danny would be in favor of the county supporting ACARF.

Melodi Burke, Humboldt Union, joined the meeting.

Matt Kerr, citizen, stated he purchased land at 2300 Street and West Virginia Road. He requested to have the road closed to run cattle and would like to put up a gate. Commissioners stated they would start the process of a road closing.

Sherrie discussed the 2001 Southeast Kansas Mental Health van they are offering to sell for $16,500. It has 59,000 miles and new tires. Discussion followed. Commissioners tabled until next week.

Marsha Storrer, citizen, stated the Class of 1970 will be meeting this next year for their 45th Class Reunion. They are planning on having an auction and want to give monies back to the community. Ron discussed replacing benches. Discussion followed. Marsha asked Ron to provide her with more information and ideas.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed signing the deed to Southeast Multi County Health Building over to T & T Business, Inc. Commissioners will sign.

Alan reported Harry Lee and Debbie Roe’s terms are up on the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees. He explained bylaws on holding trustee positions. Commissioner Williams moved to reappoint Harry Lee, Jr. and Debbie Roe to the Allen County Regional Hospital Trustees. Chairman Talkington seconded, motion passed 2-0-0.

Alan discussed insuring the old hospital. Discussion followed. Commissioners took this under consideration.

Commissioners discussed closing the Health building fund into County General. Discussion followed. This fund will be closed at the end of 2014.
Phil Drescher and Stephen Euston, Bukaty representatives, updated the commission with their plan and the Interactive Health results. He reviewed.

Phil covered future Health care reform and what it means to Allen County. We will still be subject to 2015 underwriting since we are self-funded through Benefit Management Insurance (BMI). But, in 2016 since we will be considered a small group under 100, the rate will be set by the carrier for Jan 1st effective date. Fully insured might be beneficial to Allen County in 2016. Community rates might be cheaper as opposed to self-funded. Phil discussed budgeting for fully funded run out liability in 2016.

Phil requested the commission sign a document that would allow him to get insurance information from BMI. Chairman Talkington moved to approve an Employer Access Agreement for Phil Drescher, Bukaty. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman Talkington signed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk’s Vouchers for 12/4/14- $324,162.35
- b) Payroll Changes
- c) Inventory - Services to the Elderly Van
- d) Journal Entry #60-61
  PP, Value 2217, $300.42, year 2014
  State Assessed Utilities (SAU), Value 690875, $103,115.18, year 2014

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until December 16, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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