The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman William “Bill” H. King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes, and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Bob Franklin, citizen, Eddie Rosenberger, citizen, Robert Garrett, citizen, and Larry Walden, citizen was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 4, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels wanted to express the heart felt loss of Ronald D. Moore.

Jessica Sager, CDL, joined the meeting to introduce herself and business. They planted their feet in Humboldt, Kansas about a year ago and are growing. She pointed out several businesses they have done work for within the area and continue to do so. They purchased a portion of Comfort Contractors in Chanute. Jessica reported on the equipment they own so that they can supply about all needs. They will be opening another store front in Humboldt. They are also a Waylon Dealer and repair and install storm sirens.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jimmy Skaggs, Heath Womack and Donald Solander, joined the meeting. Chairman King presented years of service certificates Don Solander for 8 years, Health and Jimmy Skaggs for 16 years.

Mitch reported the crusher was running but down again; parts are in for it.

Mitch presented bids for loader tires. Bids were received from JD’s Automotive for a Galaxy PrimeX 29.5-Lead25 L5-28 ply for $4,350.50 X 4 = $17,402.00, O-rings for $8.80 X 4 = $35.20, Mount $150.00 X4=$600.00 for a total of $18,037.20; Fred’s Treads for a Tiron 29.5-Lead25 L5-34 ply for $5,741.13 X 4 = $22,964.50 for a total of $22,964.50 includes installation; Fred’s Treads for a Galaxy LHD 500A 29.5-Lead25 L5-28 ply for $5,198.17 X 4 = $20,792.50, for a total of $20,792.50; no bid was received from Eastside Tire or T.J.’s Towing, L.L.C. Discussion followed. Mitch recommended J-D’s. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the purchase of the 4 tires from J-D’s Automotive. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch will be presenting bids for fuel pumps at the landfill (1) and shop (2) in a couple of weeks. Discussion followed.

Bob Franklin requested the status of the clock on the square. Commissioners stated they have parts ordered and working on it.

Debbie Bearden, Calvin Parker, Allen County Farmers Market, requested on behalf of Allen County Farmer’s Market to use the southeast corner of the square every Thursday evening from April 30th through October from 5:05 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. in 2020. Calvin explained the attractions and special events brought in a lot of people. Debbie thanked the commission for being the fiduciary for them. She commented some of the businesses stay open on Thursday evening to draw in customers. They understand some vendors will set up tables on the lawn but no vehicles are to be on the grass. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the use of the court square for Allen County Farmer’s Market for 2020. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.
Debbie asked about requesting the funds from the Special Parks and Recreation funds. They told her just to get on the agenda and request.

Chairman King moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:54 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:04 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes 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 King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:07 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:12 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes 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 King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:12 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – reimbursement for DeWayne Zimmerman for cell phone
b) Inventory – 911 Communications’ Office
c) Clerk’s Vouchers – 2/6/2020-$350,671.59 & 2/10/2020-$24,425.80
d) Clerk’s Journal Entry - #4, #5 & #6
e) Abatements: RE Value 22,147, $41,404.46, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m. until Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson        Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk    Jerry Daniels, Commissioner