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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 21, 2020.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, discussed a few projects going on; the weak floors at the Humboldt Senior Center in the men’s room is fixed, the clock on the square dinger is ringing but the face of the clock is wrong and it might be another two weeks before the motor is fixed.

Terry Call joined the meeting.

Stephen Euston, Bukaty Companies, in person and Phil Drescher, Bukaty Companies via Conference call, joined the meeting. Phil explained the insurance carrier is better than they had last meeting. He covered each option in detail. Stephen explained what a laser consists of for Allen County. He stated Gerber Life is not a competitive. They both are recommending option 2 with BRM Specialty Markets with a $50,000 Specific over the option 1 with BRM Specialty Markets with a $45,000 but Phil explained the “Option” next to the last column is what he recommends mostly; it has a transplant option that an employee might need. Stephen stated it is binding as long as it as a decision is made before January 31, 2020, if not they require another months’ worth of claims. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the recommended carrier from Bukaty Companies with Meritain/BRM Specialty Markets with the chairman’s signature. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King signed.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, thanked the commission for the COLA and merit raises.

Mitch reported tin is going on the door on the hanger at the Allen County Regional Airport. Other crews are cleaning ditches and installing a cross drain where it’s been flooding on Rhode Island Road.

Commissioners discussed the crusher and rock crushing as well as rock stock. Discussion followed. Mitch stated he was going to have to purchase some rock for the projects that have to be completed as soon as possible. Commissioners approved as long as Mitch was conservative. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes reported on the Government Day at the Capitol. His greatest take away is that Medicaid Expansion is not a definite so everyone needs to contact legislators. He explained in 2019 Allen County spent $69,000 on inmate’s health and $92,000 in 2018.
Commissioner Symes commented on the proposed LAVTR the counties used to get; it is being looked at again. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes reported on the SEK Inc. meeting where David Toland, Kansas Secretary of Commerce was a speaker. His topic was the 2020 Census and if underreporting happens it could cost $6 million for the State. Commissioner Symes continued to explain other items discussed at that meeting.

Chairman King asked Terry about ambulance station signage for both buildings. Terry stated he is still working towards bids.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Mike Ford, Jay Weseloh, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:12 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:02 a.m. No action was taken.

Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, Michael Burnett, EMS Director, and Timothy Thyer, Fire Chief, joined the meeting to give the 4th quarter update. Director Burnett explained the 4th quarter reports:

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**CITY OF IOLA**

Memorandum

**TO:** ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSION  
**FROM:** MICHAEL BURNETT, EMS DIRECTOR/PARAMEDIC  
**SUBJECT:** EMS UPDATE – 2019 4th Quarter  
**DATE:** 24 JANUARY 2020  
**CC:** MAYOR WELLS & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL  
SID FLEMING, CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
TIM THYER, IOLA FIRE CHIEF  
COLE HERDER, HUMBOLDT CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
JERRY WALLIS, MORAN MAYOR

**FOURTH QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS**

**October:**  
- Thyer & Burnett pickup new Med #34 at ARV in Columbia, Mo.  
- AC EMS crews have logged 17 hours of in-house medical recertification training.  
- AC EMS/Fire crews were on standby for all city area middle & high school football home games.  
- AC EMS & Fire units participated in the Iola High School Home-Coming parade.  
- AC EMS & Fire units participated in the Farm City Days parade.  
- New Med #34 in service.
November:
- AC EMS/Fire crews participated in a full-scale exercise on the Lehigh Trails.
- Flag detail for Veterans Day.
- EMS Director Burnett met with USD 257 staff to discuss administration of Narcan to students.
- Chief Thyer attended the Schools SAFE meeting at Allen Community College.
- AC EMS crews have logged 56 hours per employee of in-house medical recertification training.
- AC EMS/Fire crews taught basic First Aid/use of medical equipment to ANW Coop children.
- Chief Thyer and EMS Director Burnett attended SEK Homeland Security meeting in Chanute.
- AC EMS/Fire crews ate lunch with children at Jefferson Elementary School.

December:
- AC EMS/Fire crews taught Narcan administration to Iola High School staff.
- AC EMS/Fire crews taught Narcan administration to USD 257 board office for admin.
- AC EMS crews have logged 7 hours per employee of in-house medical recertification training.
- EMS Director Burnett and Chief Thyer attended quarterly Trauma Review Committee Meeting at Allen County Regional Hospital.
- Chief Thyer attended the Schools SAFE meeting at Allen Community College.
- Chief Thyer attended SEK Healthcare Coalition meeting in Chanute.
- AC EMS/Fire crews ate lunch with children at Mckinley Elementary School.

A LOOK FORWARD
- Recruitment - Continuing to seek Paramedics by visiting with colleges and students that are finishing up with their paramedic programs.
- Continue to seek ways to be more cost-effective to help offset the rising cost of supplies.

EMS DATA

Graph 1 shows the Runs By Zone-District using year-to-date numbers (Jan-Dec). This information reflects where calls for service originate. The Other category reflects unclassified runs and runs outside Allen County.
EMS CALLS YTD – 2015-2019

JANUARY through DECEMBER

Graph 2 shows the total EMS runs year-to-date (Jan-Dec) from 2015 through 2019.

REASON FOR OUT-OF-STATION

Graph 3 shows the YTD (Jan-Dec) percentage breakdown for the reason staff was Out-Of-Station.
Director Burnett stated they had 2150 runs in 2019 which is the highest call volume yet.

Commissioner Daniels stated he would like to see a list of what they would like for the new stations. The original bid had washer/dryer and refrigerator. Work with Terry what they need.

Director Burnett discussed Homeland security meetings that are held every two months. He has started a project; this will be a two to three-year project and every ambulance will have at least one or two vests. Discussion followed on costs for protection.

Chief Thyer explained training for the rescue boat. Commissioner Daniels asked them to let the commission know when they are putting the boat on the water.

Sherrie discussed a department head meeting where the topic was about the Southeast Kansas Regional meeting to be held on June 18, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels moved to re-appointed Ryan Sparks to serve on the Thirty-First District Judicial Nominating Commission for an unexpired term March 2, 2020 to March 4, 2024. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney Client for negotiations. 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 9:32 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:37 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney Client for negotiations. 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.
Scott Welch, Welch’s Market, presented more information for the commission to review. He thanked them for their time. Commissioner Daniels asked about matching grants, how soon they will know. Scott stated 14 days from the time it was submitted. Cole presented a letter of acceptability from Kansas Healthy Food Initiative (KHFI) for Welch’s Market. Discussion followed on items they are submitting to the City of Humboldt for utility help.

Commissioner Symes asked about employees. Scott stated 8 to 14; some will be students and most will be full time; meat wrappers, clerks. Discussion followed on serves and customer base. Cole is asking about a time line for this project.

Commissioners discussed the Sales Tax Election. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. 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 10:12 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. 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 10:18 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:23 a.m. No action was taken.

Dena Daniels joined the meeting.

Terry presented a change order for the Allen County EMS Facilities for the flag pole they approved last week.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – 1/23/2020-$193,976.27 & 1/27/2020-$20,422.58
b) Payroll – Reimbursement for mileage for Bruce Symes and Terry Call
c) Payroll – Processing paper fee for sheriff dept.
d) Annual inventory reports from Clerk’s office and LaHarpe Senior Center
e) Annual receipts and expenditures reports from Cottage Grove Cemetery, Fire District #3 and Marmaton Township.
f) Journal vouchers – 2020 - #3
   2019 - #84

g) Abatements: RE Value 24,994, $4,725.96, Yr 2019
   PP Value 5,542, $967.64, Yr 2019
   Oil Value 2,267, $327.32, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn. Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. until February 4, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner