

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Thomas R. Williams, Commissioner Jim Talkington, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk.

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Heather Bosler, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting.

John Muhl, Eagle Scout, updated the commissioners on his service project. He needs a project beneficiary. He explained that meant for someone to act as a third party; communicate with John concerning the project. His service project is to have a box for American flags to be placed, and then dealt with for a means of proper destruction. Chairman Williams stated he feels it's a good project and John should be commended for working on this. This is a great way for people to properly dispose of their American flag. John further explained that anything he fundraises will go to Allen County and Humboldt. John read from a document provided by Boy Scouts of America. As of now, he doesn't have a receptacle for the flags. Chairman Williams moved that Allen County Chairman be beneficiary of Eagle Scout, John Muhl's service project, Commissioner Talkington seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Bryan Murphy discussed roof repair. He stated it's guaranteed for 15 years and didn't even make 11. Chairman Williams said he didn't want to put Sheriff's budget in jeopardy, tipping fees were mentioned, Commissioner Talkington mentioned County General. Sheriff Murphy discussed his budget and expenses. He stated his concern was his budget and the roof issue. Chairman Williams stated to take the roof repair cost out of County General and hopefully at year end we can recoup some of it from the Sheriff's budget.

Chairman Williams discussed speed limits with Sheriff Murphy regarding the recent Monarch decision. Sheriff Murphy brought up a suggestion he received about a light at top of Humboldt hill. Sheriff will get with Mitch Garner, Public Works Director about speed limit.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported to the meeting. Chairman Williams asked Mitch about a letter concerning LaHarpe. Mitch explained the area. He stated it's been cleaned out, but it just sits in a hole. Mitch doesn't feel an engineer is needed. He will take another look at it to see if there is anything at all that can be done by Allen County.

Carl Slaugh, Iola City Administrator joined the meeting.

Commissioner Talkington asked about dirt at the Super Eight. A citizen had asked him about it. Carl explained that KDHE had required that new clean soil be brought in. Commissioner Daniels noted that all this activity is being monitored by KDHE.

Commissioner Daniels suggested Mitch communicate with staff at Monarch about the signage. Sheriff Murphy asked about where to start slowing down traffic. Discussion followed.

Carl asked Mitch about cover at the landfill. Mitch explained the procedure that approves such.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for the purpose of non-elected personnel for 5 minutes, Commissioner Daniels seconded. It is now 9:09 a.m. Those in the room are Chairperson Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk. Commissioner re-convened at 9:14, no action taken.

Alan Weber, County Counselor, reported to the meeting. He discussed the demo project at the old hospital. Commissioner Daniels asked about the medial arts building. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Murphy reported that the jail administrator has resigned. He stated that Dathan McMurtrey just graduated from the academy. He's looking at putting on a new deputy in October and one in November. The jail administrator's office was discussed.

Ron Holman, House and Grounds Director, stopped in to share bids for a refrigerator for the Moran Senior Center: Westco for \$589.98, Flynn Appliance for \$624.00 and Home Appliance Co for \$645.00. It was noted that Flynn Appliance would provide maintenance if need be. Commissioner Daniels moved to purchase a refrigerator from Flynn Appliance Center for \$624.00, Commissioner Talkington seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan brought up the LaHarpe road issue. He said Allen County has the responsibility to put in the proper drainage, other than that there's not much that Allen County can do.

Chairman Williams moved to go into executive session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege for 5 minutes, Commissioner Talkington seconded. It is now 9:35 a.m. Those in the room are Chairperson Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Commissioner Daniels, Alan Weber, County Counselor and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk. Commissioner re-convened at 9:40, no action taken.

Commissioner Talkington asked about a set structure for pay raises. Allen County does not have step-grade. Alan mentioned that there is a company that would do a review of the Allen County personnel manual and the way in which pay raises are given. Commissioners asked that he look into that option.

Alan said he'll probably start working on the next tax sale in October.

Chairman Williams opened up the Allen County Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m. There was no public present. Commissioner Talkington moved to approve the Allen County Budget, Commissioner Daniels seconded and motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$134,697.15
- b) Payroll Changes

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 8, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

Thomas R. Williams, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner