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

Bob Johnson, Iola Register, and Cliff Ralstin, Humboldt Union, were present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners corrected and approved the minutes of the August 27, 2013, regular meeting.

Commissioners reviewed Resolutions 201310, 201311, 201312, 201313, 201314, 201315 concerning the 2014 budget:

Resolution No. 201310

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commissioners with respect to financing the 2014 annual budget for Allen County.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2014 Allen County budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2013 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 2014 Allen County budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Allen County Commissions that is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2014 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.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2013 by the Board of Allen County Commissioners.

SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.201311

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2014 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 2014 Fire District #2 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2013 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

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 2014 Fire District #2 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2013 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.201312
A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2014 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 2014 Fire District #3 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2013 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 2014 Fire District #3 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2013 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.201313

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2014 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 2014 Fire District #4 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2013 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 2014 Fire District #4 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2013 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.201314

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2014 annual budget for Sewer District #1, Allen County, Kansas.

Whereas, K.S.A. 79-2925b provides that a resolution be adopted if property taxes levied to finance the 2014 Sewer District #1 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2013 Sewer District #1 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 #1 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 2014 Sewer District #1 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2013 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

SPECIAL DISTRICT RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.201315

A resolution expressing the property taxation policy of the Board of Allen County Commission with respect to financing the 2014 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 2014 Sewer District #2 district budget exceed the amount levied to finance the 2013 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 it is our desire to notify the public of the possibility of increased property taxes to finance the 2014 Sewer District #2 budget as defined above.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2013 by the Board of Allen County Commission, Allen County, Kansas.

Commissioner Williams moved to approve Resolutions 201310, 201311, 201312, 201313, 201314, and 201315. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Works discussed Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) nominations to serve as Kansas’ representative to the Governing Board of the National Association of Counties for the term September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2015. Discussion followed. Commissioners approved to vote for Richard Malm, Jefferson County Commissioner.

Bill King, Public Works Director, and Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Foreman, discussed the contracts for the three turn back roads: State Highway’s 202, 222, & 224. These are the highway access in to Savonburg, Elsmore and Humboldt. Commissioner Williams moved to approve the three contracts. Commissioner Talkington seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Bill stated they would like to use the money for a road grader.

Bill discussed the bridge project #1C-3942-01 (Hegwald Bridge) located west of City of Humboldt.

Bill discussed Enbridge Pipeline project at the pumping station. He mentioned Enbridge has asked Bill about reducing the speed limit in that area. Discussion followed. Bill stated it wasn’t a heavily traveled road.

Bill talked about the new law for signs in 2014. They have to meet the retro reflectivity standards set by the state. His plans are to hire some seasonal employees next year to help with the change out. Discussion followed.

Bill discussed proposals he has sent out to present later for a snow plow to go on the front of the noxious weed truck and a slide-in-spreader for the back of the vehicle.

Chuck Richey joined the meeting.

Chairman Works discussed a late request lowering the SEK Multi County Health levy. Discussion followed. Commissioners requested Rodney Burns, Schlotterbeck and Burns, to lower the levy.

David Meier, Pastor, LaDonna Krone, Max McReynolds, Nila Dickerson, and Jerry Neely, Humboldt Food Pantry volunteers, presented a letter requesting to use the Humboldt Senior Center for Ministerial Alliance as a point for food distribution. The letter gave the history of the contract with the Kansas Food Bank and current situation. Discussion followed on electrical outlets in the center and flow of work while the distribution is in progress. A wall would need to be constructed with a locking door for security. Hours of operation are Monday 10-11 a.m. and Tuesday’s 5-6 p.m. Each distribution day services different criteria. One restriction is they have to live within the USD district; the other is county wide. Discussion followed on money saved on rent and utilities would go toward more help in the community such as utilities. Commissioner Talkington asked about combining Iola and Humboldt. Pastor Meier stated there really isn’t any way of doing that. There are 23 volunteers and 7 preachers, so expanding hours are possible but funding might not be. Jerry stated there is currently a matching anonymous donation up to a certain amount. Discussion followed. Jerry stated it is an amazing community that supports the Humboldt Food Pantry. Commissioners discussed a contract and will visit with Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, about writing one.

LaDonna stated they have visited with Ron Baker, Allen County Hospital Administrator, about the possibility of getting shelving and items from the old hospital once it moves.
Commissioners discussed ambulance.

Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS Interim Director, joined the meeting.

Chairman Works opened the 2014 Budget Hearing for Allen County, which include Fire District's 2, 3 & 4, Sewer District's 1 & 2. Chuck Richey was the only public in attendance. Commissioners discussed lowering the budget by $11,638 due to a change in Southeast Multi County Health's budget request. Commissioner Talkington moved to adopt the 2014 Allen County budget with changes. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor, discussed the Allen County Emergency Medical Service Agreement with the Commission. Some of the contract issues were discussed such as guaranteeing $750,000 to the City of Iola, setting up EMS Capital Outlay Fund with excess run receipts and provide mutual indemnification for acts occurring prior to the effective date of an agreement. He discussed the request for COLA is not guaranteed. Commissioners stated salaries for billing staff and/or secretary (EMS work). There were several issues discussed back and forth. Commissioners tabled the discussion until after the next order of business.

Jim West and Mike Schwindt, Crossroads of Mid-America Car Club, wanted to be allowed to park on the square if they outgrow West Street at Farm City Days October 19, 2013. They would like to park on the courtyard then put the overflow on West Street. The average is 60-80 cars but they think they might have more. It is shady and cooler. The commissioners stated they would like to discuss it with Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, about the yard and will let them know.

Commissioners continued the EMS discussion. Alan will prep the contract, send to the commission for approval and send to the city for review.

Commissioners requested Alan draft a contract between Allen County and Humboldt Ministerial Alliance.

Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS Interim Director, stated they have an ambulance in the shop again; it is the same one that was in a couple of weeks ago. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Talkington moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Williams seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Works, Commissioner Williams, Commissioner Talkington, Michael Burnett, Interim EMS Director, Alan Weber, Allen County Counselor and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 10:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:51 a.m. No action was taken.

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Commissioners discussed a drop dead date for the EMS contract with the City of Iola. Commissioners agreed they want it to be September 30/October 1, 2013.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers $84,751.21
b) Journal Entry #57

With no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned until September 10, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.
Dick Works, Chairperson

Thomas R Williams, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Jim Talkington, Commissioner