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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Eric Spruill, Iola Register, Paul Zirjack, citizen, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on December 30, 2019.

Paul Zirjack led the flag salute.

Sherrie presented Resolution #202001 for review. She explained Allen County runs on a cash bases so they opt out of GAAP.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 202001

A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 75-1117 (SUPP. 1978), 75-1120 (SUPP. 1982), 75-1121 (SUPP. 1988), AND 75-122 (SUPP. 1983) SO AS NOT TO REQUIRE ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS TO MAINTAIN FIXED ASSET RECORDS AND OBSERVE FIXED ASSET ACCOUNTING PRACTICES.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

WHEREAS, Allen County, Kansas has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ending December 31, 2020, to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to Allen County, Kansas or the members of the general public of Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolution of said municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with said act for the year ending December 31, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this 7th day of January 2020, that the said Board of County Commissioners requests the Director of Accounts and Reports to waive the requirements of said law as they apply to Allen County, Kansas for the year ending December 31, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Board of County Commissioners shall cause its financial statements and financial reports of the said municipality to be prepared on the bases of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this state.

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OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Commissioner King moved to authorize Resolution 202001. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie presented Resolution 202002 for review. This resolution allows other employers in Allen County to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone when commissioners approve. She
explained this Resolution happens every five years. Sherrie explained to the commission that they could do more or less than the $1,500. The commissioners asked about utilization. Sherrie explained the county has a waiting list and one church in Humboldt is utilizing.

Resolution No. 202002
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RURAL OPPORTUNITY ZONE STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS,

Section 1. Pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, the Board of County Commissioners expressed its intent to participate in the Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) student loan repayment program.

Section 2. Allen County has been designated a Rural Opportunity Zone pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,222.

Section 3. Allen County Commissioners hereby obligate Allen County to participate in the ROZ student loan repayment program as provided by K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223 for a period of five years, which shall be irrevocable.

Section 4. Allen County agrees to pay in equal shares with the State of Kansas the outstanding student loan balance of any resident individual for five years, if the resident individual meets the terms of qualification provided by the State of Kansas in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-50,223, and the appropriate rules and regulations. The number of qualified resident individuals receiving such payments will be subject to the availability of funds.

Section 5. Allen County intends to enter into partnerships with Cities, Employers, and Foundations for the direct sponsorship of Rural Opportunity Zone Applicants. Sponsored Applicants must meet all qualifications of the ROZ program. All sponsorships will be subject to ROZ student loan repayment rules and regulations.

Section 6. The maximum student loan balance for each qualified resident individual to be repaid jointly by Allen County and the State of Kansas shall be $15,000 over a term of five years.

Section 7. Allen County shall allocate $1,500.00 a year for the purpose of matching payments from the State of Kansas to qualified resident individuals. Allen County shall revise its ROZ budget on an annual basis and shall inform the State of Kansas of any changes to the annual allocation. Allen County shall submit their obligation in full to the Department of Commerce before the first day of September each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be published once in the official county newspaper and shall be in effect from and after its date of publication.

Adopted this 7th day of January 2020 by the Board of Allen County Commissioners, Allen County, Kansas.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Commissioner Symes moved to approve Resolution 202002 with $1,500.00. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie reviewed her yearend list for appointments with the commission.

Commissioner King moved to reappoint Walt Regehr, Jr. to the SEK Mental Health Board Consolidated board for the term of 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to reappoint Andy Dunlap and John F. Brocker, as his alternate to the Regional Planning Revolving Loan Committee. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Daniels moved to reappointed Bill King, Nicholas Lohman and Jean Barber to the Multi County Health Board. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioners discussed appoints to the Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging Board. They requested Sherrie to find out times and meeting dates for this board. They will discuss it next week.

Commissioner Symes moved to reappoint John F. Brocker to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Sherrie reported the City of Moran has nominated Nelda Cuppy to serve on the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner King moved to reappoint Nelda Cuppy to serve a term from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022 on the Moran Senior/Community Center Executive Board. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes moved to reappoint Jean Barber to serve on the Public Building Commission for a term that will expire 2/2023. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Daniels moved to reappoint Bruce Symes to the Juvenile Detention Board. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner King moved to name Iola Register as the Allen County Official Newspaper for 2020 but to publish in Humboldt Union as well. Commissioner Symes seconded; discussion followed. Motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported parts to the crusher are showing up and working on getting it fixed. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the construction guys will be pouring pads in Moran site next week. Discussion followed. Mitch as long as the weather holds out.

Mitch still out patching pot holes up north of Iola. Chairman Daniels discussed leaning signs due to strong winds. Mitch black tops first then gravel.

Commissioner Symes asked if Allen County was having to purchase rock yet. Mitch stated not yet, trying to reserve best they can.

Sid Fleming, City of Iola Administrator, joined the meeting.

Commissioner King discussed the Perry building Ken Rowe stated they wanted to donate to Allen County. He presented pictures and stated it was a big problem for Allen County due to a lot of clean up and cost of fix up. He stated a gift is a nice gesture but not if it is cost prohibited. Commissioner King stated there is a Rowe building right behind the Perry building and south of the Elks Club building. Discussion followed on the condition of that building. Commissioner King discussed other building that might be available. Chairman Daniels stated there might be more to visit about.

Ken Thompson, 9th District House Representative, joined the meeting.

Commissioner King discussed a request for a change on the front of the Humboldt Senior Center.
Commissioners adjourned to the Conference Room for meeting with the Legislators.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Jamie Clark, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Caryn Tyson, Ken Collins, 2nd District House Representative, joined the meeting to visit with commissioners and office heads.

Chairman Daniels started off by thanking the Legislators for helping Allen County obtain the big grant from KDOT.

Representative Thompson stated the session will start on Monday, January 13, 2020. He commented it is a big sacrifice for legislators to be representing in Topeka. Representative Thompson stated one of the big things legislators will be looking to do would be to restore LAVTR which is Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction for local government. The last time it was paid to counties was around 1997 or so.

Representative Collins mentioned he is on the Rural Revival Committee which will be encouraging the legislators to look at the differences between Kansas small cities and Missouri small cities and why the Missouri side is prospering more than Kansas.

Senator Tyson stated this will be a very interesting session in Topeka. She loves her job and is looking forward to serving this year. Senator Tyson stated there will be around 20 different bills for property tax. She commented there will be a shortage of appraisers before long so they will be addressing issues from the beginning to the end of appraisal process. One of the proposed changes would be to have an arbitrator in the appeals process. Second would be to put the proposed dollars that the taxpayer's valuation could create, so the taxpayer would know up front.

Senator Tyson stated one of the bills will be on pro-life. Another on changes in the process of appointing Supreme Court judges. She discussed highway transportation plan called “Forward”.

Senator Tyson mentioned issues with the Osawatomie State Hospital they are planning on working out to benefit law enforcement. Lastly, she spoke on changes needed to Scrap Metal legislation.

Cole asked about where funding would come from the state level if LAVTR was reestablished. Senator Tyson stated out of the General Fund.

Commissioner Symes asked about pending legislation on the “Dark Stores” or known as “Big Box Stores” in regards to appraisal. Representative Thompson stated the issue started in Johnson County and is really an urban problem. Senator Tyson commented Appraiser’s and commissioners tend to pick the highest appraisal available to them. New legislation would address that values would be the same whether they are open or closed stores. She explained some examples of what has happened in Johnson County.

Jamie commented the changes should start at the state level as that is where they get their comps from. Discussion continued on proposed changes on procedures.
Commissioner Symes also asked about issues of placement of juvenile offenders and changes in current law. Representative Thompson commented changes were made about 3 years ago and it is a flip of the coin whether they good or bad changes depending on the situation. Commissioner Symes stated several counties have discussed pulling out of the SEK Juvenile Detention Center but haven't at this time. Discussion followed.

Chairman Daniels enquired about the legislator’s thoughts on changing Daylight Savings Time. Senator Tyson stated Indiana and Arizona both had changed to not having Daylight Savings Time and Indiana has changed back to having it. She stated if the entire country went with it she would be for it but it has a big economic impact if so do and some don’t. Especially the ones located near the other. Representative Collins gave some examples.

Sid asked about internet sales taxes. A short discussion continued.

Senator Tyson discussed fees for electric cars. Discussion followed.

Cole asked about Tobacco 21. Senator Tyson stated it is a federal thing. Discussion followed.

Senator Tyson stated the legislators will be looking at a “Big Tax Bill” that has a two year budget process.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the legislators to have taken their time to visit Allen County.

Commissioners reconvened back to the commission room.

Cole updated the commission on the ambulance barn and the industrial park at Humboldt. Cole discussed the clean up on the chemical spread and water conservation for the City of Humboldt. He stated if they hadn’t gotten the clearance to use water on Friday, they would have had problems. Discussion followed. Commissioner King stated Allen County doesn’t have potable water but could have provided tankers for fires or something as such. Cole stated they were only one hour away from asking for help. Discussion continued. Cole thanked the County and Sid Fleming, City of Iola administrator and everyone involved for quick notice on New Year’s Day.

Commissioner 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 Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:19 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:29 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner King moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for land acquisition. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:35 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to authorize pay increases cost of living of 2% with merit up to 2% but not more that 4% overall per employee. Commissioner King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Counselor Johnson discussed the Sales Tax Election. The bond personal are working with Counselor Johnson to get it ready. Commissioners agreed that the election should be April 7,
2020. Counselor Johnson stated commissioners need to decide whether they want to go from the current .25 of a cent to a 3.8th of a cent. Since the City of Iola might end its future allocation towards the hospital. Discussion followed.

Chairman Daniels reported Coffee with Commissioners will be January 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. at Elsmore City Hall.

Commissioners reviewed the annual inventory from the Services to the Elderly van.

Commissioners reviewed the monthly treasurer’s reports for December 2019.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $66,731.73
b) Payroll – pay increase & position change for Misty Rice, department transfer for Donald Leapheart.

c) Journal vouchers - #77 to #82

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner King moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m. until January 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson               William H. King, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk   Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                             OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   January 14, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bill King, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, and Bryan J. Murphy, Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Trevor Hoag led the flag salute.

Joyce Adair, Iola Senior Center Inc. President, introduced herself and updated the commission of their donations to the community. Iola Senior Center, Inc. has donated $13,250 throughout the year 2019. They donated $1,000 to CURB, Hospice, Hope Unlimited, Pregnancy Resource, Jefferson, Lincoln, and McKinley Schools, Middle School, Crossroads, Wings of Warriors, Kappa Alpha and $1,250 to the Food Pantry, $500 dollars each to Adopt A Child, Project Care, and Meals on Wheels. Joyce went on to state their biggest problem is needing more room because of handicap accessibility. There are buildings the commission has been looking at. Discussion followed. There have been security issues taken care of this year with a new camera and new locks. Joyce invited the commission to a board meeting; 2nd Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. She thanked the commission. They thanked her.

Commissioners received a letter from Tim Cunningham, Tri-Valley Developmental Services Executive Director, requesting commissioners approve an agreement for 2020 services in Allen
County. Commissioner King moved to renew the agreement for services with Tri-Valley Developmental Services for 2020. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners reviewed a contract with the City of Iola to continue the lease on the ambulance station on a year to year basis for $1.00 per year. Counselor Johnson explained the contract in detail. Commissioner Symes moved to authorize the Chairman’s signature, Commissioner King seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Jes Pfannelstiel, Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties (KWORCC) Lost Prevention Specialist & Marketing Director, explained his position and history. He presented the Commission with a plaque “KWORCC Award Exceptional Loss Ratios for 2018 by Premium Size $50,000-$125,000 2nd Place – Allen County”. Commissioners thanked Jes for the award.

Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, reported on cost sharing program to assist local units of government in construction of transportation projects throughout the state. Allen County has been awarded monies and need to sign an agreement with KDOT. Discussion followed.

Paul Sorenson joined the meeting.

Mitch discussed the 5-year solid waste plan. There have been a few changes, he needs to update the plan. The tonnage is what has changed so this needs approved by the commission. Commissioners approved the updated 5-year Solid Waste Plan.

Mitch reported on equipment that is currently not working.

Chairman Daniels moved to appoint Bill king as Chairman for Allen County Commission for 2020. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Bruce Symes as Vice-Chair for Allen County Commission for 2020. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Allen County sign the agreement with KDOT. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Calvin Parker asked if there is an update on the law suit for D&D propane. Counselor Johnson stated he hasn’t heard anything.

Commissioners discussed the Area Agency on Aging positions for 2020. Commissioner Symes moved to appoint William Bill Shirley and reappoint LaDonna Krone to Area Agency on Aging. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes discussed not taking a pay increase in the percentages by the commission. He would like to lead by example by not taking any increase in pay neither merit or COLA. Commissioner Symes moved to remove Commissioners from any 2020 pay increases.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for contract negotiations. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman Daniels, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner King, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:26 a.m. No action was taken.

Phil Drescher and Stephen Euston, Bukaty, reviewed in detail the renewal for 2020 insurance. Phil commented bad years run in a 5-year cycle, one really bad and one really good and three in between. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 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, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:33 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 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, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:57 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, and Commissioner Daniels. The time is now 10:57 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 11:02 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner approved the following documents:
  a) Clerks Vouchers – 1/9/2020-$438,657.37 & 1/13/2020-$210,508.43
  b) Clerks Journal Entries – #83
  c) Payroll – Change of payroll funds for Raymond Bonnett
  d) Payroll – Vacation carryover for Anthony Maness to be used within 6 months.
  e) Annual inventory – for the Public Works Department, and Moran Senior/Community Center.
  f) Annual Township and Special Districts Reports for Geneva & Humboldt Townships, LaHarpe/Elm Cemetery, and Fire District #2 Allen County Rural Volunteers.
  g) Coroner reimbursements on Darrel Catron and Charlie J. McEndree.
  h) Abatements:  RE Value 455, $70.66, Yr 2019  
                 PP Value 6867, $1294.32, Yr 2019  
                 TR Value 271, $37.40, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m. until January 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson                Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk             Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  January 21, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner William “Bill” H. King, 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, and Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, were present to observe the meeting.
Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on January 14, 2020.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Angie Murphy, 911 Coordinator, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:31 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:51 a.m. No action was taken.

Amy and Steve Welch, Our Store, Mike Hofer, Hofer & Hofer, and Cole joined the meeting to discuss the grocery store in Humboldt. Cole explained the history of the Moon’s Grocery Store. He stated he felt that Humboldt was too small for a chain grocery store; it needs a hometown family which is what the Welch’s are. Cole discussed grants available.

Scott explained Amy grew up in Humboldt and is currently ANW Coop teacher. He stated they need to have both a grocery shop as well as meat market. Scott explained how they would be running it.

Amy stated it is a Heart Project, they have all their finances lined out but would like help while they are applying for the Reach Grant.

Scott continued to explain the setup of the store. They expect to hire 8-10 employees; both part and full. They would like to be up and going the first of April. Commissioner Symes stated he would like to see their financials and would like to see it be a great benefit for not only Humboldt but also Allen County. Cole recommended to have an executive session for Trade Secrets if the commission want to see numbers. He proceeded in explaining all the benefits.

Commissioner Daniels explained that Moran Grocery’s was a matching grant and G&W was because Allen County has property attached to the land.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Amy and Scott Welch, Our Market, Mike Hofer, Hofer & Hofer, Cole Herder, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:26 a.m. No action was taken.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director/Zoning Administrator, reported the electric is already approved and the flag poles (costs $3,900) but the installation of the flag pole itself costs isn’t. Bids were received for installation of flag poles from Flagpole ETC for $4,500; J&J Contractors for $4,700; Koehn Construction for $2,835.51 and Whitworth Construction for $3,400 for installation of the two flag poles. Commissioner Symes moved to enter the agreement with Koehn Construction to have the flag pole installed. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry asked about the Signs, Commissioner Daniels on the street side but blue and white. Chairman King stated it should be on the building as well. Terry asked about like Dispatch. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels stated Terry could go ahead and look into the signs; retro-reflective and with lettering?? Terry stated Koehn is looking at the end of February, 1st of March for completion on Humboldt Station. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes asked about furniture and such at the time of completion or afterwards? Commissioner Daniels stated some of the furnishing will be able to transfer and have some new but not high class. The city should have an idea. Maybe about $4,000 worth of furniture. Commissioner Symes asked if bided out or find one who could furnish all of it at a cost. He thought Terry should work with the Chief Thyer and Michael Burnett.
Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 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, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director/Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:40 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the crusher is up and running. He has had good support getting it up and going; it’s not at 100% but working towards it.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, introduced Dana Dawn to the commissioners.

Mitch stated they are prepared if the weather comes in like it is supposed to.

Commissioner Daniels stated Elsmore City asked about Mitch helping the cities out when they can while he was at the Coffee with Commissioners on Thursday. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels stated the Moran site for the ambulance station is looking better. Mitch stated they are working on marking the driveway. Commissioners stated Terry is looking at signs for the two stations.

Sherrie presented Humboldt Speedway application for Cereal Malt Beverage for 2020. She has checked with the Sheriff and he was good. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the application for Humboldt Speedway. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels 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, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:08 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:18 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 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, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:19 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:24 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:29 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels 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, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 10:38 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:48 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes asked about Medicare expansion while at the legislation meeting last evening. He stated Representative Thompson said it is not a dead deal so contact legislators.

Larry Walden, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels reported Coffee with Commissioners in February will be in Moran, either the 13th or the 27th.
Chairman King reported the SEK Health Department Board meeting is tonight.

Commissioners reviewed the annual reports for Elsmore and Salem Townships.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for training for Jason Trego
b) Payroll – reimbursed meal for Angela Murphy
c) Payroll – new hire Dana Dawn
d) Inventory – Attorney’s Office
e) Clerk’s Vouchers – $109,726.00
f) Clerk’s Journal Entry - #1 & #2
g) Abatements: RE Value 1870, $279.22, Yr 2019
   PP Value 1174, $137.12, Yr 2018

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner King moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. until Tuesday, January 28, 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

IOLA, KANSAS            OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK             January 28, 2020

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:
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 Veteran’s 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 37 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 Chautauqua.
• 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 Chautauqua.
• 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.
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.

Graph 2 shows the total EMS runs year-to-date (Jan-Dec) from 2015 through 2019.
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 County Counselor. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:43 a.m. No action was taken.

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, $4725.96, Yr 2019
    PP Value 5542, $967.64, Yr 2019
    Oil Value 2267, $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.

William H. King, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

February 4, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson William H. “Bill” King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, and Bryan J. Murphy, Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, requested to hire Postalocity by Broadstroke to send out rendition sheets for a cost of $4,434.76. She explained this company will print, stuff, seal, stamp and mail all the renditions she is required by statute to send. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the use of Postalocity for the Appraiser’s office. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman King presented a contract with Advantage Computer for annual retainer support for $1,200.00. Commissioner Symes moved to approve. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, discussed Senate Bill 294 and the repercussions.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented pictures of the proposed signs for both the new ambulance stations. Discussion followed. He is still waiting on another company.

Terry stated they have had to hold off on the Moran station until it dries a little bit so that the construction crew can get equipment at the location.

Cole was reporting on happenings at the new Humboldt Ambulance Station.
Walter Wolf, Monarch Cement, joined the meeting.

Counselor Johnson reminded the commission they needed to make a decision on Sales Tax Question proposed April 7, 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed the weather predicted to come in. They are already on equipment. Commissioner Symes discussed the streets in the Berg Addition which is located in the county. Discussion followed. Mitch will take a look at them.

Mitch reported he will be bringing bids for loader tires next week. They are L5 tires.

Commissioner Symes asked if Mitch has had to purchase rock; he said yes.

Mitch discussed service on the crusher and how it is proceeding.

Sherrie requested discussion on the sales tax for April 7, 2020. Commissioner Symes would like to see a quarter for five years. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes motioned to have quarter cent sales tax for 5 years. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss property acquisition. 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 8:48 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:53 a.m. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION NO. 202003

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (0.25%) COUNTY-WIDE RETAILERS’ SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY ALLEN COUNTY HOSPITAL.

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 et seq. (the “Act”), the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) of Allen County, Kansas (the “County”) currently imposes a one-quarter percent (0.25%) retailers’ sales tax in the County for health care purposes, which sales tax shall terminate as of January 1, 2021 (the “Existing Sales Tax”); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary and advisable to continue to impose a County-wide retailers’ sales tax to finance health care services in the County, including facilities, such tax to commence upon the expiration of the Existing Sales Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the Board to submit to the electors of the County the question of imposing a County-wide retailers’ sales tax for the purpose of financing provision of health care services; and

WHEREAS, in order to finance the costs of providing health care services in the County, including facilities, the Board deems it advisable to provide for the calling of a special question election in the County for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the question of imposing a one-quarter percent (0.25%) County-wide retailers’ sales tax (the “New Sales Tax”), such New Sales Tax to commence upon the expiration of the Existing Sales Tax, on January 1, 2021, and expire on January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, in order to authorize such New Sales Tax, it is deemed advisable to call a special question election in the County to be held on April 7, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. In order to finance the costs of providing health care services in the County, including facilities, it is necessary and advisable pursuant to the authority of the Act to institute the New Sales Tax. Collection of the New Sales Tax, if approved by the electors of the County, shall commence upon expiration of the Existing Sales Tax, on January 1, 2021, and shall expire on January 1, 2026.
SECTION 2. The implementation of the New Sales Tax shall not be effective unless a majority of the qualified electors of the County voting on the proposition shall vote in favor thereof at a special question election to be held in the County for that purpose.

SECTION 3. It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed that a special question election shall be and is hereby called to be held in the County on April 7, 2020, at which time there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County the following proposition:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Allen County, Kansas, be authorized to impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) retailers' sales tax (the "New Sales Tax") for the purpose of financing health care services, including facilities, by Allen County Hospital, with collection of such New Sales Tax to commence on January 1, 2021, upon termination of the existing one-quarter percent (0.25%) retailers' sales tax collected in the County for health care purposes, and to expire on January 1, 2026, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., as amended?

SECTION 4. The vote at said special question election, shall be by ballot, and the proposition stated above shall be printed on the ballot, together with voting instructions as provided by law.

SECTION 5. The County Election Officer shall give notice of the special question election as provided by law by publishing a Notice of Special Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, once each week for two (2) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the County, with the first publication to be not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the special question election and the last publication not more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the election.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, on February 4, 2020.

The Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") of Allen County, Kansas (the "County") met in regular session at the usual meeting place in the County at 8:30 a.m. The Chairman presided and the following members of the Board were present: Chairman William H. King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels and Commissioner Bruce Symes.

The following members of the Board were absent: none.

Thereupon, and among other business, a Resolution was presented entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE CALLING OF A SPECIAL ELECTION IN ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY THE QUESTION OF IMPOSING A ONE-QUARTER PERCENT (0.25%) COUNTY-WIDE RETAILERS' SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY ALLEN COUNTY HOSPITAL.

Thereupon, on motion of Commissioner Symes, seconded by Commissioner Daniels, the Resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Chairman King, Commissioner Daniels and Commissioner Symes

Nay: there were none.

Thereupon, a majority of the members of the Board having voted in favor of the Resolution, it was declared duly adopted and the Resolution was then duly numbered Resolution No.202003; and was directed to be signed by the Commissioners and attested by the Clerk. The Clerk was further directed to take all action necessary to proceed with calling said special question election in the manner prescribed by law.

Scott Welch, Paul Zirjack, joined the meeting.

Ken Rowe, citizen, discussed the new grocery store requesting monies. He reviewed the history of the old committee deciding who gets money. Ken discussed who got denied and who
received monies. He stated he has visited with those on the committee and feel it is wrong to open that can of worms back up; there will be hurt feelings and problems. He understands economic development for large manufacturing and giving monies for getting them in the county.

Carla Nemecék, Southwind Extension District Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Ken stated this is throwing money to a small private grocery store, not a business that will employ a lot of people, but just a few. Explanation continued. Ken asked if the commissioners have one on one visited with ex-grocery store owners, none had. Ken discussed food deserts/ grocery desert. People are mobile and don’t think of having to drive over 16 miles or more.

Commissioner Symes asked about the shut in’s and getting groceries. Ken stated they have businesses that deliver and also some get Meals on Wheels. How many customers will it take to make the grocery store viable? Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels stated yes, he is committed to get a grocery store in Humboldt, whether it is that one or another one. Discussion followed. Cole stated a manager would be managing the store within a budget. Scott explained who the manager (Devin Donaldson) will be and who manages current stores. Ken stated he likes the City of Humboldt and hopes Scott Welch opens up a grocery store and thrives! Ken asked about economic impact on the two existing convenient stores and Dollar General. How fair is it to give tax dollars to a private store and not the others. Cole stated that the study done shows the business will be pulled from Chanute, not Humboldt. Discussion followed on the Moon’s Store.

Commissioner Daniels requested Scott Welch to explain some of the viable plans for their store. Scott discussed the sales tax that would come back into the county. Discussion continued on pros and cons, AWG Coop ($35,000 or $100,000).

Ken asked how the butcher shop asking for free money and declined but a new one in direct competition and gets money. Is the same standard applied to both Bolling’s and Scott’s market equal? Ken requested the commission, since they are the ones making the vote, to do the research not relying on Cole or others for input, make their own research. Commissioner Symes stated it is a weighty decision, once he feels he can he will make a decision.

Scott explained they have applied for an R.E.A.P. Grant from USDA so the money will not be $2K that was announced in the paper, probably about $165,000 would be closer to what is needed.

Commissioner Daniels stated there would be stipulations if the county approved the funding. Cole mentioned energy savings, equipment and lighting and hardware. Ken asked who is going to own the refrigeration, Monarch owns the building. Scott said he would own the equipment. Cole said it did not come the the building. Mr. Wolf stated he doesn’t want to own the fixtures, just the building, they have done everything to bring the building up to code: sprinkler system and such.

Ken asked if the commission has visited with the Moran Store to see if they are doing ok since they received monies from the county. Commissioner Symes stated he has visited what he could but there is a lot they cannot divulge. Ken stated “It is not the role of the commissioners to pick winners and losers, to give money, you first have to take it away from someone else.”

Commissioner Daniels stated Coffee with the Commissioners will be held at Chauncy’s on February 13 at 7:30 a.m. Commissioner Symes reminded the commission there will be a town hall meeting at Allen County Community College on February 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 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 9:55 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 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 10:01 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes reported on the Juvenile Detention meeting, cutting expenses, 2nd year in a roll. So, it will be lowered for counties; they will see another 10% savings from them due to the law change so for 2021.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers – $206,569.96
b) Payroll – Reimbursement for Hazmat finger printing for Christopher W. Craft.
c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes and Cindy Scovill
d) Annual inventory – Humboldt Senior Center, District Court,
e) Annual Township and Special Districts Reports for Fire District #4 and Iola Township
f) Abatements: RE Value 5859, $1122.36, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until February 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson   Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk   Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS   OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK   February 11, 2020

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 $5,198.17 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:
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

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

February 18, 2020

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, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, and Larry Walden, citizen was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 11, 2020.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Sherrie introduced Donald Leapheart as the new Senior Citizen Van Driver. Isabelle Piller retired as of January 31, 2020. Donald expressed his appreciation of the opportunity to drive the van. He enjoyed working at the jail because they are doing good work. Donald commented waking up every morning, looking forward to your job and enjoying your job is great.

Debbie Bearden, LaHarpe Days Committee, explained LaHarpe Days was reinstated in 2019. It will be hosted on June 27, 2020 at LaHarpe City Park. They are requesting $500 for three bounce houses which they will be renting from Pittsburg. The budget for this year is $2,200. They have gotten confirmation for a Vintage baseball game. Other highlights of the game will be food trucks, vendors and a parade. They will continue to raise monies for the rest of the LaHarpe Days. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, and Mr. Randy Stanley, joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director reported they are out patching holes, grading roads and putting rock on them. The crusher is still down as the parts ordered were wrong.
Mitch reported he is still getting bids for the two fuel pumps at the shop and one and the landfill. He has one bid and is waiting on the other.

Commissioner Symes discussed working in the plan filling pot holes 1800 Street by Nebraska for this year.

Shannon Moore, City of Humboldt Police Chief and Darrel Baughn, joined the meeting.

Randy Stanley, resident at 1631 California Road, requested the commissioners lower the speed limit on all the roads the county maintains due to the wet weather and heavy traffic (when US Hwy #169 was being worked on). He mentioned a few in particular; Delaware Road east of Monarch has over the years been overly used, a lot of materials being left on the road especially in wet weather. Mr. Stanley thinks the speed limit on these roads should be lowered to 45 miles and in turn would help carbon usage, less gas and other item. He suggested this would maybe save repair to which they could use the funding towards better roads which starts by lowering the speed limits. Mr. Stanley stated anyone living in or close to the county hears traffic noises and the deer can’t get of the way fast enough at 55 miles per hour. Sheriff Murphy stated he agrees Delaware Road it is in a mess. Mr. Stanley asked if there is or should be an inclement weather clause. Mr. Stanley stated if a road isn’t posted could the commissioners could say it is 45 miles per hour unless otherwise posted? Several in the room stated the 55 miles per hour is by Kansas Statute. Commissioners will take under consideration.

Loren Korte, Allen County Regional Hospital Trustee Chairman, joined the meeting to discuss sales tax election. Loren explained as part of the lease agreement the county will be responsible for maintaining the hospital. They will be doing advertisement for sales tax so that it doesn’t go on the property tax. Discussion followed. The hospital plans on doing an education planning thing to explain what the sales tax will be and what property tax would do. Commissioner Symes stated he would like to see the trustees take a stand. Discussion followed on plans for educating citizens. Loren stated it is just continuing a sun setting sales tax so it will not be increasing anything on sales tax, just continuing the current. Chairman King expressed the commissioner’s appreciation for all the work the Trustees do. Loren stated he appreciates all the commissioners and their support. Counselor Johnson stated Loren has been an immaculate board member.

Mitch requested commissioners to sign the Annual Noxious Weed Eradication Progress Report for 2019 and the Allen County Annual Noxious Weed Management Plan for 2020. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve commissioner’s sign the 2019 report and the 2020 report. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners all signed.

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, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:05 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 2 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 9:05 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:07 a.m. No action was taken.
Commissioner Symes reported Iola Industries is planning another trip to Topeka on March 30, to visit with different offices at the State House.

Commissioner Daniels reported he and Commissioner Symes attended a Town Hall meeting at the Allen County Community College. The college is wanting help to build from the City of Iola and Allen County. Commissioner Daniels stated he would not be raising the tax levy for anybody. He wants to alleviate any question about his concerns to raise the county levy. Discussion followed. Other commissioners concur.

Cole discussed their current repeaters. The county (911) can’t hear the police’s calls.

Steve Hall, Jerry Hall’s Communications, David Blaha, Hayden Tower Service, Inc., Shane Smith, City of Moran Police Chief, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, joined the meeting. Sheriff Murphy stated he had started two years ago on getting communications towers; the proposal at the time was for four towers or one centrally located. The commission at that time decided to go to one tower at a central location. They have spent around $55,000 at the central location prepping it for the tower. Chairman King asked about steel tariff’s increasing, if costs have gone up. David stated they haven’t seen any increases at this time. David explained some of the due diligence’s they (Jerry Hall’s Communications) have taken so far with the FFA and tower, Geo Tech reports, Guide tower with 6 guy lines and anchors, and paid Westar/Evergy to the site to bring the electric to the site, watching for seasonal melts milk weed (not sufficient documentation to make sure it isn’t there), they have had the environmental work done last year, they are valid for about a year so, if it could be funded this year it would be best. There are several persons in the county that this would address their concerns for communications. Sheriff Murphy stated the tower is projected at 300 feet now but 500 feet would be better to reach the southeast and the northwest areas of Allen County. Commissioner Daniels stated this would also fix the Public Works Department lack of communications not just the law enforcement. The tower could come down at the courthouse. Discussion followed on battery backup and generators that would be attached to the tower. This would be Allen County’s tower and they would not have to pay rent; they could actually rent a couple of parts out to other vendors. Sheriff Murphy stated there is a request next week is for 100-foot tower by US Cellular, which they could put on the county’s tower for a cost. All the cities would benefit. Commissioner Daniels stated he feels the county should do it but the question is how to pay for it. Bob stated they could do an RFP to find out costs. Commissioner Daniels moved to proceed with the project and get RFP’s for the communications tower. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Larry asked about the monies being allocated for this year’s budget for the tower. Commissioners stated if there are not monies the county could look at lease purchase for the tower.

Trevor asked about the county leasing space on the tower. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels had to leave the meeting for a funeral.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $22,060.29
b) Payroll Changes for Lisa Sears, Patrick Cash, Steve Womack, and new hires Jeanne Cason, Dalton Altis and Jordan Thompson
c) Payroll – Reimbursement for FMLA report.
d) Treasurer’s Monthly report
e) Annual Inventory reports from Iola Senior Center and Sheriff Office
f) Annual receipts and expenditures reports from
g) Journal vouchers – 2020 - #7
h) Abatements: RE Value 5235, $900.74, Yr 2019
With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourn, Chairman King seconded, and motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m. until February 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  February 25, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 9:00 a.m. with Chairperson William H. “Bill” King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, and Bryan J. Murphy, Sheriff, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, joined the meeting to discuss a few projects for Allen County. Humboldt Senior Center has nice tables but the chairs need to be replaced. He presented a sample chair. He presented bids from Zorro for $17.13; Amazon for $21.17; Sam’s for $23.63; Navrat’s for $34.75 and McCarty’s for $39.00. He requested to purchase 4 and see if everyone like them before ordering the 60 that are needed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes asked about a cart to hold them. Commissioner Symes moved to purchase 4 from Zorro and 4 from Amazon to see which would work the best. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Larry Walden, citizen, joined the meeting.

Ron requested the commission to be consider replacing the tables in the assembly room with lighter weight tables. The current ones are heavy and hard for one person to lift. The current tables would go to the airport for use.

Ron requested to repaint the band stand. Commissioners approved him to get bids.

Ron requested to repaint the Iola Senior Center. Discussion followed whether the county crews could do it. They are too busy keeping up with roads and other projects. Commissioners approved Ron to get bids.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the Allen County Regional Airport Director is leaving and he will be looking for a replacement but has some employees cross trained to fill in for now. He has a couple of seasonal and a couple of regular positions open at this time.

Mitch stated the guys are fixing washouts. The crusher is still down. Mitch stated when the crusher is up and going it crushes a lot.

Commissioner Daniels stated he visited with Monarch Cement about leaving mud on the road. Monarch is fixing that and working on a new entrance to help with problem.

Terry Call joined the meeting.
Mitch stated Mine Safety Training will be going on for the next two days for his employees.

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, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:44 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:49 a.m. No action was taken.

Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, presented 2019 statistics for 911 calls. She stated 2018 call volume of 48,000 went up to 53,000 calls during 2019. Their busiest day on average are Wednesday’s. She explained what differences might be in calls days such as if electric goes out then there are more calls. Angie reported the busiest month was May with 5,405 calls. The busiest hour of the day is 6 p.m. followed by 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 4 p.m. Statistics show 98.63% of the calls are answered within 10 seconds, .80% of calls are within 15 seconds and 1.30% within 20 seconds.

Angie presented 2019 annual information from PSAP – Public Safety Answering Point (another name for 911 Center). She explained each of the calls is directed to a department, location, and type. Angie reported Case numbers issued for the Sheriff, Iola, Humboldt, Moran and LaHarpe Police Departments. They also track calls when an office stops a vehicle for tracking purposes; which ones were Traffic Stops, Criminal, suspicious person, reckless driver and harassment. Calls for services have continued to climb in the last three years. She stated they also get calls for animal control, utility calls, controlled burns and livestock out.

Angie presented information from NCIC – National Criminal Information Center (the way 911 gets criminal history) from 2017 to 2019; 2019 had 100,171, 2018 had 101,319 and 2017 was 92,608. Angie also presented a few statistics on PFA – Protection from Abuse/Stalking. She also reported on those calls. Triples III’s are the criminal history: 3,239 of them. They had 120 stolen or missing vehicles, 48 missing person, 46 missing license plates, 6 missing guns and 17 missing articles. Angie discussed the stops for “Click it or Ticket”. Dispatch doesn’t get paid overtime from the State during “Click it or Ticket” like the deputies do. Discussion followed.

Angie and Commissioners discussion on how many are on duty at all times at the 911 Communications. Angie stated she has 2 on duty at all times and she is there most of the time and can help. Some days she staff’s more when they know things are coming up. Commissioners thanked her and said to thank her staff.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, presented bids for furniture for the new ambulance stations. The current furniture is not the County’s at all, those have all been replaced by Iola. He explained why the need for all new appliances and furniture. Terry stated the TV’s and microwaves are about the only thing that can be transferred. The only places to get furniture in Allen County is Wesco and Flynn’s or Stewarts are from Chanute. Bids were from Westco for 2 dryers $799.98, 2 Dryers for $919.98, 2 Refrigerators for $1,399.98, 2 Gas ranges for $800.98 for a total of $4,019.92 for appliances, 4 complete twin beds plus 10 year mattress protector for $1,959.96, 4 Recliners for $1,799.96 rated at 300 pounds, 2 loveseats for $799.98, 4 night stands for $559.96, 4 end tables for $479.96 and 4 bar stools for $239.96 and a $59.99 delivery charge for a totta of $5,899.77 for furniture; Flynn’s Appliance for 2 dryers $910.10, 2 Dryers for $1,100.10, 2 Refrigerators for $1,489.60, 2 Gas ranges for $853.10 for a total of $4,352.90 for appliances, no furniture bid; and from Stewarts for 4 complete twin beds plus mattress and box spring for $1,436.00, 4 Recliners for $1,999.96, 2 loveseats for $1,098.00, 4 night stands for $675.00, 4 end tables for $545.00 and 4 bar stools for $239.96 for a total of $5,993.92 for furniture. Discussion followed. Chairman King asked about purchasing some from Flynn’s for appliances and Wesco for furniture. Discussion followed on quality and quantity. The Humboldt Ambulance Station is scheduled to be done here at the end of February or 1st of March and will be starting on Moran Station as soon as possible. Commissioner Daniels moved to get furniture from Westco for
$5,899.77 and appliances from Flynn’s for $4,019.92. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry reported the Fire Station north of town is coming along.

Commissioner Symes asked about other expenses for the ambulance stations such as linens. Terry stated the employees usually bring their own and wash their own things.

Terry stated he hasn’t ordered the signs for either ambulance station at this time.

Terry updated the commissioners on a complaint received from Mildred resident on other resident. He sent them Nuisances Abatement Act letters. Discussion followed. Sheriff Murphy said under statutes if they are creating a health issue then something could be done. Discussion followed. Sheriff Murphy asked if the County could do the same as Kenny Wright’s property done earlier.

Chairman King reported Loren Lance had asked where the county was for storm shelters for Mildred area. Discussion followed. Terry stated the shelters were $2,000 for 10 to 12 persons. Commissioners asked if Terry could get updated prices. Larry asked if groups of homes needed storm shelters would the county be willing to put in all areas.

Sherrie asked about LaHarpe Days request. Commissioners are still taking under consideration.

Larry asked about the $183,000 contribution on G&W if it included in kind services from Allen County. Discussion followed. He said now Humboldt Store wants $143,000.

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 9:28 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers – 2/20/2020-$337,288.52 & 2/24/2020-$1,852.12
b) Payroll – Vacation Carryover for 6 months for Debra Ludlum and Christopher Bowman
c) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bruce Symes and Bill King
d) Annual inventory – Public Works Department
e) Clerk’s Journal Entry #8
f) Abatements: RE Value 674, $139.46, Yr 2019
   PP Value 131, $18.2, Yr 2012
   PP Value 157, $23.86, Yr 2013
   PP Value 157, $22.14, Yr 2014
   PP Value 157, $22.28, Yr 2015
   PP Value 157, $21.96, Yr 2016
   PP Value 157, $22.04, Yr 2017
   PP Value 90, $12.34, Yr 2018
   PP Value 180, $31.60, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. until March 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  
Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  March 3, 2020

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 in the assembly room of the Allen County Courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Wayne Smith, Dorcas Romary, Marilyn Davis, Jan Coykendall, Darrell Krone, Angela Murphy, 911 Director were 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 25, 2020.

Darrell Krone, Wayne Smith, Dorcas Romary, Marilyn Davis, Jan Coykendall, all members of the Humboldt Historical Preservation Association (HHPA). Darrel was spokesperson, he explained they would like to request funding to help them with changes or updating buildings. First, they would like to refloor the upper level of the current building to make it safe to walk on. Second, they would like to build an annex building so they could house the horse drawn carriage they are having refurbished. They would have to disassemble it to get it through the door. They are requesting the same as the Humboldt Historical Society funding of $17,500. Commissioners stated they would take under consideration for 2021 budget year.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, received a compliment from Commissioner Jerry Daniels on Hawaii Road work done. He stated a citizen called him with his appreciation of the road work.

Mitch presented bid proposals on two gas pumps at the shop (1). Bids were received from Broyles Petroleum Equipment Co. for a Gasboy 9153K Single Product Suction Pump for $4,953.00 each for a total of $12,825.86 installed and Hoidale for a Wayne Dispenser Single Select for $5,880.79 each for a total of $15,689.08 installed. Bids for one gas pump at the landfill from Broyles Petroleum Equipment Co. for a Gasboy 9153K Single Product Suction Pump for $4,953.00 each for a total of $6,393.44 installed and Hoidale for a Wayne Dispenser Single Select for $6,792.20 each for a total of $8,615.95 installed. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve both purchases from Broyles Petroleum Equipment Co. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch informed the commission he has 5 employees going to Chanute for a sign class.

Commissioner Symes asked about the status of the crusher. Mitch reported it is up and crushing. He is working employees from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. to get caught up on rock. They perform maintenance every Thursday.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners adored to the Commission Room. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:51 a.m. No action was taken.
Angela Murphy, 911 Director, touched base with the commission on the training she will be attending concerning the Corona Virus. She stated the meeting will not be in open session. They will be going over plans, mostly awareness and education. They do not want to have the public panic.


SAFE Committee members: R. Shane Smith, Moran Police Chief, Shannon T. Moore, Humboldt Police Chief, Chi Wiggii, USD #257, Sheila Coronado, ANW Coop, Timothy Thyer, Iola Fire/Allen County EMS, Cynthia Jacobson, Allen County Community College, Ken McWhirter, Marmaton Valley USD #256, Stacey Fager, USD #257, joined the meeting.

Angie stated the SAFE committee was formed in 2018 when there were several school shootings around the nation. She stated they have grown so much that they are going to meeting with Southwind Extension District for goals. Angie commented SAFE Committee was interested in understanding Resolution 201710.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 201710
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS,
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE USE OF PILOT PROCEEDS RECEIVED FROM THE PRAIRIE QUEEN WIND FARM

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas has entered into a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement with Prairie Queen Wind Farm, LLC dated November 29th, 2017 and anticipates receiving $250,000.00 per year beginning on or before December 31, 2020 and continuing for 10 years until the wind farm project becomes taxable under Kansas Law; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of County Commissioners believe that one of the highest and best use of said PILOT funds would be to enhance educational opportunities within Allen County by supporting the local Vocational Technology Center and the local school districts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS that proceeds from the PILOT agreement referred to above be and hereby shall be allocated by the Board of County Commissioners, from year to year, to the Regional Rural Technology Center (RRTC) at LaHarpe, Kansas and to School Districts 256, 257 and 258 in Allen County for projects enhancing the educational opportunities of Allen County students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the allocation of amounts payable to each entity will be determined each year by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners after said proceeds are received.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED at their regular meeting on the 29th day of December, 2017.

THE BOARD OF COUNTYCOMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Jim Tallington, Allen County Commission Chair
Thomas R. Williams, Allen County Commissioner
Jerry Daniels, Allen County Commissioner

ATTEST:
Sherrie F. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Angie stated the Committee as individuals want to know how the commission wish for them to request the funding. SAFE has already put radios in all the schools for 911 contact incase phone
systems were down. They have had in-service for teachers. Homeland Security has purchased night locks for the schools. They have been updating plans such as numbering the doors outside and some on the inside of the buildings. They purchased $24,000 worth of “Bleed Out” kits and had training on them. The school camera’s feed into 911. They have provided opioid, Safe & Secure School and NIMS trainings. Angie commented they were the most Advance SAFE Committee in the State of Kansas. Their main goal is safety. They will continue ongoing training of each of these as well as inter-school communications, and working on Facebook page for parents.

Commissioner Symes commented on the funding for schools. Commissioner Daniels stated after the Resolution was completed the county let each of the three school districts request up to $20,000 for camera security. Later the college requested and received some funding for security.

Commissioner Symes stated his comments were his and not the other commissioners’ opinions. All agreed that Safety and Security are in top positions. Comments that the Resolution stated the three school districts and tech center in Allen County but not the college or ANW Coop or SECAP.

Commissioner Daniels stated the Resolution could be modified and possibly could use some of the anticipated $250,000 toward communications tower; could possibly redirect funding. Funding could be used for Security Officers at the schools?

Counselor Johnson asked if the USD’s had to have board approval for spending. Answer was yes.

Wayne R. Gunderson, KDOT – Chanute, Darrin Petrowsky, KDOT – Iola, and Kristy Kelly, KDOT-Chanute, joined the meeting for comments and questions from the commission. Wayne provided an update on corridor US Hwy #169. Commissioners thanked Wayne and his comrades for the help in securing the $900,000 Grant for Allen County to help with the unofficial detour Allen County had during construction of a section of US Hwy #169.

Albert Radford, citizen, joined the meeting.

Commissioners continued the discussion on US Hwy #169. They expressed their appreciation for a job well done by Bettis. Wayne stated KDOT will be continuing working on US Hwy #169 starting in October 2020 in the south part of Allen County into Neosho County. He did mention KDOT is currently working in Anderson County on US Hwy #169. Commissioners expressed they thanks for all KDOT does for Allen County.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 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 Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to uphold a decision by Allen County’s health care Meritain. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, asked some clarification questions.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, discussed the US Cellular/Wild Horse Development Zoning Hearing held February 27, 2020. The hearing was a request for a Conditional Use Permit for property located in Allen County, Kansas. The property is currently zoned Agricultural. The requested Conditional Use Permit would permit the construction of a Communications Tower.

Following is the description of the property for which the Conditional Use Permit is requested:
Legal Description: BEG 1160' S NE COR, S 323', W 675', N 323', E 675' TO POB EX RD also known as 1280 2400 St. Iola, KS 66749.

Terry stated the Zoning board recommends to the commission to approve the request for zoning.

Albert Radford, citizen/landowner, stated he has just paid for property 200' away from the proposed tower and will be building a house within that distance. He needs to build the house close to there because it will cost $30,000 to run utilities to a different location on his property. Discussion followed.

David Wells, US Cellular, explained they need to build the tower where they map shows. It meets all the requirements of setbacks. It will be 600' feet from the nearest home. They have done site work and it is the best location for LET Voice coverage. Terry stated they are one year into the project. David explained the network is much like a honey comb where all the sides meet with each other; to move the tower would keep all the sides from touching each other, leaving gaps n the service. US Cellular has a lease with Tim Henry to put the tower on his property.

Commissioner Symes stated US Cellular has met all the requirements, so he moved to uphold the Zoning Boards recommendation to approve the Conditional User Permit to US Cellular. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

   a)  Payroll – reimbursement for Cindy Scovill & Dana Dawn
   b)  Payroll – reimbursement for cell phones for Larry Churning & Scott Reede
   c)  Payroll – changes for Tim Komma, Hayden Seabolt, Matt Komma, & Seth Pollet
   d)  Payroll – New hire Joseph Stotler,
   e)  Inventory – EMS for Iola, Humboldt and Moran Stations
   f)  Annual Reports from Deer Creek Township
   g)  Clerk’s Vouchers – $29,776.00
   h)  Payroll – Process Service for Brenda Beth, Travis Buck, Steve Womack, & Dusty Miner
   i)  Clerk’s Journal Entry - #9
   j)  Abatements:  Oil Value 264, $40.94 , 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 10:12 a.m. until Tuesday, March 10, 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
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Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Georgia Masterson, Humanity House, requested a support letter for the Humanity House so they can apply for a grant from Health Forward for the 4th year. It helps pay for the staff they do pay. Discussion followed. Commissioners asked and Georgia stated it pays for Tracey and that is it because Health Forward cut the grant last year. She stated it was $40,000 for the first year and $30,000 was all that was approved last year. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King’s signature. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, joined the meeting.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for chairs from Sam’s for $21.47 each; Amazon for $25.55 each; and Lorell for $26.02 each. Discussion followed as to which one would hold up the best. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Lorell for 60 chairs for Humboldt Senior Center to be paid for out of the Services to the Elderly fund. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, presented dust control bids. Only one bid was received from Scotwood Industries for Mag Chloride for $1.170-gallon, 35% Calcium Chloride for $1.490 gallon with 2 hours free spray time then $85.00 per hour. Last year Mag Chloride cost was $1.14 per gallon with 2 hours free then $85.00 per hour and the cost to residents signed up for dust control was $1.63 per foot. Mitch suggested the rate for residents for 2020 should be $1.70 per foot. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the purchase from Scotwood Industries and to charge $1.70 per foot to the residents. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented bids for asphalt oil. Bids were received from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions for RS-1H for $1.80, AEP for $2.30, RS1M for $1.90, RS1P for $2.05, MC-800 no bid, pump charge of $75.00, demurrage 2 hours free then $88.00 per hour; Vance Brothers for RS-1H for $1.90, AEP for $2.22, RS1M for $1.97, RS1P for $2.10, MC-800 for $2.77, no pump charge, demurrage 2 hours free then $70.00 per hour; Asphalt & Fuel Supply for RS-1H no bid, AEP no bid, RS1M no bid, RS1P no bid, MC-800 for $2.18, pump charge at $75.00, demurrage 2 hours free then $75.00 per hour; Coastal Energy for RS-1H for $1.84, AEP for $1.99, RS1M for $2.14, RS1P for $2.29, MC-800 for $2.24, pump charge at $75.00, demurrage 2 hours free then $75.00 per hour; Wright Asphalt did not bid. Mitch discussed last year’s cost. Mitch would like to get RS-1H from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions and Asphalt & Fuel for MC-800. Commissioner King explained the difference between the MC-800 and RS-1H. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the purchase of RS-1H from ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions and MC-800 from Asphalt & Fuel Supply. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported there was a half inch of rain yesterday but the ground is already saturated so it is not soaking in. Roads are a mess. They are crushing rock as quickly as they can. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes discussed putting 1800 and Nebraska Rd. on a project list as well as the Landfill Road to the west that is wavy. He asked about putting the entire section on the list.
Discussion followed on certain roads and how the correct way to redo roads would be. Mitch currently has them on the list.

Cole commented on the City of Humboldt’s council vote chip and seal. They have a half cent sales tax collection of money and want to do about 40 blocks. Mitch stated they need to do the County’s first before they can do the cities for them. The City of Humboldt will do the tearing up and they just need the county to spray MC-800 on the fixed roads a couple of time. Discussion followed. The City of Humboldt will be purchasing a new cold patch machine for $72,000. Cole stated the city might be willing to work something out to work with the county to use it. Mitch stated other 3rd class cities are wanting chip and seal within their cities. Discussion followed. Moran and Gas chip and seal and LaHarpe wants their roads torn up and replaced.

Loren Korte and Matt Korte, PSI Insurance, presented quotes for insurance up about 8% due to General Liability, Professional Liability and Law Enforcement Liability. They are all up. Everything else is flat. Matt reviewed quote overview by each section.

Commissioners asked about the new ambulance buildings on this quote. Loren stated no ambulance buildings yet, will be once they are done; currently they are covered under builder’s insurance.

Loren explained the difference between Property damage, and bodily injury. Professional liability for decision making and later causes a law suit, this protects the county and the commissioners (errors and omissions – Linebacker).

Matt explained the increases are State wide and that is the reason for some of the increases. Discussion followed.

PSI Insurance’s quote for 2020 renewal is $194,516, last years was $182,596. Discussion followed.

Matt presented a couple of Cybersolutions bid for the commission. First is $2,201.00 and second is $886.00. Matt explained the difference of coverage on legal fall out. Matt said there is an in between amount he thinks is $992.00 for $100,000 coverage. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Symes moved to renew 2020 policy with EMC for $194,516.00 and add Cyber Security at the cost of $992 for $100,000 aggregate. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole discussed the Grocery Store in Humboldt. They have stopped the work. They have put in $20,000 to $40,000 of their own monies; they can’t go any further until they have more funding. Cole explained the reason is due to the Kansas Food Initiative grant funding they applied for. Once the funding is approved, they will be back on par. He stated one problem is construction workers work on the inside in the winter but outside in the spring. Cole reported Murphy Tractor building is going up. Discussion followed. Construction completes about late August.

Terry updated the commission on the ambulance stations. He stated he visited with Dave Schultz; they are estimating April 20 for completion date at Humboldt. Terry stated they have done some of the work on the Moran station but will do more outside once it dries out. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels asked if the commissioners approve, could the Chamber of Humboldt and the City of Humboldt and Terry coordinate a Grand Opening for Humboldt’s Ambulance Station. Commissioners approved. Cole stated they will be selling the building the current station once it is vacated.

Commissioners discussed a replacement to fill the vacated seat on the Public Building Commission due to the death of Ronald D. Moore. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint
Brett Heim’s to serve an unexpired term on the Allen County Public Building Commission. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

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 9:40 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 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 9:46 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:51 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners discussed funding request from LaHarpe City Days. Commissioner Symes moved to give LaHarpe City Day’s committee for $500.00. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner approved the following documents:
   b) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement for Bill King, Mike Hough, Bruce Symes
   c) Annual inventory – Services to the Elderly Van
   d) Annual Township Report – Logan Township
   e) Clerk’s Journal Entry #10 & #11
   f) Abatements: RE Value 15,597, $3030.10, Yr 2019
      Gas Value 559, $86.84, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman King moved to adjourned, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until March 3, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioner room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  March 17, 2020

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

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director and Paul Zirjacks, citizen was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 10, 2020.

Chairman King led the flag salute.
Angela Murphy, 911 Director and Jason Trego, Allen County Emergency Management Director, discussed the COVID-19. Angie reported the health department suggests to shut down non-essential businesses. Commissioners asked Ron if the courthouse should be closed down. He stated he would be more comfortable. The Judge had stated the County will do what the county will do and the Court will do what the county does. Discussion followed. Public Safety and Health departments meeting where limited access will be happening. Group of people felt the commissioners should do an emergency declaration in place. The Governor has said the counties can receive supplies if you file...the declaration will be in place if you need it and if you don’t great. The declaration will be for 60 days not 7 days.

Angie stated Allen County has not had a case of COVID-19 at this time. Discussion followed on other counties that have shut down. Discussion followed to prepare for the worse and hope for the best.

Sheriff Murphy explained all safety precautions he has taken with his office, the jail and food service.

Angie stated Governor Kelly has already declared a state of emergency. Each county would have to handle how they felt; some courthouses are closing some are not.

Angie commented the communication between all involved has been good.

Sherrie discussed a document from Meritain, Allen County’s health provider. They were requesting Allen County permanently amend their plan to concerns about the COVID-19 virus. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Meritain coverage for COVID-19 in Allen County’s plan permanently. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Sherrie reported Jerry Naff was nominated by the Humboldt Township board to serve the unexpired term of Ronald D. Moore; he passed away last month. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Jerry Naff as Humboldt Township Trustee. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:56 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:06 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Daniels, Dina Morrison, 31st Judicial District Chief Court Clerk, Kevin McGuffin, 31st Judicial District Juvenile Justice Executive Director and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:07 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:22 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners adjourned to the assembly room.

Commissioners reconvened their meeting.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Daniels, Terry Call, EMS/Zoning Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jami Clark, Allen County


Appraiser, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, Jacqi Spradling, Allen County Assistant Attorney and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to close the Allen County Courthouse to one public entrance on the North side of the courthouse starting 7:00 a.m. March 18, 2020; limiting exposure to the courthouse, encouraging patrons to only come to the courthouse if they have essential business and be subject to a questionnaire. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioners adjourned back to the commissioner’s room.

Commissioners reconvened their meeting.

Sherrie discussed the option of postponing the April 7, 2020 election with the commissioners due to the COVID-19 virus. Commissioners stated they were for postponing the election until June 9th if there is not a problem with the Secretary of State or the Allen County Regional Hospital Board of Trustee. Sherrie and Bob will check with each. If so, the election will be postponed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers - $149,301.27
b) Payroll – new hire Joseph D Stotler
c) Payroll – Reimbursement for Jason Trego.
d) Abatements:  RE Value, $, Yr 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Chairman King seconded, and motion passed 2-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until March 24, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse unless a special meeting is needed due to the COVID-19 virus.

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William H. King, Chairperson                              Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk                        absent

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                      OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK            March 19, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner William H. “Bill” King, 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, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Terry Call, EMS/Zoning, Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial Judge, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, was present to observe the meeting.
Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioner Daniels asked Angie where Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, was. Angie stated she is the Emergency Manager Director, and Jason is not available.

Chairman King discussed the Declaration of Disaster Resolution.

Allen County

COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 202004

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas declared there was a state of local public health emergency in Allen County, Kansas resulting in potential or occurring Pandemic known as COVID 19, in Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of Allen County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

That the state of local public health emergency in Allen County, Kansas declared on the 17th day of March, 2020, shall continue and remain in effect until 60 days unless terminated earlier.

That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Allen County, Kansas and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.

That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law for 60 days unless modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

Discussion followed on small business benefits as well as the county. Commissioner Symes moved to adopt the emergency resolution 202004. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman King asked department heads about what is shutting down or what they are doing. Sherrie said her office, part of them, would have to come in at some point to do payroll and A/P. Crickett said the treasurer’s office will get directive from the state later but they are shut down for a week. Cara stated she could. Jami stated she would have some work. Terry was good, Mitch would have to leave open the land fill and road work will have to be completed. Discussion followed on work and work load. Sheriff is open 24/7 due to the type of work they do. He discussed fingerprinting for nurses, concealed carry on hold, offenders if no problem giving them lead way. Sherrie reported on Meals on Wheels…, Commissioners will still have their Tuesday meeting at 8:30 a.m. to re-evaluate. Discussion followed on when to shut down.

Crickett said there was about 38 customers yesterday and about 12 today. They seem to be about the only one who has much traffic. She stated she would like to shut down for at least one week. Cara asked if a surveyor needs in what does she do; open or not? Commissioner Daniels stated several places are calling to for appointment. Several stated they were ok with it or could work from home. Counselor Johnson discussed the banks and those filing for home closure. Crickett asked about the employees getting paid. Commissioners stated it is intent that they be paid if not coming in but it is up to the Elected Officials to be fair to the employees. Each of the elected officials could give call for…discussion continued on when to shut the courthouse. Jami clarified whether she could call in staff if necessary. It was allowed that yes
they could be called in. Commissioner Daniels moved to close the courthouse to the public at 5:00 p.m. today until close of business on March 27, 2020, will be open for commission meeting for 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to reassess the virus. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Judge Creitz explained the Supreme Court’s Administrative Order 2020-PR-016 decision on the court system. He has shut down Allen, Neosho, Wilson and Woodson County Courts. They will be having essential employees available by phone. Includes Community Corrections and Juvenile Justice Authority but closed to the public. Discussion followed. Judge Creitz discussed cases that come up. Court employees will be subject to being call in still being paid even if they are in the office or not.

Judge Creitz stated all statutory deadlines for example a speedy trials are due to Senate Bill 102 effective on publication stays all the statutory deadlines for court services.

Commissioner Symes stated the Governor will be changing. Judge stated Supreme Court will take action every two weeks.

Department heads discussed what each office will probably be doing.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 1:47 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 1:52 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
   a) Clerk’s Vouchers – $ 
   b) Payroll – pay increase & position change for Matt Komma and Seth Pollet 
   c) Payroll – Process Services 
   d) Payroll – vacation carryover for Ron Holman of 32.75 hours to be used before September 1, 2020. 
   e) Journal vouchers - #

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 2:03 p.m. until April 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson
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Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk
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Bruce Symes, Commissioner
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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 in the assembly room of the Allen County Courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, and Paul Zirjack, 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 March 17 and Special COVID-19 Meeting March 19, 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported Allen County ranged from ½ to 7/8 inches of rain; depending on where you were located in the county. He discussed Kansas Department of Transportation is shut down due to the Governor’s orders. Allen County Public Works crews will still have to work due to the excessive rainfall and conditions of the roads. Chairman King stated the Landfill will remain open as well.

Chairman King reported on a call from a citizen that lives in the county in the area where two houses have already blown up. They were expressing their concerns. Chairman King had recommended them to KDHE and Emergency Management in Allen County.

Commissioner Symes reported on a Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) webinar on Zoom; how to use it to benefit the county. He stated they had a person from the State of Washington where COVID-19 had hit the public hard. He had mentioned we are where they were one month ago. Supplies are needed now that the public should be allowed to buy in bulk so they stay in. Paul Zirjack stated there isn’t really a shortage just that they can’t transport fast enough.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Commissioner Daniels stated there is a nationwide call for truck drivers.

Commissioner Symes reported Lissa Regehr called to see if the county could do anything to help with local businesses such as giving them $3,000 to see them through this COVID-19. Discussion followed on how many would need this to keep them open and options to the small local businesses. The community foundation was a suggestion to some of them. Paul stated we need to depend on local people and government to get through this.

Jean Barber, President of the Allen County Public Building Commission, joined the meeting.

Nick asked about the Governor’s Executive Order limiting gatherings to 10 or less. Cole said the League of Municipalities had a call to discuss how to enforce this order. Sheriff Murphy stated the people themselves should be enforcing it best they can for now. Discussion followed.

Cole mentioned the county possibility of a “Stay at Home” order.

Loren Korte, Allen County Public Building Commission (PBC) Vice Chair, joined the meeting.

Allen County Commissioners recessed their meeting to allow the PBC to hold their meeting.
The Allen County, Kansas Public Building Commission (the “PBC”) met in special session at the usual meeting place in the County at 9:00 a.m. The President presided and the following members of the PBC were present: Jean Barber, President and Loren Korte, Vice President/acting Secretary

The following members of the PBC were absent: Bret Heim, secretary

Thereupon, PBC Member Loren Korte moved that the “Acknowledgement and Consent to Sublease,” related to a Lease Agreement by Allen County, Kansas and the Board of Trustees of Allen County Hospital, with Saint Luke’s Hospital of Allen County, Inc., d/b/a Saint Luke’s Allen County Regional Hospital, a Kansas charitable nonstock corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Saint Luke’s Health System, Inc., a Kansas charitable nonstock corporation, dated as of October 23, 2019 (the “Sublease”), be approved and that the Chairman and Secretary be authorized execute the Acknowledgement and Consent to Sublease, in substantially the form presented. The motion was seconded by PBC Member Jean Barber, and was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Jean Barber and Loren Korte

Nay: none

Thereupon, PBC Member Loren Korte moved that, in connection with the Sublease, and on or before May 31, 2020, the Chairman and Secretary be authorized to execute a Supplemental Tax Compliance Agreement, IRS Forms 8038 and any other similar documents necessary to maintain the exclusion of interest on the PBC’s Revenue Bonds, Series 2011, Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The motion was seconded by PBC Member Jean Barber, and was passed by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Jean Barber and Loren Korte

Nay: none

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made, seconded and carried by unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Copies of documents:

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT TO SUBLEASE

WHEREAS, the Allen County, Kansas Public Building Commission (the “PBC”) has entered into a Bond Trust Indenture with Security Bank of Kansas City, dated as of December 1, 2011, as amended and supplemented by a First Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of May 1, 2013, as further amended and supplemented by a Second Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of December 14, 2017, as further amended and supplemented by a Third Supplemental Trust Indenture, dated as of December 28, 2017, and as may be further amended and supplemented in accordance with the terms thereof (collectively, the “Bond Indenture”); and

WHEREAS, the PBC has issued its Revenue Bonds, Series 2011 (Allen County Hospital Project), Revenue Bonds, Series 2012 (Allen County Hospital Project), Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017A (Allen County Hospital Project) and Taxable Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2017B (Allen County Hospital Project) to finance and refinance the costs of constructing an acute care county hospital facility located on North Kentucky Street in Iola, Kansas (with the underlying and associated real property, the “Project”) and certain operating costs related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the PBC has leased the Project to Allen County, Kansas (the “County”) and the Board of Trustees of Allen County Hospital (the “Allen County Board”) pursuant to a Lease, dated as of December 1, 2011, as amended and supplemented by a Supplemental Lease, dated as of May 1, 2013, as further amended and supplemented by a Second Supplemental Lease, dated as of December 14, 2017, as further amended and supplemented by a Third Supplemental Lease, dated as
of December 28, 2017, and as may be further amended and supplemented in accordance with the
terms thereof (collectively, the “Lease”); and

WHEREAS, the County and Allen County Board have approved, authorized and entered into
a Lease Agreement with Saint Luke’s Hospital of Allen County, Inc., d/b/a Saint Luke’s Allen County
Regional Hospital, a Kansas charitable nonstock corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Saint
Luke’s Health System, Inc., a Kansas charitable nonstock corporation (“SLACRH”), dated as of
October 23, 2019 (the “Sublease”) under which, from and after the Closing (as defined therein)
(currently scheduled for June 1, 2020) and subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions to
Closing as set forth therein, SLACRH would sublease the Project from the County and Allen County
Board; and

WHEREAS, the County and Allen County Board have
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WHEREAS, the Lease provides that the County and Allen County Board may not sublease the
Project to a single party or entity, with the prior written consent of the PBC; and

WHEREAS, the PBC finds it necessary and advisable to consent to the subleasing of the
Project as provided in the Sublease, and to affirm and acknowledge certain related matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the PBC agrees and acknowledges as
follows:

1. Consent. The PBC consents to subleasing of the Project, as provided in the
Sublease.

2. Affirmation of County Obligations. The PBC affirms and acknowledges that,
notwithstanding the Sublease and its provisions, the County shall remain fully liable for the
performance of its duties and obligations, including responsibility for payment of Basic Rent (as
defined in the Lease), under the Lease, and no such subleasing under the Sublease and no dealings
or transactions between the PBC and SLACRH shall relieve the County of any of its duties and
obligations under the Lease. The Sublease shall be subject to and subordinate in all respects to the
provisions of the Lease.

3. Application of Rent Paid Under Sublease. The PBC affirms and acknowledges that,
without limiting the County’s sole responsibility for payment of Basic Rent as described under
paragraph 2 above, the Sublease provides that Rent (as defined in the Sublease) payable from
SLACRH to the County and Allen County Board under the Sublease will be applied in satisfaction of all
or part of the County’s Basic Rent obligation under the Lease.

4. Termination of Prior Management Agreement. In connection with the
consummation of the transactions contemplated under the Sublease, the PBC acknowledges the
termination of that certain Management Agreement with Midwest Division-ACH, LLC (“HCA”), which
covered the Project.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PBC has caused this Acknowledgment and Consent to Sublease to
be signed by an authorized official, such signature to be attested by an authorized officer, and its official
seal to be applied, as of March 24, 2020.

And:

SUPPLEMENTAL TAX COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT
Dated June 1, 2020

Among
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION,
ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLEN COUNTY, HOSPITAL
And
SECURITY BANK OF KANSAS CITY, as Trustee

Amending and Supplementing the
Tax Compliance Agreement
dated as of September 1, 2011, relating to
Revenue Bonds, Series 2011
(Allen County Hospital Project)
Allen County Commissioners reconvened.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioners adorned to the Commission Room. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:09 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:24 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. Commissioners adorned to the Commission Room. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:29 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners reviewed a Proclamation from CASA and Hope Unlimited:

Allen County Proclamation

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – APRIL 2020

WHEREAS, children are key to the state’s future success, prosperity and quality of life and, while children are our most valuable resource, they are also our most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, children have a right to be safe and to be provided an opportunity to thrive, learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect can be prevented by supporting and strengthening Kansas’ families, thus preventing the far-reaching effects of maltreatment, providing the opportunity for children to develop healthy, trusting family bonds; and consequently, building the foundations of communities; and

WHEREAS, prevention happens in partnership, we must come together as partners so that the voices of our children are heard by all and we are as a community extending a helping hand to children and families in need; and

WHEREAS, by providing safe, stable and nurturing relationships for our children, free of violence, abuse and neglect, we can ensure that Kansas’ children will grow to their full potential as the next generation of leaders, helping to secure the future of this state and nation;

THEREFORE, We, County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas do hereby proclaim April 2020 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
Commissioner Symes moved to approve Allen County Proclamation Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2020. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Symes discussed continuing to close the courthouse to the public until April 3, 2020 and at the March 31, 2020 meeting to review again. Commissioner Symes so moved. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – reimbursement for cell phones for Robert Poydack
b) Payroll – New hire Robert Poydack

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly 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

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK March 31, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairperson William H. “Bill” King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House & Grounds and Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:35 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:45 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 more minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Chairman King 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 8:45 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:50 a.m. No action was taken.

Ron reported he is coming in occasionally to clean and disinfect the courthouse, due to the closing.
Mitch reported on cold patches. Chairman King asked about Berry Tractor possibly doing a demo of such. Cole stated that Humboldt City bought a new cold patch machine for $72,000.00 delivered. Mitch will continue his research on such.

Mitch stated “Dig Safe” is not getting spots marked as they usually do.

Chairman King said what a great job county employees are doing that are still working. All departments are different and for those than can’t stay home, they are very much appreciated.

Terry reported on an email from Dave Schultz, there is a slowdown of work being done on the ambulance stations, however, they are still doing all they can when possible.

Commissioner Daniels moved to keep the county closed until April 19, 2020, at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Crickett reported on phone calls from customers about titles, tags, etc. Commissioner Daniels said she can use her own discretion to make appointments as need be with customers to take care of county business. He also stated the commissioners would continue to have their weekly meetings on Tuesday mornings.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Trevor asked about the fact that the governor has issued orders, there’s really nothing the county can do. Commissioner Daniels stated Allen County is under a disaster declaration. Sheriff Murphy said the governor’s order states you can still go outside, groups of 10 or less, etc., until further notice. Commissioner Symes said the agencies in Allen County have protocols and they are prepared. The governor made the stay at home decision for all of us, however, Allen County is adequately equipped and well-staffed.

Commissioner Symes mentioned KAC online meetings.

Sheriff Murphy reminded all that it’s ok to get your groceries, get your meds, just stay home as much as you can.

Cole shared that the SBA will have loans available for small businesses to help pay employees that are not working.

Commissioner approved the following documents:
   a) Clerks Vouchers – $188,806.85
   b) Payroll – cell phone reimbursement for Poydack
   c) Clerk’s Journal Entry #12

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourned, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. until April 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson                  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

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Bruce Symes, Commissioner
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 Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk, in the Commissioner’s room at the courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 31, 2020.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Sheriff Murphy requested on behalf of Tom Bevard to use the band stand for performing music for people as they drive by. Commissioners, as well as Sheriff Murphy agreed it’s not a good idea at his time, due to the fact it would likely encourage people to congregate. Therefore, the request is declined as now.

Terry reported on the ambulance station progress; Moran station is waiting on concrete and Humboldt is getting electrical and plumbing this week.

Mitch stated the mowers are getting ready and cold patch was delivered from out of Kansas City last week. The weather is cooperating for such work now.

Mitch said the Rotary Club Recycling program is holding off for now. Trevor asked about this being turned over to the county and Mitch stated no, that his guys just help with it sometimes.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

Sheriff Murphy asked about RFP’s on the tower. Bob responded that he has sent out letters to companies to gage interest.

Trevor asked about shortages of supplies. Commissioner Symes said there are none, we are just aware to get our hands on as many supplies as possible when they become available. Sheriff said some kits are lacking certain items, but Allen County is in good shape.

Commissioner reiterated to keep the courthouse closed through April 19, 2020, as in accordance with the Governor’s orders.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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 8:42 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:52 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to extend executive session for 10 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 8:52 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:02 a.m. No action was taken.
Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers - $609,281.92
b) Payroll – pay change for J. Thompson, vacation carry over for Carson & Kellerman
c) Journal entries: 13-15

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 10:00 a.m. until April 14, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse unless a special meeting is needed due to the COVID-19 virus.

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William H. King, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  April 14, 2020

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 in the assembly room of the Allen County Courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial/Zoning Administrator, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, and Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, 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 April 7, 2020.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley asked the commissioners about their thoughts on extending the courthouse shutdown to the public. She commented citizens have property taxes due on May 10, 2020 and that appointment only isn’t really working for the treasurer’s office because there are so many that need to have vehicle tax work or pay property taxes. Crickett told the commission that if she doesn’t have people paying property tax there won’t be anything to distribute to other taxing entities. Chairman King stated he would like to see what Governor Kelly is going to do State wide. Crickett mentioned even if the courthouse was opened from 8 to noon that would help. Commissioners stated they would still like to have one entrance to monitor and limit individuals coming in. Discussion followed. Commissioners agreed to extend the courthouse shut down through 5 p.m. on April 21, 2020 which at the commission meeting that morning they will discuss whether to extend the shut down or not.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for painting the entire bandstand. Bids were received from Murry Construction for $1,600, Wilson Construction for $3,600, Superior Builders for $4,750 and Superior Builders offered a second option to use Uni0-Flex 40-300 Elastomeric Paint for $5,250. Discussion followed on work Murry Construction has done in the Sheriff’s office. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Murry Construction for $1,600. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Ron has requested this be done before Memorial weekend.
Ron discussed a great need to replace the south door at the Moran Senior Center. Commissioners requested he get three bids.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, mentioned that US Hwy 169 to Welda will be closing next week and will not be open until later this fall. Therefore, he is sure that 2800 Street will have some heavy traffic on it until the highway is reopened.

Chairman King asked him how his employees are working and whether they are getting a lot of overtime. Mitch stated a few are due to finishing up projects they start that day. Discussion followed on different roads.

Sherrie presented a support letter from Humanity House Foundation. They are filling out an AARP Purposed Prize Application. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King’s signature on the support letter. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King signed the letter.

Sherrie discussed a proposal from Advantage Computer for website protection from spoofing allencounty.org. For a Certificate it would cost the county $195.00. Commissioners discussed what that would mean for Allen County. Sherrie read what Steve Prasko had emailed her “This would help make sure somebody doesn’t take the website and trick people into thinking they are on the County website but actually on another website that looks just like the county”. Commissioners requested Sherrie to check on what the changes would look like such as https and or dot gov.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 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 9:01 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action was taken.

Sherrie asked if the commission is still considering hosting the Southeast Kansas Regional Meeting on June 18, 2020. Commissioners agreed it would be best to postpone the meeting to a later date to be determined once COVID-19 dies down.

Commissioner Daniels commented with so many things shutting down people have been hitting area food pantries really hard. He requested the other commissioners to consider donating $500 to each of the food pantries. Commissioner Daniels moved to donate $500 each to the Allen County Community Food Pantry, Humboldt Community Food Pantry and Humanity House Foundation for food. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

   a) Payroll – reimbursement for training equipment for Jason Kegler
   b) Payroll – processing service payouts

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 9:40 a.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.
The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for 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.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, Il, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, and Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 14, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels discussed an email from Larry Manes, Moran Pride/Thrive Group requesting food pantry monies for Moran area:

Dear Sirs,

My name is Larry Manes and I believe most of you at least know who I am. I am writing to you on behalf of the Moran Pride/Thrive Group. For the past six years we have run a monthly food distribution program in conjunction with the Feed American Program. In this effort, much of our food has come from the Chanute Wal-Mart. They donate nearly out of date food, expiring perishables, and damaged canned goods. Since the quantity and variety if these vary from month to month, we supplement their delivery with goods purchased at our local store. We do this with funds from local churches, organizations, and individuals. Over the past few months, the volume of food we receive from Wal-Mart has been markedly reduced and we have had to order (and pay for) additional food through the local market.

Last month we received nothing from Wal-Mart and we have received word from them that they are not distributing any Feed America donations during the Covid-19 virus shut down. This is at a time when more of our local residents have been laid off and need the service more. I would like to apply for help similar to that approved for the food pantries in Iola and Humboldt. I am aware that we are “the back woods” of the county, but that also means it is harder for us to raise money within our own, local community. Staying at home also limits our ability to get out and seek financial help.

Basically, I’m asking for monetary help from the County. Can you tell me how to do this? If necessary, I could come to the next Commission meeting, but both my wife and I are in the “endangered population” due to age and some health problems so I would prefer not to. Is there another way I can present our case? Any information you can give me would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

Larry Manes
Member, Moran Pride/Thrive Group

Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve $500 donation to the Moran Pride/Thrive Group. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels discussed a little about the Governor’s conference call last Friday. Governor Laura Kelly is ordering more Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the State. She is hoping to be able to offer more loans to small businesses, and to offer more funds to support
food pantries. Allen County Commissioners have already sent some funding to food pantries in Allen County.

Chairman King complimented department heads on their conduct and that of their employees during this trying time.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, discussed temporary security plexiglass dividers for separating the public from employees for added protection from COVID-19. Crickett had checked on bids from Jayhawk Glass and Harbor Retail. Jayhawk Glass told Crickett that they were not able to bid on the plexiglass dividers. Harbor Retail sent a proposal for a basic shield for $60.00 each. Discussion followed on benefits and other departments as well as elections. Commissioners discussed employees and their health; such as checking for fevers when they come into the office to work. Commissioner Symes stated when the courthouse opens back up to the public that there should still be just one entrance on the north side. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve purchasing 12 sets of basic shields from Harbor Retail. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman King asked the other two commissioners what their thoughts were on opening the courthouse back up at the first of May. Commissioner Daniels stated that since Governor Kelly has issued the Stay at Home orders until May 3, 2020 before she reviews again that the commissioners should keep the courthouse closed at least until next week and discuss again next weeks meeting. Crickett stated May 3rd should be okay since taxes are due May 10, 2020. This is not something the Governor waived for due date like she did for Motor Vehicles. Commissioner Symes stated since the Governor has issued May 3, could the county remain closed but have departments take appointments. Crickett stated she is not taking appointments that most are meeting them at the doors or mailing in taxes. Commissioner Daniels moved to “stay as is” until April 28, 2020. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, requested Jimmy Skaggs be allowed to carry over 68 hours of vacation. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the carryover to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch discussed the detour on US Hwy #169 north in Anderson County. The State is detouring traffic around but several motorists are using county roads (Anderson and Allen County) instead of the detours which are causing issues. He stated there are detour signs up but several are ignoring the signs. Chairman King suggested putting up “No Through Traffic” signs. Semi-trucks tear up the roads. He stated the Sheriff’s office could help when semi-trucks don’t follow signs. Commissioner Symes asked Mitch when the project will be over. Mitch stated at the end of 2020.

Commissioner Symes asked how the quarry was going. Mitch stated they are still crushing rock but it goes on the road as soon as it is crushed. They are still purchasing some rock to keep up.

Commissioners asked Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial/Zoning Director, about the bids he had gotten for storm shelters. Bids were received from Atlas Safe Room for a 8'5"x12'9"x8'5"h accommodate 20 people at 5 square foot per person, Steel Construction, county to provide concrete pad (which would cost the county $1,000 for concrete and rebar) for $16,095.00 each; Oklahoma Shelter for a 8'x10'x7' h accommodate 20-26 people, Steel Construction, county to provide concrete pad (which would cost the county $1,000 for concrete and rebar) for $9,600.00 each; Protectionshelters for a 10'x10' accommodate 25 people, Concrete Construction, county to provide level site for $21,345.79 each; J&J Contractors for a 8'x16'x8' h accommodate 32 people turn key, Concrete Construction for $22,050.00 each; D of K Vaults for a 6'x8'x6'5"h accommodate 12 people standing or 9 sitting, Concrete Construction, county to dig hole and backfill for $2,690.00 each. Discussion followed on where storm shelters are needed: Mildred, Carlyle, and Petrolia were all discussed as well as above ground verses below
Commissioners requested Terry to find out if Angela Murphy, 911 Communications Director or Thrive had found out anything on available grants. No action was taken at this time.

Terry updated the commission on the Humboldt and Moran Ambulance stations construction and progress. He stated Humboldt’s might be ready by May 1st.

Mitch reported the Allen County Rural Fire Station (that Allen County has paid for and is helping with projects) has requested for Public Works to rock the area between the concrete apron and 1400 Street for the drive.

Sherrie asked the commission if they wanted to discuss the Allen County Sales Tax Election that was to have been held April 7th. Discussion followed on what would be thought to be the safest time to have the election. Sherrie stated probably the August 4th Primary. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to have the Allen County Sales Tax Question on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege. Chairman King 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. Commissioners adjourned to the Commission Room. The time is now 9:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:12 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 more minutes to discuss Trade Secrets. 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 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened in the assembly room at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Trevor updated the commission from Thrive on the storm shelters. He said Lissa Regehr, Thrive Executive Director, stated there are grants available to apply for from USDA, EDA and FEMA, some of them are matching grants. Trevor said that Savonburg should be included into the storm shelter need. Commissioners thanked Trevor for the update.

Chairman King discussed Allen County’s 2020 Mertain Amendment. One amendment is in regards to how Air Ambulance is paid for out of network (which almost all air ambulance is out of network). The other change is transplants are now listed as not covered as we have added the fully insured transplant coverage this year for Allen County. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Chairman King’s signature on the amendment. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner approved the following documents:  

   a) Payroll – new hire Rickie W. Aiello  
   b) Payroll – Carryover 68 hours of Vacation for Jimmy Skaggs to be used by October 16, 2020.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m. until April 28, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.
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 assembly room at the courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Richard Luken, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Robert Garrett, citizen, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, and Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, was present to observe the meeting.

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

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Chairman King stated when Rebecca Johnson, Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Department Executive Director (SEKMCH) calls that they would be discussing what a “soft” opening would look like. Rebecca called at 8:35 and explained the Multi-County Health Department Reopening Guide that was revised April 27, 2020. She stated that businesses/organizations such as senior living facilities, home health, hospice, public health, hospital, fire departments, EMS, law enforcement and correctional facilities that are not listed in the guidance document will operate within their own facility protocol according to CDC, KDHE or CMS guidelines. Commissioner Symes questioned no government facilities are listed either. The Multi-County Health Department Reopening Guide is available on SEKMCH’s website or a link through www.allencounty.org

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, joined the meeting.

Rebecca discussed their website. She stated individuals could always call the department numbers if they have questions. They are posting to their website, notifying the newspapers and radios. Discussion continued on steps being taken for the public’s safety.

Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, joined the meeting.

Chairman King reported to Rebecca that Allen County has ordered Plexiglass panels for social distancing, explained a few protocols for cleaning the surface of counters and doors. He asked Rebecca about facemasks and she allowed if the 6 foot a part continues then they are not necessary. A discussion about doors and signs for the public to know what to expect from each office followed. Rebecca stated the courthouse might be close to what a retail store is so they could follow those recommendations listed in the reopening guide. Commissioner Symes asked how Allen County should limit or police people coming into the courthouse. Rebecca commented so much depends on what Governor Laura Kelly states for reopening limits. Chairman King stated counties are independent of Governor Kelly so they could open the courthouse within limits. Commissioner Symes discussed a phase in and or watching for guidelines and dates.

Rebecca stated Governor Kelly has been meeting with Colorado and Missouri Governors to see what those states are doing. Most are looking at phasing reopening with a phase 1, phase 2 and go from there. It was mentioned that Oklahoma has already started reopening. Rebecca
said she would keep the updates coming to the commission. Chairman King asked if any of the department heads had questions for Rebecca, they all stated she has covered what they needed to know.

Chairman King stated SEKMCH meets once a month and that Rebecca Johnson has been doing a super job keeping everyone informed which he passes on to the commissioners. Commissioners thanked Rebecca for calling in and visiting with commissioners and department heads.

Mitchell Garner, Allen Public Works Director, requested vacation carryover of 51 hours for Terry Johnson. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Terry Johnson carryover 51 vacation hours to be used within 6 months. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported crews are trying to stay ahead of the potholes and would be easier if it quit raining.

Commissioner Symes stated he went to survey the by pass that some vehicles were taking instead of the detour that KDOT has posted. He did not meet any vehicles on that road. Sheriff Murphy stated he had deputies posted the first few days and now not many semis are taking it unless they have business within that area.

Mitch reported he is sending a crew to Humboldt to review a demonstration of City of Humboldt’s new pothole patching machine.

Commissioner Daniels visited about posting the requirements of coming into the courthouse such as: 1) visited Europe, China, Iran or South Korea? 2) Traveled outside of Kansas? 3) Been in contact with someone infected with novel coronavirus? 4) Have you had the following symptoms in the last few days: Felt unwell, cough, temperature over 100, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing? If anyone entering the courthouse answers “Yes” to any of these questions they will be asked to come back when they are better. Commissioner Daniels also asked if the deputy hired to be security office could be at the north door of the courthouse monitoring and letting employees and customers in. A discussion followed on single entrance and taking temperatures as people come in. Chairman King mention the concern for temperatures is only on employees. Department heads got involved in the discussion. Commissioner Symes stated taking the employees temperatures is just part of the guidelines to reassure the public that Allen County is doing its part to keep them safe.

Chairman King commented on opening the courthouse there might be a few things that will have to be changed but until we get going, we won’t know. He suggested departments still do the shift work so that the entire office doesn’t get sick at once. The decision is to open Monday, May 4, 2020 providing nothing happens before then to change it. Commissioner Daniels stated the commission could always have a special meeting if needed.

Commissioners and Sheriff Murphy discussed security glass for the offices.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege on pending litigation. 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 9:31 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:46 a.m. No action was taken.
Terry informed the commission that Allen County doesn’t qualify for grants on the storm shelters because it is not a 5013C (meaning not for profit) and FEMA goes by risk factors. He gave an example that if it was a grant for flooding Allen County would qualify, if we were Greenwood County, we would qualify for a storm shelter grant due to all their tornados. Terry explained so cost savings if more than a couple of storm shelters were purchase. Commissioner Daniels asked for hard numbers to review.

Commissioner Symes asked if land is donated to the county for the storm shelter should there be some sort of agreement in case the land was sold to another person. Counselor Johnson stated there would need to be a deed or lease filed on record, if the county purchases and installs the storm shelters the county should have a deed for that land. Terry stated the cost of concrete for the shelters to set on is not include in the cost of the shelter and he is not sure Public Works has time to do the concrete work due to keeping up with the roads and other projects.

Terry mentioned there is to be training scheduled on boat rescue from Kansas Fish and Game but he doesn’t have firm numbers on attendees.

Sherrie requested the commissioner’s opinion on mailing out advance ballot forms. She mentioned the costs would run right around $10,000 for envelopes, paper and postage for all 8,400 voters. Commissioners asked about the cost of just a post card with information on it. Sherrie stated the clerk’s office already sent out Notice of Disposition cards last month and on the back of the card it tells the voter how to request an advanced ballot. Commissioners stated to hold off and see if the Secretary of State office sent out applications for the whole state.

Commissioners asked Sherrie about an email from Cindy Lane, Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging, requesting funding for Meals on Wheels that are delivered by them. Discussion followed.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers - $

b) Payroll – vacation carry over for Terry Johnson of 51 hours to be used by December 18, 2020

c) Payroll – Steve Womack from part time to full time status

d) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for William H. King and Bruce Symes

e) Journal entries: #16, #17 & #18

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 10:00 a.m. until May 5, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse unless a special meeting is needed due to the COVID-19 virus.
Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial/Zoning Administrator, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, and Paul Zirjack, 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 April 28, 2020.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, visited with the commissioner on putting push bars on the outside doors since the courthouse has gone to just the north entrance. He stated that each of the 9 doors would be required to have push bars. The cost could be up to $400 per door. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels suggested Ron get solid bids while the commission consider the installation.

Chairman King expressed his appreciation to Ron Holman and Terry Call for their signs and barriers within each of the offices in the courthouse due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also requested that anyone who works in the courthouse park on the west side of the square (Washington Street) and not on the north side (Jackson Street) to allow customers the closer parking spots. Discussion followed. Chairman King will draft a letter.

Commissioner Symes commented he had visited with office’s on how yesterday went. He said Crickett (Treasurer’s office) stated they had a good day, it was steady. Chairman King suggested commissioner wait another week before increasing the number of visitors in the courthouse. Undersheriff Smith said he was at the north entrance for about 6 hours and thought it ran smoothly. Commissioner Daniels thanked Ron for all the extra work he has had to do. Ron explained departments are cleaning their areas…counter’s and such.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, stated last Friday was the last day for residents to sign up for dust control. Commissioner Daniels asked if residents will have a small “Grace” period. Mitch stated yes, they have had 31 sign up for dust control. Chairman King mentioned he used to do the “Grace” period up until he actually ordered the materials.

Mitch reported on storm damage over the weekend. He called out 8 employees for cleaning and cutting up the downed trees and limbs. They are still picking up limbs. His crews have been out fixing a guard rail that was hit over the weekend. Commissioners asked Mitch if there was any structural damage to any county buildings. Mitch stated there was not.

Chairman King questioned about the procedure if a citizen calls the Sheriff’s office after hours does it automatically ring to dispatch? If so, does the phone numbers transfer with it? Undersheriff Smith said yes, calls forward to 911, and he believes the phone number showing would too. Chairman King stated he had just had questions about the procedure.

Chairman King asked if the Allen County Jail were taking inmates while COVID-19 was happening? Undersheriff Smith stated they were not, they quit taking inmates about the middle of March. Chairman King asked if the intent is to pick up housing out of county inmates once everything calms down.

Chairman King asked about the current inmates and their medical attention. Undersheriff Smith stated a health care person comes to the jail on Tuesday and Thursdays. He assured the commission the jail is meeting the needs of the inmates.

Chairman King discussed an option to the requested radio tower. He mentioned one of the windmill’s 350-foot towers are being disassemble for scrap and was wondering if this would be an option to paying for a new one to purchase this one. Discussion followed. Chairman King
requested Counselor Johnson to check into this. Counselor Johnson stated 6 of the 7 tower vendors are interested in bidding on the tower. If the commission continue on bids, he will have a pre-bid meeting on the tower project.

Chairman King discussed budget verses cash for 2020 budget.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial/Zoning Administrator, mentioned there is a “BRICK” grant he can apply for in September that will help with payments towards storm shelters. Discussion followed on waiting to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Daniels updated the commission on a conference call with Senator Jerry Moran. He stated they are working hard at the federal level. They discussed schools, cities and counties. Senator Moran wanted to assure they are aware of Allen County. Commissioner Daniels stated other topics of discussion and others on the call.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, joined the meeting to express his appreciate to the commissioners for the shut down and continued pay to the employees. His office has a good set up with the security glass. Jerry expressed his concerns for when the courts open back up. He mentioned Judge Creitz is working on keeping them updated on court happenings. Jerry informed the commission he and other attorneys have been working on plea deals to take some of the load off of the courts.

Commissioner Symes discussed economics and looking at tightening the belt on budgets. Could some of the departments shift expenses. Jerry stated his are kind of static, i.e. witness fees and such. He also mentioned to the commission that a full-time person is planning on retiring in the next few months, his part time person will fill that position and he will not be filling the part time persons position.

Sherrie requested to purchase social distancing guards like what has already been ordered for election purposes to make sure they come in time for election day. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve a second order. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry updated the commission on the Moran Ambulance Station. The curbing is completed. The construction crews are working on insulation and will be hanging sheetrock before long. They will be having a walk through at the Humboldt Ambulance Station on Thursday. If the punch list isn’t long, they will probably be able to open Humboldt’s some time here in May. Moran’s station will be later on.

Trevor asked the commission about their phase plan for Allen County. Commissioner Symes stated the county will continue to look at the state plan set out by Rebecca Johnson last week at the commission meeting. Commissioner Daniels agreed and stated everyone needs to get back to business and get the world turning again. The county will continue doing as much as they are allowed to do until we are allowed to do more. Chairman King reminded them that several departments continued to work as they are essential employees!

Counselor Johnson requested the commission chair sign off on utility easements north of the Allen County Regional Airport. The utility company is moving lines 6 feet south of Minnesota Road. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Chairman King’s signature on the easements. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King signed.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Non-elected personal. 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 9:27 a.m. No action was taken.
Commissioner Daniels commented he would like to see all taxing entities and department heads keep their 2021 budget requests flat other than COLA. Chairman King agreed. Commissioner Symes stated “I associate myself with that remark”. Mitch stated big tires costs are going up. Commissioners stated if a request increases the department head just needs to come justify the expense. Commissioner Daniels discussed Federal and State funding to help with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). They are partnering with counties and city governments, hospitals

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – enrollment forms for Brian C. Plumlee, Full time Sheriff’s Deputy and Edward E. Foster, Seasonal mower.
b) Journal entries: #19 & #20

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 9:40 a.m. until Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK

May 12, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for 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.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Corey Schinstock, Interim City of Iola Administrator, Timothy Thyer, City of Iola Fire Chief, and Michael Burnett, Allen County Ambulance Director, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 5, 2020.

Director Burnett reviewed the 2020 1st quarter ambulance reports:
FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

January:
- Chief Thyer and EMS Director Burnett attended the School SAFE meeting, the topic was cyber security.
- Chief Thyer attended an LEPC meeting at Allen County Regional Hospital.
- Chief Thyer represented Allen County EMS & IFD in Fort Scott for annual pipeline training.
- Chief Thyer and EMS Director Burnett attended the 911 advisory Board meeting at dispatch.
- Chief Thyer and EMS Director Burnett attended the SEK Homeland Security meeting in Chanute.
February:
- Med #32 was repaired at Iola Auto Body after a deer ran into the side of the ambulance while it was on a run.
- The Kansas Board of EMS performed an annual EMS Service Inspection. The service received zero deficiencies.
- Chief Thyer attended and represented Allen County EMS at Windsor Place Advisory Board Meeting.
- ACEMS & IFD crews attended storm watch training, Fury on the Plains at the Bobus Fine Arts building.
- Chief Thyer attended training from Texas A&M at Allen County Regional Hospital, training topic was Protective Measures for Biological Events.
- Chief Thyer and EMS Director Burnett attended a meeting at City Hall to discuss long distance transfer response times.

March:
- Chief Thyer submitted a grant for $2,000.00 for Grain Bin extrication tools and equipment for Rescue One. The application for the grant was through Frontier Farm Credit of Kansas.
- Annual mechanical inspections have been performed on all Med Units for Annual Licensure.
- ACEMS/IFD crews participated in the Battle of the Badges at Allen County Regional Hospital for their annual blood drive.
- Med #34 and Engine #311 were sent to Jefferson School for Safe Base to show and tell.
- Chief Thyer, EMS Director Burnett and the Red Shift attended quarterly Trauma Review Committee meetings and BiPap training at Allen County Regional Hospital.
- Chief Thyer and EMS Director Burnett have attended numerous meetings to discuss response and necessary PPE for potential COVID-19 positive Patients. We have also drafted a response guideline approved by the SEK Multi-County Health Department in order for our department to protect our staff. All staff members have received response guideline training, including PPE use and decon.

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

RUNS BY CITY (YTD)

Graph 1 shows the Runs By Zone-District using year-to-date numbers (Jan-March). This information reflects where calls for service originate. The Other category reflects unclassified runs and runs outside Allen County.
Graph 2 shows the total EMS runs year-to-date (Jan-Mar) from 2015 through 2020.

REASON FOR OUT-OF-STATION

Graph 3 shows the YTD (Jan-Mar) percentage breakdown for the reason staff was Out-Of-Station.
Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, reported a punch list has been done on the Humboldt Ambulance Station. There was an issue with electric going to the kitchen island. The appliances have been delivered but will not have furniture delivered until later. A discussion about a grand opening followed. Commissioners will be waiting until later, maybe in July 2020 for the grand opening but the ambulance crews will be in there before long. Terry stated Koehn is working with subcontractors to make sure the Moran Ambulance Station will be done by the end of June.

Commissioner Daniels stated there has been delays due to lots of rain. He asked Chief Thyer if there has been any training on the new boats and equipment. Chief Thyer stated they are waiting on Kansas Wildlife and Parks personnel for the training. Discussion followed.

Commissioners discussed cleaning and supplies due to COVID-19. Chief Thyer stated they have enough supplies for now but they have been doing extreme cleaning. Crews are wearing facemasks and gloves on every call.

Commissioners discussed the contract with the City of Iola on ambulance services. No action was taken at this time.

Chairman King asked Ron Holman about push bars for all the courthouse doors. Ron stated he has another person coming in to give a bid. He will bring bids to the commission next week.

Chairman King recognized this is Police Officer Week.

Chairman King asked Sheriff Murphy if he had contacted the wind farm persons on the tower they are scrapping out. Sheriff Murphy stated it is not a sturdy enough tower for everything the county needs on it to be efficient.

Chairman King discussed plaques for the two new ambulance stations. Terry had checked on prices and they would run around $700 per plaque. Discussion followed. Terry will check on a lower inside plaque.

Chairman King mentioned he had received a call from Hofer and Hofer; they said Paul Finney had contacted them to take down some siding off of the Humboldt Senior Center. Chairman

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**Graph 4 shows the Out-Of-Station hours by month by location compared to the total hours in each month.**

*Since Iola Station cannot go to "status zero", Iola OOS does not reflect hours spent for Training, Maintenance, or Supplies & Inventory.*

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Chairman King mentioned he had received a call from Hofer and Hofer; they said Paul Finney had contacted them to take down some siding off of the Humboldt Senior Center. Chairman
King stated this is not the time to spend money when things are so unsure. It is not something he sees in the future either. Commissioner Daniels stated a few years ago there were several industrial experts present when someone did pull out some siding to see what lay behind it. The change is only for historical needs but it was decided then that it was too costly. Chairman King stated the estimate to restore the Humboldt Senior Center to its original look was severely underestimated. Allen County needs to tighten their belts. Allen County Commissioners agreed it is not a priority.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, discussed mowing in preparation of the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Mitch stated they have had maintenance weekly on the crusher; by doing this they are catching some of the wear and tear. They have been pumping water to get to dry rock; they need more dry days. He said it is so wet that the ground is just saturated. Allen County got about 1” last evening. They can’t fix pot holes as long as there is water in them. Chairman King stated that it does more harm than good.

Mitch discussed dust control and cold patching. Commissioner Daniels asked if the Elsmore/Savonburg road is on the list for maintenance. Mitch stated it is.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, updated the commission on Thrive hiring an Economic Director, they will start in July.

Lisse requested an executive session to discuss projects not yet public. Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes to discuss Confidential Data/Trade Secrets. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 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 9:11 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:16 a.m. No action was taken.

Lisse explained a new CDGB-CARE Act grant that Thrive Allen County will file on behalf of Allen County since it has to go through a public entity. There will have to be a publication for a public hearing. Commissioners discussed they would hold the hearing on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 9 a.m. at the commission meeting. Lisse said Thrive will publish. She explained this is a very competitive grant! It will be to retain low to moderate jobs. Discussion followed on micro businesses of 1-5 employee or small businesses of 6-50 employees. Commissioners stated Lisse could work with Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk for grant information. Commissioner Symes moved to authorize Thrive Allen County apply for the CDBG Grant, to publish in both the Iola Register and Humboldt Union papers for a hearing May 19, 2020 and for Thrive Allen County to administer the grant. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Angela Murphy, 911 Director, discussed COVID-19 supplies and requests. Several places are requesting supplies from 911; she wanted to know how far out does she reach with help. Angie stated some supplies they have been able to get and some they have not. Chairman King asked Angie about getting COVID reimbursements. Angie stated she could, it would be up to 75% reimbursement. Commissioner Symes asked if 911 has an unlimited supply of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Angie stated some supplies have been harder to get than others. Commissioner Symes asked if we did have a second wave would Allen County be prepared. He was remembering a KAC zoom meeting had a speaker from Washington. Washington State had been through COVID a month before Kansas. Commissioner Symes stated Kansas was just getting the virus and the Washington State speaker said “my number one piece of advice is just
Chairman King stated he appreciates employees getting creative. He appreciates Ron, he's doing the best he can getting supplies. As long as Allen County ends up with a certain supply, he thinks to give out to a point, but still have a reserve to take care of ourselves, protect us.

Angie stated she had an event where a delivery person could not get a hold of the primary contact for Emergency Management so right now the State needs to have a secondary contact person. Angie stated she thought Allen County should change this role in her view, the primary and alternate or the secondary. She would just add another name to what we're needing to do. It would actually require a resolution.

Commissioners mentioned that everyone purchasing for COVID keep track of expenses for reimbursement under this emergency declaration. It's much easier to keep track as you go, than to try to go back and try to say this was for this and that, it's just been very time consuming.

Chairman King requested a motion to approve Resolution 202005 that will just expand our contact list with the State to include phone number and email. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Resolution 202005 updating Allen County Emergency Management Contact Information. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-1-0 Commissioner Daniels voted no.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported as of last night (May 11, 2020) Allen County has collected 91.42% of our 2020 taxes, which is 1% less than what was collected this time last year. The treasurer’s office is still going through incoming mail. Crickett discussed sales tax revenues. She stated she was not sure since the restaurants in all Allen County have been closed so people haven't been purchasing from them.

Crickett stated they are stopping entrance into the courthouse about 4:15 for her office business. This allows them to clean up, they can balance and everything, her girls are being able to leave five or shortly after. Crickett said they are going to be dealing with some overtime. Chairman King asked how employees were holding up. Crickett said they are doing good, emotionally, and professionally. They're not stretched yet, the stress levels are good, allowing the flow that we're at right now, we've just been swamped.

Chairman King stated all the department heads that are here and there are some that aren’t that he just noticed a real upbeat attitude in our employees, and you know the dispositions are positive. There's so much luminous and frowning or you don’t know what the facial expression is because they're behind the mask, but first responders every time I'm visiting with somebody from the county, I leave feeling better so I really appreciate everybody's attitude.

Cara Barkdoll, Allen County Register of Deeds stated she gets a lot of electronic recordings and have a lot of emails to answer and mail. She has been taking appointments. Cara said she is splitting shifts. She does mornings and has Misty doing afternoons.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, reported assessed valuation will be certified June 1 so she’d have a better idea then what values were going to be. She will have all the reports and everything will be compiled and will know more of what we’re looking at on the value. Discussion followed. The only other thing right now is they’re doing the drive by inspections this year. They're not knocking on doors due to COVID. Jami stated she still has her office doing every other day; it's worked pretty well. She mentioned she just doesn’t want somebody to get it, that they would all be out. Chairman King stated he had visited with somebody that was protesting their appraisal and they did complement that Jami was very nice and patient. Discussion followed.
Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, was asked about cleaning and supplies. He stated he is trying; he has disinfectant wipes on order but they have been put on back orders. Commissioners requested Ron and other department heads to keep track of their COVID purchases. Crickett said they wipe the counters down after every customer and the customer feels better to see you actually wipe the counter down before. It is important to us; we want them to be taken care of.

Chairman King stated that’s why we’re trying to make some new provisions and change up. He asked Ron about push bar installation on Allen County Courthouse doors. Ron stated he would have the bids next week. There is a person coming to look at doors today.

Chairman King discussed the Governor’s phases to get back to normal. Sheriff Murphy stated last week we had 700 come through the north door of the courthouse. The whole week, Monday through Friday, Wednesday was the low day which was 90. It has gone really well, everybody’s very receptive to it.

Sheriff Murphy stated most of the vendors are trying to get some sanitizing items, shared some stuff, or have some fogging devices. They picked up some cases if they should need a big area sanitized and can’t get it decontaminated. Example if they have to decontaminate a cell or the vehicles. Discussion followed on how hard it is to get supplies in timely.

Sheriff Murphy explained about the jail population. The judge and the county attorney are really good about its non-violent crimes, simple misdemeanors, minor felony cases, they’ve been pushing a lot out the door through our bonds. Discussion followed on taking out of county inmates and what that looks like for the future.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County attorney, stopped to update the commission on what his office was currently doing and what the future will look like for them.

Commissioners asked for an update on the new fire barn north of Iola. Mitch reported the fire station is suppose to be able to move things in on Wednesday but the fire station is waiting on Public Works to do the road. There’s no way to get rock in there currently, but they need to dig it down a little bit, however, too wet right now to build an entrance road.

Counselor Johnson discussed the joint Ambulance agreement between the City of Iola and Allen County. The city approved last night; it just extends the agreement with Allen County; it is supposed to expire this year. Basically, just an agreement between the city and the county to extend the existing contract, one year under the same terms to give both sides more time next year or next fall to try to facilitate something more concrete.
Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the Addendum to Emergency Medical Services Joint Agreement dated July 11, 2017. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 2-1-0. Commissioner Daniels voted no.

Commissioners opened discussion on the number of customers allowed in the courthouse at any one time. The Governor will be holding and meeting to discuss opening Kansas back up this evening. Commissioners discussed having 15-20 people allowed at any given time. Commissioner Symes moved to allow 15 customers at a time in the courthouse starting May 18, 2020. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels discussed a request from The Growing Place for a letter of support to allow them to apply for a grant.
Commissioner Daniels moved Allen County offer our support to the growing places expansion wish them the best support for grant. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels updated the commission on a phone call with Governor Kelly. He has had a couple of calls from Republican Party leadership expressing some concern over barber shops and salons, not being allowed to open until the 18th. Will have to wait to see what Governor Kelly says.

Commissioner approved the following documents:
  a) Payroll – new hire Gary M. Lower,  
  b) Payroll – payroll reimbursement for Jill Allen for disinfecting wipes  
  c) Payroll – Jacqie Spradling for research and appellate brief  
  d) Clerk’s Vouchers – $106,655.36  
  e) Clerk’s Journal Entry #21 & #22
With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourned, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. until May 19, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS                OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK        May 19, 2020

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 assembly room at the courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Paul Zirjack, citizen, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, and Jessica Thompson, Thrive Director of Development and Grant Writer, was present to observe the meeting.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 12, 2020.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioner Daniels 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 8:32 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:42 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 8:43 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:58 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman King opened the public hearing for the purpose of considering an application to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce for Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds under the Economic Development category. Those present were: Jessica Qualls, Cindy Lucas, Shawna Buckwold, Larry Maness, Marilyn Logan, Jill Hartman, Georgia Masterson, Robin Griffin, Allie Utley, Cole Herder.

Chairman King requested Lisse give a narrative of the grant application. Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, presented the purpose of the hearing. Lisse stated “So as you guys are aware Thrive Allen County is currently writing and hoping today to submit the small businesses, small cities Community Development Block Grant CV so that’s where the cares act. So, this was money that came from the feds down to the state for rural communities, under a
population of 50,000. And this is a low to moderate income grant meaning. The idea is to retain low to moderate income jobs. And just so you guys understand what that means in a household of one low to moderate income is $36,200 or less. So, for our community a lot of people fit into that category. So, this funding is open to all of these rural municipalities and counties. So, it is highly, highly competitive and yesterday we were talking you were kind of estimating that maybe one third of people who put in for this grant will receive it. So, I want to share that first, that it's highly, highly competitive but we do truly hope we're on the front end. The idea is to assist micro and small businesses so a micro business is between one and five employees, and a small business is between six and 50 employees. So, what we want to do today is tell you how we have written this grant and I do want to also let you guys know Thrive is not asking for any funding to write this grant, we just truly want to bring this money into the community. So right now, what we have is the current plan for grant application. So, again, just to reiterate, we do not have this funding, this is what we put into the plan as we submit for it. There can be tweaks made down the road. Currently, the way that we are writing it is for our micro businesses that you can receive $2,500 per employee, up to three employees which puts you as a micro business at $7,500. And then for our small businesses which are six to 50 employees, $1,500 per employee, up to $15,000. So, the reason we did it this way is because we truly want as many small business and micro businesses as possible to be able to receive this funding. We need it spread out throughout the entire county. And so, currently we have 45% of the funds to lola 30% to Humboldt and 25% to surrounding areas. And we did this looking at where the populations were and the businesses within these communities. There will be phases of this grant so the first phase keeps those geographic locations, if there was funding left, we roll into the second phase, and then it's open to any geographic location...the second thing I want to share about that is if you are a small business owner who owns multiple businesses. You are capped at applying for a business in each category for that first phase because we truly want it again open to as many business owners in the community as possible. The idea is to submit it today after, after public hearing and after some of the paperwork is signed that the county needs to sign, and then we should know within 15 to 20 days, whether or not the county received the funding. And then it goes out to a bid for request for proposals for certified CDBG administrators who can administer this grant for the public."

Paul Zirjack, citizen asked if the funding was coming from the State of Kansas.

Lisse stated its federal dollars rolling into the state and going through the Commerce department; $9 million total for the state grant. She mentioned there’s actually two grants. There’s the Small Business grant and then there’s the food. The county did not qualify on the food programs; you had to be 51%. LMI across the board now individual cities would have, but the county itself did not. Thrive would have had to put in some; Thrive would have had to do some surveys and a little bit more work that would have put us further behind in getting our foot in the door early enough to be competitive.

Commissioner Symes pointed out these highly competitive grants received money in the first place, and then there will be a first come first serve considerations. Lisse stated in addition to this public hearing, and to get newspaper articles that we know will come out about our hearing other communications businesses that are being played. Lisse stated Thrive currently works with both chambers and municipalities and one of the reasons why we very specifically wanted to look at geographic areas is. They have had feedback about eastern edge of the county. They don’t have their own chamber. They don’t have the same kind of communication and Thrive really wants to make sure that they are able to educate and get the word out to those businesses as well, so that they can also apply.
Larry Maness, Moran citizen, stated he kind of represent the eastern part of the county over
there. He became aware of this hearing yesterday they talked about it in the meeting that he
was in. He is very pleased with the idea of separating the funds geographically. He mentioned
there are a lot of people who aren't on the internet, who does not take the paper. He suggested
going to the city commissions and present to them, because the size of Moran, everybody in
town and as a business knows the commission. Larry suggested the same thing in Elsmore and
sounds are designed to get the word out in our kind of isolated area over there. He supports the
idea.
Commissioner Daniels stated he appreciated the questions and comments. He wanted to
clarify they will not be asking for matching funds. Lisse stated there will be no matching funds
required; this is an exclusive grant from the state.

Chairman King stated there are local business owners present and it's really good to see them.
Lisse addressed the business owners explaining a few details. Lisse stated “So there are a couple
of other things that I think just needs to be out in the open so you guys are aware, there is a
federal requirements with this grant that each one of your employees would fill out a document
that they've already created that shows what their income was over the last year, so that you
can prove that 51% of your employees meet the LMI requirements a low to moderate income
requirements because that has to be in order for your application to move through 51% of them
have to meet those requirements so I want you guys to be aware of that."

It was asked if was a loan or grant that would not be repaid. Jessica Thompson, Thrive,
emphasize this is a grant, this is not a loan. Marilyn Logan said so businesses don't need to repay
this money that they would get if you if we were to receive it? Lisse mentioned this is a spin down
grant, which means that we don't just get $300,000 just give to you guys. It means we need
receipts; it means we'll need to know if you're buying inventory; we need receipts for that
inventory so we get that we can pay you back. If it's for payroll, you show us receipts for payroll,
Lisse stated it will be the county or whoever's administering the grant. The way that it works is
businesses would turn in receipts and then they get reimbursed. And that's what the spin down
grants, that's how they work.

Marilyn asked about limitations as to what it can be spent on. Jessica Thompson, Thrive Director
of Development and Grant Writer, stated you cannot use it to pay back a loan. You can use it, if
you have received PPP which is a Payment Protection Program, you cannot use it in tandem so
if you're paying for payroll currently under PPP, you cannot use this funding to also pay for
payroll. You could use it for inventory for capital for overhead costs so rent, utilities, inventory
payroll for your staff. If it was before or after you received the PPP, anything like that. It just can't
be used for construction and it can't be used to pay down loans.

Commissioner Symes asked about the time line for the grant. Lisse said it would take 15 to 20
days for notification whether or not Allen County received the grant. Then by the time the funds
would make it to Allen County and by the time Allen County goes through the bidding process
for administrator; then excepting proposals from businesses. Lisse stated it could be into July. She
did tell the businesses they can use receipt starting March 1st, 2020.

Commissioner Symes asked if Lisse anticipates having a deadline of when the application is
ready versus specific deadline. Lisse stated they are going to do phases; so, phase one and right
now we have it written in the grant to be between four and six weeks and again, if the grant is
approved and the commissioners get to say this is exactly how it's going to work. But right now,
phase one is between four and six weeks and then if there was still funding left. They would open
a phase two, and again, then the geographic areas would open, and people who own more
than one business can also go in and reapply for a different business, but it would still be four to
six weeks again and then do another phase. This doesn’t involve any kind of taxpayer money
except the most indirect way.

Paul Zirjack asked if this more of an informational thing or do you have to have permission. Lisse
stated the way that the grant has been created, since it is a CDBG and it is federal funding
rolling down into the community. There is a process so you had to use a governmental entity to
bring the funding into your community and then the way that community development block
grants work is you have to do public forums because they are federal dollars and so we do have
to inform the public about what your intent is and how the funding will be used and then if we
received the grant. There will be a public forum on the end of the grant term as well so that we
report back to you. They report back to you, how it was spent.

Cole stated this works like CDBG grant did for the City of Humboldt’s sewer project. The city
actually receives that funding in their checking account. They write checks out to the city and
Humboldt was the vehicle for that grant. Lisse stated yes, the county will be the vehicle, the
Treasurer or someone is going to have additional responsibility. It shouldn’t be overwhelming
because you’ll have an administrator, that’s actually reviewing everything and giving
instructions.

Marilyn asked the question is it going to be industry specific or is anybody able to apply? Lisse
stated if a farmer who has a C Corp, or LLC can also apply for this grant. The one requirement is
that has to be a for profit organization so nonprofits cannot apply owners, like gig jobs cannot
apply. Salons have called and ask about this as well. The question was asked if I owned the
salon but I don’t have employees, I have contractors, I pay contractors. Lisse stated under this
they would qualify as employees.

Cole said this is a good thing for the counties who are awarded this grant for a lot of money
coming in to that entity, because there’s only going to be about 30 winners across the state, the
award can be as much as $300,000 per entity. So, 9 million that’s only 30 to 30 interviews. Cole
said the City of Humboldt can’t move that fast because they don’t have weekly meetings and
he doesn’t want to be in competition with Allen County. Plus, he just doesn’t have the resources
to do this kind of a grant and it’s amazing that Thrive is able to do this because it takes a lot of
resources to write this grant and make this happen.

Commissioner Daniels commented an important point that Commissioners want to express
appreciation to Thrive, Lisse and Jessica and of course the State for their money. There’s a lot of
work to be done. Lisse state yes, there’s so much. She thanked everybody for their support.

Chairman King asked if anybody else had any questions anything else. Seeing none he called
the public hearing closed.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202007.

THE COUNTY OF ALLEN, KANSAS
RESOLUTION 202006

RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL AUTHORITY AND AUTHORIZATION
TO APPLY FOR THE CDBG-CV
FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERC
WHEREAS, The County of Allen, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity as provided by the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS, and

WHEREAS, The County of Allen, Kansas, intends to submit an application for assistance from CARES Act under the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby certifies that the County of Allen, Kansas, is a legal governmental entity under the status of the laws of the STATE OF KANSAS and thereby has the authority to apply for assistance from the CARES Act under the KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

THE APPLICANT hereby authorizes the COMMISSION OF ALLEN, Kansas, to act as the applicant’s official representative in signing and submitting an application for the assistance to the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

As Chief Elected Official of the County of Allen, I hereby certify that I have knowledge of all activities in the above-reference application.

THE APPLICANT hereby dedicates $0.00 in matching funds towards this project.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN, KANSAS, this 19th day of May, 2020.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202006 Certifying Legal Authority Authorization to Apply for the CDBG-CV Grant for the Department of Commerce and any other documents in the queue requiring the chairman’s signature associated with the resolution. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, presented bids for push bars and/or paddles. Bids were received from LockWorx Mobile Locksmithing, LLC for 9 push paddles for a total of $2,388; and Glass Depot, LLC for 9 push bars for a total of $3,428.64. Ron explained he received two bids, LockWorx is the cheaper one is for a pushed-out paddle versus a push bar. There are one more just kind of two different designs, as far as a push paddle which is quite a bit cheaper and he says there easier to install. There’s no maintenance on it. Commissioner Daniels motion to approve the bid for $2,388 for the push paddles on all exterior courthouse doors from LockWorx Mobile Locksmithing, LLC. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the mowers are out around mowing cemeteries to be ready for Memorial Day weekend.

Mitch stated they are expecting rain coming on Thursday that is why they are trying to fix the drive at the new fire barn north of Iola before it gets wetter.

Mitch mentioned all that going on with another couple projects. He stated they are about to wrap up at the Humboldt Ambulance Station. They hauled dirt in at Humboldt so the contractor can finish the project. They have hauled rock out of the Moran Ambulance project area.

Chairman King stated he understands what all the public works crews are doing and he appreciates Mitch’s presence.

Mitch reported he is hiring seasonal help; he will have the three seasonal employees.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, discussed how her office was doing with opening back up from COVID shutdown. She stated everything going smooth and with the
security guards. Her office has several security guards they have to wipe down as well as counters which take a lot of time. Crickett discussed with commissioners about changing the treasurer’s office hours. Now that they have to clean and sanitize every day; it takes 10 minutes to clean those 12 security guards plus other sanitizing. Crickett explained she would like to shut her office down at 4:30 p.m. to allow time to complete everything Clorox wipes and everything. She is trying to keep her employees for getting overtime cleaning. Crickett informed the commission about what the other 16 counties in Southeast Kansas are doing with their office hours. Commissioners asked her what time she opens and she stated 8:30 a.m. they are working five eight-hour days. The Treasurer’s new public hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; that extra 30 minutes gives them time to close our doors and to clean up and do a better job of approving our titles.

Sherrie requested the commissioners approve an annual contract with Computer Information Concepts (CIC). She stated the contract reads the same as 2019 and the only thing that changed was the price; it went down like $326. CIC is the county’s software provider for everything except the Register of Deeds software. Commissioner Symes moved to sign the annual contract with CIC. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Paul Zirjack stated commissioners discussed courthouse security a few years ago in taking the entrance to the courthouse to one door. He mentioned the commission should consider keeping it to one door since they are already there. Paul discussed other items of security being put into place due to COVID 19. Commissioner Daniels stated they kind of have that now that’s why commissioners budgeted, whether it be metal detectors or whatever, we budgeted the sheriff to assigned a deputy to the courthouse for security purposes so there be somebody there permanently at all times. Discussion followed on security and what the future might hold.

Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, discussed changes on the court side. They’re still having video appearances and so on, the court is still closed for in person but having hearings every day. Probably just waiting for direction from Supreme Court; but the courts are open and they’re operating it’s just all by Zoom. Bob stated he had a hearing yesterday. Judge Creitz is on bench, attorney’s run screen, sometimes your clients on the screen all in different places; it is working.

Terry Call presented pictures of plaques for the new ambulance stations. Commissioners all preferred the silver plating. The contractor is going to pay for the plaque.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Confidential Data/Trade Secrets. 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 9:37 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels 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 9:50 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 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 10:01 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:06 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution No. 202007:

Resolution No. 202007
Allen County, Kansas

A Resolution Updating Allen County Emergency Management Contact Information

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas have considered to update the contact information for the Allen County Emergency Management; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas that for contact information for Allen County Emergency Management, the following individuals are authorized to represent Allen County Emergency Management with the State of Kansas,

Jason Trego
410 N. State
Iola, KS 66749
jtrego@allencounty911.org

Angela Murphy
410 N. State
Iola, KS 66749
amurphy@allencounty911.org

RESOLVED this 19th day of May 2020.

Commissioner Symes moved to resend Resolution 202005 for last week, and approve Resolution 202007 reporting to the State Emergency Manager apprising them who represents Allen County Emergency Management for contact information on Jason Trego and Angela Murphy. Chairman King seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerks Vouchers – 4/13/2020-$154,042.41 & 5/18/2020-$65,056.32
b) Payroll – vacation carry over for Gary Henderson of 98.5 hours to be used by December 19, 2020
c) Payroll – Cara Bowen from part time to full time status, Jacqueline Crump from full time to part time, Maya Piper one year pay change, Reece Solander and William “Bill” Wilson for seasonal help.
d) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Terry Call
e) Journal entry: #23

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 10:20 a.m. until May 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson                      Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk            Bruce Symes, Commissioner
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 Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Greg Kaufman, Paul Zirjacks, citizens, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk, and Mitch Garner, Public Works Director 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 May, 2020

Rebecca Johnson, SEK Multi County Health Department, passed out a brochure for the department and the letter sent to request funding. Rebecca stated the health department requests $115,000.00 for 2021. This is an increase of $15,000 from last year. She told the commission about the new employee the health department has hired. They did receive a one-time grant that will end in 2021 to assist in paying the new employee as well. She thanked the commissioners for their continued support. Commissioner Symes asked Rebecca to remind them of the funding from the other counties. It is not equal across the board. Allen County currently contributes $100,000. Chairman King complimented the health department for working hard to seek out grants. Commissioner Symes asked about the new legislation providing counties to make decisions on phasing back in, he is asking the advice of the health department regarding these decisions and making recommendations. Should the commission ask Rebecca specifically? She stated that would be preferred if possible. He also asked if the way the courthouse is currently operating seems appropriate. Rebecca said it is being handled correctly as she had her temperature taken at the one and only door open, lines on the floor six feet apart, etc. Trevor asked Rebecca what proactively could the county do to prepare for a possible second shut down? Rebecca said a plan should be made for the fall, if not sooner than that and replace the responsibility back on the people. Mr. Zirjacks asked about the swimming pool in Iola opening. He asked Rebecca’s opinion. She stated they could limit how many are in the pool, keep distance between people, so open it with some restrictions. Commissioner Symes discussed Lake of the Ozarks recently with the holiday weekend and people not observing restrictions. Chairman King thanked Rebecca for coming in and stated they’d take her request under consideration.

Debbie Bearden, citizen, representing LaHarpe Day committee asked about the contribution given by the commissioners, since the event has been cancelled. She returned the check.

Greg Kaufman, citizen from Humboldt, came in to discuss ditches and his pastures. He wants the chance to explain to the commissioners what the issue is. He stated there is lack of drainage. There is barely any ditch and only one culvert to handle all the water coming off of Humboldt hill. This causes water to be forced into the road. The brush and trees are not being cleaned up, therefore blocking the culverts. He understands how the crews go out after the rains to put rock down, etc. He stated the ditches have to be put in place or you’ll be hauling rock all the time. They need to look at it when it’s raining, can’t make a decision on it when it’s dry. He put some fence in 2014. This problem is cutting into his productivity of this pasture. He sprays all the Johnson grass on his property himself and has for years. Is the county going to clean this up yet, what can be done is his question? Mitch stated he is aware of this; they have a list that this is included. Chairman King reiterated all the miles of road to be covered in the county. Commissioner Daniels asked Mitch to visit with Mr. Kaufman in his office after the meeting to get to this problem sooner. Mr. Kaufman stated this is not a new problem, he’s been trying to get help on it for years. There needs to be a sign of warning of possible high water at the area he’s talking about.
Sherrie asked the commissioners about the senior centers and the meals on wheels program. Do we wait to start them back up? She stated Iola Senior Center can have up to 19-20 people coming in. Commissioner Symes said June 8 the number of people is going up to 45. He said he feels more comfortable using that as a guideline. Commissioner Daniels suggested we wait to June 8, but discuss it at next week’s meeting. Sheriff Murphy stated he feels better about waiting for Phase 3, June 8.

Commissioner Symes reported on Bowlus meeting he attended.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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 9:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action was taken.

Trevor asked about the schedule for road repair. Chairman King said requests that come in are evaluated. We have had more rain than the drainage solutions are designed for as of recent. The public may not realize the amount of territory that has to be covered in the county. Priority is based on need. Commissioner Symes stated Mitch shares road issues with the commissioners and they have input on the road plan. Trevor stated there is a fundamental misunderstanding of how the county road system is approached.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Bill King,
b) Payroll change for Ron Holman
c) Clerk’s Vouchers – $63,000.42
d) Abatements: RE Value 1918, $375.88, 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 9:45 a.m. until Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson

Bruce Symes, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK May 28, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for a special session at 1:15 p.m. with Chairperson William H. “Bill” King, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner Bruce Symes and Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk for the purpose of discussing Governor Kelly’s executive order.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Zach Wilhite, observer, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial Judge, Robert and Juanell Garrett, and Jennifer Coltrane, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.
Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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 1:16 p.m. Commissioners reconvened at 1:26 p.m. No action was taken.

Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial Judge, informed the commissioners where the court system is in regards to COVID 19. Judge explained the 31st Judicial District Administrative Order 284 Tentative Schedule for 31st Judicial District Zoom and Reopening to the Public. He covered several items in the order. Schedule discussed in details were:

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

- **MAY 11**—STAGE 1—NON-EVIDENTIARY ZOOM HEARINGS.
- **JUNE 8**—STAGE 2—EVIDENTIARY ZOOM HEARINGS.
- **JUNE 15**—OPENING CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OFFICES TO THE PUBLIC, INCLUDING CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO COURT EMPLOYEES.
- **JULY 1**—MITIGATED OPENING OF THE COURTROOMS AND COURT SERVICES OFFICES.
- **AUGUST 10 OR THEREAFTER**—AS DIRECTED BY A NEW SUPREME COURT ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER, MITIGATION MEASURES WILL BE LIFTED.

Judge Creitz stated any changes to this schedule will be addressed in writing. He mentioned on July 1st when the courtrooms open, they will be limited to 10 at one time in the room.

Commissioners thanked Judge Creitz for his update.

Judge Creitz left the meeting.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, joined the meeting.

Chairman King stated commissioners have had a lot of phone calls since Tuesday so, he wanted to address the topic of the Governor Kelly’s executive order. When they met Tuesday morning with Rebecca Johnson, Southeast Kansas Multi County Health Director, the governor’s plan was still in effect, the legislature hadn’t acted. Commissioner were waiting to see what they’re going to tell them to do whether to veto that or let the legislator’s action for counties. Commissioners stated they would be looking to the health department for guidance.

Commissioner Symes stated he was for having a commission meeting to clarify for the public the commissioner’s roles after Governor Kelly’s executive order. When commissioners met on Tuesday Governor Kelly had not acted, but there was that press release yesterday which he stated he thought could cause confusion for residents, without commissioners meeting. Because the press release from the health department said that the governor’s order is lifted, and that the commission are recommending that folks stay with the guidelines of the Governor’s “Ad Astra: Plan to Reopen Kansas” guidelines. Commissioner Symes stated his position at the meeting Tuesday was I was going to conform with local health department’s advisory. So, until right now today that’s been my position. And so, he was glad that commissioners were having this chance today, there’s already been an article said says commissioners at least decided to loosen up and dismisses the gathering side. Commissioner Symes commented that was not his position when he visited with the reporter Trevor. He was staying with advisory from the health department until they met as a commission. And commissioners are going to take action here once a motion that somebody makes about Allen County going forward.

Commissioner Daniels stated all came about with the governor’s decision. We’ve all referred to the desire to get back to business and somewhat open, waiting to see what the governor would do. Well, that’s occurred. Some of the article, four is referred to. He stated he thinks we all want to get to some back, back to some sort of normal but everyone’s calling it the new normal.
Commissioner Daniels stated he thinks the action commissioners take today that they going to not make any mandates or mandatory requirements. But they’re going to recommend that everyone’s still follow the social distancing precautions and so forth. Because it is a new normal. But Allen County does have businesses that have to get back to business or they may not make it. He made reference to a barber shop; if you’re getting your haircut, and you want your barber to wear a mask, ask! If you don’t feel comfortable going out, then don’t. We want everybody to be considerate of everyone’s space, still be respectful if you’re waiting in line at the courthouse. It is going to be a new norm. And we’re going to have to. Unfortunately get used to that. But we still have a lot of business to do we have we have life goes on. And we’ve got to incorporate that new normal. Is a 200-person wedding a good idea? Maybe not. Can they have it? Probably they can. Should they still use precautions. Whoever spent on that wedding better have enough room to put chair six feet apart, or whatever they need to do to respect everyone’s concerns and fears, or they don’t feel comfortable maybe shouldn’t go. So, we’re really letting everyone make their decision on their health personal health or personal safety and still respect everyone, everyone’s rights to get their business open and get some back the new normal. But while still recommending that we, we, we be as cautious as we can.

Chairman King asked Counselor Johnson if he had anything to add since he has been involved with some of this checking on other counties.

Counselor Johnson stated what the commission has been discussing is what a lot of counties are doing; reiterate that you’re not resolving but recommending. It is not criminal action if they don’t, but you could always change your mind life, suddenly changes.

Sherrie stated she has been following what some of the counties are doing and pretty much so, a lot of them are just kind of opening up with precautions.

Crickett was just seeing what action the commission took.

Chairman King discussed what the courthouse might look like for a while; most offices in the courthouse are functioning right now which seems to be working well. Commissioner Symes stated it might look different when the courts open back up.

Robert Garrett asked about pools and summer recreation? Commissioner Daniels stated the same respect of individual rights; the cities should make that decision. They should pull in the health director for direction.

Commissioner Symes asked Bryan if he had any concerns about the Governor’s “Ad Astra: Plan to Reopen Kansas” guidelines.

Commissioner Symes reported on a Kansas Association of Counties meeting by zoom yesterday. One of the things that they brought out which he thinks is good for Allen County to keep in mind; it points to the flexibility that commissioners can always go back and reconsider things. If Allen County were to have a few cases in our own county that’s different than a few cases in a larger area. So, we’re going to maintain that monitoring and flexibility. And, and hope that practices and behaviors continue our good fortune in low incidence of cases but if that should arise.

Sherrie stated she had visited with Bryan about starting hot meals on wheels back up June 8; but with starting the meals back up does that opens up to senior centers to serve individuals. And if so, do they just to eat or will it be for them to play cards or for them to rent out. Discussion followed. Commissioners suggested waiting until Tuesday’s commission meeting to decide.

Commissioner Daniels stated regarding private businesses, senior centers are county property so we know it and most of our customers are at those are in the prime risk category so maybe we should hold off a little bit on those because those are our responsibility directly.
Trevor had additional questions about the meeting with Becky Johnson, SEK Multi County Health Director. Did she advise that the Ad Astra plan become a recommendation or a mandate one way or the other? He asked, what is commissioners understanding about who has the ultimate authority as to whether it’s a mandate, or recommendation is that the commission or is it the health department? Chairman King responded the commission but they typically follow her recommendation. Becky talked to her board members about whether to make it mandated or to encourage them to do it. It was really encouraged not to put a mandate out there but they were encouraging them to follow those guidelines. He stated common sense goes a long way. He stated he isn’t interested in violating anyone’s individual or civil rights. We’ve got to respect that. And he hopes and he knows that a majority of the public will be respectful, they’ll stay precautionary.

Crickett asked about opening the assembly room up for a Southeast Kansas County Treasurer’s Association meeting. Sherrie mentioned that court had questions on the room as well for Child Support cases. Discussion followed. Commissioners suggested visiting about it on Tuesday’s meeting.

Commissioner Symes moved the commission declare the county open for business. And that pertains to all businesses and gatherings and events in cities, stressing that we as the county commission, encourage folks to pay attention to safety protocols, their own personal safety respect for others, and the time that we’re living in right now. From here we go we need to encourage him to follow the protocol that the department sent out or not. Yes, encouraging those safety protocols and spacing, as, as a representation masks as a recommendation. Not a mandate is a recommendation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourned, Commissioner Symes seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m. until June 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson          Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS        OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK             June 2, 2020

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met for 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.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, Angela Murphy, 911 Director, and Paul Zirjack, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 26, 2020.

Chairman King thanked the department heads for joining the meeting. He asked Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds, when the security paddle locks would be installed on the outside doors. Ron said they are expected to be in the week of June 8th.
Ron stated his department hasn’t had any issues with the cleaning around the courthouse – inside and out. Commissioner Symes asked Ron if they clean the room after every commission meeting. Ron replied yes. A discussion followed on the assembly and conference room. Commissioner Symes asked about capacity of the assembly room. Commissioners agreed that the room could be open up during the day for meetings but stress they encourage social distancing as much possible.

Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, reported the treasurer’s office has been steady except for Friday and Monday they were swamped with customers, it was the end of one month and the beginning of another.

Commissioner Daniels moved to open up the courthouse to 30 customers using a single entrance at the north door and use of all the rooms during business hours. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman King commented on a walk-through Humboldt Ambulance Station for a punch list before turning the building over to Allen County by Koehn Construction. Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, and Commissioner Symes will be attending.

Chairman King asked about the plaques for the buildings. Terry stated they are waiting for final review and approval. They wanted to make sure all involved in the donation were included.

Terry reported the City of Iola Fire crews took out both new boats over the Memorial Day weekend to Elks Lake to check them out.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported his crew had delivered dirt to the Humboldt Ambulance Station for the grounds workers to have to finish up the station.

Jerry Hathaway, Allen County Attorney, discussed Judge Creitz’s mitigation plan and how that will affect his office staff. As of July 1st the court clerk’s office will be open to the public. They will only be using the large courtroom to allow for social distancing. Judge Davis will be using that room as well. Jerry stated the Supreme Court Judge has not addressed jury trials at this time; to pick 12 jurors they have to bring in 150 people to pick from, so they are still trying to figure that out. He stated his office is “humming” as normal; plenty of cases are being filed. Commissioner Symes asked about the date published in the paper as to when court offices will open. Jerry wasn’t sure.

Crickett stated customers are always staying 6' back but they are managing. Opening the courthouse to more customers won’t really affect her office as they are limiting how many come in at a time. She stated the deputies at the entrance are really helping control on how many can come in the building for the treasurer’s office.

Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, stated they have had customers in and it is working well in their office. She stated she has had lots of calls since deadlines are moving.

Commissioner Symes reported Governor Kelly vetoed the tax deadline bill last evening.

Chairman King asked about the news release on taxes sent by Angela Murphy. Crickett stated she hadn’t received it except through Angie’s email.

Cara Barkdoll, Register of Deeds, stated her office is fully staffed and running same as usual.

Angie stated the phones at 911 are not ringing as much with issues on COVID. She did mention her staff has not been able to take vacations because places they were going has been shut down. So, lots of vacation is stacking up. Commissioner Symes stated this is not good but the county has policy for using vacation or losing it. At least Allen County gives a six-month
extension if a form is filled out and submitted to the clerk’s office for Commission approval. He requested employees are made mindful of it.

Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, reported he had opened up jail visitation two weeks ago.

Chairman King asked about thoughts on opening the Senior Centers. Commissioner Symes commented the senior centers are the places where the most age demographic are most susceptible to COVID 19; especially for handling cards and dominos. His suggestion is to go with the health departments recommendation of waiting until June 15th. Commissioner Daniels would like to prepare to start June 15th; to see where we are at not just flat out say June 15th.

Bryan requested the commission to consider bumping the cost of the Meals on Wheels to $3.00 from the current $2.50 costs. Discussion followed on meals and what they are getting. Commissioner Symes requested to discuss it next week so there is time to think about it.

Paul Zirjacks asked when Allen County Regional Hospital was going to open back up for meals? He eats out there and has been calling and no one knows. Paul asked who makes the decision to open back up or not? Angie stated there is a group that meets to discuss issues at the hospital that usually goes off of the recommendation of the health officials. Discussion followed. Commissioner Symes stated he would check on it.

Commissioners reviewed proposed Resolution 202008 extending the declaration of disaster for COVID 19.

Allen County

COVID 19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY EXTENSION
RESOLUTION 202008

WHEREAS, on the 17th day of March, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas declared there was a state of local public health emergency in Allen County, Kansas resulting in potential or occurring Pandemic known as COVID 19, in Allen County, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, such conditions endanger the public health, safety and welfare of persons within the borders of Allen County, Kansas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

That the state of local public health emergency in Allen County, Kansas declared on the 17th day of March, 2020, shall continue and remain in effect until modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

That the response and recovery aspects of all local disaster plans which are applicable to Allen County, Kansas and shall initiate the rendering of aid and assistance there under.

That any rights or powers lawfully exercised or any actions taken pursuant to local disaster emergency plans shall continue and have full force and effect as authorized by law until such time as the commission modified or terminated in the manner prescribed by law.

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY, KANSAS THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Chairman King discussed a motion to renew it. Commissioner Symes stated he had attended a Zoom meeting with Kansas Association of Counties recommending the adoption of a new extended resolution.

Mitch mentioned his crews have been catching up on items out and about. He discussed what rock they are crushing, i.e. 3 inch rock.

Mitch presented a bid for lighting in the blue equipment building at the landfill. CDL proposed $13,810.00; Kale Electric declined to bid and Stout Electric proposed $6,885.00. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid proposal from Stout Electric for $6,885.00. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.
Commissioner Symes reported on the Detention Center meeting he attends. Discussion was to cut their budget request from the counties by 10%. Commissioners stated they appreciate the cut.

Commissioners and Angie discussed the proposed resolution 202008. Angie stated it has to start at March 17, 2020 to qualify for funding with no laps and needs to continue without a 60-day limit.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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 9:15 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:25 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes to discuss Confidential Data. 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 9:26 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:31 a.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Symes moved to adopt and approve Resolution 202008. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner approved the following documents:
  a) Payroll – Vacation carryover of 61.5 hours for Becky Walker to be used by Nov. 18, 2020.
  b) Payroll – payroll reimbursement for mileage for Bruce Symes
  c) Clerk’s Vouchers – 5/29/2020-$171,562.97 & 6/1/2020-$151,044.26
  d) Clerk’s Journal Entry #24 & #25
  e) Abatements: Special Assessment, Value $1731.00, Year 2018

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. until June 9, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson        Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  June 9, 2020

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 assembly room at the courthouse.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Paul Zirjack, citizen, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Kathy McEwan & Debbie Bearden, Allen County Grow Council, and Darrell Baughn, Allen Count Rural Volunteer Fire Department District #2, was present to observe the meeting.
Chairman King led the flag salute.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the special meeting on May 28, 2020 and the regular meeting on June 2, 2020.

Kathy McEwan, Allen County Grow Council, explained she was representing the Allen County Grow Counsel to request funding on a matching grant they were approved for. The grant would provide food assistance work or smaller communities, mostly on the eastern side of the county that has been impacted with COVID “stuff”. She stated it will mainly be for the east side of the county which has lost some of its distributions. They typically receive their monthly donations of food from Humboldt’s Food Pantry has provided through Feeding America Program and donations to Walmart. During COVID they have suspended service and it has impacted Moran. Allen County Grow Council pursued a grant that matches up to $1,000. Commissioners explained the funding they have already donated for food pantries which Moran was a part of. Kathy reported the funding went toward food distribution in that area. Hope Unlimited has been part of the distribution. She did mention that Humboldt and Iola would not be included in the area for the current grant. Discussion followed on food pantries. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Allen County matching the $1,000 for grant. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Darrel Baughn, Allen County Fire District #2 Rural Volunteers, wanted to personally thank the commission for the new fire station north of town. Once they are settled, they will host a grand opening. He stated they really appreciate the new nice station. Darrel reported they were given a generator as well, one large enough to run the station should the electric go off.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported on equipment that is “down”; 2 brush cutters, a blade and back hoe. Parts are ordered and should be in by the end of the week.

Mitch reported the crusher has been working great. The weekly maintenance from the vendor has really helped. Commissioners encouraged him to continue the weekly maintenance.

Commissioner Symes asked about cleaning ditches. Mitch reported they are working on cleaning them out. They are north of Humboldt Hill currently but the problem is on back into the creek on private land. Mitch stated they don’t get on private land to clean areas. Chairman King mentioned Mitch should have a water over the road sign put up in that area.

Mitch updated the commission on where the crews are at on dust control.

Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, requested to have the women’s restroom at the Humboldt Senior Center redone like the men’s restroom was. He stated if the same person did the work it would be comparable. Commissioners approved and if the cost would be higher to bring it back to the commission.

Chairman King requested Ron to stay at the meeting to discuss another phase of opening up the courthouse. He said even though the employees were the only ones required to have their temperatures taken everyone who entered the courthouse was getting it taken by the deputy on duty. Chairman King asked about an average of customers in the courthouse at any one time. Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff stated on average they have 8-9 persons per hour.
Sheriff Murphy stated he didn’t see a need to guard the door if the commissioners lift the restrictions on how many persons can be in the courthouse at any given time. Chairman King discussed if the courthouse should remain restrict entrance to the north door until the exit paddles are installed on the doors. Ron suggested commissioners open all doors to the public. Chairman King stated it is probably time to open the courthouse up. Commissioner Symes stated it is time to get back to normal. Commissioners suggested leaving the meeting rooms closed for now. Sherrie asked about employee parking. Commissioners requested it to go back to what it was before; employees saving the northwest corner of parking for the public.

Sherrie commented the conference room is too tight to use for voting so they were going to use the Assembly Room for Advance voting which starts on July 15. There will be safety restrictions from the Secretary of State’s office. They are providing face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes & cloths and secure guards for each polling place.

Sherrie discussed opening the senior centers just for Meals on Wheels on June 15 and see how thing go with just doing that. Then if all is well open them up the rest of the way after July 1st or the holiday. We will be able to open it up for the cards and things like that and then just encourage everyone to use hand sanitizer; have a bottle of hand sanitizer at every table and everybody can lather up before they start playing cards. The back of the Iola Senior Center can be closed to the public. Sherrie asked Bryan if he had enough foggers to use one everyday at the Senior Centers. He said yes. Commissioners approved opening back up the Senior Centers in Iola and Humboldt only for Meals on Wheels at this time.

Chairman King requested Terry Call fill the commission in on the Humboldt Ambulance Station punch list he and Commissioner Symes attended with the architect and builder. Terry reviewed a few minor items needing addressed. Chairman King stated it is a good thing to have had the architect because Rick Zingre caught a lot of detail items that might have been missed otherwise. Terry stated Rick caught several items that were not up to specifications.
At the Humboldt EMS Building, workers from Koeln Construction were doing finish grading and seeding work and some misc. punch list and cleaning. A group met to conduct a punch list inspection at this Building. Those present included, Tim Thayer, Bruce Symes, Terry Call, Jeremy Bulk, Dave Shultz, Craig Pervin and Rick Zingre.

The following list of items were noted:

**General Items**
- Strip and wax the VCT flooring
- Have the electrician label the electrical load center and verify the working condition to all interior and exterior receptacles, switches, lights and devices.

1. In the Equipment Bay
   a. Provide two more remote controllers for the Overhead doors
   b. Install the glass lite in the opening of the North Door
   c. Install lock cylinders in the North Door and key it to match the other doors at this site and the Moran Site.
   d. Provide and install the CO/CO2 sensor and make sure the exhaust system is functional.
   e. Connect the intake louver on the West wall to a power source and the control system.
   f. Rick said he would check with Dale Dickson regarding the combustion air setup on the infrared tube heaters. The concern was whether the combustion air can come from within the room itself.
      i. Rick called Dale and he said the current setup is perfectly fine and approved by the heater manufacturer.
   g. The exhaust fan in the ½ bath hasn’t been connected to the light control switch yet.
   h. The receptacle in the ½ bath isn’t working
   i. Caulk and paint the cracks that have developed between the OH door frame and the gypsum wallboard on each side of both doors (near the top of jams). 
   j. Re-mount the garage control wire on the right OH door.
   k. Mount the hose hanger at the mop sink.

2. Power Generator
   a. The control board is broken so the unit isn’t yet operational. Get the Generator working and test the operation.
   b. Provide some sort of rigid protection around the mud leg that hangs down over the edge of the sidewalk so it’s protected from lawn mowing equipment.
   c. Paint the gas piping

3. Living Quarters
   a. Provide interconnection of the smoke alarms so they all enter alarm state upon initiation of one. Also provide a battery for each device so they comply with code.
   b. For the pocket doors, add a piece of painted trim on the room side of the door, that is attached to the latch side door frame. The purpose is to provide additional visual privacy.
   c. Replace the bifold door track/hanger to the one that was specified/approved.
Terry mentioned that there were no cabinets in the laundry room for supplies nor a locked cabinet for medicines. He has ordered them and will install himself. Terry also ordered blinds for the bedrooms. They are still waiting on the generator. Chairman King asked if the lawn around the station was completed yet. Terry stated it still need to be finished. Discussion followed on holding a Grand Opening. Commissioners will discuss next week.

Chairman King asked about the “Peaceful Demonstration” held Sunday on the square. Bryan stated there were about one hundred persons showed up. Some were out of towners but not many. It was peaceful. Chairman Daniels stated he had attended it as well and there were no issues or problems which was good. Bryan said he and Chief Warner had communication ahead of time that it was to happen.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Attorney Client issues. 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 9:00 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:10 a.m. No action was taken.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, joined the meeting.

Commissioners discussed the Allen County Fair for 2020. There will not be any gathering events held this year, nor will they keep the 4H animals overnight. They will still sell 4H animals via in person or virtual bidding. Commissioner Daniels stated some counties were not even having county fairs so he was happy to hear Allen County still is.

Michelle Meiwes, ACMAT President, explained they usually host a Family Safety night on the square in conjunction with Farmer's Market about this time of the year. And it's an outdoor event where they bring together a whole bunch of people to distribute safety information to the residents of Allen County, and all the events are free. They will have popcorn and snow cones and various activities that the families can do. Each of the booths that are there will be giving information that is pertinent to family safety; there’ll be swimming safety and sound safety and bicycles lots of things like that. So, we are trying to figure out a way to make this a fun event that is still safe and we can practice some social distancing do all of those things that are correct and that we need to do to take care of the safety and the health of our residents. And the people who will come. ACMAT have elected to move this event prior to school starting.
Michelle stated ACMAT has a pretty good budget right now. They thought they would provide school supplies to our Family Safety night. They also want to have some inflatables like the water slides and that type of thing. They were wondering about the possibility of fire trucks coming in at the end and maybe hosing people down. She also requested using the courthouse lawns for all these events. Michelle stated she understand probably not wanting to turn the courthouse lawn into a muddy block with many little feet stomping around. So, she will have to ask the city, about the possibility of doing the water stuff in the street; blocking it off and still doing our booths on the Courthouse Square. They are looking at August, 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners suggested Michelle work with Ron for setup and to check with the City of Iola about blocking streets.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, reported Commissioner King received the letter that Allen County was the recipient of one of the CDBG funds, so there will be $132,000 funding that will be coming into the community. Sherrie reported she has received paperwork for the grant. Lisse and Sherrie both stated they have received calls for applications. Once the county commissioners pick an administrator, then the administrator will take over the details of that grant and so information will go out to local businesses, about what that process is. No one is just automatically put in there; there will be forms that they'll need to fill out. The administrator has to be on the approve CDBG administrator list.

Lisse also wanted to share that Thrive Allen County have had a change with our economic development manager. And so instead of Audrey is going to be, Jonathan Gary and he'll start on June 23, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 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, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:34 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 a.m. No action was taken.

Debbie asked if the doors are all open now, Commissioners stated yes.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
   a) Clerks Vouchers – $102,924.52
   b) Payroll – new hire seasonal help Jonathan D. Gay
   c) Payroll – reimbursement for cleaning supplies for Sheri Smith
   d) Payroll – mileage reimbursement for Bill King & Bruce Symes
   e) Payroll – KCORPS stipend for Bryan J. Murphy
   f) Journal entry: #26 & #27
   g) Treasurer’s monthly reports
   h) Abatements: RE Value 2494, $441.48, Year 2013
       RE Value 2454, $412.10, Year 2014
       RE Value 2415, $414.34, Year 2015
       PP Value 248, $48.60, Year 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 9:57 a.m. until May 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.
IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  June 16, 2020

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, Roy Smith, Allen County Undersheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Paul Zirjacks, 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 June 9, 2020.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, updated the commission on dust control, mowing and trimming intersections. Most of the equipment that was down is now working and one that should be done today.

Commissioner Symes stated he noticed where the crew was working on Humboldt Hill water way and ditches; they were flaring them. Mitch stated they are done with that project. Chairman King asked about “Water over the Road” signs. Mitch stated they are not up yet.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Jill Hartman permission to use the courtyard for some booths this weekend. The Chamber and some of the downtown businesses and restaurants have been planning a 620 Day event coming up on Saturday, June 20th from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The idea of 620 Day – or June 20th – started in Pittsburg, KS coming from the 620-area code. Commissioners approved with Jill to coordinate with Ron Holman, Allen County House and Grounds Director, to figure out what will be needed.

Sherrie requested on behalf of Regina Christenson to use the bandstand for Iola High School forensics on July 8, from six to nine in the evening. Commissioners discussed the summer band concerts held at the bandstand to make sure the forensics night for the bandstand was not the same night as band concerts. Commissioners approved the use of the bandstand.

Sherrie enquired if August the 11th at nine o’clock works for commissioners for Canvas of the August 4 Primary Election. It is scheduled on a regular commission day.

Chairman King asked if anyone in the room had any issues in their offices or in the building since the restrictions were lifted; there were no issues.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, discussed the ambulance station in Humboldt. He reported they’re still working on the punch list. The electrician was supposed to be done yesterday. Lockers were delivered to the courthouse last Friday so, Roy helped Terry deliver them to Humboldt. They have a couple of minor things to finish up. Terry visited with Cole Herder, City of Humboldt Administrator, to let him know they are ready to get the internet and cable hooked up. The radio guy was there last week the radio antennas installed. Chairman King asked if the dirt work was complete. Terry told him no, but getting pretty close. A discussion followed on the status of the Moran Ambulance Station.
Terry reported he has ordered the plaque for the Fire Station so commissioners can see it and determine what they would like on the two ambulance stations plaques. The fire station is complete and they will be working towards a Grand Opening.

Terry discussed cabinets and shelves for both ambulance stations.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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 8:43 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 8:53 a.m. No action was taken.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director and Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen Director of Development, joined the meeting.

Chairman King opened the public hearing for choosing an administrator for the COVID-CV Grant. Sherrie. She explained her office had sent out 33 RFP’s and she has received three proposals: Ranson Financial Group, L.L. C., Southeast Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC) and Thrive Allen County and New Heartland Freelance had declined. Sherrie requested the selection be made today but wanted the commission to feel they had time to review each proposal. There is a lot of paperwork that needs to be completed in a timely matter, which an administrator would help do.

Commissioner Symes asked questions for general information; Allen County received approval in the amount of $132,000, is that cash on hand? Sherrie stated no, there is paperwork that needs to be completed by her, Crickett Maley, Allen County Treasurer, and the grant administrator. Jessica stated the monies are based off of reimbursement. And so, once Allen County submit the applications and the receipts to the state, then the state will have about a week turnaround time to get that money to Allen County. It is typically a direct deposit, and then part of the application for some businesses is filling out direct deposit information as well. So, most of that will be direct deposited into their account from Allen County.

Commissioner Symes asked what kind of timeline Jessica just described. Lisse stated once you get all the receipts and the applications and you approve who’s going to get the funding and turn that into the state, it'll be about a week turnaround time to get the money in to Allen County. The administrator is going to deal with those businesses’ receipts payment or accounting, so Allen County can do the payments, but the administrators of all will take in the applications and then final decisions are made by commissioner using a rate selection.

Commissioner Daniels commented about asking questions to the applicants present. He stated New Heartland Freelance which declined. Also, Ranson Financial Group out of Wichita. He stated they're very credible and we appreciate them applying but he would prefer to pick a local entity to administer it. So, in his opinion is between Thrive Allen County and SEK Regional Planning Commission. The SEKRPC letter is from Matt Godinez, SEKRPC Executive Director, they do excellent work, they're great people down in Neosho County. Commissioner Daniels expressed concerns with Neosho County and City of Chanute received similar grants, so they have $264,000 that SEKRPC might also be administering their grants. He read in SEKRPC letter “We would be happy to work in conjunction with Thrive by providing the required CDBG specific oversight to ensure regulatory compliance, while they provide the local business context services.” so if Thrive were to get the Allen County COVID-CV grant administrator, would they need to have SEKRPC to the oversight. Lisse stated the CDBG administrators are overseen by the state, so they ensure with greater audits going on these organizations. Commissioner Daniels stated with the spirit of local purchase and local efforts within the county it's obvious that Commissioners should probably seriously consider Thrive Allen County. Paul Zirjacks asked about the information published in the Iola Register. Lisse stated it is actually up to the commissioner so
and that's something they need to discuss again and no matter who were administrators or not she wants to have these discussions with the commissioners, since the grant funding was cut, to be specific those percentages were a guideline. Commissioner Symes stated with the work that Thrive has already put in, and the relationship we have with them that he moved to have Thrive Allen County administrator of the CDBG-CV Grant. Commissioner Daniels stated he echo the comments and second. The motion passed 3-0-0. Chairman King closed public hearing.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss Trade Secrets Privilege. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Those in the room will be Chairman King, Commissioner Symes, Commissioner Daniels, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County Executive Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive Allen County Director of Development and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:13 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action was taken.

Lisse discussed what the conditions small businesses can submit invoices for expenses that they've had from March 1st, that have not been paid for by PPP, so the Payment Protection Program, or EIDL or other federal dollars. They cannot double dip. Small business that has six to 50 employees, can submit invoices, up to $7,500, and for micro businesses which is zero to five employees, can submit invoices up to $3,000. The Allen County Commission has decided that to look at need, and the amount of people in businesses that apply. And so, up to $7,500 to $3,000, there's a possibility that those numbers will shift down in order to distribute the funds to as many businesses in the community as possible, and that includes that the percentages that were written into the grant can also change based on how those businesses throughout the county. Those numbers are very flexible at this point because what the commissioners would like to do is, is be as equitable as possible and spread the money out as much as possible to as many businesses, as possible.

Lisse continued to emphasize that this is a one-time payment for businesses. And so, when they apply, they need to submit everything that they intend to submit because if Allen County does end up doing around two. They can’t apply in the second round, it’s just a one-time payment for businesses. If Allen County were to have money left over from the award amount and they could open up another cycle for additional businesses.

The same business that already applied and received funding cannot apply again, but others who have not received funding could, and it has to be expenses already incurred. It can’t be if they need to make purchases currently for their inventory. It needs to be anything that's already happened since March 1st that other federal funds have not already been used for. Very soon there will be information up on the county website. There will be forms that the businesses will need to fill out, both their employees, and the businesses. The forms and the process are regulated by the Department of Commerce and the federal government. Anybody with questions will be able to call Thrive Allen County as the administrator. The date that the applications can start to be turned in will be announced. They want to make sure there's enough time to give people what they need in order to get their employees and themselves and their invoices together to spend two- or three-weeks collection, period. They will look at applications, start making decisions sometime in July. It will take about a week to get everything up and ready to accept applications.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Payroll – reimbursement for Sherrie L. Riebel for disinfecting wipes
- b) Payroll – vacation carryover for Patrick Cash for 87.5 hours to be used by 12/1/2020; Roy Smith for 101.25 hours to be used by 12/1/2020; and Angela Murphy for 152 hours to be used by 12/9/2020.
- c) Clerk’s Vouchers – 6/11/2020-$265,783.08 & 6/15/2020-$39,634.86
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 9:45 a.m. until Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

William H. King, Chairperson  
Bruce Symes, Commissioner  

Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk  
Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  
OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  
June 23, 2020

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Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor, Bryan J Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman King led the flag salute.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, reported the lights in the building at the landfill where they part the equipment have all been converted to LED.

Mitch discussed dust control starting next week and into July. They are so far behind because they thought it was going to rain all weekend and it didn’t rain. He reported the reclaimers down. They are waiting on parts, and then will be using on 4400 Road at Elsmore.

Mitch commented that Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) would not be offering Road Scholar training for the guys that he will not doing anything till after June 30 because COVID-19. Foley is offering training on graders for $1,000 a day for two days; there will be one hour in the classroom, and the rest of two days are outside with Allen County machines on Allen County roads. They will show them how to properly grade the roads and fix the ditches with the blades. They can have up to six people so five blades and then the supervisor. Mitch discussed conditions of the graders; there is one that is falling apart.

Mitch reported they have taken some dirt over to Moran’s ambulance site.

Terry Call, Allen County EMS Financial Director, reported on the new Ambulance stations. They are still working off the punch list in Humboldt; not completely done there. He explained in detail a few items they hope to have finished up this week. He discussed cabinets for both stations would be less than 700 for the laundry room cabinets; and then one for out in the bay, a locking cabinet for the supplies. They were in about 280 range, so it’d be two of those. Terry looked up pricing to see what the pricing is, like about $700 for the cabinets probably around $3,500. Chief Thyer had indicated there was a mini fridge, TV, standard microwave, things like that they can move over. Most of the other stuff is appliances and most stations, they will go to county.

Terry visited with the commission on boat rescue training. The Kansas Wildlife and Parks will not the training this year. K-State might be offering training they can schedule for some time into July. The fire chief, and his crew are going to pay for all the actual training. Discussion followed on needed equipment for the training.
Sherrie discussed an email from Phil Drescher, Bukaty Companies consultant, that reported Allen County’s wellness provider, Interactive Heath, has gone bankrupt and so they’re not doing our wellness program anymore. Phil wondered if Allen County wanted him to research other wellness vendors, or if we wanted to take a break for a little while. Sherrie will check with Phil to see if any employees are utilizing the coaching portion of the wellness.

Sherrie requested the commission update the Service to the Elderly Policy and Procedures. She explained Allen County was audited about a month ago and the only thing they wanted us to add some part about the bicycles, we don’t transport bicycles. The wheelchair lifts, about whether or not a person could be secure if they were still allowed to ride or not. What we put in the policy was if their wheelchair cannot be secured that they are able to transport themselves from the wheelchair to a seat. It was also updated a little bit since Donald is driving. He wanted a full lunch hour and that in there as well. Commissioners asked if this would take care of the audit issues. Yes, this would get us in compliance with the audit and everything else was good on the audit. Commissioner Daniels made a motion accepted the updates to the Service to the Elderly Policy and Procedures. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sherrie gave a short update on election items.

Chairman King commented on a highway patrol he had seen on West Virginia Road and discussion followed with Sheriff Murphy about drivers taking a short cut through Lone Elm into Anderson County.

Daniel Creitz, 31st Judicial Judge, and Dina Morrison, 31st Judicial Chief Court Clerk, discussed courts 2021 budget request; it is lower than 2020 budget. Dina stated Casa has asked for a 10% increase, and they were going to try with a 5% increase. Last year she asked for the transcripts to be bumped up because we don’t have a resident court stenographer. She found that court wasn’t using any more than they were when we had one, so she took that back out.

Judge Creitz discussed court staff working from home; we’ve had the sense we’ve had to do the things we needed to do for us. That money still spent for equipment, because we have stopped working at home. Several coworkers rotated. Dina stated most of the technology was in place for now, they had no technology in place in the district but the judges and clerks were the only ones able to work from home. So, between the state and the county they were able to obtain the county’s equipment they needed. They have a really good system set up between our services in our district; they can rotate staff and everyone’s able to work from home.

Judge Creitz’s stated they are doing Zoom 2 right now but starting next week see for real. They left decisions to the 31 Chief Judges in the state; except for they have to still maintain physical distance. He has opened all 5 courts in the 31st Judicial District. He discussed the size of the courtrooms. Paul Zirjacks asked Judge Creitz about jury trials. Judge Creitz said it will be a while for those trials.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive Executive Director and Jonathan Goering, Thrive Economic Development Manager, joined the commission meeting. Lisse introduced the new economic development manager; wanted him to meet commissioners.

Lisse wanted to visit with the commission about the CDBG-CV grant and the processes since Thrive now the administrator. She presented a contract between Thrive and Allen County for the counselor and commission to review. One of the things she wanted to point out is Thrive changed the amount in the contract. Originally the contract for administration was higher but since the county didn’t get more than $132,000 Thrive lowered the price for administrating the grant. Counselor Johnson will review for week’s commission meeting.

Lisse discussed some information on the CDBG-CV Grant; first is businesses, business owners and employees will need to submit an employee certification form to verify low to moderate income.
qualifications. 51% of employees must be low to moderate income in order for a business to qualify for funding, and the amount to report on the form is for the entire household income, not just an individual. This information that comes in to the administrators will be kept confidential, it’s not available to the public, but it is a federal requirement. It’s not something Thrive is asking for, it’s not something the state was asking for, the federal requirements because these are federal dollars that the form was created by the feds and what we would like to do is, it needs to be available on the county’s website. Lisse wanted to go over things that Thrive has learned the past week because things continue to change both on the federal level and what the state is learning from the feds. She wanted to go over that with everybody to make sure that the public is up to date as possible. Businesses must provide a list of their employees and whether they are full or part time status with their grant application when that application is due to include the number of surveys, as distributed and how much they received back. Further information was learned last week, and Thrive continues to learn more as the feds are still making changes and more last week as well. She said anyone who followed the Payment Protection Program (PPP), or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL), know that under the CARE Act, they are still trying to figure some of this out and so inflammation is changing constantly. That’s the same with the CDBG, this is new. And the way that they’re doing it and Thrive still learning information. The State of Kansas Commerce Department will be putting out further information at the end of this week Thrive was asked, as the administrator to put in Sherrie’s email yesterday to submit any questions they have that still need to be answer because all of the communities are asking a lot of questions because there’s a lot of confusion about the process and who’s available to apply for funds. The end of this week they will get more information so everything shared is predicated to change. What Thrive learned last week: businesses that received the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds or any funding from USDA, As of March, 1\textsuperscript{st} are ineligible for this grant. If they received EIDL funding, they cannot apply for this grant because the feds consider it a duplicate under the cares act and a second group was also taken out. Farmers are no longer eligible to receive CDBG grant funding because funding was made available under USDA, earlier farmers were included and then last week that changed. All the businesses that have been in operations by March 1\textsuperscript{st}, is eligible. If they received PPP funding, as long as that same activity that was funded by the PPP is not being submitted as an invoice for this grant. Every business has to submit invoices for what they want covered, and if they received the PPP funding and if you’re currently paying your payroll out of PPP, you can’t put in an invoice for any of that payroll currently, you could put in an invoice for the payroll from March or April if you weren’t using PPP to fund it then, or additional employees that weren’t covered. Businesses can submit invoices for payroll after March 1\textsuperscript{st} that was not covered by PDP and so everything starts March 1\textsuperscript{st} to present day. Invoices must be submitted with their grant application to be eligible expenses for reimbursement include rent, utilities, equipment salaries inventories and other related expenses due to COVID-19 loan repayments remodels and construction are not eligible, future purchases, not eligible, it has to be things that happened between March 1\textsuperscript{st} and when they submit their application. This is a one-time opportunity for business for funding so all the invoices, up to the maximum amount of the grant award need to be submitted. $7,500 for small business which is six to 50 employees or $3,000 for micro businesses which are one to five employees. Lisse wanted to remind everyone as well that the amounts distributed could be less than the max amount allowed per category depending on the need and the county and the amount of businesses applying so you guys have left that open in case. If so many people apply that commissioners decide to push that down a little bit to better distribute the funding to businesses. Lisse and commissioners also talked last week about re-doing the percentage with the communities: 55% from Iola, 30% from Humboldt and 15% from the other parts of the county and taking out the farmers. It’s a guideline only.

Lisse discussed the current proposed timeline based on the information Thrive received from Commerce this week and continuing information from the feds by Friday. They would like to have the LMI (Low to Moderate Income) survey online on the county website by June 26\textsuperscript{th} for businesses to print off. The Fed need proof that these employees are low to moderate income; then we would like to put out the full application. The proposed timeline (predicated on information coming out from the Commerce Department and Feds): July 6\textsuperscript{th} – July 24\textsuperscript{th} to receive grant applications and to present applications to commissioners on July 28\textsuperscript{th}. Discussion
followed on changing the date due back to Thrive so businesses could have money on hand earlier than later. Commissioners decided to have July 6th to July 17 with commissioners reviewing on July 21st.

Paul Zirjacks asked if Allen County had the money on hand. Lisse stated no, it is a drawdown, the money will never come to Thrive. The money will go straight to the county. What happens is the county will put in an invoice that states where all the funding is going and how that works and Thrive will create that for Sherrie, but the county always is in control of that money. The business has to have already incurred the expense that they’re seeking reimbursement for, so the money actually would come from Topeka then.

Cindy Lane, Area Agency on Aging Director, discussed an overview of services AAA provides in Allen County. Meals are not the only thing they do, they also provide legal services, Medicare counseling, attendant care and other services to help people stay in the community. AAA provides 63 Allen County citizens with frozen meals; they deliver 7 days at a time. Cindy requested $15,726 for matching funds from Allen County. Commissioners will take her request under consideration.

Cindy reported she will be taking Farmers Market vouchers that AAA always provides for the elderly community. The vouchers are for $30 to spend on fruits, vegetables, herbs and honey at Allen County’s Farmers Market. They will be giving out in Allen County $1,470. Cindy said the City of Iola will be doing a press release to notify seniors.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Executive Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:35 p.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 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, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Executive Director, Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk and Robert Johnson, Il, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:46 p.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:56 p.m. No action was taken.

Commissioners reviewed Resolution 202009:

RESOLUTION 202009
RESOLUTIONS FOR MEETING OF COUNTY COMMISSION OF ALLEN COUNTY
ON JUNE 23, 2020

WHEREAS, the County Commission (the “Commission”) of Allen County Kansas (the “County”) and the Board of Trustees of Allen County Regional Hospital (the “ACRH Board” and “ACRH” respectively) entered into a Lease Agreement, dated October 23, 2019 (the “Lease”), with St. Luke’s Hospital of Allen County, Inc. db/a St. Luke’s Allen County Regional Hospital (“SLACRH”), a Kansas charitable non-stock corporation formed by St. Luke’s Health System, Inc. (“SLHS”) for purposes of the Lease and operation of the hospital and other facilities using the assets so leased.

WHEREAS, the term of the Lease commences July 1, 2020 (the “Lease Commencement Date”), subject to the parties’ successful closing of the contemplated Lease transaction prior to that date (the “Closing” and “Closing Date” respectively).

WHEREAS, in order to complete the Closing of the Lease transaction, the County and the ACRH Board must approve the updated schedules to the Lease (the “Updated Schedules”) and agree to execute certain agreements ancillary to the Lease (collectively, the “Ancillary Agreements”).

WHEREAS, counsel has presented to the Commission the Updated Schedules and the principal terms and conditions of the Ancillary Agreements and, following discussion of the same, the Commission has determined that they are in the best interest of County and now desire to authorize and approve them and the actions necessary for signing of the Ancillary Documents and for otherwise Closing the Lease transaction.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby approves the Updated Schedules to the Lease as presented by counsel at this meeting of the Commission, including without limitation, Schedule III.F(6) setting forth the methodology the mutually agreed accounting firm will use following Closing to calculate the liquidity of SLACRH upon the Lease Commencement Date (the "Statement of Liquidity").

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commission hereby approves the following Ancillary Agreements on the terms and conditions presented by counsel at this meeting of the Commission:

1. The Services Agreement between Midwest Division-ACH, LLC or its affiliate ("HCA") and ACRH for HCA's furnishing of the services of Larry Peterson to ACRH for a short transition period anticipated to be one month to help the ACRH Board (a) wind up ACRH's operation of the hospital and related businesses and (b) transition from the board of an operating hospital and related businesses to the board of a landlord administering the Lease;

2. The Transition Services Agreement between SLACRH and ACRH for: (a) SLACRH’s furnishing of billing and collection services for ACRH's former home health and hospice lines of business; (b) SLACRH’s provision of space and /or support services as needed by Larry Peterson in performing the services described in (1) above; (c) the parties' mutually agreed arrangement regarding email forwarding during a short transition period post-Closing; (d) specifying the parties' mutual agreement regarding certain matters such as (i) the handling and allocation of risk associated with various loans and grants that ACRH received in connection with COVID-19 and (ii) certain potential liabilities relating to pre-Closing operations that were identified in the course of the due diligence review completed by SLACRH prior to Closing; and (e) otherwise addressing certain other matters needing clarification or specific agreement for handling.

3. The Medical Records Custody Agreement between SLACRH and ACRH establishing the terms for SLACRH's acceptance and custody of ACRH’s medical records from pre-Closing operations.

4. The Supplemental Tax Compliance Agreement among the County, ACRH, the Allen County Kansas Public Building Commission, and Security Bank of Kansas City to amend and supplement each Original Tax Agreement in connection with the Lease (and incorporated sublease) transaction to set forth certain representations, facts, expectations, terms, and conditions in order to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to account for a "remedial action" taken with respect to the Bonds.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commission hereby authorizes, empowers and directs the Chairman of the Commission to: (a) approve the specific forms of the Updated Schedules and Ancillary Agreement; (b) make or approve any changes the Chairman determines, in his discretion, necessary or advisable, to the terms and conditions of the Updated Schedules and Ancillary Agreements just approved by the Commission and to execute and deliver the Updated Schedules and Ancillary Agreements on behalf of the County; and (c) approve, execute and deliver, on behalf of the County, any and all other agreements, certificates, exhibits, documents and instruments, and to take any and all other actions, which the Chairman determines, in his discretion, are necessary or advisable in connection with Closing of the Lease.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Commission hereby authorizes, empowers and directs the County Clerk to certify to third parties, the authenticity and continued validity of these resolutions of the Commission.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN, KANSAS, this 23rd day of June, 2020.

Commissioner Daniels moved to adopt Resolution 202009. Commissioner Symes seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners approved the following documents:
- a) Clerks Vouchers – $70,198.49
- b) Payroll – Process Service for May
- c) Abatements: RE Value 1205, $254.86, Year 2019
  TR Value 363, $50.06, Year 2019

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Symes moved to adjourned, Commissioner Daniels seconded, and motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. until June 30, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.
William H. King, Chairperson  Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk  Bruce Symes, Commissioner

IOLA, KANSAS  OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK  June 30, 2020

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 Jill Allen, Allen County Deputy Clerk.

Nick Reynolds, Humboldt Union, Trevor Hoag, Iola Register, Bryan J. Murphy, Allen County Sheriff, Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor, Angie Murphy, 911 Director, Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Jami Clark, Allen County Appraiser, Darolyn “Crickett” Maley, Allen County Treasurer, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Michelle Meiwes, ACMAT representative, Rebecca Johnson, and Susan Belt, SEK Multi-County Health Department, Jon Wells, Iola City Mayor, Larry Walden, Jennifer Coltrane & Paul Zirjacks, citizens, 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 June 23, 2020

Mitch reported on grader training. Chairman King mentioned strobe lights and Mitch confirmed they should be on. He said dust control started going down this morning. They’ll finish by noon tomorrow.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator joined the meeting.

Michelle Meiwes, ACMAT representative, thanked commissioners for their consideration on Family Safety Night. The ACMAT board has elected to cancel Family Safety Night due to current conditions. She talked about the need to provide school supplies. They are thinking about doing a drive-through type thing to hand out supplies. She said she talked to the City of Iola and they are also supportive. Commissioner Symes asked where they’d have the drive-through. Michelle said they’d ask for permission to maybe use the courthouse square at that time.

Jon wells, Iola City Mayor, stated the 891st send-off was cancelled; therefore the City has thought about declaring July 5, 2020 to be 891st Day in Allen County. He presented a proclamation. Commissioner Daniels read the proclamation. Commissioner Daniels moved Chairman King sign the proclamation, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion carried 3-0-0.
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, we the citizens of Allen County, Kansas would like to express our appreciation to The 891st Army National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Our 891st Army National Guard has on countless occasions put their civilian lives on hold – leaving behind family, friends, and vocation – to defend freedom and the rights of all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the 891st make significant contributions to both our thriving economy and our strong national defense. In all facets of the civilian workforce, from small businesses to large corporations, they bring to bear considerable expertise, experience and professionalism. In uniform, they serve with honor and distinction as they respond to natural disasters and emergencies, train to ensure operational readiness, and deploy in support of critical operations; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the 891st leave behind their families as well as their jobs in service to our great Nation; and

WHEREAS, The 891st Army National Guard will be on a yearlong deployment to Kuwait. They will be tasked with various construction projects in support of Operation Spartan Shield, which in part provides an American presence in one of the most volatile areas of the world.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, July 5, 2020, be designated as “891st Army National Guard Day” here within Allen County.

Chairman King invited Rebecca Johnson, SEK Multi-County Health Director, to come forward, as he talked about the face mask order from the governor. He asked her about recommendation versus order. Bob said counties can opt out but you have to have significant reason. Sheriff Murphy said the governor’s orders have yet to be reviewed by the Attorney General’s office.

Jennifer Coltrane asked what is the enforcement of this? There are a lot of people that say no to this. This would be a burden to our law enforcement. How are we going to play it? How long will this go on? The virus is going to spread regardless. Commissioner Daniels agrees it’s almost impossible to enforce. He looks forward to more clarification. Sheriff Murphy said it would be a civil offense, not a criminal offense, so no arrests. Commissioner Symes reminded that the previous commission decision was to leave it up to the individual entities. He looks to the health experts for guidance on this. Angie Murphy said she understood that if the governor says it’s an order, then the county doesn’t get to choose to opt out. Commissioner Symes doesn’t believe he interprets it the same way Angie does. He will wait on more clarification. Rebecca asked to be involved if there’s a special meeting about this. Cole Herder mentioned enforcement. Mr.
Zirjacks asked how big is the problem in Allen County. Rebecca said our surrounding counties have new cases. It could be persons in Allen aren’t getting tested.

Lisse Regehr, Thrive President & CEO, Jonathan Goering, Thrive Economic Development Director and Jessica Thompson, Thrive Director of Development joined the meeting.

Lissa Regehr, Thrive Director, commented on the agreement between Thrive and Allen County. Commissioner Symes moved to approve the contract with Thrive on the CDGB grant, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Sherrie asked for clarification on the fund to pay the administrative fee. Commissioner Symes moved to pay the administrative fee of $7500 from the county general fund, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 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, Sherrie L Riebel, Allen County Clerk, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Director, Jessica Thompson, Thrive and Robert Johnson, II, Allen County Counselor. The time is now 9:06 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action was taken.

Lisse stated the county, under the CARES act will be awarded 2.4 million Dollars on July 15. It needs to be decided how the money will be spent, need a plan by August 15 or the money goes back to the state. There is a reimbursement part that goes back to March 15. Anything that was spent mainly for COVID can be reimbursed through this funding. This information needs to be gathered and submitted. The different entities will have their own needs and all need to have input. Currently Thrive has been talking with the commission to administer this and be sure all the different voices are heard. Commissioner Symes clarified that it is for any public entity in Allen County. We have an emergency declaration in place. Angie said we can’t do both for the same items, either FEMA or CARES. CARES is 100%, FEMA is 85%. Lisse said the money can be used to match FEMA funds. Commissioner Daniels said they’ve asked Lisse & Thrive to come up with a plan for next week. Susan Belt, SEK Multi-County Health Dept. asked if Thrive is officially engaged as the contractor. Chairman King stated no. Susan asked who makes final decisions? Lisse stated the commissioners will.

Commissioner Symes discussed the County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution 202010; we will recognize the Sparks program and put in place the resources to administer such. Commissioner Symes moved to approve Resolution 202010, Commissioner Daniels seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

County Coronavirus Relief Fund Resolution 202010

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of our residents is this ALLEN COUNTY’s top priority;

WHEREAS, ALLEN COUNTY is facing both a public health and economic crisis – the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 – which has resulted in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;
WHEREAS, as of this date, in ALLEN COUNTY there have been 2 reported positive cases of COVID-19, including 0 deaths with a likely second wave of COVID-19 cases expected in the Fall;

WHEREAS, the ALLEN COUNTY must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening business and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization;

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of my responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the ALLEN COUNTY, ALLEN COUNTY has determined that the evolving public health and economic threats posed by COVID-19 require a proactive approach to provide immediate financial relief and long-term economic investment to communities within ALLEN COUNTY;

WHEREAS, in these challenging times, this ALLEN COUNTY will do whatever it can to avoid immediate dangers to the health, safety, and welfare of our constituents and prepare for future waves of COVID-19, including providing guidance and support for local municipal and educational entities who are making difficult and important decisions to protect the health and safety of their populations and facing significant economic challenges;

WHEREAS, on JUNE 19, 2020 the State Finance Council approved the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce’s proposal to distribute $2,482,283 to ALLEN COUNTY help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on ALLEN COUNTY’s population and impact from COVID-19 with funds provided for reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs and as direct aid unless otherwise approved by the SPARK Taskforce.

Be it resolved that, pursuant to the authority vested in BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY , including the authority granted to this body by 202010, in order to begin the process of safely, strategically, and proactively providing communities within ALLEN COUNTY the resources they need to both mitigating the spread of COVID-19 and invest in long-term economic recovery, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY accepts any funds appropriated to ALLEN COUNTY by the State of Kansas through the State’s Coronavirus Relief Fund pursuant to the following terms designed to ensure the lawful use of funds and transparency, equity, and accountability:

1. Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 801, provides the eligible purposes for which Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) payments may be used. Under 42 U.S.C. § 801(d) funds may be used for:
   a. necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
   b. not accounted for in the budget most recently approved for the county as of March 27, 2020; and
   c. incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
2. The following are examples of public health expenditures allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
   - COVID-19 related expenses of public hospitals or clinics
   - COVID-19 testing and quarantine costs
   - Payroll of employees substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation or response
   - Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities
   - Technological improvements to facilitate distance learning
   - Improving telework capabilities
   - Grants or loans to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures
   - Government payroll support program
   - Unemployment insurance costs related to COVID-19

3. The following are examples of public health expenditures NOT allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
   - Damages covered by insurance
   - Payroll or benefits for employees not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
   - Expenses that will be reimbursed under any federal program
   - Reimbursement to donors for donating items or services
   - Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
   - Severance pay
   - Legal settlements

4. Additionally, as outlined in guidance issued by the Congressional Research Service on April 14, 2020, “Coronavirus Relief Fund payments may not be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Such funds, however, may indirectly assist with revenue shortfalls in cases where expenses paid for by the Coronavirus Relief Fund would otherwise widen the gap between government outlays and receipts.”

5. To ensure the effective and timely oversight of local and state spending, and pursuant to a motion passed by the SPARK Taskforce on June 2, 2020, ALLEN COUNTY will comply with the following reporting and recoupment structure:
a. On August 15, 2020, counties will provide a first reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and a plan for spending the flexible direct aid and any unused funds provided to the county pursuant to the allowable expenditures outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 801(d). The SPARK Taskforce will approve the submitted direct aid spending plan in a timely manner upon receipt.

   i. Additionally, any funds held by a county that have not been appropriated through the county’s direct aid plan by August 15, 2020, for expenditures to occur prior to December 30, 2020, must be returned to the State for recoupment by September 15, 2020.

b. On September 15, 2020, counties will provide a second reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.

c. On November 1, 2020, counties will provide a third reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.

d. On December 1, 2020, counties will provide a fourth reconciliation of CRF funds. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.

e. On February 1, 2021, counties will provide a fifth and final reconciliation of CRF funds. This date may be subject to change based on updated federal guidance for final federal reconciliation and recoupment deadlines. This reconciliation will constitute any additional receipts to be reimbursed through the CRF and an accounting of all additional spending as approved through their respective direct aid plan.

f. Any unspent funds not accounted for in the county’s direct aid plan or otherwise unspent by December 30, 2020 must be returned to the State for recoupment. All reconciliation documents submitted to the SPARK Taskforce will be made publicly available by the Governor’s Office of Recovery.

6. To ensure transparency and accountability in the deliberation, expenditure, and oversight processes associated with CRF funds, ALLEN COUNTY, in conjunction with the SPARK Taskforce and the Office of Recovery, will:

   a. Make publicly accessible all meetings or hearings in which CRF expenditures are considered.

   b. Make publicly accessible any meeting materials associated with the expenditure of CRF funds, including but not limited to agendas, presentations, and minutes.

   c. Make publicly accessible a detailed and timely accounting of CRF spending, including any financial reconciliation materials.
d. Create, publicize, and manage a process for non-governmental organizations, businesses, and ALLEN COUNTY residents to provide comments on spending decisions, submit requests for new programs, and ask questions regarding CRF spending or administration.

e. Create, publicize, and manage a process for any local entities receiving CRF funds to report spending and outcomes.

7. To ensure that all educational and municipal entities within counties receive CRF funds to meet their respective health and economic challenges, the SPARK Taskforce Executive Committee passed a motion on June 2, 2020, to direct counties to allocate and share CRF funding to public educational and municipal entities within their counties. Pursuant to this motion, ALLEN COUNTY, will develop and implement a process to share, allocate, account for, and recoup funds appropriated to public educational and municipal entities within their counties for reimbursement of COVID-19 related expenses and provide reasonable consideration of flexible direct aid spending requests made to the county by public educational and municipal entities pursuant to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 801.

   a. If a public educational or municipal entity has locations in more than one county, the entity should be treated as located in the county in which the entity’s principal office or headquarters is located.

8. The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionally impacted racial minorities within the State of Kansas, illustrating long-standing health disparities for African-American, Latino, and other racial minority populations in the United States. Accordingly, ALLEN COUNTY will consider and incorporate efforts to address such disproportionate impacts on racial minorities in its direct aid plan.

9. As provided in 42 U.S.C. § 801(f), the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury determines whether CRF payments have been used for eligible purposes. Fund payments that are deemed to have been used for ineligible purposes are treated as a debt owed by the implementing government to Treasury. This resolution signifies that, upon approval, ALLEN COUNTY agrees to cooperate with any audits or inquiries by the Department of the Treasury concerning CRF funds and agrees to pay any debt incurred to the Department of the Treasury due to ineligible expenditures of appropriated CRF funds.

10. ALLEN COUNTY understands that the United States Department of the Treasury or the Governor’s Office of Recovery may issue guidance regarding the transfer, expenditure, reimbursement, or other use of CRF funds.

This document shall be filed with BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ALLEN COUNTY. It shall become effective as of JUNE 30, 2020.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEN, KANSAS, this 30th day of June, 2020.

Ron Holman, Grounds & Maintenance, asked for bids for the Humboldt Senior Center bathroom. Only one received back from Ryan Murry, Murry Construction for $2200.00 to do flooring and handicap assessable toilet. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve bid for $2200.00 from Ryan Murry, Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.
Terry Call, EMS Financial Director, reported on the ambulance station at Humboldt. Commissioners should be able to discuss an open house for such next Tuesday.

Terry presented some pricing information for the fire department. He got quotes from three different vendors; Ozark Rescue, Rescue Tec, and NRS. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Ozark Rescue for $3021.13. Commissioner Symes seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Cole reported Humboldt will have fireworks display Friday, July 3 at dusk. It will take place at Humboldt Golf Course.

Trevor asked if the commissioners feel comfortable saying that if they can get out of the mask order, that’s how they’ll proceed. Chairman King said they’re not ready to make that decision as of yet. They are waiting for further explanation. They are leaving open the possibility of having a special meeting, most likely would be held Thursday afternoon.

Commissioner Symes moved to go into executive session for 5 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, Sherrie L Riebel and Robert Johnson II, County Counselor. The time is now 9:55 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss Attorney-Client Privilege for contract negotiations and liability. 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 10:02 a.m. Commissioners reconvened at 10:17 a.m. No action was taken.

Chairman King commended Bob Johnson, County Counselor, on all his work on the hospital negotiations. Commissioner Daniels mentioned the work former County Counselor, Alan Weber had done as well. The Hospital Board of Trustees were also publicly thanked for all they did. Bob stated Allen County has a really good hospital board.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Payroll – reimbursement for Terry Call – mileage & supplies and Cindy Scovill - mileage
c) Abatements:  RE Value 150, $21.12 ,Yr 2017
   RE Value 150, $20.58, Yr 2018
   RE Value 150, $23.30, 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 10:19 a.m. until Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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William H. King, Chairperson         Bruce Symes, Commissioner

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Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk       Jerry Daniels, Commissioner