

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
IOLA, KANSAS, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

Neal Barclay called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM; also showing present:

Trustees:        Barbara Anderson - Absent  
                      Gena Clouch  
                      Vicki Curry  
                      Lonnie Larson  
                      Jenny Spillman - Absent

Call to Order    Others:        John Masterson, President  
                      Brian Council, VP for Finance & Operations  
                      Jon Marshall, VP for Academic Affairs  
                      Cynthia Jacobson, VP for Student Affairs  
                      Dr. Sherry Phelan, Dean for Academic Affairs  
                      Tosca Harris, Dean for Academic Affairs  
                      Approximately 100 community members and individuals representing  
                      various Allen County interest groups

Town Hall Meeting        Chairman Barclay called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and announced that the College organized the Town Hall Meeting in order to provide the opportunity for views from community members, representatives from the City of Iola, and representatives from Allen County Commissioners to be expressed.

President Masterson explained that the College utilizes a five-year strategic plan, combined with an annual budget, to guide the College decision making processes. He gave a brief overview of the recent improvements to college facilities that were included in the 2017-2022 strategic plan.

The College has seen growth in the number of student athletes that attend the Iola Campus, which has led to increased housing offerings and a remodeled cafeteria and kitchen, to accommodate that growth. The next step in the College strategic plan is for the College to investigate an activity building, which would accommodate an indoor track, indoor practice facilities and a community storm shelter.

President Masterson informed those in attendance that he has spoken to representatives from the City of Iola and the Allen County Commissioners. This town hall meeting was organized to allow further dialogue with the community about possible partnerships that could be formed when vetting the amenities that could be included in a new activity building. President Masterson opened the floor and invited questions from those in attendance.

Community members asked questions about how funding would be secured, how the new facility (and the existing facility) would be utilized, the possibility of adding a pool to the facility, health advantages to adding a pool, what the facility would mean for economic development, how/where a storm shelter would be incorporated into the project, and possible City use of new and remodeled facilities. Concerns were voiced about raising taxes, current property tax rates, hours of operation of the proposed facility, and other areas that could affect community use of the proposed facilities. Iola Mayor, Jon Wells voiced concerns about flooding issues of the current facility utilized for Iola recreation, and said this facility might offer an alternative for the City of Iola.

President Masterson told those in attendance that the College would like to build a facility without raising taxes or student tuition at the College, while Board of Trustee Chairman, Neal Barclay, said the current plan for the College doesn't include a swimming pool. President Masterson reminded everyone that the meeting was arranged so everyone's voice could be heard, and to allow City and County officials the opportunity to express whether or not they would be interested in partnering with the College on this type of project.

Meeting  
Adjourned

At 7:30 PM, Chairman Barclay adjourned the meeting.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_