IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK January 13, 2026

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman David Lee, Commissioner Jerry Daniels, Commissioner John F. Brocker, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rick Aiello, employee, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Rikki Witchley, employee, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Paul Zirjacks led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the January 6, 2026 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the compactor was picked up yesterday.

Mitch reported the north end around the hangar has been torn out. Asphalt torn out, hauled off. Dirt work is being done now, then the concrete will be poured. Discussion followed on drainage around the hangars.

Mitch stated he will be going out for topcoat bids again.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are going to pick up the new tractor this week from John Deere.

Jeremy stated the signpost company in Ottawa that they usually use will not have any available until April, so he is checking into another company.

Jeremy stated the crusher is up and going right now. They are currently making chips. Discussion followed.

Rikki Witchley, employee, wanted to state her case regarding getting her job back after being placed on restrictions.

Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, reported on the chili feed. The VA helped 5-6 get their benefits set up. Lots of good conversations took place. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:50 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:55 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:58 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:08 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

a) Donation Request from Allen Regional Transit
b) December Solid Waste Financial Assurance
c) December Hospital Financials
d) Monthly dept reports: Noxious Weed, Register of Deeds

e) Yearly dept reports: Noxious Weed, Register of Deeds

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers – $319,882.46
b) Payroll – Change form: Robert Poydack, Daniel McMurray
c) Payroll – Process Service: Daren Kellerman, Brian Plumlee
d) Clerks Journal Entries - #49 (Prior Year), 1, 2
e) Inventories – Maintenance, Iola Senior Center, Iola Seniors Inc, Appraiser, Elderly Van, Attorney

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Chairman Lee seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m. until Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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David Lee, Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk John F. Brocker, Commissioner