IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK June 2, 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, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rick Aiello, employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Anthony Maness, Allen County Sheriff, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Terry Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 26, 2026, meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the broom for the bobcat is now at the airport. They have tried it out and it is working well.

Mitch stated the water truck at the landfill is coming to the end of its life. He is going to be looking for a smaller water truck to replace it, like what Jeremy uses to water the roads. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported rough numbers for recycling. If we had to move the bins twice a month, it would cost approximately $4,800 for that.

Mitch asked for clarification on whether he can put an ad out for the two new employees. Commissioners stated yes, they are okay with him moving forward.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, presented noxious weed chemical bids. Sims bid for a total of $15,084.20 and Van Diest bid for a total of $15,022.94. Commissioner Brocker moved to approve purchase from Van Diest for $15,022.94. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy stated KDOT approached him asking if we could spray the State's right of ways. The state would continue to spray the rock shoulders; the counties would then spray from the shoulder to the fence line. They are working towards the county's spraying with reimbursement from the state. Coffey County is currently doing this, and the State has approached surrounding counties to begin this as well. Jeremy presented the contract for review. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported on the roads he is putting his crews on for chip sealing. Commissioner Brocker asked about the striping. Jeremy stated the company is on a big project in Nebraska and then they will be back here.

Jeremy stated weather permitting, they are scheduled to do dust control next week, June 8 and 9.

Jeremy reported on attending the Savonburg city council meeting. He explained their requests and what he suggested.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, is requesting permission to travel out of state for two upcoming training courses. One training will be held September 22 to 25, 2026. The hotel is in Oklahoma; however, the training itself is held in Kansas. The second training he is

requesting is August 10 to 14, 2026 in College Station, TX (Texas A&M). It is a cyber security training course, and it is at no cost to the county.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Jason reported that some Allen County citizens have called with concerns that they did not receive notifications when Allen County was issued a tornado warning. He is working very closely with Genysis and finding out why this happened. He also spoke about the concerns that the storm sirens didn't go off when a tornado was spotted. The tornado path was for the very northern part of Allen County, so the sirens in the Iola, Humboldt, etc. would not have sounded as they were not in the path. He explained. Discussion followed.

Jason presented a quote from Federal Signal. It is for the Commanerone Annual subscription. It will be year one with a cost of $3,162.00 with a recurring cost of $1,662.00 after year one. Jason explained what this will allow for all the storm sirens in Allen County. This cost was not an allowable expenditure for the grant that purchased the system for the County's three sirens. Commissioners have asked Jason to reach out to all the communities and see if they would like to be a part of this.

Chairman Lee asked what the feelings are regarding to the EMS sales tax proposal. Commissioner Daniels stated he has not heard many positive things at this point. He is still undecided. Commissioner Brocker stated he feels as though the commission should have a more solid plan before having someone come in to promote. Commissioner Daniels stated he would like to have a meeting with the individual and discuss what this would look like.

Chairman Lee asked about the county wide neighborhood revitalization, and if we are ready to move forward with it. They stated yes.

Commissioner Daniels reported on a request to add some kind of shade to the bandstand from the community band director. He stated he is okay with it as long as they coordinate with Ron. Commissioners okayed the request.

Chairman Lee read two letters of supports submitted by Allen County GROW Council. These letters were requested by Marilyn Logan last week. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve commission signatures on the letters. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:18 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:33 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:34 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:39 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:39 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:44 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

a) May dept reports: Public Works, Register of Deeds, County Clerk

b) Prairie Spirit Rail Trail 30 year celebration

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers – $578,951.90
b) Payroll – Enrollment: Tymar West
c) Payroll – Change: Katie Weide, Mike Larios
d) Payroll – Reimbursement: Alex Donnelly
e) Purchase Request from 31st Judicial District

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. until Tuesday, June 9, 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