**IOLA, KANSAS** **OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK** **June 30, 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, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Jermey Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Terry Johnson, citizen, Robert Franklin, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 23, 2026, meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the compactor that was rebuilt should be delivered today. He will be taking some pictures to show everything that was done to it.

Mitch stated that the container with 4 compartments for recycling will weigh roughly 1 ton when full. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported that the water truck the commissioners approved for purchase was stolen and wrecked. They have found another truck, same year, with 60,000 less miles, and will sell at same price to us.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the northern district was hit pretty hard with the storms. His crews were out this weekend fixing the washouts.

Jeremy presented noxious weed chemicals.

**NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT**
**ALLEN COUNTY- KEVIN**

| COMPANY | REMEDY | 2-4D LOVOL #6 | 2-4D AMINE #4 | 90-10 OIL | ESCORT XP | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MFA | $45.00 PER GAL $4,050.00 | $23.50 PER GAL $940.00 | $15.10 PER GAL $1,359.00 | $9.15 PER GAL $274.50 | N/B | $6,623.50 |
| SIMS | N/B | N/B | N/B | N/B | N/B | N/B |
| VAN DIEST | $37.59 PER GAL $3,383.10 | $25.24 GAL $1, 009.60 | $16.29 PER GAL $1466.10 | $9.49 PER GAL $284.70 | $1.52 PER GAL $291.84 | $6,435.34 |

Commissioner Brocker moved to approve bid from Van Diest for $6,435.34. Commissioner Daniels asked if we could pick chemicals individually from companies to purchase cheapest option. Jeremy stated he could check into that. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy stated the new noxious weed truck will be going in next week to get outfitted. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee asked what the county's liability is for the gas line that was hit by a mower yesterday. Robert Johnson, County Counselor, explained how companies use the county right of ways and suggested that Jeremy check with Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, to see if anything is filed. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee asked Bob how we fared on the tax sale last week. Bob explained the process started 18 months ago. He explained the process before the sale takes place.

The county collected roughly $580,000 prior to the sale. The sale collected another $341,000. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brocker moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Contract Negotiation. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:47 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 8:57 a.m. No action taken.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen (by phone), reported he had spoken to the treasurer's office to see what the amount would be for him to pay to keep his properties out of the tax sale. He just found out that some of his properties were sold. He feels he was given incorrect information. He also feels like he was not given adequate time to respond as he was not served until he was out of custody. Crickett explained that she had given Arlyn the amounts needed to keep all his properties out multiple times. She stated he paid to redeem two Moran properties. Discussion followed.

Barry Parks and Robert Lane, Voluntary Insurance Partners, called in about employee benefits. They introduced themselves and explained what they offer. They will be sending more information on their offerings, and we will provide them with our current benefits to compare with.

Chairman Lee stated he wanted to discuss the AirMed optional coverage again and see if there was any interest in adding it to our benefits package This would be at the employee's expense. Commissioners have asked Shannon to do some information gathering on whether it is pre/post tax deduction, and workload to start this deduction.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development, explained a familiarization tour that came through Allen County and toured the airport. Discussion followed.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, reported that FEMA has been updating the flood map. He explained what will be needed at the county level for the new flood maps. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed a few updated budget requests, and a comparison of percentage increase in wages. Commissioners are requesting the department heads to get together and try to find the cuts needed. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

a) Invitation to 2026 Friends of 4-H dinner
b) June dept reports: Attorney

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers - $675,296.00
b) Payroll – Enrollment: Domnick Barrett
c) Payroll – Change: David Heiman
d) Clerks Journal Entries - #19

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 9:57 a.m. until Tuesday, July 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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David Lee, Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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Shannon Pattrson, Allen County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner