IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK June 23, 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, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Anthony Maness, Allen County Sheriff, Rodney Burns, Auditor, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

David Lee led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the June 16, 2026, meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the bids for a water truck, after the commissioners received more information on the newer ones. Chairman Lee is asking about benefit of going with the 2023 over the 2018 when we do not put many miles on in a year. Discussion followed. Brocker moved to approve purchase of the 2018 Kenworth. Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported he did hire one seasonal employee at the landfill. He is still looking to hire another seasonal.

Chairman Lee asked about mowing at the airport. Mitch explained the areas that are being mowed and who used those areas. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee asked how the public responded when Mitch had to shut the landfill down due to the high winds. Mitch reported on the few calls he received questioning it. He explained they do try to call as many of their regular customers as soon as he needs to close it. Could we add it to the county Facebook pages to increase noticeability?

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported the county fared pretty well with the weather this last weekend.

Jeremy reported he purchased two used trucks from the Sheriff's department. Discussion followed on his needs for a couple more.

Jeremy stated he was contacted by a contractor to do some crushing out at the quarry. He explained our crusher is down now. He is going to put out for bids before making a decision.

Jeremy asked the commissioners about the CDL packet he previously presented. If the commissions are okay with it, he will start after Memorial Day and see how it goes.
They will try to start next week at the sports complex in Humboldt. The weather has been holding them up.

Rodney Burns, Auditor, presented draft 1 of the 2027 budget. The ambulance fund was discussed regarding finishing out 2026 budget. Sheriff Maness asked for clarification on the amount they want to decrease for 2027 requests. Commissioners asked Jeremy where his largest increase is, and he stated it was the increase for a crusher at the quarry. Sheriff Maness stated he is looking at his food budget in the jail, he may be able to reduce it slightly, around $8,000. He can reduce a line item in his sheriff's budget by $5,000. Commissioners are asking if Chelsie can reduce any lines. Commissioners are

going to review the individual budgets again and Rodney will come back on July 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

Commissioners have moved their regular meeting on July 7th to 5:00 p.m. There will be no morning meeting. Rodney will be back to work on the budget more.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers - $285,432.19
b) Payroll – Reimbursement: Robert Poydack
c) Clerks Journal Entry - #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 9:16 a.m. until Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

_____	_____
David Lee, Chairperson	Jerry Daniels, Commissioner
_____	_____
Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk	John F. Brocker, Commissioner