IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK January 20, 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, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor representative, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Anthony Maness, Sheriff, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Camille Lavon, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Bob Franklin, citizen, Bruce Symes, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented bids for landfill topcoat.

Landfill Cover

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COMPANY	Price	Freight	Total Price
LSC Environmental Products Apalachin, NY	$ 21.00 per bag X 880 $18,480.00	$3,152.00	$21,632.00
Profile Products, LLC Buffalo Grove, IL	$ 24.66 per Square X 880 $21,700.80	$2,800.00	$24,500.80

Phone bids. Bag = 50 pounds Square = 50 pounds

Total with freight $19, 480.00 last ordered September 2025.

Mitch recommends LSC Environmental. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from LSC Environmental Products for $21,632.00. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch presented a bid for a skid steer for the airport. He went through Sourcewell.

SELL PRICE	$127,998.00
EXT WARRANTY	$3,602.00
CSA	$687.00
SOURCEWELL DISCOUNT 21% OF LIST	($26,880.00)
CUSTOMER LOYALTY DISCOUNT	($8,638.00)
NET BALANCE DUE	**$96,769.00**
PDI/MAKE READY	$1,870.00
PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES CALCULATED AT DELIVERY	**$98,639.00**

Mitch stated he does not need a decision today; this is for them to review. Discussion followed.

Mitch presented a bid for a loader for the landfill.

SELL PRICE	$429,970.00
EXT WARRANTY	$11,644.00
SOURCEWELL DISCOUNT 24% OF LIST	($103,193.00)
CUSTOMER LOYALTY DISCOUNT	($21,942.00)
NET BALANCE DUE	**$316,479.00**
PDI/MAKE READY	$3,325.00
PLUS APPLICABLE TAXES CALCULATED AT DELIVERY	**$319,804.00**

This is a larger loader than the landfill currently has. This will be in the trash more. This will be brand new, and it is about 20 weeks out to add the guards. This will replace the older one out there now. Mitch will keep the old one for a spare, so if the new one is getting services, we will have a backup. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved the purchase of loader from Foley for a cost of $319,804.00. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they received their new John Deere tractor last week.

Jeremy stated they are done with a town wide clean up in Mildred.

Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, joined the meeting.

Kenneth Olsen, Enterprise Fleet, introduced himself and explained what it is that they can offer to the county. They work on vehicle procurement and maintenance programs. Chairman Lee asked Sheriff Maness what an average of mileage a year on their vehicles. He stated around 30,000 to 40,000 miles. Commissioner Daniels asked if the Sheriff would be responsible for outfitting the vehicle with emergency equipment. Kenneth explained the different options. He would like to show a 10-year overview. Chairman Lee stated his concern is that we would be bypassing our local dealers. Bruce Symes, citizen, asked Kenneth about the phase-in scenario. Discussion followed. Commissioners would like to see the analytical proposal.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, requested permission to go to Oklahoma with fellow Southeast Kansas Emergency Managers to visit the storm center there. Commissioners okayed this request.

Jason reported on the transition from CodeRed to Genysis.

Sheriff Maness wanted to thank the commissioners for their support during his first year as Sheriff. He also wanted to thank the other department heads for all their help and support.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, reported there was an error in the Hospital Board appointments done on January 6. Jeff Johnson had previously resigned and Kim Ensminger was appointed in his place. Commissioner Brocker moved to replace Jeff Johnson with Kim Ensminger. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint David Lee, Nicholas Lohman, and Becky Walden to the Multi-County Health Board. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Ken McWhirter (City of Moran's nomination) to the Moran Senior Center Board, term to be January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2028. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to reappoint Paul Zirjacks (president) (expires 2/2029). Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to adopt Resolution 202601A Resolution Exempting Allen County, Kansas From The Provisions of K.S.A. 75-1117 (Supp. 1978), 75-1120 (Supp. 1982), 75-1121 (Supp. 1988), and 75-122 (Supp. 1983) So As Not To Require Allen County, Kansas To Maintain Fixed Asset Records And Observe Fixed Asset Accounting Practices. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client, Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:30 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:45 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Contract Negotiations. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Representative. Commissioners reconvened at 9:55 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 9:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor Representative. Commissioners reconvened at 10:00 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

a) Allen County Fair Board 4th quarter financials
b) December department report: District Court

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers – $343,402.72
b) Payroll – Enrollment: William Hersha
c) Payroll – Change: Jake Bland
d) Payroll – Reimbursement: Terry Call, Mileage
e) Clerk's Journal Entry – 2025 #50
f) Abatements: RE, Value 19,988, $4,156.02, Year 2025
PP, Value 1,853, $286.12, Year 2025

With no further business to come before the board, Chairman Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. until Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson David Lee, Commissioner

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