**IOLA, KANSAS** **OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK** **June 16, 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.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Rick Aiello, employee, Camille Lavon, Allen County Economic Development Director, Gary Chadic, AirMedCare, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Robert Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on June 9, 2026.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported last week the FAA did an inspection at the airport. They stated the airport is well maintained.

Mitch questioned if the commission had received the information on the water truck from Foley. They stated yes. Chairman Lee had a question about the possibility of sharing the truck with road & bridge should Jeremy need it. Mitch explained why that would not be a high possibility as the water he is pulling from the pond is considered contaminated. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated the airport reported 66 mile-per-hour wind Saturday/Sunday.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported there were some trees down and washouts following the storm Saturday. He stated crews were out until around 3 a.m. and most of the day Sunday doing clean up.

Jeremy presented information on repairs needed on the crusher. The gear box needs worked on or possibly replaced. He stated the quotes given were just informational at this time, as the company is not entirely sure which route they will have to go on it.

Karlea Boyer, citizen, joined the meeting.

Jermey asked the commission's opinion on the State's request for the county spraying the right of ways for them. Jeremy stated he felt it was too late in the season this year; however, he will be willing to find a way to do it next year. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported last week dust control was put down and the striping on the roads were done as well.

Chairman Lee stated he was asked by a citizen why the county was using the MowerMax on a dead-end road. Jeremy explained.

Gary Chadic, AirMedCare, presented information on what this company does. They are a traumatic air recovery. He explained the coverage and costs. Chairman Lee asked if he had any other counties using this service. He stated yes, several in surrounding area. Discussion followed.

Vicky Moss and Diana Bowman, Thrive Allen County, joined the meeting.

Corey Isbell, Iola Fire Chief, joined the meeting.

Karlea Boyer, citizen, reported they have just opened Boyer Lake. She is requesting to post a sign directing to the RV and camping areas. This will be inside the fence on their property; she is just wanted to make sure the county would be okay with a sign.

Corey Isbell, Iola Fire Chief, and Vicky Moss, Thrive Allen County, reported on a grant opportunity. This grant will help purchase a new ambulance, with the "county's portion" being 5%. He explained. One stipulation will be that since this is a firefighters grant the fire department would have to own the ambulance even after the county pays for it. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, read an email request for the courthouse lawn to be used for Movies on the Square, on the following dates: Friday, June 26, Friday, July 31, Saturday, August 28, Saturday, September 26, and Saturday, October 10. The commissioners okayed the request.

Chairman Lee stated he was approached by a citizen who would be willing to sit on a committee about the EMS sales tax. He explained his thoughts on putting together a committee with 3-4 for and 3-4 against that sales tax and work through thoughts. Would the other commissioners be interested in forming this committee? Commissioner Daniels stated he is still on the fence about attempting the sales tax question again. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

a) Clerk's vouchers $194,297.33
b) Correction to Payroll change form.
c) May hospital financials
d) SEK Regional Planning Commission meeting documents

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 9:24 a.m. until Tuesday, June 23, 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, County Clerk John F. Brocker, Commissioner