

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. Bocker, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Danielle Louk, County Appraiser, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rick Aiello, employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jerry Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the August 25, 2026, meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported last Wednesday was the first one offered for recycling, and they had 2 people show up.

Mitch reported the new airport building is being built. The concrete pad has been poured, and the poles have been set. One of the tenants is asking to put a couple split units to heat/cool the hangar. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are in Moran chip sealing today. They will then finish up a couple of roads in Allen County before they move on to Humboldt.

Jeremy stated that after the fire by Moran it was suggested to him to not mow right now. He wanted to know what the commissioner's opinion on that is.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Director, reported Neosho and Anderson Counties have had a change in leadership for 911, and would like updated MOUs. Chelsie explained that Allen County is first backup for both of those agencies. Commissioner Bocker moved to sign the MOUs. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Camille Lavon, Allen County Economic Development (ACED), joined the meeting.

Chelsie discussed the fire at Moran.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Iola community conversation. They had 55 individuals show up. Good: volunteering, public transportation, community band, improvements at the movie theater, Lehigh State Park, splash park, local business, hospital, civic clubs, younger leadership. Improvements: recreation center and all things that could be held/attended there, sidewalks, bike safety, more mental health options, housing, increase trade contractors, public restrooms around the square, covered area for farmers market, welcome packets. Top three priorities: recreation, kids' safety, city pride. She presented flyers for the Savonburg and Elmore community conversations.

Troy Smith, 31st Judicial District, joined the meeting.

April Jackson, Thrive, reported September is National Recovery Month. She is requesting the commissioners approve a proclamation stating such. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the proclamation of September as National Recovery Month in Allen County. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Sheriff Anthony Maness joined the meeting.

April presented information on the recovery house. She is requesting \$25,000 of the OPIOID settlement funds be distributed to help support her part-time staff member for the year. Her goal is to create a sustainable program that would have two full-time staff. Troy Smith explained his perspective on how the recovery house is needed and utilized. Sheriff Maness stated his opinion of supporting the position and expending those funds to help support the position. Discussion followed. Commissioners are asking for a week to consider.

April presented information on a grant that they will be submitting for.

Danielle Louk, Appraiser, presented the revised county wide neighborhood revitalization plan. She is requesting signatures on a letter that will be sent to the school districts to request participation. Danielle explained the rest of the process before adoption of the plan can take place. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the request for participation letters. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioners discussed a burn ban that was placed yesterday. Chelsie has been speaking with Jason Trego and he recommends extending it until 11:59 p.m. Monday. Shannon will re-word the burn ban resolution and have it ready for signature. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve Resolution 202607 Enacting A Burn Ban. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 20 minutes for Trade Secrets, Economic Development. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:29 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, ACED, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:49 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:51 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:01 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:02 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:07 a.m. No action taken.

Camille Lavon is requesting a letter of support and incentive for a company that is looking to come to the Airport Industrial Park. Camille explained the incentives. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the letter. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee reported on a meeting that was had with Mike Taylor about the EMS sales tax question. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- Thank you letters from Elsmore Ruritan Club & Logan Pals 4-H Club

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk's Vouchers – \$229,882.50
- Payroll – Enrollment for Justin Hadrych-Rosier
- Clerks Journal Entries - #28, 29

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. until Tuesday, September 8, 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