IOLA, KANSAS OFFICE OF THE ALLEN COUNTY CLERK July 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, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rick Aiello, employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, Dick Works, citizen, 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 July 7, 2026, meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Dick Works, citizen, reported he had been looking at budget draft #4, and he is wondering if there were other areas to cut instead of the Bowlus. His initial idea is the county counselor budget line item. He reported on the surrounding counties and what their budgets are for county counselors. He also spoke on some other areas that he thought were inflated.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the airport building is being delivered, and they will be pouring the pad for it to be set on.

Mitch reported the B25 will be here next weekend.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported they are Humboldt currently chip sealing their roads and the sports complex. Then they will go to the county roads and fix the ones that are torn up now.

Chairman Lee asked about 2800th north from US Hwy 54, will Jeremy be looking at this road soon?

Chairman Lee stated he has an individual interested in crushing rocks for us.

Commissioner Brocker asked about 2000th Rd by the Country Club. Jeremy stated it is one of the miles that he is going to work after Humboldt.

Rodney Burns, auditor, stated the commission is just under $20,000 away from the same levy as last year. Commissioner Brocker stated juvenile detention rate decreased slightly for 2027. Commissioners stated they are comfortable with their decision to fund the Bowlus at $150,000. Discussion followed on airport fuel line item and how cutting it effects the levy as well as the projected revenue. Would cutting the fuel expense from $200,000 to $180,000 get the levy to last year's levy? Rodney stated yes. Chairman Daniels asked what increase it would be if we went from 4% wage increase to a 4.5% wage increase. Rodney stated it would be around $52,000. Chairman Lee stated he has been asking around to surrounding counties and cities to see what they had been doing for wage increases. Rodney will work on the $20,000 decrease and see where we are sitting at.

Commissioner Daniels spoke about the valuation increase. He explained the monies it would bring in.

Rodney presented draft #6. The proposed levy is now sitting at 59.557, with last year's levy being 59.559, so a decrease of 0.002. Commissioners approved this proposed levy for publication.

Chairman Lee stated he has a citizen that would like to sit on the Bowlus board. Discussion followed.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, reported they should be finalizing the tax sale in August.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:16 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:31 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:32 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:37 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 9:38 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:43 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 9:44 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved for the chairman's signature on the RNR intents. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, reported the canvass of the August primary election will be held on August 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

a) Clerk's Vouchers – $1,033,287.89
b) Payroll – Enrollment: Justin Briggs
c) Payroll – Reimbursement: Terry Call, mileage
d) Payroll – June process service: Patrick Cash, Megan Nelson, Paul Ornelas, Brian Plumlee
e) Payroll – Vacation Carryover: Frederick Henderson, 51 hours

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 9:58 a.m. until Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commission Room of the courthouse.

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David Lee, Chairperson Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

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