

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.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Chase Vaughn, County Counselor representative, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, Rick Aiello, employee, Marcia Davis, Thrive, Terry Johnson, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jason Trego led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meetings on July 20, 2026, and July 28, 2026.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Marcia Davis, Thrive, presented a flyer on the Iola community conversation. The date is set for August 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Iola High School Science Building. Savonburg's community conversation will be held on September 16, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the notice that he will be handing out and publishing for citizens to sign up for a wind closure alert for the landfill. Discussion followed on adding a few pieces of information to the notice.

Mitch reported they have the bin in place and ready for recycling. He presented information on hours and dates they will be available, along with items accepted. The city will be getting carport for shelter from the elements. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Bocker asked how we were coming along with the new water truck. Mitch reported the dealer is still looking for the correct type we were wanting.

Alice Bolin, Elmore Ruritan Club President, introduced herself and explained that Elmore Day will be held on Saturday, September 12th. She is asking for the commissioners' financial support again this year. Commissioner Daniels moved to support Elmore Days with \$1500 donation. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, joined the meeting.

Jason Trego, Emergency Manager, presented a proposed burn ban resolution. He explained that currently the commission must enact a burn ban resolution. He explained how this hinders enacting a burn ban when notice is sent mid-week, after the meeting. This new resolution would give the collective decision to the rural fire chiefs when a burn ban needs to be enacted. Chairman Lee asked what initiates a burn ban. Jason explained. Commissioner Daniels asked why we need this change; he feels that our process is okay as they take Jason's recommendations when needed. Discussion followed. Commissioners will table this discussion and asked Jason to come back in a couple weeks.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, presented Resolution 202603 Flood Plain Management. This will adopt the new flood maps that have been approved. Chairman Lee asked if there were any significant changes to the maps. Terry explained the few changes. Terry recommends adopting this resolution. Commissioner Daniels moved to adopt Resolution 202603 and approved the chairman's signature. Commissioner Bocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, presented Brunch and Business flyers. She explained purpose behind such. It is being held at 415 Event Space, 415 W Madison Ave, Iola, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, joined the meeting.

Camille presented a flyer on ICE House. It is an entrepreneurship program. This will be held at the Allen Community College, Tuesdays starting September 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It is a 6-week program. This will be for any individuals looking to start up their own small businesses.

Camille spoke on Kansas Work Force. Camille has looked at the new memorandum of understanding. She explained the knowledge she has this. She recommends having Kansas Work Force come present.

Mitch presented the updated flyer for landfill closure due to wind advisory.

John explained the regional planning commissions county safety plans. He stated they need a resolution for Allen County to be able to benefit from any grants to help with road safety. The other commissioners would like to review for a week and talk about this again next week.

Arylyn Briggs, citizen by phone call, spoke again about his feelings on 3 of his properties that sold in the tax sale.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- Monthly dept reports: Public Works, County Clerk, Appraiser (corr May, June, July)
- Your Community Foundation statement

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- Clerk's Vouchers - \$39,036.39
- Clerk's Journal Entries – #25

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 9:36 a.m. until Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

David Lee, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

John F. Bocker, Commissioner