

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, Rick Aiello, employee, Crickett Maley, County Treasurer, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Travis Buck, Zero Reasons Why, Kelly Sigg, Iola Area Chamber of Commerce, Camille Lavon, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Terry Johnson, citizen, Bob Franklin, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Travis Buck led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on March 31, 2026.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Travis Buck, Zero Reasons Why representative, invited the commissioners to a community mental health forum on April 30, 2026 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Iola High School science center. Commissioner Daniels asked if this group reaches out when a life is lost. Travis explained.

Crickett Maley, County Treasurer, reported on a senate bill that just passed concerning transaction fees for the treasurers. She explained the history behind the bill and how she manages her motor vehicle funds. This bill allows counties to increase their transaction fees up to \$5.00. Crickett feels as though she could increase her fees \$2.00 to help offset supply costs and payroll that she has been paying for out of her treasurer's budget. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented a letter of approval for the solid waste plan.

Mitch reported the concrete work is done at the airport. The bids for the taxiway extension will be opened today at 2:00 p.m. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported on a small amount of tree damage from the storm last night.

Jeremy stated they have reclaimed a few blocks in Moran and will be finishing them shortly and will move to Savonburg next.

Chairman Lee asked about the Monarch project. Jeremy stated it is going well; the county is done with their portion. Discussion followed. Bids for stripping are due next Monday so he will have those to commission soon.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Kelly Sigg, Chamber of Commerce, reported they have been working together to come up with ideas to help the small businesses who will be affected by the US Hwy 54 work. Camille explained the signs that they had come up with to help grab attention. The commissioners are okay with this, just coordinate with Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 8:51 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 11:18 a.m. No action taken.

Dimity Lowell, Iola Seniors Inc, and Billie Collins, Iola Seniors Inc, reported on the Senior Thrift Store's community impact. Dimity explained the funds that have been reinvested into the community and then types of projects they fund. Dimity has stepped into the role of President and Billie Collins is head of Public Relations.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 15 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:08 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:23 a.m. No action taken.

Aimee Daniels, ACMAT representative, joined the meeting.

Chairman Lee moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:24 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:29 a.m. No action taken.

Aimee Daniels, ACMAT representative, requesting permission to use the courthouse block for the family safety night, in conjunction with farmer's market. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Brocker asked if anyone had spoken about the blade that fell off the wind turbine. Chairman Lee stated he spoke with the representative about this. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, requested Scott Carson to be re-appointed to the 31st Judicial District Community Corrections & Juvenile Services Advisory Board. His current term expires May 6, 2026. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Scott Carson to another term on the Advisory Board. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon requested on behalf of Brandi Holt for the Iola Bands to utilize the bandstand on Saturday, April 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the annual practice-a-thon. Commissioners okayed this request.

Shannon requested that Mental Health Awareness month signs be placed in the courthouse yard for the month of May. Kristen Springston with Senior Life Solutions, Anderson County Hospital, emailed the request. Commissioners okayed this request.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:44 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:54 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Monthly dept reports (March): Sheriff, District Court, Appraiser, Noxious Weed, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Public Works, County Clerk
- b) Monthly dept report (February): Appraiser
- c) March Fund Status Report

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 4/10/2026 payout: \$545,677.94; 4/24/2026 payout: \$19,297.31
- b) Payroll – Enrollment: Brandy Edwards
- c) Payroll – Change: Christia Hill, Sarah Insley
- d) Clerk's Journal Entries – #10, 11, 12

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until Tuesday, April 21, 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. Brocker, Commissioner