

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, Rickie Aiello, Allen County employee, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Robert Poydack, Airport Manager, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Vince Hill, citizen, Calvin Parker, citizen, Alice Bolin, Kansas Silver Haired Legislator delegate, Bob Franklin, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Calvin Parker led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 3, 2026 meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Calvin Parker wanted to thank the commissioners and to ask for permission for the Farmers Market again this year. Commissioners okayed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented the Solid Waste Management Plans Updated Annual Review for 2026. The items in red are the changes for the year. He explained the process. The commissioners will wait until counsel has a chance to review before approving.

Mitch reported they are going to start pouring concrete on the east side of the hangar today. They will pour half and then come back to pour the second half. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, presented bids for chemicals for Noxious Weed. MFA \$44,862.00, Sims Fertilizer \$42,000.00, Van Diest Supply Co \$44,298.60, Leroy Coop \$62,652.00. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the low bid from Sims Fertilizer for \$42,000.00. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy stated they are currently taking applications for dust control for residents. Discussion followed on number of residents who use this.

Jeremy stated they are still working on Oregon Road.

Commissioner Brocker asked Jeremy to go look at the areas they worked on at Bassett.

Alice Bolin, Silver Haired Legislature delegate, introduced herself and explained what their committee does. They are requesting financial assistance of \$200.00 to help with trainings, annual meeting expenses. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve a \$200.00 donation. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Pat Patton, Allen County Regional Hospital, requesting a letter of support for grant application. Discussion followed on what they would spend the funds on. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Vince Hill, citizen, and Robert Poydack, Airport Manager, came for discussion on the airport. Commissioner Daniels explained why this was added to the agenda for this week. The individual who rents the "2025 hangar" was questioning if his rent was increasing since last week, they stated the new hangar was going to be rented at \$600.00. Commissioners clarified his rent. Vince is now asking about the difference in costs between the two hangars. Robert Poydack stated he feels that this whole situation has

been blown out of proportion. Robert stated the oldest hangar at the airport is over 40 years old and is still making the county money. Robert then stated his opinion on the Allen County residents getting first right to the new hangars and making someone like Vince, who rents 1/3 of the hangars, moved to the "end of the list". Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting. He stated he checked with Osage and they can do a remount for about \$275,000.00. Discussion followed on the ambulance that will be the next one in line to do a remount on. Chairman Lee is asking Michael to research other options for replacements.

Michael stated they had an older ventilator fail while they were on transfer. The one that failed is old enough that it cannot be fixed. He got a quote for a new one from Bound Tree for \$7,134.39. This is the same model that was purchased last year. Commissioner Brocker moved to approve the bid for \$7,134.39 for the new ventilator. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee asked if Shannon could speak with Bukaty about a request made when they were here last. She will reach back out to have them start with that model.

Chairman Lee brought up the idea of an EMS sales tax question again. He is asking if the other commissioners are interested in pursuing this again. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the Radio Tower Lease that was discussed last week. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Shannon asked on behalf of a citizen, who cannot attend a meeting in person, if they could call in to a meeting. Discussion followed.

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 9:52 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:57 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Invitation to Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner
- b) February dept report: Sheriff
- c) February fund status report
- d) Add: PP, Value 12,231, \$1,730.72, Year 2025

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$363,801.81
- b) Payroll – Vacation Carryover: Ron Holman 28.5 hrs
- c) Payroll – Enrollment: Michelle Smith
- d) Clerks Journal Vouchers - #5, 6, 7
- e) Abatements: RE, Value 12,926, \$1,963.40, Year 2025
PP, Value 12,396, \$1,920.58, Year 2025
Oil, Value 3,938, \$574.86, Year 2025

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 10:01 a.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 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