

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 Jill Allen, Deputy 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, Marcia Davis, Thrive, Camille Lavon, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, Bob Franklin and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Marcia Davis led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Marcia Davis, Thrive reminded about the next community conversation in LaHarpe on March 24 and Humboldt conversation on April 28.

Jason Trego, Emergency Director, reported on storm sirens to be installed tomorrow. The batteries need replaced, \$700 / sight. They would have to be paid out of the general fund, rather than the grant. Chairman Lee asked to verify what fund to pay out of. Commissioners approved to purchase and install batteries.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported on the annual solid waste management plan. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve, Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch said it's still too wet to pour the rest of the concrete at the T hangar.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, presented bids for concrete work at 1600 & Delaware, Monarch Quarry entrance. Monarch is supplying the mud and the trucking. The time frame is as soon as possible. Jeremy asked to wait a week, so that they could do some research on the bids. He presented a drawing of the location for work.

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 8:45 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Bruce Boettcher, Camille Lavon and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 more minutes for Trade Secrets, Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0, time is 9:00 am.

Commissioners moved to go into executive session for Trade Secrets for 10 more minutes, the time is now 9:05 am.

Commissioners moved to go into executive session for 5 more minutes for contract negotiations, those present with commissioners: Mitch Garner and Bob Johnson. The time is 9:15 am.

Commissioners moved to go into executive session for 10 more minutes, the time is 9:20 am.

Commissioners moved to go into another executive session for Trade Secrets for 10 minutes, the time is 9:30 am.

Commissioners reconvened 9:39 am No action taken.

Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, joined the meeting. Ron Holman, House & Grounds, joined the meeting.

Steve Womack, Allen County Sheriff Deputy, joined the meeting.

Ron presented three tree bids. The tree is causing damage to sidewalk, etc. Commissioner Daniels moved approved to hire B&E Servies LLC for \$1322.00 to do tree removal, Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee discussed half cent sales tax to support ambulance. Commissioner Daniels asked Camille or her staff to investigate an information officer to run an education campaign for said question on November ballot, if they decide to pursue this again. Voters need to be better informed to make a decision.

Chairman Lee talked about the NRP, Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Camille said the NRP is a great program. Chairman Lee asked about the Federal Opportunity Zone. Camille explained.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) District Court monthly check to County Treasurer
- b) Hospital Financial Reports – February 2026
- c) Escapes – Oil, Value 720, \$105.12, Year 2025

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$13,936.25
- b) Payroll – PR enrollment for Earl Valentine, PR change for Kim Riebel, Abigale Humble, Process Servers & Vac carryover for Marion Carson & Mike Larios
- c) Clerk's Journal Entries – 8, 9
- d) Abatements – RE, Value 316, \$65.20, Year 2025
PP, Value 1,474, \$304.20, Year 2025
Oil, Value 2,055, &294.16, Year 2025

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Brocker moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. until Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

David Lee, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner