

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner David Lee, Commissioner John F. Bocker, and Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk.

Mitchell Garner, Allen County Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Allen County Road & Bridge Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Lisse Regehr & Marcia Davis, Thrive, Sheriff Anthony Maness, y, Jerod Franklin, Terry Johnson, Robert Franklin, and Paul Zirjacks, citizens, was present to observe the meeting.

Bob Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, handed out bids for landfill cover.

Landfill Cover

April 1, 2025

COMPANY	Price	Freight	Total Price
LSC Environmental Products Apalachin, NY	\$ 21.00 per bag X 880 \$18,480.00	\$1,045.00	\$19,525.00
Profile Products, LLC Buffalo Grove, IL	\$ 24.66 per square X 880 \$21,700.80	\$21,700.80	\$43,401.60

Phone bids.

Bag = 50 pounds Square = 50 pounds

Commissioner Lee moved to purchase landfill cover from LSC Environmental Products for \$19,525, Commissioner Bocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch handed out a sales agreement from Foley Equipment for a landfill compactor. Chairman Daniels asked about the equipment budget. Discussion followed. Payment would be on delivery, will take 10-11 months to get compactor. Commissioner Lee moved to purchase compactor for \$948,507.00, Commissioner Bocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch shared information from other counties regarding wind and storm policies at their landfills. He also handed out the City of Lawrence bag policy and the 13 counties with established rates at the Allen County Landfill.

Mitch presented videos of the landfill, showing all the bags that have blown all over the place. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee is going to put a group of people together to deal with the bag issue at the landfill.

Donita Garner, Hope Unlimited joined the meeting

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported on meeting with the Road & Bridge committee.

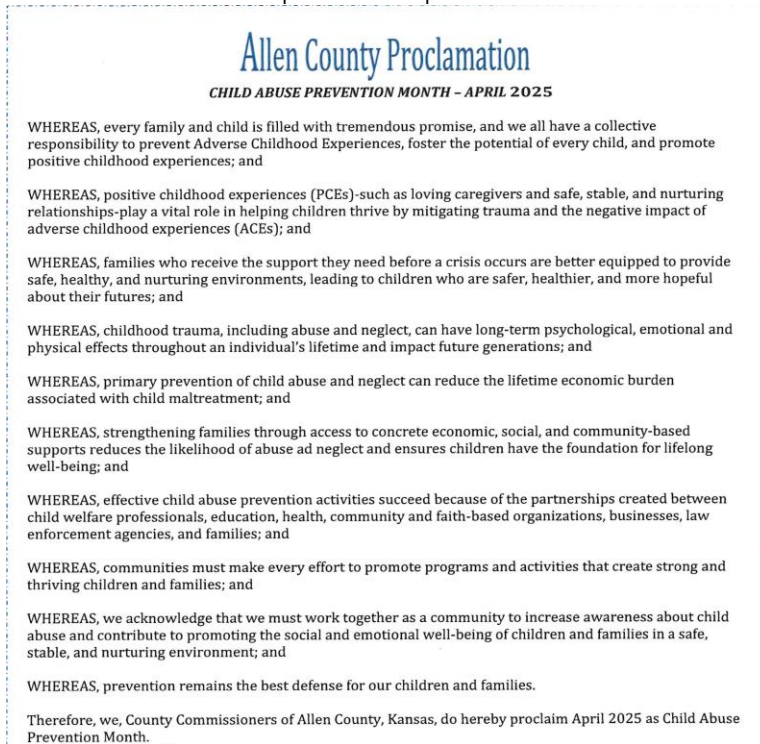
Jeremy said they need a blaster at the quarry, he will get proposals.

Debbie Bearden, reported on Allen County Farmers Market. The Farmers Market Board has made plans to start the market on the square May 1. They need someone to be the

snap benefits coordinator, they would handle the transactions at the market and do the reporting for the Federal program, etc. Debbie is asking for \$1,000 to pay said person. Commissioner Lee moved to give Famer's Market \$1000, Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0.

Undersheriff Jackson joined the meeting.

Donita Ganer and others from Hope Unlimited and CASA, joined the commissioners to ask commissioners to proclaim April Child Abuse Prevention Month.



Donita explained what they do for children in crisis and talked about CASA having an advocate for each child affected. Chairman Daniels moved to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Commissioner Brocker seconded, motion passed 3-0-0. Commissioner signed the proclamation. Commissioners along with others went outside to plant pinwheels in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Marcia Davis, Thrive, informed commissioners on the community conversation. The next one will be in Humboldt on April 8, Moran on April 29. 14 residents attended in LaHarpe; Marcia shared what was discussed. Marcia handed out fliers for the next community conversation in Humboldt.

Dan Davis, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, joined the meeting to discuss recycling. Dan gave commissioners information on recycling. He shared what other counties have done. Steve Stricker joined Dan in the discussion. Commissioner Daniels asked about the building located near Jump Start. It is in bad shape. Steve said looking at short term, he would just like to have some help with picking up cardboard & baling. He suggested Coffey County come down and explain how they handle recycling, they do a good job. Karen Gilpin, joined the discussion. Lisse stated there are not any grants for recycling currently. Bob asked if they had asked the schools if there were any community service clubs that could help. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, Allen County EMS, joined the meeting to report on the new ambulance. Mechanical inspections were done by the state. He has two trucks needing repairs. It will be around \$3500 for the both.

Undersheriff Jackson spoke with the commissioners about the 3-5-year plan. They will talk more about the roof when it becomes necessary.

Bob reported on tax sale. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lee asked to establish an evening meeting schedule. April 22, 2025 will be an evening meeting, after that it will be the third Tuesday of each month for the evening meeting.

Commissioner Lee stated there needs to be some time parameters set for public comment. Commissioner Lee will provide a copy of what others use. Commissioner Daniels said public comments need to be county specific subjects. Paul Zirjacks said he has not seen any violations regarding public comment and does not want to see anyone feeling stifled because of time limits. He also discussed the night meetings.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 10:20 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 10:30 a.m. No action taken.

Sheriff Maness reported on recent training. Items he will be discussing with commissioners at next meeting: scooters within the city limit, video broadcast of meetings and he acquired a vehicle at a low enough cost, he may be able to get another vehicle. Commissioner Lee asked about inmate headcount, Sheriff Maness stated around 30. Could they do work release? Sheriff said that would be a conversation they could have; he would need to investigate it further. He stated his employees are doing great.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Mach 2025 Allen County Attorney Financial Sheet
- b) FMS North America, Allen Co Landfill Rates from David Bideau
- c) Lease Agreement
- d) Escape – PP, Value 1,909, \$361.80, Year 2023

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers –3/27/2025-\$111,570.57 & 3/31/2025-\$448,578.63
- b) Payroll – enrollments for noxious weed seasonal employee & landfill seasonal employee, request for vacation carryover-R Poydack
- c) Abatements – PP, Value 1,661, \$309.88, Year 2024

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Lee moved to adjourn, Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. until Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Jill Allen, Deputy Allen County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner