

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner David Lee, and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk. Commissioner John F. Brocker was absent.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Rick Aiello, employee, Anthony Maness, Sheriff, Jared Wheeler, Thrive Allen County Economic Development Director, Lisse Regehr, Thrive Allen County, Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, Terry Johnson, citizen, Robin Lohman, citizen, Arlynn Briggs, citizen, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Chairman Daniels led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on February 11, 2025.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment. Arlynn Briggs, citizen, asked about certain candidates during August and November elections that spoke about not taking a salary. Also, about going to a 5-person commissioner. He wants to know if any action has been taken on this. Chairman Daniels stated he has not heard from any citizens ask him about it, if he does, he would consider discussing. Discussion followed.

Robin Lohman, citizen, wants to speak about increasing the number of county commissioners as well. She stated her opinions on such.

Robin also asked the commissioners if they have had any information passed on to them about Tri-Valley and Community Developmental Disability Organization and the conflict of interest. Discussion followed.

Arlynn also asked about the roster of inmates that used to be posted in the Sheriff's office. He was told there was a policy change where inmates will not be listed there for the public. Commissioners suggested Arlynn speak to the Sheriff.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported Heartland is requiring payment before they put any equipment in. This is for the two 200-amp meters, this has changed from before when partial payment was requested.

Mitch reported he will not be in attendance for the March 4 meeting. He will be at a Noxious Weed conference in Wichita from March 4 to March 6.

Mitch presented a couple documents for Noxious Weed department that Chairman Daniels asked if it could wait until Commissioner Brocker is back next week. Mitch stated yes, they could wait.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported that Warren Ebberts with Kansas Department of Transportation reached out requesting a letter to put signs out that says Elsmore via County Road. Jeremy explained the State is just needing permission to do so. Commissioner Lee moved to have Chairman Daniels signature on the letter. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Gary McIntosh, citizen, joined the meeting.

Jeremy presented oil bids for asphalt oil for chip seal.

**ASPHALT OIL PROPOSALS  
February 20, 2025**

COMPANY	RS-1H	AEP	RSIM	RSIP	MC-800	SSIH	Pump Charge	Demurrage	Remarks
ERGON Asphalt & Emulsions Kansas City, KS	\$2.49 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	\$2.64 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.79 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	\$2.49 per gallon Delivered price.	\$150.00	\$100.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	No moving charge. Return charge is 1/2 of delivered rates.
Vance Brothers Kansas City, MO	\$2.28 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.68 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.43 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.68 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.63 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.48 per gallon Delivered price.	\$75.00	\$70.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	No moving charge. \$100.00 & restocking of 20% per gal. return charge.
Asphalt & Fuel Supply Tulsa, OK	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.58 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid			
Coastal Energy Willow Springs, MO	\$2.01 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.41 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.47 per gallon Delivered price.	\$2.35 per gallon Delivered price.	\$125.00	\$100.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	\$800.00 return charge. \$800.00 short freight for loads less than 5,500 gals.
Wright Asphalt Dodge City, KS	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	No Bid	\$2.75 per gallon Delivered price.	No Bid	\$250.00	\$100.00 per hour after 2 hrs of free unloading time.	No return loads on MC-800.

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**LAST YEAR'S PRICES 2024**

COST RS1H	COST RS-1M	COST AEP	COST MC-800
\$2.200	\$2.600	\$2.42	\$2.96

Coastal low bid in 2024.

Jeremy stated they use RS-1H and MC-800. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to accept the bid from Coastal Energy. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Jeremy presented dust control bids. Scotwood Industries was the only bid.

**DUST CONTROL PROPOSALS  
February 25, 2025**

Company	Mag Chloride	35% Calcium Chloride	Remarks
Scotwood Industries Overland Park, KS	\$ 1.41 gal.	No Bid	2 hrs. free spray time then \$ 125.00 per hour.

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Last year Mag Chloride cost was \$1.43 per gallon with 2 hour free then \$ 125.00 per hour.

Last year: Cost charged to residents was \$2.37 per foot.

Discussion followed. Jeremy plans to begin dust control around the first of June. Commissioner Lee moved accept the bid from Scotwood Industries. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Commissioner Lee stated he has 2 individuals interested in being on a road advisory committee. Discussion followed.

Daren Booth, Theel Insurance, joined the meeting.

Jared Wheeler, Thrive, reported on the year in review. They get directives one of two ways; formal way is the advisory board suggests economic development directives and the informal way would be through the community conversations. Areas of emphasis would be population retention and population growth, childcare, industry expansion and recruitment, small business enrichment, housing and character of life amenities. Chairman Daniels stated he would like to discuss the funding aspect closer to budget time.

Stephen Euston and Joe Holdenried, Bukaty Companies, joined the meeting.

Daren Booth, Theel Insurance, presented a 2025 insurance proposal. Daren explained the different options. He works with Freedom Claims Management, Inc as well. Discussion followed.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, joined the meeting.

Stephen Euston and Joe Holdenried, Bukaty Companies, presented 2025 renewal information. Stephen and Joe explained how the current plan is running. They then explained the different renewal options.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, reported there is a demo available right now. It is a van style chassis with a box on in it, gas engine, Ford, \$228,000.00. It is brand new with couple thousand miles on it. Michael did check into the transits, \$150,000.00 would be the cost for those. The main problem is the longevity is shorter with the transit. Discussion followed. The remount is scheduled for end of March to early April. The demo could be in possession in 2-3 weeks.

Michael reported one ambulance was taken in to the shop for an exhaust leak, which led to other issues being discovered. It was quoted to be about \$11,000.00 to fix. He stated an option would be to remount that ambulance instead of the one we planned to do, as it has an almost new suspension system.

Sheriff Anthony Maness reported he offered the Undersheriff position to Nate Jackson. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Maness reported he has employees attending trainings to help with deescalating and defensive tactics. He would like to bring trainings here. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Maness stated he had a meeting with state emergency management representative about the radios.

Sheriff Maness reported he is having conversations with the KHP fleet representative about vehicles. He knows it was budgeted for 1 new vehicle this year, but he could possible need 2. Discussion followed.

Sheriff Maness reported Brenda Beth submitted her resignation for retirement.

Commissioner Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-Elected Personnel. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0. The time is now 10:55 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Sheriff Anthony Maness, Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, and Chase Vaughn, Allen County Counselor representative. Commissioners reconvened at 11:00 a.m. No action taken.

Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk, presented two documents that need the Chairmans signature to accompany our KDOT grant application. Commissioner Lee oved to approve Chairman Daniels signature. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Shannon presented a request from Feuerborn Family Funeral Service for the authorization for direct cremation of an indigent resident of Allen County. Discussion followed. Commissioner Lee moved to authorize Feuerborn to cremate the remains of the indigent resident. Chairman Daniels seconded; motion passed 2-0-0.

Shannon reported on a new lease agreement with Ascension Via Christi Hospitals for use at the Medical Arts Building. Commissioners requested, if possible, to wait until next week when Commissioner Brocker is back.

Mitch reported he went to the airport at 2 am to fuel up a medical helicopter transporting a patient from Kansas City to Oklahoma City. Discussion followed.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) January monthly report for District Court
- b) Kansas Historical Society letter

c) Proclamation by the Governor, State of Disaster Emergency

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 2/13/2025-\$256,108.09 & 2/25/2025-\$154,321.04
- b) Payroll – Enrollment for Nathen Jackson
- c) Payroll – Change for Jeanne Carson, Diane Rogers, Cody Heslop
- d) Payroll – Boot reimbursement Levi Seilonen
- e) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement Misty Rice
- f) Payroll – Commodities reimbursement Jill Allen
- g) Clerk's Journal Entries – #4, 5
- h) Abatements – RE, Value 7, \$1.44, Year 2023  
RE, Value 726, \$106.12, Year 2024  
PP, Value 7,374, \$1,149.00, 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 11:09 a.m. until Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

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Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

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David Lee, Commissioner

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Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

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Absent  
John F. Brocker, Commissioner