

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, Danielle Louk, County Appraiser, Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rick Aiello, employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Anthony Maness, Allen County Sheriff, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Steve Strickler, Allen County Recycling, Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Danielle Louk led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the March 10 & March 17, 2026, meetings.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Steve Strickler, Allen County Recycling, was asking how they are coming along with the recycling efforts. Commissioners said we are still working on the plans.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported the concrete has been poured around the north hangar. Discussion followed.

Mitch reported they will be bidding out the taxi way work shortly.

Commissioner Daniels asked if we have any empty hangars. Mitch explained just the one that they are doing to concrete work around. He does have one hangar that houses a few items of the counties, so he is thinking about getting a small building to house those items, and then they can open that T-hangar up for rental. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, re-presented the concrete bids for Monarch quarry entrance 1600 and Delaware Rd. He stated he did reach out to references. Commissioner Daniels moved to accept the bid from FN Contractors for \$22,350.00. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy reported Kevin is starting on spraying noxious weeds. He then stated the new truck is in Wichita getting the bed fitted out.

Chairman Lee reported that he thinks Oregon Rd looks very nice. Discussion followed.

Jeremy stated Bettis is hoping to be back on the old highway by Neosho County end of March, first of April.

Discussion was had on the roads that will be worked on first this year, as well as when certain roads will get striping again.

Danielle Louk, County Appraiser, presented a county wide neighborhood revitalization plan detail sheet. Chairman Lee explained he had sat down with Danielle, Crickett, and Shannon for their thoughts. Danielle explained her detail handout are the items discussed and what the group had thought was a good starting point. Discussion followed.

Ron Holman, House & Grounds Director, presented bids for concrete work; Marquez Welding & Construction for \$38,450.00, FN Contractors for \$40,320.00, and Lickteig Construction for \$44,131.00. Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the low bid from Marquez for \$38,450.00. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Ron reported the tree will be removed next week.

Ron brought in old water line materials that had been fixed last week, to show the state the lines are in currently. Commissioners asked Ron to price what doing sections of the courthouse. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen (by phone), wanted to speak about some situs addresses that the county has listed instead of what the building shows. He also said some of the names are slightly different than what they should be. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:11 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:21 a.m. No action taken.

Richard Luken, LaHarpe Pride, joined the meeting.

Chairman Lee moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Non-elected Personnel. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:22 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:27 a.m. No action taken.

Richard Luken presented a letter of support for a grant that LaHarpe Pride Committee is applying for. This will fund a few improvements in the city park. Richard explained those improvements. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the letter of support. Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Commissioner Brockner reported on a question he had gotten about burn bans. There are a couple surrounding counties that post daily on whether you can burn or not. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee stated he will be attending the LaHarpe community conversation.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) February Solid Waste Financial Assurance

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$271,086.16

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Brockner seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. until Tuesday, March 31, 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. Brockner, Commissioner