

The Allen County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 6:00 pm with Chairman Jerry Daniels, Commissioner David Lee, Commissioner John F. Brocker and Shannon Patterson, Allen County Clerk.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, Chelsie Decker, 911 Communications Director, Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Treasurer, Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, Larry Crawford, citizen, Josiah D'Albini, citizen, David Heiman, citizen, Arlyn Briggs, citizen, Susan Lynn, citizen, Dan Davis, citizen, Karen Gilpin, citizen, Janie Works, citizen, Travis Baughn, citizen, Cara Bowen, citizen, Dimity Lowell, citizen, Dena Daniels, citizen, Michael Church, citizen, Becky Nilges, citizen, Samuel Wilcox, citizen, Elizabeth Wilcox, citizen, Jerod Franklin, 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 March 18, 2025.

Chairman Daniels asked for public comment. Michael Church, citizen, wanted to ask Jeremy and Mitch a few questions. His first question for Jeremy is the road committee picked yet? Jeremy stated yes, the members are Dale Hartman, Miles Mentzer, Sean Turner, Craig Jaro, Rick Hill, and Jack McFadden. Michael then asked if the committee picked roads yet. Commissioners stated they have not met yet. Michael was asking about Texas road, still this summer, and can he hit the streets in town? Discussion followed.

Michael then asked Mitch if the landfill brings in a profit? Mitch stated Yes, it does make a profit. Michael then asked about the airport, are we out there to make money? Mitch stated we are here to serve the pilots flying in, not making much profit.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen, reported that 3 years ago they had a town hall meeting in Mildred. He said they were told the county was going to fix West Virginia Rd, and he feels it is still not done. Jeremy stated that is on the list; from Mildred west on West Virginia Rd. Discussion followed. Arlyn asked how the committee members were chosen? Commissioners explained.

Dan Davis, Janie Works, Karen Gilpin, Allen County Recycling representatives, presented information on a recycling plan.

Recycling Plan

Building-
 Alternative 1-purchase property at location, reroof existing structure, add lighting, add a restroom, smooth out floor
 Alternate 2-rent or buy another building that doesn't need so much work
 Alternate 3-build a structure in a centralized location that is easily accessible to most

Collecting-county will pay for pickup in outlying places, Iola city will pay for recycling in city limits

Personel-
 two recycling workers -one day a week for pickup of cardboard, one day a week for pick up residential recycling in Iola, 3 days to sort, bale and load trucks to buyers

Equipment-none needs to be new
 Baker-have one, maybe another
 Flatbed trailer
 pickup truck to haul trailer full of totes full of cardboard
 Forklift
 Totes to put cardboard in at businesses
 Will we need new (or can we find used) containers for residential pickup?

Operations
 -center will be open to public 24/7
 -1st Saturday of month volunteers will be available to help public
 -2 full-time employees one city, one county??
 *pickup cardboard at businesses in Iola, and outlying places in county except Humboldt that manages their own cardboard recycling
 *City of Iola will pick up recycling from residential property once a week
 *will sort and bale recycling
 -city or county officials will handle the sale and shipping of the recycled materials

They then gave a little history of the recycling efforts. Discussion followed.

Josiah D'Albini, citizen, wanted to thank the commissioner for offering the evening meeting.

Nate Jackson, Undersheriff, presented the sheriff's 5-year plan for large purchases.



March 25, 2025

RE: Five Year Plan for large purchases

At the request of the Allen County Commission, a list is provided of the known upcoming significant costs for the Sheriff's Office:

- 2026
 - o Transport Vehicle to replace 2016 Van \$55,000.00
 - o This vehicle was slated to be replaced last year but it was postponed
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2016 Truck \$55,000.00
 - o Update TASER equipment \$15,000
 - o Current models are reaching end of life with no support
- 2027
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2017 Truck \$58,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2018 Truck \$58,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
- 2028
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2020 Truck \$61,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2020 Truck \$61,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2021 Truck \$61,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
- 2029
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2018 Truck \$64,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
 - o This vehicle is being placed into road rotation but currently has low miles
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2022 Truck \$64,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
- 2030
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2020 Truck \$67,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
 - o Patrol Vehicle to replace 2023 Truck \$67,000.00 (Estimated 5% increase)
 - o Roof Replacement for jail \$380,000.00 (2025 estimate)
 - o Ron confirmed with Boren's we still have five years on the warranty. This will expire in 2030 then.

Sheriff Maness is at training and unable to attend. Nate stated the biggest item would be the jail roof estimated to need replaced in 2030. Nate then spoke about the new radio equipment and possible costs for such. Discussion followed on the radio encryption requirements.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented information from Sourcewell for a compactor.

FOLEY EQUIPMENT **CAT** **SALES AGREEMENT** DATE _____

Foley Equipment Company, 1950 S. West Street, Wichita, KS67213 Phone: (316) 943-4211

CUSTOMER		ALLEN COUNTY	
STREET ADDRESS		1 W WASHINGTON AVE	
CITY/STATE	WICHITA, KS	COUNTY	ALLEN
POSTAL CODE	67243-2802	PHONE NO.	316 265 1422
EQUIPMENT		MITSCH GARNER	
PRODUCT SUPPORT		MITSCH GARNER	
INDUSTRY CODE: LB02SLATIVE BODIES		PRINCIPAL WORK CODE	
CUSTOMER NUMBER 016933		Sales Tax Exemption # (if applicable) KS2A7235V	
PAYMENT TERMS		CUSTOMER PO NUMBER (For reference only)	
NET PAYMENT ON RECEIPT OF INVOICE <input type="checkbox"/> NET ON DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/> FINANCIAL SERVICES <input type="checkbox"/> CSC <input type="checkbox"/> LEASE <input type="checkbox"/>			
CASH WITH ORDER \$0.00		BALANCE TO FINANCE \$0.00	CONTRACT INTEREST RATE 0
PAYMENT PERIOD		NUMBER OF PAYMENTS 0	OPTIONAL BUY-OUT \$0.00
DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT ORDERED / PURCHASED			
MAKE: TBA	MODEL: #26	YEAR: TBA	
STOCK NUMBER: TBA	SERIAL NUMBER: TBA		
EX-USA LANDFILL COMPACTOR	625-8425	FUEL: AM-NORTH	504-1365
LANE 2 - AVAILABLE FROM DECATUR FACTORY		DRIVE: DOMESTIC TRUCK	DP-2443
LANE 3 - AVAILABLE FROM DECATUR FACTORY		PURCHASER: STANDARD	417-6327
AVAILABLE FOR: AM-N, AM-S (CHILE AND COLOMBIA), EU, ISRAEL, TURKEY		LIGHTS: HALOGEN	528-7816
ANS, JAPAN, & SOUTH KOREA		WHEELS: 48" COMBINATION TIRES	428-3478
ENGINE & NO SOUND SUPPRESSION	638-7628	GUARD, REAR FAW & GRILL	364-7648
AXLES: NO-SPIN FRONT & REAR	376-5059	RT, DIFFERENTIAL GUARD	566-9709
HYDRAULICS	384-3300	BLADE, GRILL U	398-1102
PRODUCT LINE, CELLULAR PL6641	578-9008		
STAIRWAY, FIXED	382-1589		
STRIKER BARS W/CLEANER FINGERS	551-3586		
FILME, ANS	593-8293		
SEATER, ENGINE COOLANT, 120V	345-7649		
PREMIUM CORP. RADIO (12V)	452-1394		
MODEL:	SN:	SELL PRICE	\$1,248,507.00
PAYOUT TO:	AMOUNT:	EXT. WARRANTY	\$27,158.00
MODEL:	YEAR:	CBA	\$1,881.00
PAYOUT TO:	AMOUNT:	SOURCEWELLS DISCOUNT 1.2% OF LIST	(\$161,525.00)
MODEL:	YEAR:	CUSTOMER LOCALITY DISCOUNT	(\$265,091.00)
PAYOUT TO:	AMOUNT:	NET BALANCE DUE	\$948,507.00
MODEL:	YEAR:	FEES APPLICABLE TAXES CALCULATED AT DELIVERY	\$948,507.00
PAYMENT TO: AMOUNT: PAID BY:			
ALL TRADES-INS ARE SUBJECT TO EQUIPMENT BEING IN "AS INSPECTED CONDITION" BY FOLEY AT TIME OF DELIVERY OF REPLACEMENT MACHINE PURCHASE ABOVE.			
Bank: Wells Fargo NA Account number: 4121960287 Email: remittance@foley.com Customer responsible for all applicable taxes at the time of delivery.			
CATERPILLAR EQUIPMENT WARRANTY		INITIAL: _____	
The Customer acknowledges that they have received a copy of the Foley Equipment Company and/or Caterpillar Warranty as applicable and have read and understood said warranty. Estimated oil capacity (G.O.E.) is included with this warranty. The customer is responsible for adding oil to the engine at designated intervals from all power-tilt contractors and failure to do so may result in voiding the warranty. Warranty applicable including expiration date where necessary: 12 month/10000 hours 16 month/15,000 hour premix with travel		<input type="checkbox"/> USED EQUIPMENT WARRANTY INITIAL: _____ All used equipment is sold as is where is and no warranty is offered or implied except as specified here. Warranty applicable: _____	
CBA - 24 month 1000 hour Filter no oil CVA			

The quoted cost is \$948,507.00. The CAT compactor in use now has over 12,000 hours. This would replace the Bomag that is currently not in use. At 15,000 hours, the CAT can be rebuilt. Commissioners would like to consider for another week and asked Mitch to find out if he can get anything for the Bomag.

Mitch presented his 3-year plan for equipment replacement.

Allen County Public Works Department Three Year Projected Equipment Needs 2026, 2027, 2028

Here's a 3-year equipment needs plan for Allen County Public Works Department, broken down into a chart format for the Landfill, Weed Department, Airport and Administrative Office.

Department	Year 1-2026	Year 2-2027	Year 3-2028
Landfill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase/Replace 1 Rubber Tire Loader Purchase/Replace 1 Bobcat on tracks Purchase additional trash containment fencing Implement Staff Training on New Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase/Replace 1 Excavator Purchase 1 Articulated Haul Truck Purchase 1 Vacuum Truck for Trash Pickup Replace 1 Pickup Truck Implement Staff Training on New Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase/Replace 1 Compactor Purchase/Replace 1 New Scale for Scale house Replace 1 Pickup Truck Purchase Enclosed Side by Side for checking gas wells and trash pickup Implement Staff Training on New Equipment
Weed Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase 1 Sprayer Truck with 700-gallon tank Train Staff on Sprayer Use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase enclosed side by side with AC for Spraying Weeds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase/Replace Sprayer Truck
Regional Airport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase 1 Bobcat on tracks with Broom to clean runway 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase pull-behind blower for side by side to clean around aprons and in smaller areas Upgrade Fuel Master Credit Card Machine for Pumps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase 1 New Riding Mower
Administrative Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase All in One Printer/Fax Machine for Office Purchase additional Laptop for Trainings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase/Replace Office Chairs/Desks if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase/Replace 3 new computers for office use

Discussion followed on the items he listed.

Mitch reported he has employees out picking up trash after the winds were as high as they were last week. Discussion was had closing the landfill to the public when we are in a wind warning. Mitch will work on a procedure for that and bring back next Tuesday.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, presented his 3-5 plan for equipment and roads.

3-5 Year plan on Equipment

Road & Bridge

- Semi and lowboy
- Brush cutter
- Bucket truck
- New or used belly dump trailer
- Skid steer
- 1-2 10 Wheeler dump trucks
- Motor grader
- Few ¼ ton pickups
- Mechanics truck
- Pothole patching Machine
- 550 or larger truck and small equipment trailer

Quarry

- Loader
- Crusher
- Screen plant
- Conveyor belts
- 6 in Pump

3-5 Year plan for Road Repairs

- Overlay Old HWY 1400 Wyoming – Oregon = 6 Miles
- Reclaim and Chipseal Texas Road 1400- 169 HWY = 1 ½ Miles
- Reclaim and Chipseal Colt Energy Road 1300 Road Island-Oregon = 1 Miles
- Reclaim and Chipseal Colt Energy Road Road Island 1000-1300 = 1 ½ Miles
- Reclaim and Chipseal Texas 900-1400 = 2 ½ Miles
- Reclaim and Chipseal Oregon 169 HWY-2200 = 2 ½ Miles
- Reclaim and Chipseal 2200 Oregon- 54 HWY = 2 Miles
- Repair bad spots and Chipseal 2800 West Virginia-54 HWY = 7 Miles
- Repair bad spots and Chipseal West Virginia 2800- 59 HWY = 6 Miles
- Chipseal Texas 59 HWY. Bayard = 1/2 Mile
- Repair Nebraska 59 HWY-4800 = 4 Miles TBD scope of repairs
- Reclaim and Chipseal 4400 Arizona-Alabama = 1Mile
- Chipseal and repair as needed Arizona 59 HWY- 4400 = 1 Mile
- Chipseal and repair as needed Arizona 59 HWY- 3400 = 4 Miles
- Chipseal and repair bad spots 2600 Nebraska-Hawaii = 6 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed Hawaii 2200-3000 = 4 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed 3000 Hawaii-Delaware
- Chipseal and repair as needed 2200 Hawaii-Delaware
- Chipseal and repair bad spots 2400 Delaware-Alabama = 4 miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed Georgia 2200- Humboldt city limits =5 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed Delaware 1250-5000 = 18 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed 1600 = 4 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed 800 =5 Miles
- Curves at 900- Georgia
- Curves at 600 – Hawaii
- Overlay 1400 Iola City limits – Humboldt = 5 Miles
- Overlay 1200 Humboldt City limits – Alabama = 4 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed 600 54 HWY – Hawaii
- Tear old concrete HWY out and put back to gravel Nebraska 200-400 = ½ Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed Montana 1400-1650 = 2 Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed 1650 Nebraska-Montana =1 Mile
- Chipseal and repair as needed Nebraska 1650-2800 = 5 ½ Miles
- Chipseal and repair as needed Folville area
- Chipseal and repair as needed Housing additions
- Burris
- Country Club
- Berg
- Mc Atee
- St Johns

The items listed are not in any order. Jeremy stated he may possibly need to purchase the mower max, semi and lowboy, and bucket truck. Discussion followed.

Jeremy reported on a property just outside city limits of Mildred. The landowner is requesting the county to clear out the trees, create and maintain an access road to his property. Discussion followed.

Jeremy would like to recognize Jeff Jackson on his 24 years of service. Jeff will be retiring the end of this month.

Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, presented her 5-year plan.

REGISTER OF DEEDS 5 YEAR PLAN

- Color Plotter that scans and prints
- Color Copier that can do up to ledger size

Misty stated the copier is probably higher priority at this point in time.

Darolyn "Crickett" Maley, Treasurer, explained that she has 8 computers that needs replaced this year due to windows upgrades. Then over the next couple years she will need to replace her motor vehicle printers.

Another expense she explained was that she has an employee who will possibly be retiring next year so there will be payouts associated with that.

Crickett discussed the motor vehicle fund and how it works. She is requesting the commissioner's approval to not transfer the ending funds from 2024 to county general but to keep them and use to help purchase the printers and computers. Discussion followed.

Chelsie Decker, 911 Director, presented the 3-5 plan.

3-5 Year Plan

Dispatch:

- Server Replacements / Mirrored Servers
 - Eliminate down time for server updates/reboots.
 - Redundancy
- Radio Encryption
- Floor Replacement

Emergency Management:

- New Truck (2028)
 - Current truck is 2018 and 100k+ miles
- Encrypted Radios
- Floor Replacement

Chelsie explained what a mirrored server would be needed for. Discussion followed on her items.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, explained her 3-to-5-year plan. She has started the process of purchasing the newer election software for better reporting. In doing so, she would like to start replacing her Express Vote machines within the next 3 to 5 years. Discussion followed.

Shannon requested on behalf of Debbie Bearden for Farmers Market to use the southeast corner of the Lola Square for weekly farmers' market. This would run from May 1st to September, 5:05 pm – 7:15 pm. Commissioners approved this request.

Shannon presented Resolution 202504 and Proclamation.

RESOLUTION #202504 AND PROCLAMATION

Declaration of a State of Local Disaster Emergency for Allen County, Kansas:

WHEREAS on the 14th day of March, 2025, the Board of Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas finds that certain conditions have caused, or eminently threaten to cause wide-spread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property in disaster proportion in Allen County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service in Wichita had issued a HIGH WIND WARNING, a RED FLAG WARNING, and the Grassland Fire Danger Index was CATASTROPHIC;

WHEREAS, such fire conditions created a danger to the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within the borders of Allen County, Kansas;

WHEREAS, a verbal disaster declaration was made to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management State Emergency Operations Center on 03/14/2025.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas:

That the Board of County Commissioners of Allen County, Kansas, under and by virtue of the authority vested in it by K.S.A. 1976 Supp. 48-932, does hereby PROCLAIM that a State of Local Disaster Emergency exists.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that the area within the border of Allen County, Kansas covered by this resolution is the entire area of Allen County, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said Board has all rights and/or powers to perform such functions as are vested in said Board by and through the provisions of the Kansas Emergency Preparedness Act of 1975.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED that this resolution shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days from the verbal declaration to the Kansas Division of Emergency Management unless terminated earlier or renewed by consent of the governing body.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THIS 25th DAY OF MARCH, 2025

Commissioner Lee moved to approve Resolution 202504 and Proclamation. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Terry Call, Zoning Administrator, discussed the property that Allen County owns that Ferguson's want to lease. He has drafted a lease and is continuing to speak with FEMA about requirements. Discussion followed.

Travis Baughn, Allen County Rural Fire Department, reported that they have acquired \$160,000.00 worth in equipment, and because of grants only had to pay \$11,000.00.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) Letter from Bideau Law Offices on behalf of FMS North America
- b) Iola Senior Citizens Inc, Annual Report 2024
- c) Draft Lease Agreement between Allen County and Benjamin & Jennifer Ferguson
- d) February monthly report for District Court

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$110,503.92
- b) Payroll – Vacation carryover request for 35 hours for Deb Regehr
- c) Payroll – February Process Service for Brian Plumlee
- d) Abatements – PP, Value 4,838, \$711.04, Year 2022
PP, Value 4,892, \$727.24, Year 2023
PP, Value 7,418, \$1,126.28, Year 2024
TR, Value 291, \$41.64, Year 2024
Oil, Value 47, \$6.92, Year 2021
Oil, Value 71, \$10.24, 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 7:41 p.m. until Tuesday April 1, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

Jerry Daniels, Chairperson

David Lee, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner