

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, Robert Johnson, County Counselor, Rick Aiello, employee, Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Sarah Haney led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the May 5, 2026, meeting.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented pick up broom bids for the airport.

**Pickup Broom
May 12, 2026**

Company	Model	Price	Warranty	Delivery
Foley Equipment Chanute, KS	BP118C	\$10,500.00	Standard 12 month	In Stock
Prime Industrial USA New Jersey	BD116517	\$10,192.00	Standard 12 month	
Diamond Tool Store West Palm Beach, FL	BR-002014	\$13,390.00	Standard 12 month	

Phone bids.

Discussion followed. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve the bid from Foley for \$10,500.00. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Mitch reported he wants to start pricing a new excavator, with hopes that he will have it by next summer. He will keep the current one as a spare.

Mitch reported the new loader should be here next month.

Mitch stated the compactor is down right now, it will be a couple weeks before it can be fixed.

Mitch asked if he could start looking for a mechanic for the landfill and a helper for the airport. He has it budgeted for next year, but he would have enough in this year's budget to cover it. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, presented bids for porta potties for the outlying barns.

Porta Pottie

Elsmore Barn, Moran Barn & Humboldt Barn

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Company	Price
Pink Potties Iola, KS	\$315.00 per month
Seely Plumbing Chanute, KS	\$380.00 per month
Terry McDonald Gas, KS	\$600.00 per month
Southeastern Septic Buffalo, KS	\$798.75 per month

Phones bids.

This will include weekly cleanings. Discussion followed. Commissioner Brocker moved to approve Pink Potties for \$315.00 per month. Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Jeremy stated they had finished reclaiming Savonburg. He explained the areas he will be moving them next. Discussion followed.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Kailee Hansen, Intern, joined the meeting.

Jeremy presented his 2027 proposed budgets. Jeremy explained a few areas that increased on the noxious weed budget. Chemicals and then the finishing touches on the new truck were some of those increases. The public works budget was discussed next. Paving and road materials increased as well as budgeting to replace 3 vehicles. The special bridge budget had the signs and posts amount increase due to a new rule from the state. Jeremy explained. Quarry budget had the capital outlay increased for the potential of new equipment.

Judge Daniel Crietz and Dina Morrison joined the meeting.

Chairman Lee thanked Jeremy for the residents of 3400 St. Commissioner Daniels asked about striping. Discussion followed on roads.

Judge Crietz and Dina presented their proposed 2027 budgets. Dina explained there is no change from last year to this year. Dina also explained they have received a grant to create a new self-help center, an area where citizens can come in to do research. It would consist of a desk, computer and printer.

Marcia Davis, Thrive Allen County, reported on the Humboldt community conversation. Likes: job opportunities, bike trail, newspaper, Humboldt promise, sports complex, lots of events, Alumni banquet. Concerns: roads, noise ordinance, closing of pharmacy, mid-range housing, tire shop and mechanic closed, more accessible sidewalks, civic engagement, affordable rentals, more youth activities, unkempt yards. Dreams: indoor swimming pool, growth in population, community calendar. Top ideas: communication, civic involvement, community pride (supporting local, cleaning up yards).

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, presented the proposed 2027 budgets for courthouse general, ambulance and election. She explained courthouse general increase was in wages/benefits. The ambulance budget had line items decreased to help offset the increase in contract price; overall budget was decreased by \$9,270.00. Shannon then explained the large increase in the election fund. Changes coming in the next couple of years are making it so we need to start the increase now, and not all at once. Discussion followed.

Crickett presented budgets. Her treasurer's budget decreased and she explained why. She then discussed the auto license budget and how it is state funded, not county funded.

Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, presented information on Kansas Micro-Internship program. Project based internships. Fully funded through Kansas commerce. Kailee is a micro-intern. Camille explained what this project means. Discussion followed.

Kailee Hansen, micro-intern, introduced herself. Business administration major and ACCC. She joined the internship to learn more about economic development as she did not know much about it.

Robert Johnson, County Counselor, reported the hearing for the tax sale was last week, it was approved. He is working with Crickett to set a date, most likely the last part of June.

Chairman Lee reported he has spoken to Bourbon County Sheriff about Enterprise Fleet. He also spoke to a commissioner in Linn County. He stated he feels like we should wait a year and reach back out to these counties and see how the program works for them. Commissioner Daniels states he feels the price tag is still a little too steep for him. Commissioner Brocker agreed.

Commissioner Daniels spoke about the overall increase in requested budgets. More discussion will happen once the county valuation is available.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) April hospital financials
- b) April dept report: Court, corrected Public Works, Noxious Weed

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – 5/7/2026-\$285,435.33 & 5/11/2026-\$18,414.45
- b) Payroll – Enrollment: Hershyl Weaver
- c) Payroll – Reimbursement: Shannon Patterson, mileage
- d) Clerks Journal Entries - #15, 16
- e) Abatements – RE, Value 3,343, \$689.88, Year 2025

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Daniels moved to adjourn, Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. until Tuesday, May 19, 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. Brocker, Commissioner