

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.

Sarah Haney, Iola Register, Robert Johnson, II, County Counselor, Mitchell Garner, Public Works Director, Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, Rick Aiello, employee, Camille Lavon, Allen County Economic Development Director, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Jeremy Hopkins led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on May 19, 2026.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. There was none.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, presented wage information for the mechanic position at the landfill as well as adding an additional employee at the airport. Chairman Lee asked if the new position at airport or even the mechanic could be used for recycling as well. Discussion followed on the schedules.

Mitch reported he has been speaking with the city in regard to recycling. He has a container that is separated into 4 sections; 3 will hold cardboard, one will hold "office paper" waste that could be shredded. A separate container will be needed for plastics. The containers will be housed over by the 911 communications center. The city will provide shelter over the containers. Discussion followed.

Jeremy Hopkins, Road & Bridge Director, reported he still looking for an additional seasonal mower. After speaking with Joe Works, he wants to wait another year to do the work at the addition.

Marilyn Logan, GROW Council, thanking the commission for the use of the courthouse square for the food festival. They are making this an annual event on the first Saturday in May next year as well.

Marilyn reported they have applied for a 2-year grant worth 150,000. She explained the study this grant will allow them to administer. The final stage would be developing a long-term plan for Allen County. Discussion followed.

Floyd Thompson, Biblesta Committee, joined the meeting.

Mandy Moyer, Bowlus, presented information on what the county's contributions help with. Commissioner Daniels stated his opinion on setting their funding to a stable number as opposed to 1 mill, as that number changes every year. Discussion followed.

Floyd Thompson, Biblesta Committee, came to request contributions again this year towards Biblesta. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve a \$1500.00 donation. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Chairman Lee thanked Ron and his crew for taking such great care of the courthouse lawn.

Chairman Lee stated there is a gentleman in Mildred interested in purchasing a piece of property that used to belong to the City of Mildred before they unincorporated. Discussion followed on who owns that property now.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 10 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:38 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:48 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go back into executive session for 5 minutes for Trade Secrets. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:49 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, Camille Lavon, Economic Development Director, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:54a.m. No action taken.

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers - \$285,085.66
- b) Payroll – Enrollment: Gage Rinck, Shelly Crane
- c) Payroll – Reimbursement: Misty Rice, mileage
- d) Payroll – Vacation Carryover: Jason Trego, 24.75 hrs
- e) Clerk's Journal Entries – #17

With no further business to come before the board, Commissioner Brocker moved to adjourn, Commissioner Daniels seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. until Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the courthouse.

David Lee, Chairperson

Jerry Daniels, Commissioner

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk

John F. Brocker, Commissioner