

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, Danielle Louk, County Appraiser, Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, Rick Aiello, employee, Steve Strickler, Allen County Recycling, and Paul Zirjacks, citizen, was present to observe the meeting.

Rick Aiello led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners approved the minutes of the regular meeting on April 28, 2026.

Chairman Lee asked for public comment. Steve Strickler, Allen County Recycling, asked where we stand on recycling. Discussion followed.

Mitch Garner, Public Works Director, reported that the compactor that is being rebuilt is going to paint this week. Discussion followed.

Mitch stated he should have the bids for the bobcat pick up broom next week. He then explained what that will do.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, joined the meeting.

Misty Rice, Register of Deeds, presented her 2027 proposed budget. She reported her increase was roughly \$700. Discussion followed.

Shannon Patterson, County Clerk, presented her proposed 2027 clerk's budget and services to the elderly budget. She explained the increase needed in the clerks was due to postage for mailing the revenue neutral rate notices with no known reimbursements in 2027 and increase in payroll/benefits. As for the services to the elderly budget, the main increase in adding to the potential cost for purchasing our own vehicle for transportation should KDOT award the 5310-grant funding to ART. Discussion followed.

Danielle reported she noticed a few errors in the NRP and she will be correcting those.

Cole Herder, Humboldt City Administrator, presented some information on the League of Kansas Municipalities. He explained the benefits of keeping our membership with them. Discussion followed.

Arlyn Briggs, citizen by phone, reported his original problem has been resolved, thank you, that is a good sign. He then spoke on the tax sale. Bob Johnson, County Counselor, explained what happens when a property is sold at the tax sale. Discussion followed.

Chairman Lee reported there was a business that reached out and is interested in leasing the Moran clinic. Commissioner Brocker stated the hospital board is working on this.

Chairman Lee reported he has reached out to KAC to see who they recommend for a consultant for the sales tax question he would like to see on the ballot. Chairman Lee stated he has reached out to Mike Taylor.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, and Cory Isbell, Fire Chief, joined the meeting.

Michael Burnett, EMS Director, reported on the last quarter. He said they had to send a monitor off to be fixed. \$1377.00 to be fixed. Discussion followed.

Michael stated May 11 will be his last day with Allen County. He has accepted the EMS Director position with Crawford County. He is recommending appointing Fire Chief Corey Isbell as the interim director. Commissioner Daniels moved to appoint Corey Isbell as interim and approve the Chairmans' signature on the appointment form. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

Ed Miller, St. John's Catholic Church, joined the meeting. Ed is requesting the use to the bandstand and grounds on June 7, 2026. That weekend in the Catholic Church is Corpus Christi and there will be a Eucharistic procession and adoration. They are wanting to make this more of a public and visible event. Commissioner Daniels moved to approve use of the bandstand. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0.

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 9:31 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:41 a.m. No action taken.

Commissioner Daniels moved to go into executive session for 5 minutes for Attorney Client. Commissioner Brocker seconded; motion passed 3-0-0. The time is now 9:42 a.m. Those present will be Commissioners, and Robert Johnson II, Allen County Counselor. Commissioners reconvened at 9:47 a.m. No action taken.

The commissioners are choosing not to renew membership to the League of Kansas Municipalities currently.

Commissioners reviewed the following documents:

- a) April fund status report
- b) April dept reports: Attorney, County Clerk, Public Works, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, Treasurer
- c) Montgomery County's notice of termination of the Southeast Kansas Regional Juvenile Detention Facility Agreement

Commissioners approved the following documents:

- a) Clerk's Vouchers – \$308,113.60
- b) Payroll – Enrollment: Corey Gilmore
- c) Payroll – Vacation Carryover: Jimmy Skaggs 16.5 hrs
- d) Payroll – Mileage reimbursement: Terry Call
- e) Abatements – RE, Value 13,125, \$ 2,164.20, Year 2025

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 9:53 a.m. until Tuesday, May 12, 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