

MINUTES

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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session
beginning at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn upon completion of business

DESCRIPTION	SPECIAL SESSION
DATE	June 25, 2018
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Jay Begg Cory Noonan
TIME:	
	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
6:04 p.m.	<p>Public Hearing – Motor Vehicle License Tax Fee – ORC 4504.15 @ Allen County Engineer, 1501 N. Sugar Street, Lima</p> <p>Brion Rhodes, Allen County Engineer, stated that his responsibility is to administer all aspects of design, construction and maintenance of local roads and bridges. Rhodes stated that he is responsible for 377 bridges and 352 miles of roadway. Due to increase in costs and decrease of revenue, this has become an impossible task. The county has experienced flooding, which has caused culverts being destroyed as well as bridges. Load limit and closures have been placed on bridges. Currently there are 10 bridges with load limits and 3 bridges that are closed. There is cracking pavement, complete base failures and pot holes on the roadways. The funding is not there to do the work. Bridges average about 50 years life expectancy. The County should be replacing 8 bridges every year and the county is averaging 3 bridges per year. The last 8 years, with State and Federal Funds – the county has replaced 24 bridges but only 4 were replaced with local funds. This year, the county is planning on replacing 2 bridges. Paving of roadways lasts about 15 years. The county should be paving 24 miles of roadway and the county is averaging 4 miles. This year the county is</p>

paving 3.1 miles. This is due to inflation and funding hasn't been increased for a decade to keep up with the costs. Every job has labor, material and equipment. Labor has increased over the years. Equipment and material has doubled in the last 10-15 years and almost tripled. Paving costs in 2000 - \$25,000 a mile and currently almost \$70,000 a mile. Permissive license plate fee is 5% of the county engineer budget. The majority of the budget comes from license plate fee - 42% and the remaining 38% comes from gasoline and diesel fuel tax. The permissive license plate fee has not been increased in 50 years, since implemented in 1968. Ohio license plate fee - 42% hasn't increased in 30 years. Federal gas tax hasn't increased in 25 years and state gas tax hasn't increased in 13 years. These are all set dollar amounts per license plate registration so these do not increase without legislative approval. Rhodes is requesting the Commissioners pass two (2) separate \$5 permissive license plate fees under Section 4504 ORC. Section 4504 ORC has four separate permissive license fees that can be added on the county level. Section 4504.02 ORC was passed back in 1968 and generates about \$350,000.00 a year. 4504.15 and 4504.24 ORC is being requested for approval by the Commissioners. Section 4504.15 would generate \$240,000.00. This is due that the monies are split with the municipalities, cities and villages. The city would receive 50% and the county would receive 50%. The townships would receive 30% and the county would receive 70%. The City of Lima and the City of Delphos are excluded from this as they have already passed something comparable to 4504.15 ORC. Section 4504.24 ORC would generate approximately \$500,000.00 and the county would receive 100%. The permissive license fee can only be used for roads and bridges. The monies can be used for engineering, construction or loan repayments. These monies cannot be used for salaries, equipment, etc. The plan is to combine these monies with the current budget for roads and bridges. These monies could be used for 10.5 miles of additional paving, could pay for 1-2 small bridge projects or loan re-payments. Unfortunately due to lack of funding, the roads and bridges are deteriorating rapidly. These two (2) \$5 permissive license fees will assist with the funding issue.

Public comments/questions.

6:52 p.m.	RECESS
6:55 p.m.	Public Hearing - Motor Vehicle License Tax Fee - ORC

4504.24 @ Allen County Engineer, 1501 N. Sugar Street, Lima

No one present

6:55 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by: Kelli A. Singhaus
Kelli A. Singhaus, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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Jay Begg

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