

MINUTES

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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL SESSION
DATE	September 14, 2021
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	<p>** The Commissioner's office will be open for in-person meetings. Social distancing requirements shall still be maintained.</p> <p>Allen County residents may also join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone.</p> <p>https://www.gotomeet.me/AllenCountyCommissioners</p> <p>You can also dial in using your phone. United States (Toll Free): <u>1 866 899 4679</u> United States: <u>+1 (571) 317-3116</u></p> <p>Access Code: 606-059-605</p>
	<p>PRESENT: Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert</p> <p>Cory Noonan was in attendance virtually and did not participate in discussion/voting.</p>
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:51 a.m.	<p>Staff/Update meeting</p> <p>Brittany Woods on behalf of Susan Wildermuth –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received email from Crossroads Crisis Center regarding tree planting for Domestic Violence on October 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at the Salvation Army. Requesting proclamation be presented. Commissioner Winegardner will present proclamation.

- Received letter from Kacie Paulin from Common Pleas Court. Payment for dues to the Ohio Supreme Court was returned to the county. Check has been paid in. Requesting monies be re-appropriated to their account. Commissioners approved to proceed.
- Received correspondence from Margie Murphy-Miller. Clerk of Courts salary amount was appropriated incorrectly per O.R.C. Requesting additional appropriation of \$1,303.00 in salary, \$182.42 in PERS and \$18.89 in Medicare. Commissioners approved to transfer the necessary funds.
- Received a check in the amount of \$5,866.99 for aggregation – administration fee for January, 2021 thru June, 2021. Questioned where to pay these monies into – general fund or capital fund. Commissioners requested to look at history of what fund this has been paid into in the past.

Brittany Woods –

- BWC claims update.
- Received tablet. Jason Patchet working on software app with Northwest Ohio Security.
- New representative for Ohio Deferred Compensation – Brent Tabler. Mr. Tabler will be presenting at the educational session next Wednesday for financial wellness.
- Invitation received for a ribbon cutting for the Hawthorne venue next Thursday at 5:30 p.m.
- Correspondence received from Crossroads Crisis Center for marriage license fees.
- CEBCO meeting – need to request averages on plans, including current plans.

Kelli Singhaus –

- Jason Patchet doesn't have much to report on Thursday and requested to cancel. Meeting is cancelled.
- Requested to cancel agenda meeting on September 28, 2021. Commissioners will still be in session. Commissioners authorized agenda meeting to be cancelled.
- Discussion regarding MOU Insurance Opt-Out – Blue Union.
- Discussion regarding Public Speaking Policy.

Brian Winegardner –

- Discussion regarding Township Trustee meeting last week as it relates to SB52. Requested townships to provide input as to designation area or no designation area. Four (4) townships not in attendance. Several townships were represented by one (1) individual. Recommended letter to be drafted to all trustees with power point to ensure communication is relayed to all township trustees.
- Jail Medical update. Sheriff's office and Kayla Campbell are supposed to be meeting today to discuss RFQ. Requested Kelli Singhaus to schedule a date a couple weeks out with all parties to further discuss.

Resolution #658-21. Define requirements for return to work after exposure to COVID-19 virus. Commissioner Winegardner moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. Commissioners are recommending that the CDC guidelines be followed for isolation/quarantine. This policy applies to the Allen County Commissioner's office and the departments they administer. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.

Beth Seibert –

- Received a phone call from Kenneth Sturgill, Public Defender. Mr. Sturgill expressed challenges with staffing issues and that the court system is being aggressive with backlog. Kelli Singhaus to set up meeting with Mr. Sturgill to further discuss.
- Met with Sarah Newland, Allen County Children Services Director, regarding Children Services Board. Need to have further conversation regarding Children Services Board appointment at the September 23, 2021 meeting.
- Received request to re-appoint two (2) ladies to the Regional Transit Authority. Commissioner Seibert will reach out to these individuals to check on board attendance, etc.
- Discussion regarding Burgess Group – Allen Soil and Water project. Commissioner Seibert is planning on viewing project next week. Commissioners authorized to proceed with final invoice.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided update on conversation with Joe Gearing, Allen County Engineer's office, regarding Baughman Ditch Project and meeting with the Ohio Department of Corrections and ODNR. ODNR can't compensate the Ohio Department of Corrections for land lost. ODNR is looking into a Great Lakes Improvement Grant which could possibly fund the entire project. Mr. Gearing still feels project is on the hook to compensate the Ohio Department of Corrections somehow. The H2Ohio funds is compensating the Ohio Department of Corrections for two (2) of the three (3) wetland areas. Commissioner Seibert believes the remaining wetland area could possibly be done through a perpetual conservation easement.
10:57 a.m.	RECESS
1:00 p.m.	<p>Update – Tom Berger Also present: Trevor Hubert – Lima News</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalizing contracts for Text 2 9-1-1. • Provided update on grants. The Emergency Management Performance Grant has not been received. This grant funds 50% of the budget. The department hasn't received official award on the Homeland Security Grants. County needs to submit project to state and will receive final award December/January. Looking at utilizing the funds for the purchase of a K9, robot to assist bomb squad and a drone for the Allen County S.W.A.T. Team/Bomb Squad. • Natural Preparedness Month is September 28, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. • 20th Anniversary LASER Group event on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. – Shawnee Township Fire Department. • Commissioner Seibert thanked Tom Berger for the report he provided on the regionalization of COVID stats. • EMA has mitigated PPE to facilities in the area. • Provided update on fair/utilization of observation tower.
1:19 p.m.	RECESS
2:00 p.m.	Interview – Cindy Leis re: Allen County Regional Airport Authority Board appointment

- Cindy Leis has had conversation with John Pisle, Board President, in regards to open seat on the board.
- Discussion on Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG) and how it connects with the Allen County Regional Airport Authority. The airport serves as a resource for AEDG.
- Good relationship with airport manager.
- Discussion on vacant land at airport and how AEDG could help with development.
- Discussion on by-laws and that this is a paid board.

2:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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