

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>September 20, 2022</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM</b>
	<p><b>** The Commissioner's office will be open for in-person meetings. Social distancing requirements shall still be maintained.</b></p> <p><b>Allen County residents may also join the meeting from a computer, tablet or smartphone.</b></p> <p><b><a href="https://www.gotomeet.me/AllenCountyCommissioners">https://www.gotomeet.me/AllenCountyCommissioners</a></b></p> <p><b>You can also dial in using your phone.</b>  <b>United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679</b>  <b>United States: +1 (571) 317-3116</b></p> <p><b>Access Code: 606-059-605</b></p>
	<p><b>PRESENT: Beth Seibert</b>  <b>Cory Noonan</b>  <b>Brian Winegardner</b></p>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED</b>
<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Elected Officials/Department Head Meeting re: 2023 Wellness Program—4<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom, 301 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45801—NOT RECORDED</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rachael Gilroy announced that Allen County will be receiving their fourth clean audit in a row -mentioned how important it is for all departments to work as a team to accomplish this</b></li> <li>• <b>General discussion on health insurance rates/plans for 2023—maintaining current plans with a 7.07% increase in cost</b></li> <li>• <b>General discussion on Wellness 2023 options</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion with Non-General Fund departments regarding Wellness 2023</b></li> </ul>

9:00 a.m.	<b>RECESS</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Joint Board Organizational Meeting Teleconference w/ Van Wert and Putnam counties re: West Jennings Creek</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please see Van Wert County Minutes</b></li> </ul>
8:45 a.m.	<b>RECESS</b>
9:33 a.m.	<b>Staff/Update Meeting</b>  <b>Sofia Snyder—</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ohio Safety Congress March 8, 2022-March 10, 2022</b> -will look at the schedule and possibly plan to attend</li> <li>• <b>Flu Shot Clinic Scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup></b> -Sanitary Engineer, County Engineer and the Courthouse</li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on HR Training/CORSA incentive requirements</b> -Need 1 Elected Official to attend CORSA University to hit 80% completion -will receive a savings of \$19,753.00 with a possible bonus of \$4,938.00 once we hit our incentive goals</li> </ul> <b>Kelli Singhaus—</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Received a request from the Coroner's office to increase Overtime Line by \$800.00</b> -Kelli Singhaus has asked Michelle Moeller to move funds from their Gasoline Line to Overtime Line</li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on eviction for McDonnell Street property costs from Attorney Dalton Smith</b> -review fee agreement that will be placed on agenda for approval</li> </ul> <b>Brittany Woods—</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Received a request for a meeting with the NAACP</b> -will work on scheduling</li> <li>• <b>Discussion on CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference December 7-9, 2022</b> -will block out the dates on calendar</li> <li>• <b>Provided a reminder of proclamation for Linda Hooks</b> -Commissioner Seibert will deliver</li> <li>• <b>Crossroads Crisis Center has requested a proclamation for October 18<sup>th</sup> at their Annual Tree Planting Ceremony</b> -One Commissioner will attend</li> <li>• <b>Board of Developmental Disabilities Chicken Dinners have been order—October 6<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>

**Beth Seibert—**

- **Review of Letter of Consideration for Jerome O’Neal re: T-Mobile Small Town Grant Program**
- **Regional Transit Authority Board member Robert Moening’s term is expiring—he is agreeable to another term and is valuable to the Board**
  - Commissioners are ok with him continuing on the Board
- **Discussion on OSU Extension office space location**
  - planning to meet with Dean Rehner to further discuss
- **Access Management Board discussion**
  - working with Kayla regarding Bill Degen to continue on the Board with no longer being a trustee
  - looking at options to replace Shane Coleman as he is no longer working at regional Planning Commission

**Cory Noonan—**

- **Provided an update on the meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads meeting regarding insurance/Wellness**
- **Discussion on incentive options for Wellness 2023/Insurance year 2024**
- **Discussion on options on payment of \$50 differential for Wellness 2022/Insurance year 2023**

**At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Winegardner made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Noonan. The roll was called and approved unanimously.**

**The Board of Commissioners went back into General Session at 10:44 a.m.**

- **Conversation was had regarding compensation for employees Union and Non-Union for Wellness year 2022/Insurance year 2023**
  - No decision was made today—plan to have a decision next Tuesday
  - looking at alternative ways to fund the \$50 differential for Wellness completers
  - Commissioner Noonan will work with Kelli Singhaus at potential options
  - current option does not suffice the Union contract at the Sheriff’s Office, so other options need to be looked into
- **Review of Sales Tax report provided by the Auditors Office**
- **Discussion on Baughman Project funding**
  - H2Ohio funding is a grant
  - GLRI-still waiting on response-could possibly be a reimbursable grant -will need to take a note out to cover if this is a reimbursable grant

	<p><b>Brian Winegardner—</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Received a call from Greg Kessen, Perry Township Trustee regarding the Water Board—new Board Member was much appreciated and was inquiring if there was any more interest for the possible At-Large member seat that is still needing filled</b>  <b>-Commissioner Winegardner provided the other two applicants to him</b>  <b>-Mr. Kessen also expressed interest in a seat on the Airport Board if a seat becomes available</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion regarding Dispatch Contracts</b>  <b>-Mr. Kessen expressed concern that “Police Dispatching” was not included in the heading of the contracts, only states Fire and EMS Dispatching</b>  <b>-the contracts are for Fire and EMS—Police dispatching is already being provided</b>  <b>- will look into updating contracts to state “Safety Services Dispatching”</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>11:09 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>11:19 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>ARPA Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on Safety Service salary reimbursement to the General Fund through ARPA funds</b>  <b>-review of what positions would potentially be eligible for reimbursement</b></li> <li>• <b>Brian Winegardner will work with the Sheriff’s Office on obtaining information for justification letter to Bricker and Eckler</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on possibility of installing a shooting range for the Sheriff’s Office</b>  <b>-will continue discussions with Sheriff’s Office on what would be needed</b></li> <li>• <b>Beth Seibert will work on a justification letter to send to Bricker and Eckler in regards to possible funding for the Baughman Project</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>12:10 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>1:01 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Brad Niemeyer—Sanitary Engineer Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provided an update on Shawnee Project</b></li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on Brookhaven Pump Station Project</b>  <b>-Project awarded to Degen Excavating</b></li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on Gomer Project</b>  <b>-hope to have all the pumps installed by November</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on residential connection to sewer requests</b></li> <li>• <b>Brad Niemeyer has made multiple requests to the Village of Elida for written acknowledgement of the County’s offer and has received no response</b></li> <li>• <b>Personnel Discussion</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Ron Meyer will be starting next Monday as Assistant Sanitary Engineer</li> <li>-Discussion on proposed personnel reconstruction</li> <li>-Commissioners are ok with Brad Niemeyer moving forward with his proposed changes of Operations Manager</li> <li>• Discussion on other open position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Electrical Technician needed –would like to hire a Journeyman</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion on GIS needs</li> <li>• Discussion on Wellness incentive for 2023</li> <li>• Discussion on recent Allen Water District Board appointment</li> </ul>
<p>2:08 p.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>2:13 p.m.</p>	<p>Joe Patton and Josh Parker—Department of Job and Family Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Josh Parker provided a review of the fiscal report</li> <li>• Discussion on utility costs—maintaining similar to last year</li> <li>• Discussion on Employee Resource Portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Katie Metzger has sent information to Commissioners for a template to use for our Wellness/Insurance information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion on Marketing Coordinator position with Area 7—posting has been put out</li> <li>• Discussion on proposed uses for Business Resource funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-potential billboard locations discussion</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion on staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-would like to place an increase to their entry level positions – \$20/hour</li> <li>-propose \$1/hour increase now and then \$0.25/hour at the end of the year across the board—this would get entry level positions to \$20/hour</li> <li>-propose to change when employee receives third week of vacation—would like to have at year 5 rather than year 8</li> <li>-the proposed increases can be sustained through Department of Job and Family Services budget</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Commissioner Seibert and Commissioner Winegardner are comfortable with Joe Patton and Josh Parker moving forward with the proposed increase of \$1/hour</li> </ul>
<p>3:07 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>

Submitted by: Brittany N. Woods  
Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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