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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	August 29, 2023
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): 1 866 899 4679 United States: +1 (571) 317-3116</p> <p>Access Code: 606-059-605</p>
	<p>PRESENT Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert Cory Noonan</p>
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED
9:00 a.m.	AGENDA MEETING
	PLEDGE - Cory Noonan
	<p style="text-align: center;">APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED</p> <p><i>Commissioner Noonan moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and the agenda was approved unanimously.</i></p>

	<p>ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL:</p> <p>1. Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Resolution #614-23. Approve travel expenses. b. Resolution #615-23. Authorize a warrant of transfer from the General Fund 1011 to various ditch funds. <p><i>Commissioner Winegardner moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolutions were approved unanimously.</i></p>
	<p>RESOLUTIONS/SIGNATURES:</p> <p>1. Resolution #616-23. Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. <i>Commissioner Seibert moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Noonan. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></p> <p>2. Resolution #617-23. Enter into a lease agreement with Grzybowski Law Office for office space located at the City Loan Building. <i>Commissioner Noonan moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. This is for a one (1) year lease. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></p>
	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <p>Please refer to Public Comment Policy and Application at https://commissioners.allencountyohio.com/public-comment-policy-request-application/</p>
<p>9:02 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Staff Update</p> <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Vision Insurance renewal -plans and rates -Sofia Clifton will ask Glenn Cox to provide more information on the Light Care add-on option • Provided an overview of changes to the Wellness program for 2023 that were provided at the Wellness Coordinators meeting last week

-Anthem will be the provider of the Wellness site through the Sydney app, rather than the previously used HealthWorks

-Wellness incentives will be provided in the form of a gift card that employees will earn as they complete items such as going to the dentist, eye doctor, yearly physical, flu shot, etc.

-Sofia Clifton will provide additional information as it comes available

- **Cory Noonan provided discussion on the proposed increase to insurance rates for 2024**

-\$1.5M of member equity was used to pay down the rates

-rates will be provided by CEBCO this Friday

- **Received a phone call from Jim Enneking, Bluffton Chamber of Commerce**

-provided dates for the Commissioners to come and speak at their monthly meeting

Kelli Singhaus—

- **The proposal for AhelioTech was signed last week and it will be a few weeks out for the transition to occur**

-Kelli Singhaus will reach out to Dave Stratton, AEDG, to let him know of the changes in hosting

- **Budget letter was sent out yesterday and have began scheduling budget hearings**

- **Discussion on Courtview next stage maintenance costs**

-Commissioner Noonan is looking into and will discuss further

Brittany Woods—

- **Received requests for proclamations for Kinship Month and the Marine Corps Birthday**

-will prepare the proclamations

- **Received an invitation to the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant Tour on Monday, October 16th**

-the Commissioners are unavailable to attend

- **Discussion on Farm Science review on September 19th**

-the Commissioners will let me know if they would like to attend

Beth Seibert—

- **Discussion on the Law Library Board**
 - Commissioners have two (2) appointments to that Board and would like to appoint JaMesha Williamson and Ken Sturgill
 - review of the other three appointments
 - Sofia Clifton will schedule an interview with Ms. Williamson
- **Provided an overview of the meeting had with County Drainage Department and the calculation of assessments on projects**
 - Brittany Woods has scheduled a Joint Board meeting for approval as said assessments
- **Discussion on the Two-Stage Ditch program**
 - funds have been approved for Allen County
 - Commissioner Seibert has suggested the County Engineer's office reach out to Lucas County and discuss how they are completing their projects
 - Commissioners will plan to continue the conversation on the possibility of moving forward with the proposed Two-Stage Ditch projects and how the projects be placed on permanent maintenance once information is received from the County Engineer's office
- **Received an invitation to attend a meeting at OSU Lima on September 25th with Putnam County and Auglaize County Commissioners**
 - the Commissioners will discuss to see who is available to attend
- **Discussion on Section 125**
 - Commissioner Noonan has reached out to CEBCO for more information
- **Received a phone call from Greg Stolly stating he has a building available**
 - Commissioners are not interested at this time

Brian Winegardner—

- **Theresa Schnipke has offered the Commissioners tables and chairs for the agenda room**
- **Discussion on the Transportation Improvement Development (TID) Board funding changes**
 - audits will now be needed to be paid from the TID Board
 - conversations are being had with the County Auditor on how to move forward with this

	<p>Cory Noonan—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on letter of opposition- Birch Solar is appealing the Supreme Court -requesting continued support of opposition by the Dunkman's <p>Beth Seibert (Cont.)—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a Save the Date for AEDG's annual event on November 15th
<p>10:48 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>11:01 a.m.</p>	<p>County Projects Discussion</p> <p>Brittany Woods—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the amendments to the contracts with WDC to include Phase One and Surveying -will be placing amendment n agenda for approval Thursday <p>Kelli Singhaus—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Health Department software purchase -funds were upfronted by the Health Department and they are seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$8,400.00 -not all appropriated funds have been spent -may have use for unused funds for data conversion • Will be increasing the PO for the WDC contract to include Phase 1 and Surveying costs <p>Brian Winegardner—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion and review of CSEA Building renderings -discussion on the size of space desired -Commissioners will need to discuss with Vicki Tarr on scaling back in some areas or reconfiguring spaces <p>At 11:45 a.m. Commissioner Seibert left the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brittany Woods will request WDC Group to provide cost of the most recent rendering for the CSEA building with a finished basement

11:54 p.m.	RECESS
1:23 p.m.	<p>Update – Joe Patton – Department of Job and Family Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of the fiscal report -review of increases to the budget • Review of Neighbor to Neighbor program through AEP -only county that administers this program -looking into doing away with administering the program—believe WOCAP could take over the administration program -Joe Patton will further discuss with AEP • Provided the Commissioners with copies of the Annual Report -review of the new information provided in the annual report • Have provided a \$500.00 sponsorship to MakerFest and will be participating • Joe Patton requested to enter executive session to discuss compensation of a public employee <p>At 1:31 p.m. Commissioner Noonan moved to go into executive session pursuant to 121.22 (g)(1) to consider compensation of a public employee with Joe Patton present during executive session. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Back in general session at 1:54 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion was had during executive session in regards to salary adjustments • The Commissioners approve a \$1.00 increase per hour October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 for current staff -Joe Patton will provide information to Brittany Woods to be placed on the agenda for approval • Discussion on retire/rehire -will continue discussion once the Commissioners have their internal meeting to discuss next week
1:56 p.m.	RECESS
2:00 p.m.	<p>Bid Opening-Crime Prevention Platform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Bid Received from Infinite Protection LTD -Gary Hook from the Allen County Sheriff's office will review

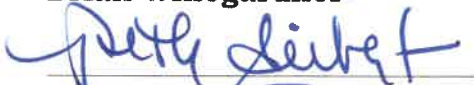
2:03 p.m.

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Submitted by: 
Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners


Brian Winegardner


Beth Seibert


Cory Noonan