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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 5, 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): <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 Cory Noonan</p>
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:30 a.m.	<p>Staff Update</p> <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on VSP benefits -provided more information on offered LightCare benefit -Commissioners believe moving forward with our current plans, rather than adding LightCare at this time • Discussion on potential settlement on a high claimant BWC claim

-Attorney Kurt Kaufman believes offering a settlement would be a good option
-Sedgwick suggested offering a settlement of \$15,000.00, which would be paid through BWC
-Commissioners agree, and Sofia Clifton will have Attorney Kurt Kaufman present offer to claimant and their attorney

- **Wellness 2023 is complete**
 - 52% completion rate**
 - currently working on appeals received**
 - will provide complete list of completers to the Auditors Office and CEBCO**
- **Discussion on Wellness 2024**
 - review of Anthem Engagement Package that will be used as the Wellness platform for 2024**
 - discussion on desired requirements for Wellness 2024**
 - this new platform will eliminate the appeals process in the future**
- **Provided an update on a claim from a non-county employee at the Board of Elections**
 - individual tripped and reinjured a neck and shoulder injury**
 - Sofia Clifton has notified CORSA, and the individual has been on contact with Sofia Clifton as well -CORSA will work with individual**

Kelli Singhaus—

- **Discussion on plow and salt spreaders for Building and Grounds vehicles through Enterprise**
 - equipment could be kept at the end of the lease if the county wishes to do so**
 - Commissioners agree to have the plows and salt spreaders installed on the vehicles through Enterprise**
 - Kelli Singhaus will notify Enterprise and Jason Patchet**
- **Received a quote from the Sheriff's Office for Vance's Law Enforcement for ammunition and munitions-\$19,874.30**
 - Commissioners will further discuss with Chief Mohler tomorrow**
- **Review of proposed revisions to the Personnel Policy**
 - Discussion on lunches (paid vs. unpaid)**
 - will need to include in the policy how many hours are needed to be worked to receive a paid lunch**

-Commissioners ask Kelli Singhaus to reach out to other counties to see how they handle

- **Discussion on Section 125 Plan**
-Commissioner Noonan provided an overview of other counties Section 125 Plans

Brittany Woods—

- **Discussion on damage claims on the Baughman Project**
-Brittany Woods will be following up with the landowner and stating that it was brought up for discussion during the Final Hearing, but they were not present to present any evidence, therefore it was determined no damages were owed
- **Received notification that Board of Developmental Disabilities' Annual Chicken BBQ will be Thursday, October 5th**





Beth Seibert—

- **Discussion on an invite received to the Planning Board at the Justice Center-September 20th**
-Commissioner Noonan will plan to attend
- **Discussion on potential Children Services Board Appointment, Tiffany Ward, received from Director Newland**
-Sofia Clifton will schedule an interview with the Commissioners
- **Discussion on upcoming Joint Board meeting re: Blanchard River Stream Enhancement Project**
-discussion on funding of maintenance for said project
-general discussion on preparation for the Joint Board meeting
- **Discussion on Administration of CDBG funds**
-LARPC believes that there are no Administrative Funds for LACRPC to draw down, and believes that Administration of CDBG should possibly be returned to the Commissioners Office
-Kelli Singhaus and Beth Seibert will further research

Cory Noonan—

- **Discussion on an email received in regards to the AEDG project in American Township**
-Commissioner Noonan will follow up
- **Provided an overview of CEBCO Renewal meeting last week**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -review of loss ratio -review of claims removed from Allen County's experience due to being above \$125,000.00—costs above \$125,000.00 is absorbed by the pool of members in CEBCO -Health insurance industry average is currently up 7.7% from last year -Allen County will have an increase of 1.3% for 2024 insurance premiums -Sofia Clifton and Cory Noonan will work on scheduling a meeting with the Elected Officials and Department Heads to discuss
<p>11:03 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>11:10 a.m.</p>	<p>County Projects Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on obtaining an additional extension with Mr. Heaphy and Mr. Hefner for the properties to be purchased upon receiving the Phase 1 results • Discussion on surveying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brittany Woods will work with Chris Widener on scheduling • Kelli Singhaus and Brittany Woods will work on preparing for closing with Rachael Gilroy and Kayla Campbell • Review of RFQ for the Veterans Garage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -will plan to have on agenda next week • Discussion on CSEA renderings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Chris Widener will be preparing new cost estimates for the latest renderings -Vicki Tarr is also reviewing the renderings to see if there is any changes to make to lessen the building size • Discussion on grindings for the fairgrounds for the Veterans tent area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Troy Elwer has a Board meeting tonight to discuss
<p>11:59 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Amy Hoffman-Palmer Energy-Review of Electric Aggregation Renewal RFP Results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Hoffman provided an overview of the RFP's for Electric Aggregation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -out of six RFP's sent out, only two responded – Dynegy and Energy Harbor -currently with Energy Harbor at 0.045

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy Hoffman recommends going with a 24-month rate, with a term of December 2023-December 2025 -The Commissioners authorize Amy Hoffman to refresh rates for Dynegy and Energy Harbor on September 12th to ensure the best rate is obtained prior to entering into contract with either Dynegy or Energy Harbor
1:20 p.m.	RECESS
2:00 p.m.	<p>Regional Transit Authority Board Appointment Interview - Brad Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad Taylor provided an introduction of himself • General discussion on the Regional Transit Authority Board and Mr. Taylor's interest in serving on said board
2:19 a.m.	RECESS
2:32 p.m.	<p>Retire/Rehire Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on possible revisions to the Retire/Rehire Policy • Review of the ORC as it pertains to retire/rehire • Discussion on previous retire/rehire employees and how the process was handled • Commissioners will discuss with department heads with current employees looking into retire/rehire • No revisions to the retire/rehire policy will be made at this time
3:07 p.m.	ADJOURN
	<p>Submitted by: <u></u> Brittany N. Woods, Clerk</p> <p>Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners</p> <p><u></u> Brian Winegardner</p> <p><u></u> Beth Seibert</p> <p><u></u> Cory Noonan</p>