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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

DESCRIPTION	SPECIAL SESSION
DATE	March 18, 2024
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: Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert</p>
TIME:	SPECIAL SESSION – RECORDED
8:00 a.m.	<p>Various County Engineer Projects Discussion – Joe Gearing, Nathan Davis, Marcus VanMeter, Susan Wildermuth and Kelli Singhaus</p> <p>Brian Winegardner will be joining the meeting late due to previous engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Baughman Funding - \$410,367.37 is amount needed from the Commissioners to finish the project -Commissioners will have Kelli Singhaus move funds

At 8:28 a.m., Kelli Singhaus and Susan Wildermuth left the meeting

- **Discussion on Two-Stage Ditch Projects**
 - Three of Four projects issues have been resolved and are ready to move forward
 - discussion on the remainder potential Althaus project—no resolution to moving forward can be determined, and would like to send funds for this project back to State and move forward with the remaining projects –Commissioner Seibert would like to have discussion with Putnam County Commissioners before making a final decision to send funding back to the State
 - two of the property owners have agreed to pay for the maintenance assessments—County Engineer’s office will schedule meetings with them to discuss plans
 - discussion on next steps of scheduling viewing/hearing for the Bixel Project as the watershed will be assessed for maintenance assessments
- **Discussion on scheduling Final Hearings on Indianbrook Phase 2 and Dutch Hollow Ditch**
- **Discussion on Camden Ridge Subdivision Maintenance Hearing and Stevick Road Maintenance Hearing once projects are completed privately**
 - Discussion on possible Maintenance District for the Camden Ridge Subdivision, if project phases can be combined

At 8:59 a.m. Brian Winegardner entered the meeting

- Joe Gearing will further discuss with Shawnee Township on them potentially petitioning
- **Discussion on retaining wall in Delphos**
 - review of quotes for repair/replacement if current retaining wall were to collapse
 - best quote received was for \$30,000.00 to remove the existing retaining wall (after collapse) and replace with redi-rock
 - would have sufficient funds in Flat Fork Creek Fund to complete repair/replacement if collapse occurs this year
 - discussion on other properties and their proximity to the ditch
 - discussion on discussion/agreement with the landowner on what repairs/replacements are proposed once the wall collapses

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Stormwater Regulations and Design Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The proposed revised Stormwater Regulations have been simplified and design items have been removed from the regulations and a separate Design Manual has been created -discussion on having the townships adopt a resolution approving to be a part of the regulations -Joe Gearing will reach out to the townships on obtaining these resolutions adopting the County revised regulations • discussion/review on proposed Design Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -discussion on site plan review fee increase and implementing a bond -the Commissioners will further research the bonds before making a final decision on implementing a bond with site plan review requests • Discussion on MS4 Lawsuit/settlement funds in the amount of \$27,000.00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -discussion on proposed use of funds to be utilized on Apollo Retrofit -discussion on ideas for potentially utilizing the remainder funds for education, cleanup, wetland access, billboard or GIS mapping
<p>10:19 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>1:03 p.m.</p>	<p>Funding Discussion – County Engineer – Kelli Singhaus and Brion Rhodes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the Umbaugh Ditch reimbursement to the Ditch and Rotary Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brion Rhodes does not believe that his funds can be used to make correction/reimbursements to the Ditch and Rotary Funds -review and discussion on Attorney General opinions on what the County Engineer funds can be used for -Brion Rhodes stated that he does not have discretionary funds that could be utilized, all of his funds are dictated by code on what the funds can be used for -discussion on how this same mistake will not happen again in the future on other projects • Discussion on Cost Allocation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brion Rhodes does not believe that Motor Vehicle Registration fees should be used to pay cost allocation

	<p>-Commissioner Seibert noted that prior to 2016 the Commissioners did bill separately for vehicle insurance, and in the past the County Engineer's office has paid on vehicle insurance</p> <p>-Kelli Singhaus noted that it has been determined that the County Engineer's office can pay for vehicle insurance and has done so before prior to 2016</p> <p>-Kelli Singhaus provided an overview of what the Cost Allocation invoice includes and what services are included in each sub-section</p> <p>-general discussion on the direct connection of roads and bridges to cost allocation for vehicle insurance and data processing—Brion Rhodes states that he does see the connection and does have the option to pay said costs, however the liability would still fall on the General Fund since the vehicles are not titled to the County Engineer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brion Rhodes stated that he does not plan on making payment on cost allocations at this time • Discussion on ODOT property future plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -current pumps at the County Engineer's office are needing major repair/replacement, and wondering if pumps should be installed at the ODOT property if there is a future of the County Engineer's office moving to the ODOT property or should pumps be installed at current location -Commissioners feel that the thought of moving the County Engineer's office to that property ended when the tax increase did not pass • Discussion on request for donation of an office chair to the City of Lima <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the chair is a 1991 model and previous employee has requested to have the chair at his new position with the City of Lima -there is zero monetary value to the chair • General discussion on the County Engineer's Annual Budget
2:07 p.m.	ADJOURN

Submitted by: Brittany N. Woods
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Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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