

**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
<b>DATE</b>	<b>March 19, 2024</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): <u>1 866 899 4679</u></b>  <b>United States: <u>+1 (571) 317-3116</u></b></p> <p><b>Access Code: 606-059-605</b></p>
	<p><b>PRESENT: Cory Noonan</b>  <b>Brian Winegardner</b>  <b>Beth Seibert</b></p>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED</b>
<b>8:09 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Employee Compensation Discussion – Common Pleas Court – Judge Kohlrieser, Judge Reed, Destiny Caldwell, Kayla Rogers and Kelli Singhaus</b></p> <p><b>At 8:09 a.m. Commissioner Seibert made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and approved unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Present during Executive Session: Judge Reed, Judge Kohlrieser, Destiny Caldwell, Kayla Rogers and Kelli Singhaus</b></p>

	<p><b>Back in General Session at 8:49 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Judge Kohlrieser left at 8:49 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Commissioner Seibert noted that the Board previously taken action to hire outside counsel to discuss the matter at hand</b></li> <li>• <b>Commissioners ask that the Common Pleas court transfer funds from within their line items to pay said outside counsel fees</b></li> <li>• <b>The employee compensation matter is continuing to be worked through, and the Commissioners ask that they be kept abreast of by the Common Pleas Judges as well as the Prosecutors office as the matter at hand is continued to be worked toward resolution</b></li> <li>• <b>Judge Reed noted that they will transfer funds to pay the fees for outside counsel</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>8:52 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>9:05 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Update</b></p> <p><b>Kelli Singhaus –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Provided an update on Uniform Guidance Policy</b>  -Bricker and Graydon is finishing revisions and should have it back to Kelli Singhaus this week  -Commissioners would like Kelli Singhaus to request a listing of revisions to be sent out to departments prior to approving the revised policy  -Kelli Singhaus will also work on scheduling a training of the new revised policy with Bricker and Graydon</li> <li>• <b>Currently working on resolutions for repayment of ditch projects to the General Fund</b></li> <li>• <b>Received communication from Chief Deputy Mohler for a purchase of 60 radios and equipment</b>  -this will replace used 2008 radios and rectify communication issues in the Jail  -the purchase of said radios will be \$61,000.00, which will be paid from through TCAP  -Commissioners are in favor with moving forward with placing on the agenda for approval of purchase  -Brittany Woods will work with Chief Mohler on getting a P.O. and Purchase Agreement</li> <li>• <b>Received a quote from the Veterans Office for their capital request of a 2024 Ford Transit \$52,983.00</b></li> </ul>

**-Commissioners will further discuss during a Capital Project discussion—Kelli Singhaus will schedule**

- **Discussion on County Engineer's invoice for work completed at the Museum**  
**-Commissioners would like to have that invoice and make payment**
- **Provided an update on meeting with Enterprise**  
**-Enterprise is recommending to extend current leases that would come due this year an additional year to increase opportunity for capital gain**  
**-Enterprise will be providing a list of 2024 recommendations to Kelli Singhaus and Sofia Clifton for review – will further discuss next week during Staff Update**

**Brittany Woods –**

- **Provided an update on an ongoing BWC Claim**  
**-Our Attorney Kurt Kaufman and outside counsel Bugbee & Conkle both recommend requesting the next hearing to be heard in Columbus by three Hearing Commissioners**  
**-a Memo would need to be sent by Bugbee & Conkle, and the cost would be under \$500.00**  
**-Commissioners are in agreeance with such**  
**-Sofia Clifton will notify Bugbee & Conkle as well as Kurt Kaufman**
- **Sofia Clifton is continuing to work with Kayla Rogers as it relates to BWC and EMA volunteers for the upcoming Solar Eclipse**  
**-Sofia Clifton has a meeting with Kayla Rogers tomorrow to continue discussion**
- **Kayla Rogers has provided suggested revisions to Tom Berger for review for the Memorandum of Understanding for the Bomb Squad**  
**-currently waiting on any revisions Tom Berger may have**
- **Discussion on Dinsmore's request for an updated Engagement Letter**  
**-Commissioners are in agreeance with Beth Seibert signing the revised Engagement Letter**
- **Received a letter from a concerned landowner in the West Jennings Creek project watershed**  
**-has scanned the letter to the Commissioners for their review**

**Brian Winegardner—**

- **Provided an update on the first 9-1-1 Review Committee**  
-the Committee approved the By-laws and the plan, which will meet the States deadline
- **Provided an update on yesterdays TID Meeting**  
-it was approved to try to obtain grants for upcoming projects  
-the Port Authority will be applying for a grant for the P&G Distribution Center project  
-the County Engineer is also applying for a grant for the area due to increased truck traffic
- **Discussion on traffic concerns at the Bluelick Road underpass**  
-received an email from two Bath students that there is an increased concern of said traffic issues  
-will pass said concerns onto the County Engineer's office

**Cory Noonan -**

- **Discussion on obtaining a tank for advertisement at the Breese Road exit along I-75 to note that Allen County is the Home of the Abrahams tank**  
-working with Brian Hahn on application for decommissioning a tank for said advertisement
- **Discussion on 130 W. Elm Street interest**  
-Port Authority would work with interested party  
-there is an opportunity with the State for funds to be utilized for 130 W. Elm Street  
-Brittany Woods will prepare a resolution for application of said funds on Thursday's agenda  
-discussion on having conversation with the Veterans groups on the future redevelopment of the building located at 130 W. Elm Street
- **Will be meeting with the City of Lima to continue discussions regarding the amphitheater**
- **Provided an update on Sanitary Engineer proposed purchase of land**  
-Brad Niemeyer is continuing to negotiate with the landowner

**Beth Seibert—**

- **Provided an update on GLCAP and implementation of the Lead Safe Grant**  
-will continue to maintain accountability with GLCAP

<b>10:01 a.m.</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
<b>11:07 a.m.</b>	<p><b>County Projects Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on Alley Vacation at the Administration Building site</b> -Brittany Woods will confirm with the City of Lima that the Alley Vacation was recorded</li> <li>• <b>Commissioner Winegardner will have conversation with Chad King in regards to the bank parking lot</b></li> <li>• <b>Revised Administration Building plans have been sent by Chris Widener</b> -Brittany Woods has forwarded to the Commissioners and staff for review</li> </ul>
<b>11:18 a.m.</b>	<b>RECESS</b>
<b>1:01 p.m.</b>	<p><b>County Engineer Quarterly Meeting – Brion Rhodes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Road Program is beginning—township meetings are scheduled for next week</b></li> <li>• <b>Townships on the East side of Allen County are in receipt of OPWC funding for paving projects this year, which is addition to the Road Program, not included within the program</b></li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on Rod Program Projects</b> -Sugar Street -Bluelick Road -McClaine Road -Thayer Road -Proctor and Gamble Project</li> <li>• <b>ODOT plans to install a roundabout in 2026 at the intersection of Thayer Road and St. Rt. 81</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on application for TID Grant for work to be completed on Lincoln Highway near the interchange of US-30</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Intersection projects</b> -received funding through CEAO to complete <b>Safety Studies at the following intersections:</b> -Breese Road and Shawnee Road (including Dixie Highway and Breese Road) -Potential roundabout at Fort Amanda and Buckeye Road -Potential roundabout at Cole Street and Diller Road</li> <li>• <b>Provided an update on Bridge Projects</b> -2027 bridge replacement over Riley Creek in Bluffton -2025 bridge replacement on Breese Road in Shawnee</li> </ul>

**-2026 bridge replacement on Bluffton Road in Columbus Grove**

**-2027 bridge replacement on Main Street in Bluffton**

**-2028 bridge replacement on Adgate Road in Lima**

- **Discussion on Signage and Guardrail Inventory Project**

**-have contracted with a company to determine signs, guardrails, curves and striping in Allen County**

**-video will be created of company driving Allen County roadways documenting said items that County Engineer can then use in house for future projects**

**-data will be able to be inserted as a GIS layer once completed**

- **Discussion on Robb Avenue Project**

**-plan to be completed in 2028**

**-section of road has not been paved since 1997**

- **General discussion on staffing**

- **Discussion on the Fairgrounds project for the Veterans space**

- **Discussion on possible road work at the Fairgrounds**

**-Brion Rhodes will provide the Commissioners with project costs for both Fairground projects**

- **Discussion on Bluelick Road safety concerns**

**-Brion Rhodes did apply for a grant for a**

**Feasibility Study to make improvements to the area, however the grant application was denied**

**-will continue to try and obtain funding for a Feasibility Study and Impact Study to be completed**

- **General discussion on County Engineer's budget and how reimbursable grant funding is handled**

**-Brion Rhodes prefers to have a \$2M carryover**

**At 2:08 p.m. Commissioner Seibert made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss compensation of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and approved unanimously.**

**Brion Rhodes remained present during Executive Session.**


**Back in general session at 2:32 p.m.**

- **Commissioner Seibert requests that Brion Rhodes collect additional information and provide to the Commissioners for them to take under consideration**

**2:33 p.m.**

**ADJOURN**

**Submitted by:**

  
Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

**Approved by:**

**Board of Allen County Commissioners**

  
Cory Noonan

  
Brian Winegardner

  
Beth Seibert