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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	April 24, 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
8:01 a.m.	<p>Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Update – Tom Berger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on job description for the Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency • Tom Berger provided information on items that need to be taken care of upon his exit from the County as far as appointments to boards/committees • Discussion on Ohio Revised Code requirements to the position of Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Berger provided an overview of all that the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency handles in Allen County • Tom Berger provided a list of questions recommended to utilize while interviewing for replacement of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Director position • Discussion on grant funding and how to handle applying and continuation of funds upon Tom Berger's exit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tom Berger stated we are all current now, and new grants should not come available until August/September and stated that he would be available to help with the transition of whomever is hired to fill the position of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency • Discussion on the Commissioners appointing an Interim Director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Tom Berger will send over copies of job descriptions for all three (3) staff members at Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency • Discussion on potential appointment of Deputy Director Jared Gessler <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the Commissioners will plan to have discussion with Jared Gessler tomorrow morning on his interest of being the Interim Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
<p>8:33 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>City of Lima and Allen County Round Table – First Floor Conference Room **NOT RECORDED**</p> <p>Present: Brittany Woods, Sofia Clifton, Kelli Singhaus, Jack McDermitt, Andy Heffner, Ron Holman, Angel Cortes, Shane Coleman, Charity Upshaw, Della Bradford, Amber Martin, Jessica Begonia, Ric Stolly, Kirk Niemeyer, Meri Foster, Sara Weekley, Mike Caprella, Thomas Jones, Jamie Dixon, Derry Glenn, Mayor Sharetta Smith, Karla Thompson and Warner Roach</p> <p>**This meeting will be in person only**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Seibert called the meeting to order • Items to discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update on the Administration Building -Discussion on Cable Road Project

-Update on One River Front Project

-Discussion on OneOhio Funds

- **Commissioner Noonan provided an update on the timeline for the Administration Building Project**

-Discussion on placement of the building on the site and traffic control during demolition and construction

- **Discussion on proposed Cable Road Project**

-Kurt Neeper provided the reasoning for wanting to make improvements to the area due to a high rate of crashes

-has made an application and were approved funds through ODOT Safety Program

-provided an overview of the planned project to help eliminate crashes in the area which would include a raised median and an addition of sidewalks

-discussion on limited right-a-way space for the project and the costs to obtain commercial easements, which can be cost prohibitive to projects

-Average Daily Traffic numbers have decreased over the years and takes the road below the requirement of a four (4) lane road

-discussion on reducing/combining the amount of drives along Cable Road

-proposed plan does include minimizing a section of the four (4) lane road to a two (2) lane road and installation of new signalization

-currently reviewing and responding to comments received during the comment period from the March 21st Public Meeting and will plan to have a new proposal addressing the received concerns in late May or June

- **Kurt Neeper provided an update on the Aquatic Park Project**

-currently under construction and everything is going well

-appreciate the partnership with the County Health Department with help working through some items with the Ohio Department of Health
-currently working on the endowment—proposed \$5M and looking into other means to reduce programming costs i.e. solar array

- **Mayor Smith stated that a solar array will be placed at Twin Lakes to help offset utility costs**

- **Commissioner Seibert provided an update on Opioid Settlement and regional OneOhio funds**

- discussion on collaboration with multiple entities working together to create applications for regional OneOhio funds

-Tammie Colon, Mental Health Services and Recovery Board, has been working on completion the applications for 10 projects

-Commissioner Seibert provided an overview of the Commissioners providing funds in the amount of approximately \$200,000.00 to match funds for some of the applications

-Mayor Smith noted that due to the City of Lima receiving less funds, it made sense to collaborate to combine funds with the group to be able to provide services for Lima-Allen County

-Commissioners will be appropriating their match funds tomorrow by resolution

-Commissioner Noonan discussed what the Commissioners plan to utilize the opioid settlement funds that the county will receive in the future—would like to use funds to help with implementation of Vivitrol and transitioning those incarcerated in the jail back into the community

-Commissioner Winegardner provided an overview of counseling available within the jail as well as the implementation of a Navigator through Mental Health Services and Recovery Board to also help with transitioning of those incarcerated back into the community

-Mayor Smith commends the Sheriff, medical team and Mental Health Services and Recovery Board for their collaboration for implementing this

-Commissioner Winegardner notes that a large focus of the county jail is rehabilitation, and implementing the Vivitrol and Navigator will help with that

-Discussion on application to regional OneOhio for Lighthouse to be utilized for a coordinator and programmatic services to offer social events and a safe place for those in recovery and reconstruct their lives

- Mayor Smith discussed working with the County Auditor and attempting to obtain Brownfield Funds**
 - will be having a meeting next month to discuss Brownfield projects**
- Mayor Smith provided an update on One River Front Project**
 - currently receiving RFP's for ideas of the location**
 - also working with other entities on ideas for the space**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -potentially looking into an outside market • Jamie Dixon provided an update on City Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -will be reviewing the City Charter and will be placing on the ballot -will be reviewing the definition of family for the City of Lima and those inhabiting one household on August 29th • Derry Glenn discussed upcoming events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -First Annual Kids Mental Health event will be held this weekend -discussion on Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program • Council Thompson will soon be speaking on a panel for Coalition of Homelessness in Ohio • Chief Hefner discussed the plan of constructing a new Fire Station <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -discussion on great teamwork within the county departments • Chief Cortez invited all to Police Week Memorial program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -discussion on ceremony for the burying of a time capsule at the Police department –time capsule will be opened in 2087 • Provided an update on the collaboration of City of Lima/Allen County Health and Wellness Expo • Mike Caprella noted that the reservoirs are full due to the amount of rain received lately • Mayor Smith expressed appreciation to all three Commissioners for the collaboration between the City of Lima and the Commissioners
<p>9:57 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Board of Elections re: Grant Funds – Kathy Meyer, Mark Vernick and Beth Harnisfeger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathy Meyer provided an overview of the proposed request for grant funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -the grant was awarded last year for the purchase of new poll books -there were funds left over, and the Board of Elections wish to purchase poll book accessories -the grant is 85% reimbursable, Board of Elections budget would cover the county share of 15% in an amount of \$3,700.00 • Board of Elections request that the Commissioners sign the Memorandum of Understanding for funds to be reimbursed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Brittany Woods will place on resolution for signature

11:10 a.m.

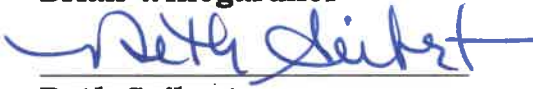
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Submitted by: 
Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners


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