

**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
DATE	May 21, 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><u>https://www.gotomeet.me/AllenCountyCommissioners</u></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:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:02 a.m.	<p>Staff Update</p> <p>**Brian Winegardner is not present**</p> <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the Wellness Incentive Policy -Kayla Rogers and Sofia Clifton have made proposed revisions for the Commissioners to review

Brittany Woods—

- **Received a letter from Allen County Children Services thanking the Commissioner for participation and presentation of a proclamation at their Annual Foster Parent Appreciation Banquet**
- **Discussion on requested supplemental appropriation for Juvenile Courts to make payment of invoices for escribers**
 - Nikki Hance, Auditors Office, is asking if the Commissioners would prefer the funds to come from Contingency rather than doing a supplemental appropriation**
 - will have further discussion with Berlin Carroll and Kelli Singhaus**
- **Received communication from Mike Hensley seeking approval of purchasing a vehicle through the Healthy Aging Grant**
 - will further discuss once Kelli Singhaus returns**
- **Discussion on request received from the attorney of Liberty Retirement Community, requesting to further reduce the bed leases of the facility to 63 total**
 - Brittany Woods will schedule a meeting with Kayla Rogers to review the current contract**
- **Discussion on cancelling the Tuesday, May 28th Agenda due to the holiday on Monday**
 - Commissioners are in agreeance with cancelling the agenda**
 - Brittany Woods will send out communication**

Cory Noonan

- **Discussion on correspondence that Cory Noonan sent to SnapEd requesting their agenda**
 - discussion on CCAO Extension Review**
 - Discussion on Master Gardeners Program**
 - Cory Noonan is continuing to review**
- **Discussion on Public Meetings and posting of meetings to the Agenda**
 - discussion on what a meeting is defined as**

Beth Seibert—

- **Commissioner Winegardner would like the Commissioners to meet prior to interviewing for the EMA Director position to discuss the possibility of applicants living outside of Allen County or that those that currently reside in Allen County the Commissioners desire that the individual would continue to reside in Allen County**
 - Brittany Woods will schedule a time for the Commissioners to prep for the interviews**
- **Discussion on Navigator Agreement for the Jail**
 - currently waiting for response from Tammie Colon on questions from Webb Insurance**
- **Discussion on Regional Planning Commission budget**
 - Commissioner Seibert had a meeting with Director, Tara Reynolds-Bales to discuss and made notes of certain billings that should not have been sent to the Commissioners and need to be resubmitted to the appropriate departments with a reimbursement issued to the Commissioners**
 - discussion on Zoning Jurisdiction currently being charged to the Commissioners—Commissioner Seibert noted that those charges need to be dispersed to the Townships**
 - Discussion on Community Development Block Grant Administration and cost of such**
- **Discussion on Judge Kohlrieser inquiring payment of a Settlement Agreement of an employee for additional overtime/comp time in the amount of \$15,000.00, which is in addition to the employees paid leave pay-out**
 - Commissioners will need a request from Common Pleas Court as well as a copy of the Settlement Agreement to issue payment**
- **Commissioner Seibert has been working on her submission to the Ethics Commission on clarification on conflict with relationship of her brother, Brad Core**
 - will be submitting to the ethics Committee for their review**
- **Discussion on the Port Authority of Allen County Board**
 - Phil Buell and Paul Schwartz both desire to be re-appointed to the Board if the Commissioners agree –Commissioners are in agreeance and will be placed on agenda for approval**

	<p>-Mr. Hardy is needing to be replaced, and Commissioner Seibert is continuing to search for a replacement</p> <p>-Eric Pojahla will be retiring this year from Memorial Hospital, but would like to continue on the Board –Commissioners agree to have Mr. Pojahla remain on the Board and fulfill his term</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on proclamations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Memorial Day Proclamation -2024 Class of Honorees for Ag Hall of Fame – four (4) inductees
<p>10:19 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>County Projects Discussion –Rachael Gilroy, Brian Mauk, Keith Cheney, Ciara Maag, Brian McKinney and Sofia Clifton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on proposal received from ValTech for increased fibers which would increase speed and upgraded services and help with backing up our IT systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -quote is for an overall additional \$250.00 a month and Jason Patchet stated that this could be covered within his budget -Sanitary Engineer’s portion of the increase would be \$75.00, and Brad Niemeyer is in agreeance with this increase -Brian Mauk will verify with the County Engineer to ensure that they are in agreeance with the upgrades and monthly increase -revisions to the agreement with ValTech would extend the agreement from an end date of September 2027 to now end in September 2029 -Commissioners are in agreeance with moving forward if all those affected budgets wise are in agreeance -Brian Mauk will have Kayla Rogers review the agreement prior to having placed on the agenda for approval • Discussion on AhelioTech and the infrastructure of the company slowly crumbling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Auditor’s Office is having issues with communicating with the President of the company and is not receiving the service that the county once was -contract with AhelioTech has expired and the county is currently on a month to month billing at this time

-An RFQ for a replacement contract was sent out—AhelioTech did not respond

- **Ciara Maag provided an overview of RFQs received for a new IT Service Company, which three (3) companies responded**

-Perry ProTech

-Star Fish Computer Corporation

-RDI

-Interviews have occurred with all three companies, and the Auditor's Office and Sheriff's Office would like to move forward with Star Fish Computer Corporation

- **Discussion on the Auditor's office desiring to hire Mark McClure with the County, as he is currently the County's Help Desk person, but is currently employed by AhelioTech**

-discussion on cost-savings of hiring Mark McClure vs. having the individual provided by the IT Service company

-discussion on cost comparison between Star Fish and Perry ProTech/RDI

- **On-Boarding one-time cost would be \$17,500.00 to contract with Star Fish**

-Annual fee would be \$24,300.00 per month for three (3) years with Star Fish –AhelioTech's current contract is \$19,866.00 per month with a proposed 30% increase if continuing with current contract, which included on-site Service Tech

- **Discussion on the three (3) companies and if any of their sites been violated or held hostage—Star Fish was the only company that had not been**
- **Brian McKinney agrees that Star Fish meets the criteria necessary for the Sheriff's Office operations**

- **Discussion on Star Fish agreeing to hire Mark McClure at a cost of \$96,400.00, Auditor Gilroy would like to hire him as an Allen County employee, which would save approximately \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 and be under the director of the Auditor, rather than Star Fish**

- **Brian Mauk discussed how other entities currently served by AhelioTech would be affected—Regional Planning is currently looking for a new service provider as well**

-Brian Mauk will have discussion with the Health Department to notify them of the County changing vendors as well

- **Commissioners will need to further discuss in regards to the budget to cover \$131,000.00 on an annual basis to enter into this proposed contract**

- with Star Fish and to hire Mark McClure as an Allen County employee

At 11:48 a.m., Rachael Gilroy, Keith Cheney, Brian Mauk, Ciara Maag and Brian McKinney left the meeting

- Discussion on permit fee for the City of Lima in the amount of \$31,742.40
-Brittany Woods will ask Chris Widener if WDC Group will process payment on this
- Discussion on possible temporary placement of the Child Support Enforcement Agency during renovation at the Enterprise Building
-each floor is 5,600 sq. ft. and could potentially be used as temporary space
-realtor will be sending floorplans of the space to Vicki Tarr for her to begin formatting the space to ensure it would work for the agency
- Discussion will need to be had with Kayla Rogers in regards to leases and current tenants of the Savings and Loan Building –Brittany Woods will ask Kayla Campbell to join the Building and Grounds update Thursday to discuss

12:07 p.m.


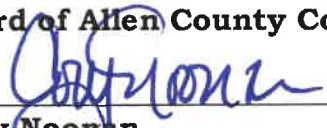
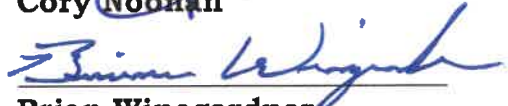
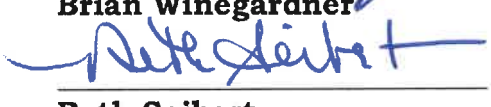
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1:02 p.m.

Public Defender Quarterly Update – Kenneth Sturgill

****Brian Winegardner is not present****

- Provided an update on the office and staff
-all is going well and interns will be taking their bar exams and will hopefully be fulfilling the open positions
- Discussion on outreach and getting in the community to educate what the Public Defenders office does
- Provided an overview of the Ohio Public Defender Youth Defense Conference
-the Task Force is continuing to work on possible Regional Public Defender offices
- Discussion on the Public Defenders role in juvenile cases
- Discussion on staff member reviews
-annual staff reviews are completed
- General discussion on the Law Library
-new Librarian is very motivated and Board meetings have been scheduled

	<p align="center">-provided an overview of what the Law Library Board discuss during meetings and what the Law Library is utilized for</p>
<p>1:36 p.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion on Sheriff's Office Fleet – Chief Deputy Mohler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners Noonan provided an overview of the Enterprise lease program • Discussion on the potential of the Sheriff's Office being interested in utilizing Enterprise vehicles for detective units rather than using old cruisers for detectives, which would allow the cruisers to be sold sooner and potentially obtain equity toward the lease of detective vehicles • Chief Deputy Mohler will further discuss with Captain Hartman and Sheriff's Office Fleet Manager
<p>2:10 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>
	<p>Submitted by: <u></u> Brittany N. Woods, Clerk</p> <p>Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners</p> <p><u></u> Cory Noonan</p> <p><u></u> Brian Winegardner</p> <p><u></u> Beth Seibert</p>