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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	July 16, 2024
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
8:04 a.m.	<p>Land Purchase Discussion—Sanitary Engineer—Brad Niemeyer, Ron Meyer and Kayla Rogers (Virtual)</p> <p>At 8:05 a.m. Commissioner Seibert made a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2) to consider the purchase of property for public service. Commissioner Seibert noted that Brad Niemeyer, Ron Meyer and Kayla Rogers will remain present. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Back in general session at 8:55 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The option of purchase and easement has been discussed over the last five months with a property owner to the West of the Shawnee Waste Water Treatment Plant in regards to the expansion project • Commissioners would like the Sanitary Engineer to offer the property owner \$15,000.00 for the easement on 0.64 acres to complete the expansion project -the Commissioners are no longer interested in purchasing the whole property • Brad Niemeyer discussed Ron Meyer's review of financial system and user equivalency accuracy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -currently reviewing user equivalency records and ensuring the information is still accurate for commercial accounts -Tom Ahl is currently being underbilled and will be receiving a notice that his equivalency will be increased by 21 -Meijer is also being underbilled and will be receiving a notice that their equivalency will be increased by 25 -Commissioner Noonan suggests that a blanket notification be sent to all commercial accounts to let them know that the user equivalency is being reviewed and recalculated and that there may be an increase to their billing prior to recalculation and increases being sent out • Discussion on Slabtown and Bluelick Roads Low Pressure Sewer Improvements change order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -bids came in low, and there is more funding through OPWC available, so there will be a change order to include additional work to benefit the property owners within the project
<p>9:12 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>9:24 a.m.</p>	<p>Staff Update</p> <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on vehicle accidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -County Engineer employee was in an accident in a county vehicle—county vehicle was not damaged but non-county vehicle was damaged – claim has been submitted to CORSA -Board of Developmental Disabilities employee was in an accident due to a vehicle backing out toward the county employee—county employee was not at fault but there was damage to the county vehicle –claim will be submitted to CORSA <p>Kelli Singhaus—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an intradepartmental transfer request from Jessie Andrews for \$50,000.00 in funds to be moved from the Sheriff’s Jail Blue Salary to Jail Overtime <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commissioners are in agreeance to move forward with the intradepartmental transfer • Received communication from Common Pleas Court stating that they currently have a murder case/trial and an in-person interpreter in needed

-Common Pleas Court is requesting an additional \$6,000.00 appropriation for said interpreter
-Commissioners ask Kelli Singhaus to move funds from Contingency

- **Discussion on Savings Loan Building tenants**
 - Grzybowski Law Firm would like to renew their lease, which current lease is up August 14th**
 - due to not notice being received within the required 180 days of the end of lease, the Commissioners have decided that they would not like to renew the Grzybowski lease**
 - Commissioners will provide Gryzbowski Law Firm, Lima Community Foundation and Lima Properties a 180 day notice to leave the Savings Building –those tenants requiring a month to month lease during that time will be done**
 - Kelli Singhaus will work with Kayla Rogers on communication to tenants**

Brittany Woods—

- **Discussion on Two-Stage ditches**
 - Joe Gearing has asked if we need another meeting to further discuss the proposed contracts for Carman and Schieltz projects**
 - Commissioners do not need to have any follow-up meeting to discuss the contracts, but do need confirmation from the County Engineer to ensure any amounts over the grant funding will be paid by the County Engineer funds**
- **General discussion on proclamation presentation for FTD Awareness**
 - Commissioners would like to present in September**
- **General discussion on scheduling for next week**

Cory Noonan—

- **Discussion on deteriorating retaining wall in Delphos**
 - County Engineer is working on getting quotes for extension of wall above the proposed 6ft.—the property owner would pay the difference in cost for additional work**
- **Discussion on concerns of speed limit on Kill Road**
 - DND Grain requested how to have the 55 mph speed limit lowered on Kill Road to 35 mph**
 - Commissioner Noonan had discussion with Regional Planning and Regional Planning stated**


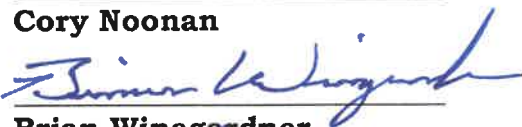


that they do not feel that the speed limit needs to be lowered

-Commissioners believe a conversation needs to be had with Mr. Hughes at ODOT to further discuss –Commissioner Noonan will connect with Mr. Hughes to further discuss

- **Discussion on Allen County Veterans Council questioning their availability to use the Civic Center for events at no charge**
 - there is currently no record of an agreement that would permit this**
 - Commissioners will have discussion with the Civic Center Board to determine utilization of space for the Allen County Veterans Council**

Beth Seibert—

- **Discussion on Board appointments**
 - Tim Turnwald's term has expired on the Revolving Loan Fund Board, Commissioner Seibert would like to ask Sofia Clifton to schedule an interview with Andy Farley for possible appointment to the Board—Commissioners are in agreeance**
 - Discussion on vacant seat on the Regional Transit Authority Board –Commissioner Seibert would like to have the Board interview Precious Grundy for the open seat –Commissioners are in agreeance with Sofia Clifton scheduling said interview**
- **Met with Cheryl Morgan, Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center Board of Trustees, to discuss three (3) seats that will be coming to expiration of term soon on the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center Board of Trustees**
 - Commissioner Seibert provided her with applications from interested individuals in the event that any of those three (3) current seats choose to not be re-appointed**
- **Discussion on Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG), Greater Lima Region (GLR) and Port Authority of Allen County (PAAC) Structure**
 - Dave Stratton has resigned as the President/CEO of AEDG and Cindy Leis has been promoted to President/CEO of AEDG**
 - there is currently a vacancy for Vice President of AEDG due to Cindy Leis' promotion**
 - review of Points of Focus for AEDG, GLR and PAAC**
 - discussion on open seat of the PAAC Board –it has been suggested to appoint Dave Stratton to**

	<p>that seat however, Commissioners would like to explore other options</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on request to include ARIS Group as a supplemental benefit provider for employees to enroll in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Commissioner Seibert will have further communication with the Auditor prior to any decision being made • Received communication from Mr. Lites, CCAO, confirming that Allen County will not be enrolling in NACO this year –Commissioner Seibert confirmed that this was the case
<p>11:18 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>11:30 a.m.</p>	<p>County Projects Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract for Phase 2 of the proposed Veterans Garage property will be on agenda this week for approval as well as an extension to the Right of Entry Agreement • Commissioner Winegardner provided an overview of last weeks meeting with the Downton Lima Review Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Administration Building plans were approved by default due to lack of a quorum
<p>11:36 a.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>Cory Noonan</u>  Cory Noonan</p> <p><u>Brian Winegardner</u>  Brian Winegardner</p> <p><u>Beth Seibert</u>  Beth Seibert</p>