

MINUTES BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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 28, 2022
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: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner</p>
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED
9:05 a.m.	<p>Brion Rhodes—Discussion of Drainage Fund, Salt Shed and Fuel Tank</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ODOT Campus discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Leak in current fuel system pump -discussion of emergency services to fuel equipment -proposal of a new fuel system at the ODOT facility outside of the fence for easy accessibility -discussion of a fuel consortium with RTA, Sheriff, and other local government offices -Quote for pump system--\$350,000.00 to \$370,000.00 with canopy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to have further discussion on where the County Engineer facility will be located in the future • County Engineer can show loss of revenue to qualify for ARPA funds • Salt Shed discussion -would prefer a 5,000 ton shed—estimated cost \$500,000.00 • County Engineer would like to put plans together for ODOT property -long term goals/plans -can continue discussions • Commissioner Noonan offers discussion of fuel consortium • will need to have general discussion regarding funding • Commissioner Seibert provided general history of ODOT property • County Engineer would like to develop a plan and the Commissioner’s agree; will reschedule for further discussion
<p>10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>1:31 p.m.</p>	<p>Dispatch Meeting at Ohio Means Jobs Allen County Workforce Development and Recruiting Center, 951 Commerce Pkwy. Lima, Ohio 45801</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom Berger, Homeland Security/EMA, presented an equitable table at the current cost of \$234,434.92 – 83.34% of 4 dispatchers. • Howard Violet, Township Trustee/Fiscal Officer, stated that the township trustees met to discuss contract for services. Trustees feel that the Commissioners need to be respectful of constituents and cost for services. • Brad Core, representative of the Township Trustees Association, read a letter into record. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns about the proposed formula and impact. - The township elected officials are not willing to participate in schedule as proposed. - Schedule is based on calls for service. - The township budgets are set. - Financial burden. - Suffering revenue loss – State of Ohio. - Provided information on how surrounding counties fund dispatch services. - Provided solutions to cover costs for dispatch services: COVID funds, dispatch centralization, work on funding for centralization, increase in sales tax. • Larry Vandemark, American Township Trustee, agreed with the letter presented from Brad Core. Township budgets are set. Surrounding counties pay for said services from general fund and levy. • Paul Basinger, American Township Trustees, questioned if COVID dollars could be used for operational purposes? Commissioner Noonan replied that it wasn’t wise to use one-time monies for operational purposes. Stated that American Township

supplements the Sheriff's office as the Sheriff doesn't have the manpower – deputies underpaid.

- Jerry Gilden, Marion Township Trustees, stated that Marion Township contracts for Fire/EMS services with the City of Delphos for the west side and American Township for the east side. Residents are paying additional one (1) millage.
- Mike Stout, Auglaize Township Trustees, stated that COVID dollars could be used through negotiation process only. Need to have continued conversation for central dispatch and funding mechanism.
- Commissioner Cory Noonan stated that contract for services, the number hasn't changed. The equation on how distributed has changed.
- Howard Violet, Marion Township, stated that the numbers don't matter. Whose responsibility is it to generate revenue and pay for said services. It is a county-wide responsibility.
- Paul Basinger, American Township Trustees, the call for service numbers are taken care of by the Sheriff's office. He doesn't understand why they are being charged – should be credited.
- Chief Mike Haines, American Township, provided stats for American Township from December, 2021 through February 2022: 257 call for service per month, man hours (2 full-time and 2 part-time) – 461 hours per month/\$10,000.00 per month; 369 miles per month, 322 gallons of gas per month at \$3.12 per gallon plus an additional \$1,000.00 per month.
- Sheriff Matt Treglia stated that his department currently dispatches and will continue to dispatch for fire. If budget gets cut, calls for fire room will be cut. Staffing is low. No less deputies – paying overtime. Department is currently down 12 deputies, 6 officers in the jail and 1 dispatcher.
- Rod Goldsberry, Richland Township Trustees, requested that the new funding mechanism presented by Tom Berger be emailed to him.
- Claude Paxton, Village of Elida, proposal in totality is the same. Distribution more equitable.
- Howard Violet, Marion Township, stated this is a county-wide project. Need to identify goal for dispatch services.
- Kevin Cox, Perry Township Trustee, stated they can't afford it. Townships can't generate money like the county can. Need to get a county-wide tax.

Commissioner Brian Winegardner stated that the Board will communicate at a later date. There will be no additional meeting.

2:28 p.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by: Brittany N. Woods
Brittany N. Woods, Assistant Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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