

MINUTES

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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

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| DESCRIPTION | SPECIAL SESSION |
| DATE | April 4, 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>https://www.gotomeet.me/AllenCountyCommissioners</p> <p>You can also dial in using your phone. United States (Toll Free): 1 866 899 4679 United States: +1 (571) 317-3116</p> <p>Access Code: 606-059-605</p> |
| | <p>PRESENT: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner</p> |
| TIME: | GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED |
| 10:14 a.m. | <p>Board of Elections—Special Election and Poll Books</p> <p>Kathy Meyer and Mark Vernik—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on the May 3rd primary election -No State elections-Central Committee and State Representative • Second election possibly to be held in August • Discussion on funds from the State for election- \$75,313.00 -gathering information on what the money can be spent on and if on this election or next election • Discussion on oversee voting—\$800 |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absentee voting starts tomorrow • Provided an update on Poll books <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -These have been purchased—\$41,000.00 -BOE were able to move funds internally to fund the poll books—they will provide Brittany with the lines that were used to fund the purchase as per Commissioner Noonan’s request • Discussion on cutting back on poll workers on off years • General discussion of cost for a second primary election • Commissioner Seibert inquired about Senate Bill 52 referendum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -would need legal direction if a referendum is suggested |
| <p>10:35 a.m.</p> | <p>RECESS</p> |
| <p>11:00 a.m.</p> | <p>Sheriff’s Office—Financials</p> <p>Sheriff Treglia and Chief Deputy Mohler</p> <p>Commissioner Winegardner moved to go into Executive Session at 11:01 a.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and was approved unanimously.</p> <p>The Board of Allen County Commissioners went back into general session at 12:15 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to further discuss and take the conversation under advisement • Need to set meeting with legal on how to proceed |
| <p>12:16 p.m.</p> | <p>RECESS</p> |
| <p>5:30 p.m.</p> | <p>Senate Bill 52 Public Meeting</p> <p>**This meeting will not have a virtual option. Attendance will be in person only**</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Winegardner opened the meeting • Assistant Prosecutor Kayla Campbell explained the format of the meeting and gave a review of Senate Bill 52 as well as the proposed map for Allen County • Commissioner Winegardner provided an overview of the Public Comment Policy • The meeting was then turned over for public comment • The Commissioners heard various comments from Allen County residents • Many of those in favor of the proposed map for Allen County shared that they are not against solar, and wind for a source of energy, but are against the large |

farms that are being proposed (over 50 megawatts) due to the concern of life expectancy for the solar and wind farms and what happens when they are done? Will the company's be around in 10 to 15 years to either maintain the facility or clean up when the facility is at its end of life? The point was made that there are minimal people that will be employed by Birch Solar—not many jobs for 2,600 acres

- Those that were opposed to the proposed map for Allen County made mention that solar and wind is a renewable resource and landowners should be able to make their own decisions on what to do with their land. There were also concerns that if the proposed map was approved that it would be irreversible in the future.

At 6:46 p.m. Commissioner Winegardner announced that we would take a 15 minute recess

The Board of Allen County Commissioners went back into session at 7:01 p.m.

- Public Comment portion of the meeting concluded
- The Commissioners asked Assistant Prosecutor, Kayla Campbell, questions regarding some of the comments made during Public Comment
- Assistant Prosecutor, Kayla Campbell, provided information in regards to Senate Bill 52
 - The Commissioners do have the authority to make modifications to the map once approved, but will have to restart the process to do so
 - The proposed map is subject to referendum once approved
 - Zoning in townships are not affected by Senate Bill 52
 - Landowners to have the right and ability to contract with wind and solar companies for operations under 50 megawatts

Commissioner Noonan made a motion for Resolution #238-22, to accept the proposed map, declaring portions of the unincorporated areas of Allen County, Ohio to be restricted areas prohibiting construction of economically significant wind farms, large wind farms and large solar facilities. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.

7:23 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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