

AMENDED 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	GENERAL SESSION
DATE	September 20, 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
7:30 a.m.	<p>Elected Officials/Department Head Meeting re: 2023 Wellness Program—4th Floor Courtroom, 301 N. Main Street, Lima, Ohio 45801—NOT RECORDED</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachael Gilroy announced that Allen County will be receiving their fourth clean audit in a row -mentioned how important it is for all departments to work as a team to accomplish this • General discussion on health insurance rates/plans for 2023—maintaining current plans with a 7.07% increase in cost • General discussion on Wellness 2023 options • Discussion with Non-General Fund departments regarding Wellness 2023

9:00 a.m.	RECESS
8:30 a.m.	Joint Board Organizational Meeting Teleconference w/ Van Wert and Putnam counties re: West Jennings Creek <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see Van Wert County Minutes
8:45 a.m.	RECESS
9:33 a.m.	Staff/Update Meeting Sofia Snyder— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Safety Congress March 8, 2022-March 10, 2022 -will look at the schedule and possibly plan to attend • Flu Shot Clinic Scheduled for October 5th -Sanitary Engineer, County Engineer and the Courthouse • Provided an update on HR Training/CORSA incentive requirements -Need 1 Elected Official to attend CORSA University to hit 80% completion -will receive a savings of \$19,753.00 with a possible bonus of \$4,938.00 once we hit our incentive goals Kelli Singhaus— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a request from the Coroner's office to increase Overtime Line by \$800.00 -Kelli Singhaus has asked Michelle Moeller to move funds from their Gasoline Line to Overtime Line • Provided an update on eviction for McDonnell Street property costs from Attorney Dalton Smith -review fee agreement that will be placed on agenda for approval Brittany Woods— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a request for a meeting with the NAACP -will work on scheduling • Discussion on CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference December 7-9, 2022 -will block out the dates on calendar • Provided a reminder of proclamation for Linda Hooks -Commissioner Seibert will deliver • Crossroads Crisis Center has requested a proclamation for October 18th at their Annual Tree Planting Ceremony -One Commissioner will attend • Board of Developmental Disabilities Chicken Dinners have been order—October 6th

Beth Seibert—

- **Review of Letter of Consideration for Jerome O'Neal re: T-Mobile Small Town Grant Program**
- **Regional Transit Authority Board member Robert Moening's term is expiring—he is agreeable to another term and is valuable to the Board**
 - Commissioners are ok with him continuing on the Board
- **Discussion on OSU Extension office space location**
 - planning to meet with Dean Rehner to further discuss
- **Access Management Board discussion**
 - working with Kayla regarding Bill Degen to continue on the Board with no longer being a trustee
 - looking at options to replace Shane Coleman as he is no longer working at regional Planning Commission

Cory Noonan—

- **Provided an update on the meeting with Elected Officials and Department Heads meeting regarding insurance/Wellness**
- **Discussion on incentive options for Wellness 2023/Insurance year 2024**
- **Discussion on options on payment of \$50 differential for Wellness 2022/Insurance year 2023**

At 10:25 a.m., Commissioner Winegardner made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss compensation as it relates to healthcare costs pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G) (1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Noonan. The roll was called and approved unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners went back into General Session at 10:44 a.m.

- **Conversation was had regarding compensation for employees Union and Non-Union for Wellness year 2022/Insurance year 2023**
 - No decision was made today—plan to have a decision next Tuesday
 - looking at alternative ways to fund the \$50 differential for Wellness completers
 - Commissioner Noonan will work with Kelli Singhaus at potential options
 - current option does not suffice the Union contract at the Sheriff's Office, so other options need to be looked into
- **Review of Sales Tax report provided by the Auditors Office**
- **Discussion on Baughman Project funding**
 - H2Ohio funding is a grant
 - GLRI-still waiting on response-could possibly be a reimbursable grant -will need to take a note out to cover if this is a reimbursable grant

	<p>Brian Winegardner—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a call from Greg Kessen, Perry Township Trustee regarding the Water Board—new Board Member was much appreciated and was inquiring if there was any more interest for the possible At-Large member seat that is still needing filled -Commissioner Winegardner provided the other two applicants to him -Mr. Kessen also expressed interest in a seat on the Airport Board if a seat becomes available • Discussion regarding Dispatch Contracts -Mr. Kessen expressed concern that “Police Dispatching” was not included in the heading of the contracts, only states Fire and EMS Dispatching -the contracts are for Fire and EMS—Police dispatching is already being provided - will look into updating contracts to state “Safety Services Dispatching”
<p>11:09 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>11:19 a.m.</p>	<p>ARPA Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Safety Service salary reimbursement to the General Fund through ARPA funds -review of what positions would potentially be eligible for reimbursement • Brian Winegardner will work with the Sheriff’s Office on obtaining information for justification letter to Bricker and Eckler • Discussion on possibility of installing a shooting range for the Sheriff’s Office -will continue discussions with Sheriff’s Office on what would be needed • Beth Seibert will work on a justification letter to send to Bricker and Eckler in regards to possible funding for the Baughman Project
<p>12:10 p.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>1:01 p.m.</p>	<p>Brad Niemeyer—Sanitary Engineer Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an update on Shawnee Project • Provided an update on Brookhaven Pump Station Project -Project awarded to Degen Excavating • Provided an update on Gomer Project -hope to have all the pumps installed by November • Discussion on residential connection to sewer requests • Brad Niemeyer has made multiple requests to the Village of Elida for written acknowledgement of the County’s offer and has received no response • Personnel Discussion

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ron Meyer will be starting next Monday as Assistant Sanitary Engineer -Discussion on proposed personnel reconstruction -Commissioners are ok with Brad Niemeyer moving forward with his proposed changes of Operations Manager • Discussion on other open position <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Electrical Technician needed –would like to hire a Journeyman • Discussion on GIS needs • Discussion on Wellness incentive for 2023 • Discussion on recent Allen Water District Board appointment
2:08 p.m.	RECESS
2:13 p.m.	<p>Joe Patton and Josh Parker—Department of Job and Family Services Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh Parker provided a review of the fiscal report • Discussion on utility costs—maintaining similar to last year • Discussion on Employee Resource Portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Katie Metzger has sent information to Commissioners for a template to use for our Wellness/Insurance information • Discussion on Marketing Coordinator position with Area 7—posting has been put out • Discussion on proposed uses for Business Resource funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -potential billboard locations discussion • Discussion on staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -would like to place an increase to their entry level positions - \$20/hour -propose \$1/hour increase now and then \$0.25/hour at the end of the year across the board—this would get entry level positions to \$20/hour -propose to change when employee receives third week of vacation—would like to have at year 5 rather than year 8 -the proposed increases can be sustained through Department of Job and Family Services budget • Commissioner Seibert and Commissioner Winegardner are comfortable with Joe Patton and Josh Parker moving forward with the proposed increase of \$1/hour
3:07 p.m.	ADJOURN

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

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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