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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	February 14, 2025
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
8:04 a.m.	<p>Property Purchase Discussion—John Willamowski Jr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commissioners have scheduled this meeting to discuss the potential purpose of two (2) properties and one (1) potential lease of property for public purposes <p>At 8:06 a.m. Commissioner Winegardner made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2) to discuss two (1) protentional purposes of property for public purposes and one (1) potential lease for public purposes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. Assistant Prosecutor John Willamowski Jr. will remain present during executive session. The roll was called and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Back in general session at 8:48 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners ask John Willamowski Jr. to reach out to the owners of the potential Veterans Garage property to begin negotiations • Commissioners ask John Willamowski Jr. to begin the process of potentially purchasing the Vandemark Property

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners will schedule a tour for John Willamowski to tour the Cook Tower as potential space for the relocation of the Child Support Enforcement Agency prior to drafting a potential lease
<p>8:51 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>9:13 a.m.</p>	<p>Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) Discussion – John Willamowski Jr., Rachael Gilroy, Kathy Henry, Keith Cheney, Cindy Leis, Jon Stock (via phone) and Rex Huffman (via phone)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current CRA’s within Allen County • Discussion on a possible CRA for an area of land for a potential Data Center in American Township • Jon Stock provided an overview of what a CRA is and discussed the conditions for a CRA • Jon Stock provided an overview of the process for creating a CRA • Discussion on the required Housing Study and how said study is used in the creation of a CRA -Jon Stock provided an overview of how the Housing Study is completed and what is required -boundaries would be identified prior to the Housing Study being completed • Discussion on if a CRA boundaries can be expanded once created -Jon Stock stated that a CRA can be expanded or an adjacent CRA could be created if an additional area is desired -additional Housing Study would need to be completed for the additional area if a CRA was to be expanded or a new CRA would be created • Rachael Gilroy shared concerns of a possible increase of cases brought to the Board of Revisions due to a CRA being created and would also like any pictures being used for the Housing Study not be taken from the Auditor’s Website, as they are not always the most up to date photos of properties • Discussion on the needed Housing Council for a CRA and what is required of said Council -a Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council would need to be created as well as a Housing Officer • Discussion on responsibility of payment for any necessary publications -Cindy Leis will discuss with the Port Authority Board

-this will need to be determined prior to potentially moving forward

- Discussion on proposed timeline for creating the requested CRA

-Jon Stock stated that they would begin working on the Housing Study to have prepared to potentially move forward with approving the creation of the proposed CRA on February 27th

- John Willamowski Jr. and Jon Stock will begin working together on draft language for a resolution
- Commissioners would like to schedule a meeting with John Willamowski Jr. to further discuss once the provided draft resolution is revised

10:26 a.m.

ADJOURN

Submitted by:



Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners



Beth Seibert



Cory Noonan



Brian Winegardner