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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	March 27, 2025
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:00 a.m.	AGENDA MEETING
	PLEDGE —Brian Winegardner
	APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED <i>Commissioner Winegardner moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Noonan. The roll was called and the agenda was approved unanimously.</i>
	ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL 1. Consent Agenda: a. Resolution #227-25. Approve travel expenses. b. Resolution #228-25. Authorize repayment of advances from various funds to the Health Department Fund 8810. c. Resolution #229-25. Authorize a warrant of advance from the Health Department Fund 8810 to various funds. d. Resolution #230-25. Supplemental appropriation for the EMA Fund 2091. e. Resolution #231-25. Supplemental appropriation for the TCAP Fund 2880.

Commissioner Noonan moved to approve the resolutions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolutions were approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS/SIGNATURES:

- 1. Resolution #232-25.** Resolution to reclassify Jay Begonia as an Electrical Technician II at the Wastewater Collection Division in the Allen County Sanitary Engineering Department. ***Commissioner Seibert moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.***
- 2. Resolution #746-23A.** Amend Resolution #746-23, authorize acceptance of the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Program Grant Emergency Management Performance Grant from the Ohio Emergency Management and authorize Tom Berger, Director, to sign associated paperwork necessary to administer said grant. ***Commissioner Winegardner moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Noonan. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.***

DISCUSSION

A. County Engineer

- 1. Resolution #233-25.** Approve one (1) Easement for County Road Purposes and one (1) Work Agreement with Steven A. Herbert and Tammy E. Herbert, for the Allen County Engineer to remove the existing bridge on Lincoln Highway, East of Buettner Road, Marion Township, Ohio. ***Commissioner Noonan moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. This is the last needed easement to replace the current bridge. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.***

	<p><u>B. Sanitary Engineer</u></p> <p>1. Resolution #234-25. Authorize the Sanitary Engineer, Brad Niemeyer, to enter into a Sewer line Relocation Agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation to construct a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 81 and Thayer Road. <i>Commissioner Seibert moved for approval. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. County utilities are currently within the ODOT right-of-way and needs to be relocated. The Sanitary Engineer's cost for this is \$6,257.00. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></p>
	ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:06 a.m.	RECESS
9:31 a.m.	<p>Staff Update/County Projects Discussion</p> <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received an email from Jared Gesler inquiring if the EMA vehicles can participate in local parades and if family members are allowed to ride in the county owned vehicles during said parades -Commissioners would like Sofia Clifton to check with CORSA on their thoughts as there is a policy in place stating that no non-county employees are to be in county owned vehicles • Provided an overview on the Wellness Blood Screenings at the Health Department -event went well with approximately 20 participants • Wellness CPR/Heimlich Review Lunch and Learn was held yesterday • Discussion on Civic Center and ODOT Property roof damages -Sofia Clifton will be providing information to CORSA • Discussion on EMA Enterprise Vehicle -new quote for Ford Expedition with the estimated equity from the current Dodge Durango—\$750.00 per month -Commissioners do not believe a Ford Expedition is necessary and would like Sofia Clifton to get a quote for a Ford Explorer or a ½ Ton Truck

Kelli Singhaus—

- **Provided an update on disposal of old records from the Old Jail**
-there are approximately 20 boxes left
- **Pay App Two for Charles Construction for the Administration Building has been processed**
- **Retainage Accounts have been setup for online banking through Huntington Bank**
- **Received Pay App 1 for All Temp for the Administration Building and will be on the agenda next week**

Brittany Woods—

- **Discussion on annual Soil and Water Agreements**
-will be meeting next week with Soil and Water and the County Engineer's Office to review and discuss
-will send to John Willamowski Jr. for his review
- **Community Housing Improvement Partnership (CHIP) Agreement being reviewed by John Willamowski Jr. and will be placed on the agenda for approval once received back**
-a meeting will need to be set with Allen County, Putnam County, GLCAP and Prosecutor's Office to discuss CHIP PY2021 Project due to a delay in the project caused by a vehicle striking one of the homes receiving funds from the project -Kelli Singhaus will work on scheduling
- **Received a request from iHeart Media to discuss an Outreach Program for Allen County Behavioral Centers who specialize in Opioid Recovery Services to be potentially funded by the Allen County Commissioner's Opioid Settlement Funds**
-Beth Seibert will follow-up on the request
- **Discussion on CCAO's request for a support resolution regarding Issue 2 on the upcoming May ballot**
-Brittany Woods will forward the request to Brad Niemeyer, Sanitary Engineer, to inquire on his thoughts on reasons for support

Beth Seibert—

- **Discussion on the re-appointment of Mike Leis to the Allen Water District Board**
-Mike Leis does wish to continue on the Board and the Commissioners are in agreeance with re-appointment

-resolution will be placed on the agenda for approval

- **Discussion on Tim Schielschott's lack of attendance at the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center Board**

-Beth Seibert had conversation with Mr. Schielschott and he stated other commitments are not permitting him time to effectively participate in said board

-Commissioners will review options for replacement

- **Discussion on open seat on the Regional Airport Authority Board**

-Commissioners will be interviewing Dalton Smith as a potential board member

- **Commissioner Seibert will be on Jury Duty for Municipal Court on April 3rd**

- **Discussion on Crafts Scholarship**

-recently met with Robin Frazier, Lima Community Foundation, to discuss Crafts Endowment funds available—\$150,000.00 in the fund

-Beth Seibert and Brittany Woods will continue to discuss with Robin Frazier

- **Health Department Annual Meeting is tonight and Beth Seibert will be attending**

- **Georgiana Saffle began her service on the WOCAP Board yesterday and expressed thanks to the Commissioners for her appointment to said Board**

- **Discussion on citizens concern of potential decomposing birds infected with Avian Flu at Resource**

-Resource is recipient of post composted infected birds, but there are no birds being taken to Resource for composting prior to the isolation of infected birds

- **Discussion on a request from Dave Stratton, Greater Lima Region, for a group to tour Memorial Hall**

-Commissioners are in agreeance with them touring if waivers are signed and Jason Patchet is available

- **Discussion on contract between the Allen County Engineer and Kings Trenching for the Althaus Two-Stage Ditch Project**

-Assistant Prosecutor has stated that the Auditor's Certification is necessary, however the Auditor is not in favor of signing off on the contract due to a Purchase Order not being able to be fully funded, as ODA funds would not be received until the project would be completed
-further review will be completed

Cory Noonan—

- **Discussion on sheriff's Office request for two (2) cruisers**
-review of all current Sheriff's Office fleet
-Sofia Clifton will schedule a meeting to further discuss
- **Discussion on Civic Center Ushers Security Concerns with the Civic Center utilizing a Security Company rather than Sheriff Deputies for events**
-Sofia Clifton will discuss with CORSA/Webb Insurance on proper protocol for providing security for events at the Civic Center
- **Discussion on Jail Funding potentially available in the State Budget**
-would like to begin inquiring on a plan for new jail construction in case an opportunity for funding presents itself


Brian Winegardner

- **10,000.00 Guardian Board Request—will discuss next week**
- **TID Board Meeting**
-discussion on replacing Cindy Leis, AEDG, with Dave Stratton, GLR
-resolution will be prepared and placed on the agenda for approval

11:18 a.m.

ADJOURN


Submitted by:


Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners


Beth Seibert


Cory Noonan


Brian Winegardner