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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	April 29, 2025
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan Brian Winegardner
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
8:01 a.m.	Staff Update/County Projects Sofia Clifton— <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided an update on quotes received for EMA Enterprise vehicles -discussion on the lighting/stripping of the new vehicles, as Jared Gesler, has stated he has not budgeted for new -Jared Gesler will find out if current lights can be transferred to new vehicles or if new lights will need to be purchased and installed -Commissioners would like to move forward with replacing the two (2) current trucks with new tucks as well as the Durango with an Explorer, and splitting the equity equally across all three new vehicles• Workers Compensation Sedgwick MCO renewal is due -Sofia Clifton will notify that we would like to continue for another two (2) years• Provided an update on BWC Claims -Sofia Clifton will be attending the pre-trial for the pending Tick Case Thursday• Soil and Water Drone Pilot received an invite from ONU to do a presentation on the drone

-Allen Soil and Water Conservation District has reached out to Webb Insurance for coverage to be extended for a one-day demonstration
-there will be no additional cost for insurance, but it is an added risk

-Commissioners stated that the drone is for county purposes only and would not like the drone to be taken to ONU for presentation— however, the students can come and view the drone in action if it is doing work for the county

- **Received notification from the Sheriff's Office of a K-9 biting one of the handler's daughters**
-child did receive medical treatment and received stitches
-there will be discussion with the Dog Warden on protocol on how to handle said situation
- **Wellness Program Year ends June 30th**

Brittany Woods—

- **Discussion on agenda structure**
-dialogue on if Resolutions/Signatures should be placed under the Consent portion of the agenda or leave as is
-will continue to discuss
- **Discussion on Standard Indemnification Agreement to be used in connection with future Bon Secours Mercy Health financing**
-document has been sent to the Assistant Prosecutor and Webb Insurance to review

Kelli Singhaus—

- **Further discussion on lighting and striping of the new EMA Vehicles**
-discussion on if lighting does not transfer to the new trucks
-Jared Gesler is determining if Parr can transfer the lights or if the lighting will need to be added to the package when ordering the new vehicles

Beth Seibert—

- **Renewed discussions last week on formalizing the county's delegation to Regional Planning**
-County Engineer will be appointing three (3) and the Commissioners will be appointing three (3)

- Beth Seibert forwarded the CRA timeline provided by Allen Economic Development Group to Rachael Gilroy, Auditor, as she will be the CRA Housing Officer

Cory Noonan—

- General discussion on the proposed CRA for American Township
- Will be joining Carole Enneking in a meeting with Senator Manchester and the Director of Medicaid to discuss Family Children First
- Provided an update on Public Defender Regional Hub
 - will be discussing with Senator Manchester, as there may be a hurdle to overcome with the Senate

Brian Winegardner—

- General discussion on proposed lease for space in the Cook Tower for the relocation of Child Support Enforcement Agency
 - will need to discuss insurance coverage, with the space being a leased space
 - once draft is revised, it will be sent to building owner Tony Collins for review

County Projects—

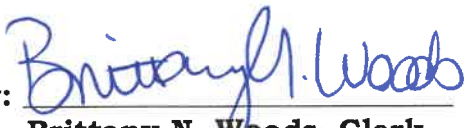



- Discussion on a counter offer received for the purchase of property for the Veterans Garage
- Discussion on process for obtaining an architect firm for future projects
 - Brittany Woods forwarded guidance from John Willamowski Jr. to the Commissioners for their review
 - Brittany Woods will work on obtaining permission for outside legal counsel through Bricker Graydon for the Courthouse Renovation Project and Fairgrounds Building Project
 - Kelli Singhaus will work on getting funds setup

9:02 a.m.	RECESS
10:32 a.m.	Stormwater Regulations Update/Discussion-Soil & Water Conservation District Staff and Allen County Engineer Staff

Present: Lydia Archambo, Joe Gearing, Brion Rhodes, Nathan Davis, Marcus VanMeter, Dakota Clay, Albert Suniga and Melinda Delarosa

- **Beth Seibert provided a recap of the received Letter of Findings from Ohio EPA**
 - EHM&T was hired to help with updating of the Stormwater Management & Sediment Control Regulations
 - provided an overview of the meetings with the development community that was held to present and discussed the proposed revisions
 - discussion on the collaboration with the City of Lima for the County and City to have similar regulations for the ease of development in all of Allen County
 - timeline for developing and approving revisions was provided to Ohio EPA to have revisions complete, which means Public Hearings will need to be scheduled soon to meet timeline
- **Review of feedback from the Development Community**
 - concerns on bonding—creates a layer of red tape
 - regulations seem to be lessening and moving away from dated items
 - realization of MS4 regulations for water control do add to the design and cost increase
 - concerns on culvert sizing and flood rounding
- **Lydia Archambo provided an overview of what Ohio EPA has requested to be updated within the regulations**
 - provided a copy of NPDES permit requirements for stormwater, which is in addition to the MS4
 - review of inspection requirements per the MS4
 - review of erosion and sediment control requirements
 - once the document is approved, all three (3) violations received from the Ohio EPA should be resolved
- **Joe Gearing provided an overview of revisions to the Stormwater Management & Sediment Control Regulations (SMSCR)**
 - clarified discrepancies between the SMSCR and the Stormwater Design Manual, which in doing so was able to simplify the SMSCR
- **Review and general discussion on revisions to the Stormwater Design Manual**
- **General discussion on requirements of the MS4**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioners would like to have another meeting with the developer community prior to going to the public comment period • Discussion on possible revisions to the fee schedule • General discussion on the necessity of a bond or not for projects, to be able to use as an assurance to receive as-built plans once a project is complete from developers/contractors
12:40 p.m.	RECESS
1:02 p.m.	<p>Civic-Center Bi-Annual Update—Abe Ambroza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of financials for end of 2024 and YTD for the Civic Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lighting Project bond will be paid off this year • Provided an update on facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Matt Young, VP of Operations and Abe Ambroza are working with Jason Patchet on bathroom remodels -insurance claim has been submitted for roof damage and will be repaired -Veterans Monument Project planning on providing exterior signage upgrade—timeline has been extended and would like to align project with siding project of the Civic Center -discussion on foundation campaign to assist with updates to the exterior of the building with the siding project being quoted at \$150,000.00 • Review of Foundation Shows and Honeywell Shows held in 2024 and 2025 so far • Free Show on July 5th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -122nd Army Band will be performing • Provided an update on staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -multiple positions currently open • Discussion on current security for events at the Civic Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -currently security is handled by outsourced security, not uniformed officers -will be meeting with CORSA to discuss in further detail on what should be required for Civic Center events and if non-uniformed security is sufficient as it relates to liability • General discussion on current policy for security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -per the Civic Center bi-laws, any event that alcohol is provided, security is required but it does not state if the security needs to be uniformed or not • Discussion on the liquor license

	<p>-license needs to be transferred from the Civic Center Board of Trustees to the Civic Center Foundation</p>
1:38 p.m.	RECESS
2:03 p.m.	<p>Discussion regarding Advance—Allen County Prosecutor—Destiny Caldwell and Kelli Singhaus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on an Advance to the Prosecutor's Office in 2013 in the amount of \$37,400.00 • Destiny Caldwell has been researching the Advance to determine what the Advance was for and if it has been repaid <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -believes the Advance could have been for the DRETAC Fund • Destiny Caldwell requested if the Commissioners will provide a resolution of forgiveness as the Advance was over 11 years ago and that she was not employed at the Prosecutors Office at that time and am not able to identify what the funds were used for or if said funds were repaid • Commissioners would like to change the Advance to a Transfer and forgive the repayment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Destiny Caldwell will provide a formal request and Brittany Woods will place on the agenda
2:18 p.m.	ADJOURN
	<p>Submitted by: <u></u> Brittany N. Woods, Clerk</p> <p>Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners</p> <p><u></u> Beth Seibert</p> <p><u></u> Cory Noonan</p> <p><u></u> Brian Winegardner</p>