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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	December 9, 2025
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Beth Seibert Brian Winegardner
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:05 a.m.	<p>Staff Update/County Projects Discussion</p> <p>Brittany Woods—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Museum Memorandum of Understanding -Commissioners would like Susan Wildermuth to verify amounts in the agreement prior to providing to the Museum for their review • Proposed vacation was received from a property owner in Westminster -John Willamowski Jr. is reviewing due to Tax Map's response, as Tax Map feels the plat does not match what the property owners are requesting • IT is looking into new recording options for meetings that are held outside of the office • Discussion on County Engineer purchase of property for Thayer Road project -County Engineer will provide information for resolution <p>Sofia Clifton—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Fair is tomorrow -60 vendors are scheduled for the event • General discussion on costs for Workers Compensation Claim that will be going to trial -estimate is \$25,000.00—\$30,000.00

- **Received Workers Compensation bill in the amount of \$410,901.00**
-additional funding is needed for the payment
-Commissioners would like Susan Wildermuth to move funds from Contingency to cover additional amount needed
- **Commissioner Seibert and Sofia Clifton will be meeting Friday to review board appointments**

Susan Wildermuth—

- **Discussion on draw down of funds that are available from the Community Development Block Grant**
-working with Rebecca Phillips to provide an invoice for services in the amount of \$14,650.00
- **Working with Rachael Gilroy on how to approve/open the 2026 budget for the Sheriff's Office with Union negotiations still open**

Beth Seibert—

- **Attended Winter Conference last week**
-sessions highly focused on the potential of property tax being abolished
-toolkit is available on the CCAO website to review how to discuss the consequences of what abolishing property tax will mean

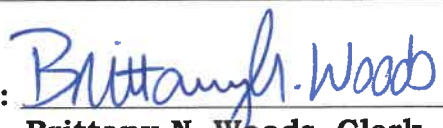



Brian Winegardner—

- **Discussion on the Backup/Cloud for Tyler**
-Auditor Gilroy will be paying the \$16,000.00 for the backup/cloud services for 2026
-will need to have a meeting at a later date to discuss options for the future

County Projects—

- **Jason Patchet has communicated with WDC Group that we would like to move forward with a General Contractor delivery method for the CSEA Renovation Project, as well as moving the bidding date to the beginning of the year**
- **Discussion on request for Outside Counsel for Courthouse Renovations**
-working with John Willamowski Jr. on the approval of the Judge for outside counsel

	<p>At 9:52 a.m., Commissioner Winegardner made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss employee compensation per ORC 121.22(G)(1). Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Susan Wildermuth will remain present during executive session.</p> <p>Cory Noonan joined executive session at 10:09 a.m.</p> <p>Back in general session at 10:46 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee compensation was discussed during executive session, with no decisions being made at this time • Commissioners and Susan Wildermuth will further discuss tomorrow during the Budget Discussion
<p>10:47 a.m.</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>1:01 p.m.</p>	<p>Dog Warden Quarterly Update—Julie Shellhammer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of statistics for the office • Review of dog tag sales • No updates on staffing • Discussion on vehicle repairs -vehicle is up and running • Provided an overview on participating in Maker Fest Pet Expo • Discussion on recent Lima Police Department cruelty case -six (6) dogs that are dog aggressive were taken to the Dog Warden’s Office, which are being impounded for the police case -working with the Prosecutor’s Office on getting the dogs released from the case for disposition, as they are causing damage to the building/equipment and biting staff • Assisted Marion County on an Adoption Event -event was very successful • Staff and Julie Shellhammer attended Winter Conference -Allen County earned Top Dog Warden Facility for 2025 • Discussion on Avery’s Law, which is proposed to be enacted in March -should provide more leverage in dealing with vicious dogs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on request for 3% cost of living increase for staff -Julie Shellhammer stated the increase could be covered within her budget -Commissioners all agree with Julie Shellhammer providing a 3% increase to staff
1:41 a.m.	RECESS
2:03 p.m.	<p>Tax Abatement Discussion re: Murphy Tractor—Cindy Leis, Troy Mollinger (virtual) and Bill Buckles (virtual)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murphy Tractor currently leases space on St. Johns Road -discussion on expansion/building for a new dealership being built on Commerce Property • Discussion on process of proposed tax abatement -75% tax abatement for 10 years -seven (7) new jobs will be created • Bill Buckles provided a background of Murphy Tractor • Proposed tax abatement will be on Thursdays agenda for consideration
2:22 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>