

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALLEN COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

204 N. Main Street

3rd Floor

Lima, Ohio 45801

Phone: 419-228-3700, Ext 8725 Fax: 419-224-0183

commissioners@allencountyohio.com

Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

DESCRIPTION	GENERAL SESSION
DATE	January 20, 2026
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert Cory Noonan
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED
8:30 a.m.	<p>Educational Service Center Lease Discussion—Craig Kupferberg, Dave Mayer, Walter Paxson and Karla Wireman</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General discussion on lease with Educational Services Center -all parties are in agreeance with moving forward with renewal of lease agreement • Discussion on potential new building at the location -currently no plans but continuing to working with the state on attempting to find funding • General discussion on potential loss of property tax funds
8:48 a.m.	RECESS
9:32 a.m.	<p>Union Negotiations Update/Discussion—Attorney Ben Albrecht</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Winegardner stated that Ben Albrecht reached out to the Commissioners last week stating that the Gold Union had tentatively agreed to contract after fact finder was completed but would like to have discussion with Commissioners

At 9:34 a.m., Commissioner Noonan made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss ongoing union negotiations/bargaining sessions with Attorney Ben Albrecht per ORC 121.22(G)(4). Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and approved unanimously.

- Commissioner Noonan noted that Susan Wildermuth would remain present during executive session**
- At 9:35 a.m. Ben Albrecht joined executive session via phone**

Back in general session at 10:09 a.m.

- Commissioner Noonan stated that Ben Albrecht was part of the meeting via phone from 9:36 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.**
- Ben Albrecht will be preparing a guidance document to the Commissioners outlining when and if any action is necessary for the Union Agreements**

10:10 a.m. RECESS

10:14 a.m. Staff Update/County Projects Discussion

Brittany Woods—

- Sofia Clifton asked Brittany Woods to report that she is appealing a recent BWC claim, as the claimant submitted a claim dur to issues from mold exposure, however the employee has since retired and never reported in issues while employed**
- Discussion on 2026 CEBCO Renewal Process Survey**
 - Commissioners would like Sofia Clifton to complete as well as they will too**
- Discussion on Deed E-Filing Process**
 - Rachael Gilroy, Allen County Auditor, has provided the necessary information to publish a notice to receive proposals from financial institutions re: financial transaction devices**
 - Commissioners are good with proceeding with placement on the agenda for the Clerk to post notice**

- **Jennifer McBride, Allen County Clerk of Courts, has requested a meeting to further discuss the relocation of the Clerk of Courts Office with the Judges and Commissioners**
-Commissioners would like Brittany Woods to schedule said meeting
- **CCAO Membership Meeting designation**
-Commissioners chose Beth Seibert as the voting member and Cory Noonan as the alternate
- **General discussion on Weather Policy**

Susan Wildermuth—

- **Received the CAUV Renewal Application**
-will review with Commissioner Winegardner
- **Discussion on compressor replacement for the Courthouse**
-Susan Wildermuth has transferred funds in place for a Purchase Order
- **Discussion on Veterans Garage Improvement projects**
-Supplemental Appropriation will be on the agenda for approval and Susan Wildermuth will get a various vendors Purchase Order in place
- **Discussion on Community Development Block Grant projects**
-will work with Brittany Woods on obtaining the resolutions for Change Orders for the Harrod and Lafayette projects
- **Discussion on EMA Director's request for increases**
-Susan Wildermuth will notify him that increases will not be addressed until all General Fund wage decisions are made

Brian Winegardner—

- **Discussion on Government Center Update tomorrow**
-Commissioner Noonan and Commissioner Winegardner will plan to attend
- **Discussion on Lima Mall Sanitary Sewer Bill in preparation for the 1:00 pm meeting**
-will plan to update Assistant Prosecutor John Willamowski Jr. on Lima Mall's concerns that their square footage does not match their sanitary sewer bill

Beth Seibert—

- **Discussion on potential appointment of Maddie Downing to the Regional Transit Authority Board of Trustees**
-Commissioners are in agreeance with placing on Thursday's agenda for approval of appointment
- **Received a call from Scott Shuff in regards to the Savings and Loan Building and continued concerns of the North face of the building abutting to the Kewpee**
- **Discussion on the Root Outdoor Billboard located at the Veterans Garage**
-Commissioner Noonan has asked John Willamowski Jr. to prepare a letter stating that the Commissioners do not intend to continue with the lease once it expires
- **Discussion on Educational Services Center (ESC) Lease**
-Susan Wildermuth will prepare the lease for the ESC to review and will be placed on an agenda for approval once signed
- **Discussion on Chilli for Charity Event re: county opioid funds to be put toward projects**
-applications will be reviewed on March 3rd
-Commissioner Seibert will plan to attend the review
-Commissioner Seibert would like the Commissioners and staff to attend the final event once scheduled

Cory Noonan—

- **Discussion on meeting with City of Lima Mayor Sharetta Smith in regards to the Building Department**
-Commissioners will plan to obtain a status check to see how building departments work outside of the current Building Department outside Lima/Allen County

Susan Wildermuth (Cont.)—

- **Discussion on annual Allen Economic Development Group Agreement**
-Susan Wildermuth is working with Cindy Leis on potential revisions

10:55 a.m.

RECESS

