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Board of Allen County Commissioners will be in session

Tuesday and Thursday and adjourn upon completion of business

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>February 17, 2026</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM</b>
	<b>PRESENT: Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert Cory Noonan</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<p><b>Allen County Regional Airport Capital Project Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Jason Patchet joined the meeting to discuss the Government Center Building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on Change Order for elevation work</b> -Change Order is in the amount of \$118,093.82</li> </ul> <p><b>At 8:02 a.m. Commissioner Noonan called Chris Widener, WDC Group to discuss Change Order of the North Side elevation work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris Widener will be present Thursday to further discuss the elevation work and Change Order cost</b> -Current AIA Document has a 2-cent pricing discrepancy, and will be corrected for signature on Thursday -Commissioners signed off on the Change Order in the amount of \$118,093.82</li> </ul> <p><b>Jason Patchet left the meeting at 8:06 a.m.</b></p> <p><b>Airport Members joined the meeting at 8:08 a.m.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General discussion on proposed Capital Projects for the Allen County Regional Airport Authority</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on Allen Economic Development Group (AEDG) Property Assessment for development</b> -Commissioners do not feel that this would be a Capital Project -further discussion will be had with AEDG</li> <li>• <b>Commissioners will continue to review the proposed projects and continue discussing once capital discussions begin</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>8:30 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>9:00 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Staff Update/County Projects Discussion</b></p> <p><b>Sofia Clifton—</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting with Melissa Bodey, CEBCO and Smart Shopper to review Smart Shopper program</b></li> <li>• <b>Melissa Bodey, CEBCO, will be meeting with the Commissioners to discuss FSA/HAS and Smart Shopper program during her next update</b></li> <li>• <b>Provide updates on upcoming BWC Trial</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on vehicle accident at Children Services</b> -county employee was not at fault, however there was \$3,400.00 worth of damage -claim has been submitted to CORSA even though damages were less than the \$5,000.00 deductible</li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Allen Water District board member terms</b> -two (2) members terms will expire in April -Commissioners will consider reappointment or replacement</li> </ul> <p><b>Brittany Woods—</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Currently preparing subpoenas for the upcoming Annexation Hearing</b> -will plan to have them sent out this week</li> <li>• <b>Discussion on letter to Lamar Companies to discontinue lease for the placement of billboard at the Veterans Garage Site</b> -Brittany Woods will discuss with John Willamowski Jr. on if she is to send said letter</li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Road Vacations</b> -currently have three (3) proposed vacations -once reviewed and ensure all items are in order, they will be placed on agenda to accept the filing and move forward with scheduling views and hearings</li> </ul>

- **Discussion on potential Electric Aggregation Pooling**  
-CCAO would like to explore Allen, Hardin, Paulding, Putnam and Seneca counties current electric aggregation and consider merging them into a five (5) county pool to potentially result in better aggregation pricing  
-Brittany Woods will further discuss with Amy Hoffman, Palmer Energy

**Susan Wildermuth—**

- **Discussion on Capital Budget requests**  
-Susan Wildermuth will send an email out to elected officials/department heads asking for list of department capital requests
- **Discussion on Elected Officials/Department Heads budget meeting**  
-will work on scheduling after todays budget meeting
- **Working on preparing grant information for audit requests**

**Beth Seibert—**

- **Discussion on attending upcoming Fair Board Meeting to discuss OSU Extension/Fairgrounds Administration Building**  
-discussion on additional water line work that needs completed at the Fairgrounds  
-quote for work is \$50,000.00  
-invoice will be sent to Susan Wildermuth for payment as Commissioners had previously agreed to fund as part of the Waterline Project

**John Willamowski Jr. joined the meeting at 9:38 a.m.**

**John Willamowski Jr. –**

- **John Willamowski Jr. will send the revised lease for Cory Meredith Law Firm for their review**
- **Letter to the Lima Mall in regards to sanitary sewer charges is being revised and will be sent out**
- **Lamar Billboard letter is complete and Brittany Woods can send**
- **Continuing to work on City Club Agreement and Personnel Policy revisions**
- **Review and discussion on historical narrative on MS4 and Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Regulations**

**-review of County Engineer responsibilities  
-John Willamowski Jr. is continuing to research  
any due compensation to the County Engineer**


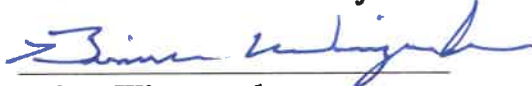


**John Willamowski Jr. left the meeting at 10:11 a.m.**

**Beth Seibert (continued)—**

- **Discussion on Memorandum of Understanding with Regional Planning Commission for the transition of Community Development Block Grant**
- **Discussion on Spencerville's request to apply for a Neighborhood Relief Grant**
  - Commissioners are in agreeance with Spencerville moving forward with applying, as the Commissioner's Office being the applicant/administrator**
  - Susan Wildermuth is working with GLCAP to ensure contract is in place for administration services for said grant**
  - discussion on necessary agreement with Spencerville to outline responsibilities**
- **Township Association has appointed Doug Vermillion as a Region 15 One Ohio representative**
- **Legal Counsel for the Solid Waste District Board discussed measures to be improved per the State Audit**
  - meeting is being scheduled with the State Auditor and Allen County Auditor**
  - An Allen County Commissioner will be present since Allen County is the fiscal agent for the Board**
- **Russ Decker has requested to attend an agenda meeting to announce the Ag Hall Of Fame nomination process on behalf of the Agri-Business Committee**
  - Commissioners believe it would be best for Commissioner Seibert to discuss during the agenda meeting, and Russ Decker can be in attendance for any questions**
- **Discussion on upcoming Activate Allen County Chili Cookoff where Opioid funds will be awarded to the winning presenters**
- **Discussion on current litigation including Children Services Board**

	<p><b>-Commissioner Seibert had discussion with CORSA on if there should be any Commissioner presence during any meetings pertaining to said litigation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• General discussion on HB 520-Blue Ribbon Commission</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Cory Noonan—</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• Discussion on having an audit conducted on the Building Department by the State</b> <b>-Commissioner Noonan will discuss with City of Lima, Mayor Smith</b></li> <li><b>• General discussion on Allen Economic Development Group/ Port Authority’s potential plans for Memorial Hall</b> <b>-currently looking at a Boutique Hotel</b></li> <li><b>• Discussion on timeline for application for State Capital Funds</b> <b>-Commissioner Noonan will draft an application for funds to go toward the OSU Extension Building</b></li> <li><b>• Discussion on Ada Road property transferred to the Port Authority</b> <b>-will plan to discuss with Allen Economic Development Group on plans for the property at their next update</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>11:04 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>11:12 a.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Budget Discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• General discussion on 2026 budget</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Commissioner Noonan stated the meeting will reconvene after the 2:00 p.m. County Projects Discussion</b></p>
<p><b>12:16 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>1:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Sanitary Engineer Quarterly Update – Brad Niemeyer and Ron Meyer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>• Provided an update on Shawnee Waste Water Treatment Plant Project</b></li> <li><b>• Provided an update on Shawnee Collection System Improvements Project</b></li> <li><b>• Discussion on Hamlet of Hume Sewer Improvement Project</b> <b>-will be applying for \$2M in principal forgiveness funds</b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on Indianbrook Pump Station Upgrades</b> -upgrades will cost approximately \$600,000.00</li> <li>• <b>Neely Road Project is on hold due to lack of qualifying for funding</b> -may revisit next year</li> <li>• <b>General update on staffing</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Home Depot Building being repurposed to a bearing warehouse</b> -usage equivalences will be reevaluated once new possession is taken</li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Project BOSC</b> -\$32M will be put toward the pump station from the developer -general discussion on capital permit/tap fees -current capital permit fee is estimated to be \$3.125M -will be advertising for CMAR in the next couple of weeks for the construction of the new pump station—should be on an agenda for approval in the next couple weeks</li> <li>• <b>General discussion Mast Estates Waste Water Treatment Plant</b> -discussion on treatment and maintenance fees for Waste Water Treatment Plant for Mast Estates and similar projects</li> </ul>
<p><b>1:39 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>
<p><b>2:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>County Project Discussion—Mark Evans, Bricker Graydon (virtual) and Jason Patchet</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on Request for Qualifications for an Architect/Design Firm for Courthouse Renovations Project</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on General Contractor vs. Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) and how procurement is handled</b></li> <li>• <b>Mark Evans recommends a CMAR for the Courthouse Renovation Project</b></li> <li>• <b>Discussion on Request for Qualifications for an Architect</b> -Mark Evans will begin working on preparing documents</li> </ul>
<p><b>2:47 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>RECESS</b></p>

<b>3:07 p.m.</b>	<b>Budget Discussion Continued—</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>General discussion on 2026 budget</b></li></ul>
<b>3:52 p.m.</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>
	<p>Submitted by: <u></u> <b>Brittany N. Woods, Clerk</b></p> <p>Approved by: <b>Board of Allen County Commissioners</b></p> <p><u></u> <b>Brian Winegardner</b></p> <p><u></u> <b>Beth Seibert</b></p> <p><u></u> <b>Cory Noonan</b></p>