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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	July 21, 2026
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Beth Seibert Cory Noonan
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED
8:30 a.m.	Personnel Discussion—Julie Shellhammer • Currently has two (2) part time Kennel techs -one (1) will be leaving -Julie Shellhammer would like to move the other part time employee to full time -Commissioners are in agreeance with moving Mikayla Beecham-Wood to a full time Kennel Tech position • Discussion on postage for dog tags -the Dog Warden has requested to add a fee for postage of dog tags that owners request to be mailed to them -Commissioners are in agreeance with charging for postage of tags to be sent to the owners
8:39 a.m.	RECESS
9:00 a.m.	Staff Update/County Projects Discussion Sofia Clifton— • Provided an update on Workers Compensation Claims -Board of Developmental Disabilities employee has seeked council and hearing has been scheduled for July 31st through the Bureau of Workers Compensation

- **Discussion on Bureau of Workers Compensation Training tomorrow**
-Brittany Woods or Susan Wildermuth will also attend as Sofia Clifton's back-up

John Willamowski Jr. entered the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

- **Discussion on Gov Deals Policy**
-items not picked up within ten (10) days after purchased are to be charged a daily storage fee
-County Engineer has asked if said fee can be waived if an item is not picked up within ten (10) days
-Commissioners are in agreeance of making arrangements with a buyer if they are unable to pickup the purchased item within ten (10) days
-amendment will need to be made to the Gov Deals Policy stating that departments are able to waive the storage fee

John Willamowski Jr.—

- **Discussion on Roadway Agreements associated with the Data Center**
-review of Resolution #588-25, which is a Roadway Development Agreement with the Allen County Port Authority and Bistrozzi, LLC. (Project BOSC Developer)
-discussion on urgency of a temporary road needing to be installed and the Port Authority's attempt to obtaining the final needed easements to do so, which is proving to be difficult with the property owners
-Port Authority has mentioned utilizing authority to take the needed property if unable to acquire through purchase
-Commissioners discussed their understanding in the agreement entered into via Resolution #588-25 that any needed property would be obtained by acquiring, not by taking of said property
-John Willamowski Jr. stated the Port Authority does have independent authority aside from the agreement which allows the ability to essential take land if needed for a project
-Commissioners would like to communicate with the Port Authority that they are not in favor of utilizing such authority and oppose the Port Authority of any taking of land and want to encourage them to work with the property owners on acquiring the property through easements

-Commissioner Seibert will draft a letter for the Commissioners to review prior to sending to the Port Authority

- **Discussion on Dog Warden's request to charge individuals for postage costs of dog tags to be sent via mail to purchaser**
-John Willamowski Jr. is continuing to research to determine the amount that can be charged to individuals for postage of dog tags
- **Discussion on Public Records request to the Dog Warden's Office from the City of Lima**
-Julie Shellhammer has gathered the records and John Willamowski Jr. is reviewing the documents prior to sending to the City of Lima and will follow up with Julie Shellhammer
- **Discussion on Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Regulations**
-have been working with County Engineer on revisions and will provide a draft for the Commissioners to review
- **Discussion on an Appeal Letter received from a group of individuals in regards to sanitary sewer connection per the Health Department**
-the group has requested a meeting with the Health Commissioner and the Commissioners believe they should be a part of said meeting as well
- **Discussion on Retire/Rehire Process**
-John Willamowski Jr. is continuing to review
- **Worth Center 9th Amendment in regards to Capital Improvements**
- John Willamowski Jr. is continuing to review

John Willamowski Jr. left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Sofia Clifton Cont.—

- **Discussion on Gov Deals usage**
-Allen Soil and Water Conservation District is working on selling their drone on Gov Deals
-once sold, Sofia Clifton will remove from insurance
- **Received a reimbursement from CORSA for a Psych Evaluation for a new employee in the amount of \$250**
- **Provided an update on Union Wellness completers**
-98 Union employees, with 51% employees and spouses completed
- **Discussion on 2026 Health Fair**

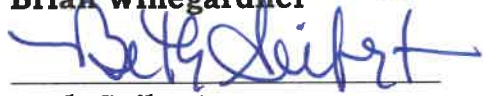
- Sofia Clifton is working with the City of Lima to organize said event
- discussion on return of investment—employees were able to link with a Primary Care Physician and have their required blood work completed
- Discussion on two (2) Sheriff Office cruisers that were damaged
 - one has been deemed total
 - the other vehicle was not totaled and the other party, which was at fault, did not have insurance
 - CORSAs has asked the appraiser to reevaluate and determine if the vehicle can be considered totaled
- Discussion on CORSA appraisal completed in April resulted in an amount of \$15,900,700.00
 - will continue to update content amount as buildings are vacated or moved into once the Government Center is completed
- Discussion on three (3) potential Workers Compensation settlements for incidents at the Sheriff's Office presented by Sedgwick
 - two (2) of the individuals are still employed at the Sheriff's Office, one (1) is no longer employed at the Sheriff's Office
 - Kurt Kaufman has reviewed said settlements and has agreed with such, as the settlements would be paid by BWC and the claims would be closed
 - Commissioners are in agreeance with offering said settlements and
- Discussion on potential Children Services Board appointment interview with Isaiah Pugh
 - Beth Seibert provided a brief background on Mr. Pugh
 - interview is scheduled for August 11th
- General discussion on open Board seats on the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board
 - Liz Casey was recently interviewed by the Commissioners and will be meeting with Tammie Colon next week to further discuss Board responsibilities

Brittany Woods—

- Discussion on IRS mileage reimbursement increase
 - reimbursement has been increased from \$0.725 to \$0.76

	-in working with the Auditors Office, it was suggested we pass a resolution amending any travel previously approved to reflect the increased mileage reimbursement rate—said resolution will be on Thursday’s agenda • Dave Stratton has requested a meeting with the Commissioners to provide an update on the Memorial Hall Project -Brittany Woods will schedule a meeting Cory Noonan— • Provided overview on conversation with Tamara Wilson, Veterans Service Commission -Cory Noonan spoke with Tamara Wilson to let her know he won’t be able to attend their Veterans event at the Fair due to CEBCO Meeting -discussion was also had in regards to utilizing Regional Transit Authority transportation services and Tamara Wilson will further discuss options with Brian Wildermuth • General discussion on Government Center Project budget and possible Courthouse Renovation Project budget • Discussion on Auditor’s IT Capital request -due to the outcome on the budget review received from WDC Group for the Government Center, the Commissioners are able to move forward with said purchase in the amount of \$773,638.10 -Brittany Woods will work with Susan Wildermuth on moving funds to purchase IT Capital requests - DR system Commissioner Noonan asked to recess until 12:45 p.m. to allow time to confirm purchase items with Brian Mauk, IT
10:36 a.m.	RECESS
12:45 p.m.	Staff Update/County Projects Discussion Cont. Sofia Clifton— • Received a request from 318 Restaurant to utilize a county parking lot on August 1st for an event

	-Sofia Clifton will work with John Willamowski Jr. to ensure our Property Use Form is updated for use, if so form and request for Certificate of Insurance will be provided to the requester for completion and the Commissioners will then review request for approval Cory Noonan— • Provided an overview on discussion with Brian Mauk in regards to the DR Refresh equipment and Sheriff's Office IT Capital requests -Tyler Upgrades do not have to be completed at this time and will be further discussed at a later date at a cost of approximately \$400,000.00 - Commissioners still want to proceed with the purchase of the Disaster Recovery Refresh Equipment on this weeks agenda in the amount of \$773,638.10
1:00 p.m.	RECESS
1:03 p.m.	Review of Ditch Conditions Report for 2027 Maintenance Assessments—Nathan Davis and Joe Gearing • Review of Ditch Condition Report -discussion on proposed assessments for 2027 • General review of the Operating Budget for Ditch Maintenance • Discussion on projects that need to be added onto maintenance as well as projects that are in need of a six (6) year review • Discussion on cost allocation for Ditch Maintenance -Commissioner Noonan provided an overview on how cost allocation is calculated through Maximus -Commissioner Seibert provided an overview of breakdown on services outlined in the cost allocation billing Commissioners request that Ditch Maintenance make payment for their cost allocation • Discussion on Miner French Petitioned Ditch Project -watershed is working on obtaining a quote to determine if work can be completed independently rather than through the County Engineer's Office

	• Discussion on Cindy Leis, Allen County Port Authority, inquiring on Jay Begg Parkway Basin being placed on county maintenance
1:56 p.m.	ADJOURN
	Submitted by: <u></u> Brittany N. Woods, Clerk Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners <u></u> Brian Winegardner <u></u> Beth Seibert _____ Cory Noonan