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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	August 4, 2026
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert Cory Noonan
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:00 a.m.	Joint Board Meeting with Auglaize County Commissioners re: Maintenance Assessments for various ditches **Please see Auglaize County Minutes**
9:20 a.m.	RECESS
9:21 a.m.	Staff Update/County Projects Discussion • During the 9:00 a.m. meeting, Resolution #583-26 was unable to be discussed, and will be reviewed at the August 18th Joint Board Meeting Resolution #583-26. Joint Board of Allen and Auglaize County Commissioners certifies collection assessments for maintenance on various ditches to the Allen and Auglaize County Auditors. <i>Commissioner Winegardner made a motion to table Resolution #583-26. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolution was tabled.</i>

Sofia Clifton—

- **Provided an update on a settlement offer to a former employee through the Bureau of Workers Compensation cases**
-a settlement of \$125,000.00 from BWC was accepted
- **Discussion on approval \$1B dividend to Ohio Employers per Governor DeWine for past BWC funds that were not received**
-funds to be received has not yet been determined
- **Provided an update on EAP usage**
-current usage has improved from 4 employees to 61 employees
- **Discussion on Sheriff's Office vehicle damage**
-Sheriff's Office was not at fault, but have received a subpoena for the driver of said vehicle to testify
- **Discussion on EMA vehicle that was involved in an accident**
- **-EMA was not at fault, however the vehicle is out of service for a period of time**
-EMA Director Jared Gesler is inquiring of a possible rental vehicle
-Commissioners are not inclined to get a rental vehicle, as the vehicle would not be equipped as an EMA vehicle
- **CORSA HR Training has been scheduled on September 16th**
-all three (3) Commissioners plan to attend
- **Discussion on CEBCO Renewal**
-8.7% increase
-Rachel Bishop, CEBCO, will be in August 17th to further discuss the Allen County Renewal and plan options for 2027
- **Discussion on Wellness 2027**
-Review of revised Wellness Policy
-will further discuss once it is determined if the Sydney App be available

John Willamowski Jr. joined the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

John Willmaowski Jr.—

- **Discussion on Jail Medical Contract**
-will expire at the end of this year
-discussion on the need to re-bid for the services
- **Discussion on Spencerville's application for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant**

-John Willamowski Jr. is working on drafting a Memorandum of Understanding with Spencerville for the Commissioners to administer said Grant if funding is awarded

- **Discussion on Stormwater Management and Sediment Control Regulations**

-John Willamowski Jr. will review if all parties are in agreeance

- **Discussion on proposed TIF near McClain/Breese Roads**

-meeting to further discussed is scheduled for tomorrow

- **Discussion on collection of supplemental pay funds received by Sheriff Office employees that left employment prior to July 1st**

-John Willamowski Jr. will work with Susan Wildermuth on preparing letters to be sent

- **Discussion on Retire/Rehire Process**

- **Discussion on Schimpf Alley Vacation**

-plat will need to be reviewed by Regional Planning

- **Discussion on Regional Planning Cyber Security Policy**

-John Willamowski Jr. will check to see if he has reviewed said policy for review

- **Discussion on Employee Dishonesty Policy**

-John Willamowski Jr. is determining who from Child Support Enforcement Agency Director needs to be covered under said coverage

John Willamowski Jr. left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

Brittany Woods—

- **Received Notice of a Public Hearing regarding Building Standards for Friday, August 14th at 10:00 a.m.**

- **Discussion on Veterans Wall of Honor Dedication on September 4th**

-information has been sent for a proclamation to be presented at the event

Resolution #584-26. Authorize submission of a grant application to the Ohio Supreme Court for the Court Improvement Program Technology Grant.

- **Commissioners are committed to provide the reimbursable funding if the grant is approved**

***Commissioner Noonan made a motion to approve.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was
called and the resolution was approved unanimously.***

Susan Wildermuth—

- **Received reimbursement from the Civic Center for the Restroom Renovations in the amount of \$137,971.60**
- **Discussion on Release of Mortgages for Julie Smith, Jason Farland and Patricia Holden**
 - loans have be satisfied
 - resolutions will be on Thursday's agenda for approval
- **Discussion on Lima Properties Lease**
 - per the lease, an annual escalation in the amount of 1% did not occur in 2025 or 2026
 - Commissioners would like Susan Wildermuth to prepare a letter for recoupment of additional amounts per the lease agreement as well as provide notice that the lease will not be renewed in 2027 due to the Savings Building being vacated
- **Received notice from Berlin Carroll and Lyuda Freuh, Juvenile Detention Center, that their Overtime Line is overdrawn**
 - requesting additional funding in the amount of \$34,000.00 to cover the remainder of the year
 - Commissioners would like to have a meeting with Berlin Carroll to further discuss

Brian Winegardner—

- **Discussion on Bath Township Cruiser**
 - currently waiting on Bath Township to provide the necessary paperwork for the vehicle to be transfer to Allen County

Beth Seibert—

- **Dick Schroeder has decided to step down from the Regional Transit Authority Board**
 - once formal notice has been received, the Commissioners can begin to interview for a replacement and will plan to interview Steven Jenkins
- **Discussion on City of Lima Electric Aggregation rates in comparison to Allen County Electric Aggregation**

	• Had discussion with Tyler Black, Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Parks District, in regards to the four (4) parks that are not owned by the Park District, and are operated through long-term leases -Tyler Black would like to explore the option to own Agerter Road Access, Farm Park, Ottawa Metro Park and Teddy Bear Park rather than leasing -Commissioners will further discuss at a later date Cory Noonan— • Discussion on upcoming Tax Budget Hearing -review of monthly income -review of 2026 Tax Budget -general discussion on 2027 Tax Budget
11:13 a.m.	RECESS
1:00 p.m.	Department of Job and Family Services Quarterly Update—Joe Patton • Provided an overview on the Fiscal Report • Discussion on Job Coach placement -Job Coaches will no longer be placed in the local high schools, except Lima Senior and Apollo • Provided an update on personnel -GOWBI funding for Social Media advertising for various counties has been pulled and communication will be sent to all users to notify them of termination • Discussion on Insurance -will be looking for options as current contract ends this year • Joe Patton requested to discuss disciplinary of an employee At 1:10 p.m., Commissioner Seibert made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss discipline of a public employee per ORC 121.22 (G)(1), with Joe Patton remaining present. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and approved unanimously. Back in General Session at 1:24 p.m.

	• Per the information received during executive session, the Commissioners direct Joe Patton to further discuss with their legal to determine next steps with employee
1:25 p.m.	RECESS
2:00 p.m.	Ohio Regional Public Defenders Office Update— Elizabeth Miller and Patrick Clark First Floor Conference Room • August 14th will make one (1) year for the implementation of the Ohio Public Defender Northwest Regional Hub -Hub consists of Allen, Hardin and Putnam counties • Elizabeth Miller provided a background on the creation of the Hub -Open House of the Hub will be held on October 16th • Patrick Clark provided an overview of statistics for the use of the Hub and an update on personnel for the Hub -provided an update on staffing -review of average case time -discussion on decrease in incarceration and costs to the counties -review of cases opened through the Hub • General discussion and feedback from the Allen, Hardin and Putnam county Judges in regards to the Hub -overall feedback from all three (3) counties is positive and look forward to continuing with the Hub • General discussion on continued funding for the Hub -discussion on the importance to share feedback with CCAO for lobbying with the State for continued funding • General discussion on potentially adding counties to the Hub -Judges would want to see staffing added to the team prior to other counties joining the Hub to ensure coverage for all counties is available
3:01 p.m.	ADJOURN

Submitted by:

Brittany Woods
Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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