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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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>DATE</b>        | <b>August 6, 2026</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>LOCATION</b>    | <b>COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                    | <b>PRESENT: Brian Winegardner<br/>Beth Seibert</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>TIME:</b>       | <b>GENERAL SESSION - RECORDED</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>8:30 a.m.</b>   | <b>2027 Tax Budget Hearing—Susan Wildermuth, Rachael Gilroy and Ciara Maag</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Rachael Gilroy provided an overview on the 2027 Tax Budget</b><br/>-all numbers from Children Services, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Tri County Mental health and MET Parks are provided by said agencies and reviewed by the Budget Commission</li><li><b>Discussion on General Fund revenues and expenditures</b></li></ul> |
| <b>8:52 a.m.</b>   | <b>RECESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>9:00 a.m.</b>   | <b>AGENDA MEETING</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                    | <b>PLEDGE—Beth Seibert</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                    | <b>PRAYER—Pastor Neal Whitney, The Church at Allentown</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                    | <b>APPROVE AGENDA AS PRESENTED</b><br><br><i>Commissioner Seibert moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and the agenda was approved unanimously.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

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|  | <p><b>ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Approve the minutes of June 4, 2026 general session.</li><li>2. Approve the minutes of June 5, 2026 special session.</li><li>3. Approve the minutes of June 9, 2026 general session.</li><li>4. Approve the minutes of June 11, 2026 general session.</li><li>5. Approve the minutes of June 12, 2026 special session.</li><li>6. Approve the minutes of June 16, 2026 general session.</li><li>7. Approve the minutes of June 17, 2026 special session.</li><li>8. Approve the minutes of June 18, 2026 general session.</li><li>9. Approve the minutes of June 23, 2026 general session.</li><li>10. Approve the minutes of June 25, 2026 general session.</li><li>11. Approve the minutes of June 30, 2026 general session.</li><li>12. Approve the minutes of July 2, 2026 general session.</li><li>13. Approve the minutes of July 7, 2026 general session.</li><li>14. Approve the minutes of July 8, 2026 special session.</li><li>15. Approve the minutes of July 9, 2026 general session.</li><li>16. Approve the minutes of July 14, 2026 general session.</li><li>17. Approve the minutes of July 15, 2026 special session.</li><li>18. Approve the minutes of July 16, 2026 general session.</li><li>19. Approve the minutes of July 21, 2026 general session.</li><li>20. Approve the minutes of July 23, 2026 general session.</li><li>21. Approve the minutes of July 28, 2026 general session.</li></ol> <p><i>Commissioner Winegardner moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the minutes were approved unanimously.</i></p> |

## **22. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Resolution #585-26.** Approve travel expenses.
- b. Resolution #586-26.** Authorize a warrant of transfer from the Capital Fund 4017 to the Courthouse Renovation Fund 4025.
- c. Resolution #587-26.** Authorize a warrant of transfer from the Capital Fund 4017 to the CSEA Renovation Fund 4023.
- d. Resolution #588-26.** Supplemental appropriation for the Courthouse Building Fund 4025.
- e. Resolution #589-26.** Supplemental appropriation for the Capital Fund 4017.
- f. Resolution #590-26.** Supplemental appropriation for the Health Planning Fund 8815.
- g. Resolution #591-26.** Supplemental appropriation for the CSEA Building Fund 4023.
- h. Resolution #592-26.** Supplemental appropriation for the CSEA Building Fund 4023.
- i. Resolution #593-26.** Supplemental appropriation for the Drive Safe Fund 2878.
- j. Resolution #594-26.** Approve Then and Now Purchase Orders.
- k. Resolution #595-26.** Approve the promotion of Stephanie Crenshaw from Eligibility/Referral Supervisor 1 to Eligibility/Referral Supervisor 2 at the Allen County Department of Job and Family Services.
- l. Resolution #596-26.** Authorize and membership and payment of annual dues to Ohio County Dog Warden's Association for calendar year 2026.

***Commissioner Seibert moved to approve the resolutions. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and the resolutions were approved unanimously.***

## **RESOLUTIONS/SIGNATURES:**

- 1. Resolution #597-26.** Accept proposal and enter into contract with All Temp Refrigeration to replace the walk-in cooler refrigeration equipment at the Allen County Justice Center. ***Commissioner Winegardner moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.***

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|  | <p><b>2. Resolution #598-26.</b> Confirm submission of the 2027 Tax Budget. <b><i>Commissioner Seibert moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p> <p><b>3. Resolution #599-26.</b> Authorize the release of a mortgage for a Community Housing Improvement Program-Holden. <b><i>Commissioner Winegardner moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p> <p><b>4. Resolution #600-26.</b> Authorize the release of a mortgage for a Community Housing Improvement Program-McFarland. <b><i>Commissioner Seibert moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p> <p><b>5. Resolution #601-26.</b> Authorize the release of a mortgage for a Community Housing Improvement Program-Smith. <b><i>Commissioner Winegardner moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p> |
|  | <p><b>DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>A. <u>Sanitary Engineer</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Resolution #602-26.</b> Accept Land Purchase from property owner for the Shawnee Oaks Reroute Sewer Project. <b><i>Commissioner Seibert moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. Purchase is for 0.095 acres in the amount of \$1,903.07. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|                  | <p><b>B. <u>County Engineer</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Resolution #603-26.</b> Approve one (1) Standard Highway Easement and Temporary Easement for County Road Purposes with Dean and Judy Augsburger for the Allen County Engineer to remove and replace the existing bridge on Main Street, Bluffton. <b><i>Commissioner Winegardner moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Seibert. Total cost for easements is \$2,700.00. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p> <p><b>2. Resolution #974-24A.</b> Amend Resolution #974-24, authorize the Allen County Engineer, Brion Rhodes, to enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Agriculture for the construction of a Two-Stage Ditch-Shieltz Ditch. <b><i>Commissioner Seibert moved to approve the resolution. Motion seconded by Commissioner Winegardner. An additional amount of \$4,316.50 will be received from the Ohio Department of Agriculture H2Ohio funds. The roll was called and the resolution was approved unanimously.</i></b></p> |
|                  | <p><b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <p><b>Krista Bohn, Allen County Treasurer re: Property Tax Due Date—Due date for 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Property Taxes is August 12<sup>th</sup></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>9:12 a.m.</b> | <b>RECESS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>9:34 a.m.</b> | <p><b>Building and Grounds Weekly Update/County Projects Discussion--Jason Patchet and Krista Bohn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussion on fireproof safes/cabinets for the Treasurer's Office Vault Room in the Government Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>-review of options</b></li> <li><b>-two (2) smaller safes—\$3,000.00</b></li> <li><b>-Large cabinet—\$5,000.00</b></li> <li><b>-Krista Bohn would like to move forward with the fireproof cabinet and the Commissioners</b></li> <li><b>-Krista Bohn will review to see if she can provide the difference of \$2,000.00 from the smaller safes to the larger cabinet</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

- Discussion on exterior drop boxes for the Treasurer's Office and Veterans Service Commission
  - Commissioners Winegardner and Seibert would prefer an upright freestanding unit rather than a box attached to the building
  - Jason Patchet will further research options

**Chris Widener joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m.**

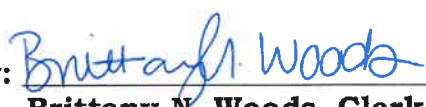
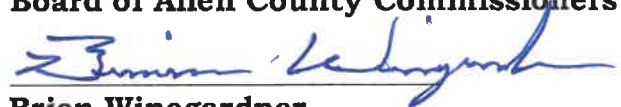
- General discussion on blinds for the first floor of the Government Center
  - Jason Patchet will be meeting with Budget Blinds next week to further discuss options

**Krista Bohn left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.**

- Discussion on IT camera storage device
  - updated quote with reduced storage is \$ 8,247.67
  - Commissioners are in agreeance with moving forward and Susan Wildermuth will work on getting Purchase Orders in place
- Chris Widener provided options of Dedication Plaques for review
  - review of color options—bronze or aluminum
  - Commissioners chose the aluminum option and would like to have the plaque placed beside the elevators and Chris Widener will proceed forward
- General update on construction at the Government Center
- Provided an update on demolition at the Child Support Enforcement Agency Renovations
- Chris Widener provided an update on Dog Warden Project
  - working on bid specifications

**Chris Widener left the meeting at 10:37 a.m.**

- Discussion on Museum HVAC Project
  - All Temp Refrigeration provided an updated total project quote—\$1,555,881.00
  - Museum portion for Dehumidification is \$485,540.00
  - County portion amount is \$1,070,341.00, which includes \$50,000.00 in contingencies
  - Commissioner Seibert will discuss with Jim Osmon, Allen County Historical Society, to discuss if they would be willing to provide any additional funding, as the Commissioners were only prepared to provide \$1 million to the project

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|            | <p>-the Commissioners will further discuss next week</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General discussion on humidification issues at the Juvenile Detention Center</li> <li>• Parking garage door thresholds will be replaced next week</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 10:54 a.m. | RECESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:02 a.m. | <p>Potential Children Services Board Appointment Interview—Nora Beerline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nora Beerline provided a background of herself</li> <li>• Discussion on time commitment needed for being part of Children Services Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Nora Beerline has spoken with her employer, and they have agreed to be flexible for any board meetings or sub-committee meetings</li> </ul> </li> <li>• General overview of the board's roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Discussion on the importance of the continuance of the current levies</li> </ul> |
| 11:27 a.m. | RECESS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2:00 p.m.  | <p>Seriff Drive Road Vacation View—230 Seriff Drive, Lima, Ohio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners viewed the proposed roadway to be vacated</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 2:20 p.m.  | ADJOURN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|            | <p>Submitted by: <u></u><br/>Brittany N. Woods, Clerk</p> <p>Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners</p> <p><u></u><br/>Brian Winegardner</p> <p><u></u><br/>Beth Seibert</p> <p><u></u><br/>Cory Noonan</p>                                                 |