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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 11, 2026
LOCATION	COMMISSIONER'S MEETING ROOM
	PRESENT: Brian Winegardner Beth Seibert
TIME:	GENERAL SESSION – RECORDED
9:00 a.m.	Staff Update/County Projects Discussion Sofia Clifton— • Provided an update on Smart Shopper usage -161 plans have utilized Smart Shopper and 48 households have changed to an in-network provider • Discussion on new cruiser for Bath Township -vehicle has been titled in the Commissioners name and has been placed on insurance -the current Bath Township cruiser will also be transferred to the Commissioners • Provided an update on Children Services lawsuit -proceeding smoothly • Provided an update on three (3) BWC settlements that have been offered -one (1) individual has declined the settlement, and no communication has been received from the other two (2) • Discussion on funds received for BWC claim that was awarded in favor of the county -\$123,000.00 in premiums will be returned to the county to the Workers Compensation Fund • Flu Shots and Blood Pressure Checks have been scheduled in September

- Walgreens will be providing the flu shots and Apollo students will be providing optional blood pressure checks for employees
- Discussion on CORSA Building appraisals completed
 - CORSA will be coming August 27th to review said appraisals
- Discussion on insurance coverage for Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Parks District
 - the Parks District insures all of their property, including property leased from the County except for the acreage around previous county home property
 - Sofia Clifton will further discuss with Webb Insurance to determine what all the county needs to be insuring and what the Parks District should be insuring
- Discussion on Sheriff's Office request to add a 2027 Utility Trailer to insurance
 - said trailer had not been placed on resolution prior to resolution
- Discussion on Sheriff's Office purchase of a drone
 - drone has not been placed no insurance and Sofia Clifton is unsure if the pilot is licensed
 - Commissioners asked if the van hauling the drone has been approved for purchase
 - Sofia Clifton and Commissioner Winegardner will reach out to the Sheriff's Office to get further information
- Discussion on reappointments of Board members to the Port Authority Board
 - Phil Buell and Timothy Buit
 - resolution will be on Thursdays Agenda for consideration
- Interview of Isaiah Pugh is scheduled for this afternoon for a potential appointment to the Children Services Board
- Discussion on Nora Beerline as an appointment to the Children Services Board
 - Commissioners held an interview last week with her and would like to move forward with appointing on next weeks agenda
- Provided an update on damaged vehicle at EMA
 - other parties' insurance is requesting if check for repairs should be sent to the body shop or County
 - Commissioners believe they should pay the body shop

Brittany Woods—

- **Received a request from two (2) individuals to speak at the upcoming Agenda meeting re: Avery's Law and would also like to schedule a meeting with a Commissioner**
 - Brittany Woods will schedule a meeting with individuals**
- **Discussion on Securus Contract for Inmate Phone Calls**
 - the Federal Communication Commission rate cap has changed and Securus has provided a new contract for approval**
 - Captain Breitigan is confirming with Securus if we need a new contract or an amendment, as we have done in the past, as we are currently on our 8th Amendment which runs through March of 2027**
 - once it is determined if another amendment will need to be approved or a new contract, the item will be placed on the agenda for consideration**

Susan Wildermuth—

- **Discussion on Admin Building Fund 4022**
 - \$1 million will be moved from Capital Fund 4017 to cover invoices**
- **Discussion on capital funds being moved to the Airport Authority for drop ceiling replacement project in lieu of operational funds**
 - quote received in the amount of \$61,155.00**
 - Susan Wildermuth has the accounting on Thursday's agenda for approval**
- **Discussion on SBA Steel Cell Tower Lease at the Sanitary Engineer's Office property**
 - an inquiry has been received by Brad Niemeyer to purchase the lease**
- **Allen County Recycling has inquired if the Commissioners are interested in purchasing, as the family is selling**
 - Commissioners are not interested**

	Beth Seibert— • Discussion on Museum HVAC Project -Commissioner Seibert met with Christine Fowler-Shearer to discuss funding for the project and the Commissioners plan to commit \$1M to the project -Museum is committed to providing the additional \$555,881.00 for the HVAC project, including the humidity correction issues • Discussion on Civic Center Board of Trustees -Beth Keehn has announced to said Board, that she plans to leave the Board at the end of her term -Commissioner Seibert has reached out to Rhonda Lehman on her interest in being appointed to the Civic Center Board of Trustees for Mercy Health to maintain representation • Discussion on Legacy Arts Festival-October 24th -they have requested to utilize the space in front of the Government Center Building for vendors -Commissioner Seibert has directed the requested to complete a form to request use of space for review County Projects— • Brittany Woods provided an update on furnishings for the CSEA Building Project -Vicki Tarr will be meeting with Jason Patchet to discuss the next steps of the process
10:16 a.m.	RECESS
3:30 p.m.	Potential Children Services Board Appointment Interview—Isaiah Pugh • Isaiah Pugh provided a background of himself -will begin his first teaching position at Apollo Career Center next week • Commissioner Seibert provided an overview of the Children Services Board and its functions -discussion on the importance of promoting support of the two (2) levies used to provide funding toward Children Services • Discussion on Committees within the Children Services Board -General discussion on availability for participation/involvement with the Board and Committees

- **General discussion on how funding will be effected if property taxes is repealed**

3:57 p.m.

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Submitted by:

Brittany N. Woods, Clerk

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Approved by: Board of Allen County Commissioners

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