

THE BOARD OF ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, met in regular session, with Lenny Eliason presiding, Chris Chmiel and Charlie Adkins in attendance.

Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following agenda:
Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 07, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes March 31, 2026

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
New Line Item: OneOhio Opioid Settlement; Other 045.3045.560100

- 9:30 Planner LaVelle - Athens County Together Grant and Log Jam
- 9:35 Consider the investigation or complaints against a public employee, with outside legal counsel Jeff Stankunas, Isaac wiles
- 9:45 DJFS Jason Terry - weekly updates
- 10:00 Mary Nally- SOPEC
- 10:15 Matthew Starkey - Child Abuse Prevention Month
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:45 TL Warren - executive session for it to discuss pending/imminent litigation
- 11:00 Avanelle Crossing Apartments - Robin Todhunter and Jamie Blick
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Amended Certificate
- Utility Permits (Strand Associates, & AEP (6))
- W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Chmiel's & Eliason's Signature)
- OneOhio Distribution
- Surplus - EMS
- Commissioners Surplus Metal Cabinet
- Ratify Lease Agreement for Treasurers Copier
- Approve Revised Property Purchase Agreement of 510 W. Union Street
- IPADS/Surface for Maintenance
- Buckeye Hills Board Appointment GP
- Engineer - ODOT Salt Resolution
- Palmer Invoice in the amount of \$93,180.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds
- APG Invoice in the amount of \$85.50 to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Ferndale Park
- Add and remove Credit Card Users
- Maintenance Advertisement, resignation and Side by Side
- Prosecutor - VAWA Grant Pre-Award Conditions Packet

Recess until 4/9 after CEBCO meeting

~TRAVEL

- Auditor: Lee Raines; Village/Townships and Training, Various Locations; 03/02, 03/03, 03/04, 03/09, 03/10, 03/11, 03/12, 03/16, 03/17, 03/19, 03/25, 03/26, 03/27, & 03/28/26
- Treasurer: Taylor Sappington; OLBA Conference, Toledo OH; 04/21 - 04/24/26
- Treasurer: Taylor Sappington; CTAO Conference, Columbus OH; 05/11 - 05/14/26

ADJOURNMENT

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the minutes of March 31, 2026.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & News, & Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, including New Line Item: OneOhio Opioid Settlement; Other 045.3045.560100 and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 03/26/2026 To: 03/31/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 03/31/2026 To: 04/02/2026 and the bills are hereby the same and authorize the County Auditor to issue warrants on the County Treasurer for payment in the same. Complete list of bills maintained in the Auditor's office.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Athens County Together Grant - Millfield Park

Planner Connor LaVelle provided the following Athens County Together Grant:

Purpose:

- * Improve walking paths at Millfield Park.

Planned use of funds:

- * Purchase and installation of gravel to enhance path conditions.

Coordination:

- * Project is being conducted in partnership with the Dover Township Trustees, who have approved the improvements.

Long-term vision:

- * Applicant indicated interest in future infrastructure improvements at the park beyond the current request.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Athens County Together Grant - Millfield Park presented by Rising Appalachia for \$1,000.00

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Log Jam Issue - Courier Street Bike Path Bridge

Planner Connor LaVelle presented the following Log Jam Issue:

1. Current Concerns

- * Accumulation of debris is increasing and may:
 - * Obstruct water flow
 - * Potentially cause scouring of bridge piers or riverbanks
- * Issue appears to be cyclical, occurring approximately every 5–7 years following significant water flow events.

2. Past Actions

- * Previous removal efforts included:
 - * Initial work by county personnel (Charlie Brown's team).
 - * Later reliance on an outside contractor due to:
 - * Lack of necessary equipment to operate within the river.
- * Coordination previously involved the Hocking Conservancy District.

3. Short-Term Plan

- * Board agreed to:
 - * Contact contractors and obtain cost estimates for removing the current log jam.
 - * Identify the previous contractor for potential reuse.

4. Long-Term Considerations

- * Discussion included potential mitigation strategies:
 - * Structural modifications (deflection structures/pontoons on bridge piers) to redirect debris flow.
 - * Reinforcement of riverbanks to prevent snagging of debris.
 - * Exploration of bridge redesign options (similar to Chauncey Spur bridge) to eliminate pier-related obstructions.
- * Emphasis on developing a preventative maintenance approach to reduce future occurrences.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 9:35 with outside legal counsel Jeff Stankunas (Isaac Wiles) to consider the investigation or complaints against a public employee. Commissioner Adkins left the executive session.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 9:59 with No Action to be taken.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to enter into executive session at 10:00 with outside legal counsel Jeff Stankunas (Isaac Wiles) to discuss the removal of a public employee. Commissioner Adkins left the executive session.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to return to regular session at 10:04 with removing Jean Demosky from her position because of the indictments for the felony charges.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to enter into executive session at 10:05 with outside legal counsel Jeff Stankunas (Isaac Wiles) to discuss the employment of a public employee. Commissioner Adkins left the executive session.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to return to regular session at 10:23 with appointing Keith Weins as Interim Director of Job and Family Services.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

DJFS - Hire/Internal Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to approve the Hire-Internal Transfer for Social Service Aid 2: Yvonne Bartlett with a starting pay rate of \$23.30 and a start date of April 6, 2026.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

DJFS Jason Terry - Weekly Updates

Jason Terry provided the following DJFS Weekly Updates:

Benefit Recovery Fraud Plan Update

- * Discussion held regarding the agency's Benefit Recovery Fraud Plan, which outlines procedures for handling fraud investigations and referrals.
- * It was noted that:
 - * The agency did not have a signed copy of the current plan on file.
 - * The plan was reviewed by the Public Assistance Administrator and confirmed to be current with policies and procedures.
- * Next steps:
 - * Plan will be sent to the Prosecutor's Office (Mr. Blackburn) for approval/signature.
 - * Following approval, Interim Director Keith Weins will sign the document.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to enter into executive session at 10:26 with Jason Terry, Assist Lisa Radford to discuss employment matters related to hiring of a public employee. Commissioner Adkins left the executive session.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to return to regular session at 10:30 with No Action to be taken.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

Mary Nally - SOPEC

* Mary Nally, Southeast Ohio Regional Liaison for the Sustainable Ohio Public Energy Council (SOPEC), introduced herself and provided an overview of SOPEC's role in delivering public energy programs focused on renewable and affordable energy.

* SOPEC is currently working to secure competitive utility rates for member communities, including those in Southeast Ohio.

* Anticipated rate increases from PJM and AEP Ohio were noted; however, SOPEC expects to continue offering competitive fixed rates through renewable energy sources.

* SOPEC reported that its electric aggregation programs have generated over \$40 million in statewide savings since June 2021.

Matthew Starkey - ACCS Updates

Matthew Starkey provided the following Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation & ACCS Updates:

1. Proclamation Request

* Matthew Starkey from ACCS presented a request for the Board to issue a proclamation recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 8 as Wear Blue Day.

* The purpose of the proclamation is to:

- * Raise public awareness of child abuse and neglect
- * Encourage community members to report suspected abuse and neglect
- * Support child welfare efforts within the county

2. Awareness Activities

* ACCS highlighted ongoing awareness efforts, including:

- * Installation of pinwheel displays on the courthouse lawn, symbolizing child abuse prevention
 - * Approximately 200–300 pinwheels created this year
 - * Project involves Ohio University student groups and community volunteers
- * Promotion of Wear Blue Day, encouraging community participation and social media engagement

3. Upcoming Events

* KidFest (April 18, Walter Fieldhouse):

- * Family-focused community event featuring food trucks, bounce houses, and a petting zoo
- * Coordinated with Ohio University to enhance community engagement

* Volunteer and Intern Banquet:

- * Scheduled for the same evening to recognize contributions of volunteers and interns

* Foster Parent Dinner (May 13):

- * Event to recognize foster parents and highlight foster care initiatives

4. Media and Outreach

* ACCS announced an upcoming WOUB radio series in partnership with the Anna Ginger Show:

- * Focuses on experiences of children in foster care
- * Incorporates creative elements such as music and poetry
- * Planned preview in April, with episodes continuing through Foster Care Month in May
- * Potential for future expansion into video/TV format

5. Treatment Foster Care Program

* ACCS provided an update on its Treatment Foster Care Program, which:

- * Trains foster parents to provide a higher level of care
- * Aims to reduce reliance on costly out-of-county or residential placements
- * Currently has 3–4 trained foster parents, with ongoing recruitment efforts

* Challenges noted:

- * Difficulty recruiting foster parents due to increased responsibilities
- * High demand for placements and limited availability statewide
- * Rising placement costs due to supply and demand pressures

6. Legislative and Funding Concerns

- * Discussion included concerns about:
 - * Increasing costs of residential placements
 - * Limited availability of beds across agencies
- * ACCS noted ongoing legislative efforts (including proposed state rate card changes) that may help stabilize costs
- * Commissioners expressed interest in receiving additional information to support advocacy efforts

Child Abuse Prevention Month - Proclamation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Proclamation:

Athens County Commissioner's Proclamation

Whereas, children represent our greatest hope for the future and Athens County will hold firm in its commitment to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of our children; and

Whereas, in 2025, there were over 14,728 confirmed reports of child abuse and/or neglect recorded in Ohio; and

Whereas, in 2025, there were 2,274 referrals of child abuse and/ or neglect recorded in Athens County with 806 of those referrals screened in for assessment; and

Whereas, abuse and neglect can cause damage to children's physical, mental, and social development that affects the rest of their lives; and

Whereas, the effects of adverse childhood experiences such as abuse can impact brain development that affects long-term functions can lead to a higher risk for chronic diseases; learning disorders; smoking, alcohol, and substance abuse; teen pregnancy; juvenile delinquency; and adult criminal behavior; and

Whereas, these negative impacts may be substantially mitigated by having positive experiences such as a trusted adult supporter during one's childhood; and

Whereas, Athens County recognizes the collective impact of parents, family members, educators, public officials, and faith-based organizations who share the responsibility to protect our youth and to ensure that children are safe and can grow up without fear of abuse and neglect to realize their full potential; and

Whereas, Athens County is committed to raising children in a secure and loving environment where they can thrive, develop character, and learn to be responsible citizens with the help of all Ohioans; and

Whereas, Athens County continues to promote education and awareness programs that strive to end child abuse and neglect, and all citizens should be aware of the dangers of child abuse within our society; and

Whereas, as a community, we can all help restore hope to the lives of victims, thereby strengthening our families and our community for the future; and

Whereas, the second Wednesday of the Month, April 8th, shall be recognized as "Wear Blue Day";

Now, Therefore, We, Lenny Eliason, Chris Chmiel, and Charlie Adkins, Athens County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

Child Abuse Prevention Month

In Athens County, calling upon its citizens, social service organizations, businesses, law enforcement, schools, and religious organizations to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Signed this 7th day of April 2026

/s/Lenny Eliason

/s/Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Weekly Updates

Supt Carson provided the following W&S Weekly Updates:

1. Wastewater Plant Operations Update

Clarifier / Return Line Issue

- * Supt Carson reported ongoing operational problems at the wastewater plant involving Tank 2 clarifier.
- * The return line became plugged, initially believed to be caused by rags or debris in the sump area.
- * After draining the clarifier, staff determined the obstruction was within the return line itself, requiring further work.

Tank Cleaning and Repairs

- * In order to access and remove the plugged return line, Supt Carson also drained the re-aeration chamber.
- * Once drained, Supt Carson decided to proceed with cleaning the tank as part of the repair effort.
- * Diffusers were removed and new diffusers ordered, with delivery expected the same day.
- * Supt Carson reported significant accumulation of rags and grit in the bottom of the tank, making manual removal impractical.

Planned Cleanup Procedure

- * A crane was scheduled for Thursday to lower an excavator into the tank.
- * Plan for cleanup:
 - * Use the excavator to remove accumulated debris from the tank bottom
 - * Load debris into a crane bucket
 - * Transfer material into a dump truck
 - * Place removed material in the drying beds
 - * After drying, transport waste material to the landfill

Operational Timeline

- * Goal is to have the tank back online and refilling by Monday.

EPA Notification

- * Supt Carson confirmed that the EPA had been notified of the issue and the repair/cleanup activities underway.

2. Safety Considerations for Tank Work

Confined Space / Equipment Safety

- * Questions were raised by Commissioners regarding the safety of lowering equipment into the tank, including:
 - * Tank depth of approximately 16 feet
 - * Need for safety harnesses
 - * Need for ventilation and atmospheric monitoring

Safety Measures Reported

- * Supt Carson confirmed the following precautions:
 - * Safety harnesses are available and will be used as needed
 - * A blower will be set up to provide fresh air ventilation
 - * Oxygen and gas detectors are available for monitoring atmospheric conditions
- * Supt Carson reported having already entered the tank twice and stated conditions had been safe and comfortable, though additional precautions would be taken once equipment is operating inside the space.

Additional Recommendation

- * Suggestion made by Commissioner Adkins to notify the local fire department as an added precaution during the tank-entry and equipment work.
- * Supt Carson agreed to do so.

Contractor / Equipment Timing

- * The crane company from Marietta is expected to arrive around 9:30 a.m.
- * Supt Carson indicated all preparations are complete and the project is waiting on crane arrival.
- * Supt Carson also committed to:
 - * Taking photographs

- * Documenting the work
- * Reporting any issues if they arise

3. Uniform / Clothing Request

- * Supt Carson reported that the clothing request will be ready for consideration next week.
- * Coordination is underway to:
 - * Finalize the logo
 - * Order T-shirts and related items

4. Hopewell Letter

- * Supt Carson reported no update had yet been received from the Prosecutor's Office regarding review of the letter to Hopewell.
- * Assist Prosecutor Clay noted that a response is expected the following day.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at with Assist Prosecutor T.L. Warren, Assist Prosecutor Nicole Clay, Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to discuss pending or imminent litigation.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 10:55 with No Action to be taken.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Avanelle Crossing Apartments - Robin Todhunter & Jamie Blick

- * Planner Connor LaVelle discussion centered on a written letter of objection received regarding the proposed Avanelle Crossing Apartment Development.
- * A written response had been prepared for the board addressing the issues raised.

1. Jurisdiction and Review Authority

- * It was clarified that the proposed development lies within the three-mile subdivision review jurisdiction of the City of Athens.
- * As a result:
 - * Subdivision review authority belongs to the City of Athens, not the County.
 - * The Athens City Planning Commission would be the appropriate body for formal review and approval.
 - * The County Planning Commission may only be consulted if requested by the City.

2. Zoning Clarification

- * It was noted that there is no county zoning in this area of unincorporated Athens County.
- * Therefore:
 - * No county zoning verification can be issued for the site.
 - * The only unincorporated area of Athens County with zoning is The Plains.

3. Parcel / Subdivision Status

- * Discussion addressed whether the apartment project is located within the Valley View subdivision.
- * Based on the deed and plat review:
 - * The main apartment development parcel is understood to be the larger tract outside the platted subdivision.
 - * That parcel references subdivision lot lines in its legal description, but is not itself a subdivision lot.
 - * Additional parcels associated with Lot 7 appear to be separate from the primary apartment tract.

4. Subdivision Concerns

- * It was further discussed that the scale of utility improvements and roadway improvements, particularly to Donna Lane, may trigger major subdivision review requirements under the City's subdivision regulations.
- * However, this determination would be made by the City of Athens, not the County.

5. Public Comment / Resident Concerns

- * Resident Robin Todhunter raised several concerns regarding the proposed project, including:
 - * Confusion regarding the use of an Avanelle address for the development parcel.
 - * Questions about whether the parcel should be treated as part of the subdivision.
 - * Concern about limited ingress and egress, with Avanelle Drive serving as the primary access route.
 - * Concern that additional apartments could significantly increase:
 - * Traffic volume
 - * Emergency response challenges
 - * Safety issues on a narrow, steep roadway
 - * Request that a traffic impact study be conducted.
 - * Concern that the project should proceed through a formal public review process, including public hearing and notification.

6. Addressing and Permitting Clarifications

- * Planner LaVelle explained that street addressing is assigned through the 9-1-1 office, separate from subdivision jurisdiction.
- * The use of an Avanelle address may reflect current access conditions rather than subdivision status.
- * It was also clarified that:
 - * City jurisdiction in the three-mile area is limited to subdivision review, not full zoning or property maintenance enforcement.
 - * State building requirements may apply to the apartment project as a commercial development.
 - * The subdivision approval process would be the appropriate venue to raise traffic and infrastructure concerns.

7. Developer-Related Clarification

- * A project participant clarified that:
 - * Construction on Lot 7 is for a single-family residence and is unrelated to the apartment development.
 - * Their role in the apartment project is as a minority partner, with broader interest in supporting future local affordable housing development.

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificate for Athens County, Athens County Commissioners, dated April 7, 2026 prepared by Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Utility Permits

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following Utility Permits:

Permit No. 26-681
 From: Strand Associates, Inc on behalf of Little Hocking Water Association
 500 Neil Ave, Ste 110
 Columbus, OH 43215

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 60, Co Rd Name: Houston Rd
 Description of Work: Water
 Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Rd, Directional Boring Crossing Rd, & Directional Boring Parallel to Rd

Estimated Project Schedule: 07/01/2026 -

Agreed to by: /s/Allison Contenza, Strand Associates

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-695
From: AEP Ohio
369 E. O'Connor Ave
Lima, OH 45801

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 21, Co Rd Name: Pleasant Hill Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Other - Replacing Utility Pole
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/20/2026 - 10/23/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle, AEP
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-696
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 79, Co Rd Name: Shelby Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd, Overhead Line Crossing Rd, & Utility Pole Installation
Estimated Project Schedule: 05/04/2026 - 08/03/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle, AEP
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-697
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 19, Co Rd Name: Hebbardsville Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/30/2026 - 10/23/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle, AEP
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-698
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 110, Co Rd Name: Poston Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/20/2026 - 10/23/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle, AEP

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-699
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd # 110, Co Rd Name: Poston Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/20/2026 - 10/23/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle, AEP

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-700
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.

Location of work: Co Rd Name: Industrial Dr
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/20/2026 - 10/23/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle, AEP

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Savannah Call for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$238.91 with \$110.00 to be paid by 04/20/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Gage Coler monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$213.93 with \$113.17 to be paid by 04/10/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Chmiel's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Steven Harlan for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$128.48 with \$66.99 to be paid by 04/16/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Stacey Valentine for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$424.92 with \$201.73 to be paid by 04/10/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Cherokee King for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$468.63 with payment of \$78.11 to be paid on 04/28, 05/28, 06/28, 07/28, 08/28, 09/28/2026 plus current amount due each month. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

OneOhio Distribution

Deferred Until Next Week to be reviewed so responses can be provided.

Surplus - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare the following EMS items as surplus:

Hisense Mini Fridge	LCR17DBNBE	1B0042Z0061JBCTREE20745
Whirlpool Microwave	WMC30516HZ0	XVX3200925

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Surplus - Commissioners

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare a metal cabinet as surplus for transfer to the Engineer's Office.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Ratify Lease Agreement for Treasurer's Office Copier

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature on the Treasurer's Office Lease Agreement with Great America (Poynter's Business Solutions) for a copier.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Approve Revised Property Purchase Agreement of 510 W. Union Street

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Revised Purchase Agreement after a correction of a name issue. Clarified that the revision was needed so the funder would accept the document. See document on back of page 127.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

I-Pad/Surface for Maintenance

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the purchase of an I-Pad/Surface for Supt. Biggins use for maintenance operations.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Buckeye Hills Board Appointment GP

Deferred Until Next Week.

Engineer - ODOT Salt Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Engineer's participation in the ODOT Salt Program. See ODOT Salt Resolution on back of page 127.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Palmer Invoice in the amount of \$93,180.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Palmer Invoice in the amount of \$93,180.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

APG Invoice in the amount of \$85.50 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the APG Invoice in the of \$85.50 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Ferndale Park - Electric

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve permission for Ferndale Park to replace the electric line serving the concession stand. The upgraded line will provide greater capacity. Work is being donated at no cost to the County and will be completed under the contractor's business and insurance coverage.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This Agreement entered into as of this 17 day of March, 2026, and between THE ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision, tax mailing address of 15 South Court Street, Room 234, Athens County, Ohio, 45701, hereinafter referred to as SELLERS and INTEGRATED SERVICES RE HOLDINGS LLC, a non-profit limited liability corporation, tax mailing address of PO Box 1595, Columbus, Ohio 43216, hereinafter referred to as PURCHASER.

WITNESSETH

In consideration of the mutual promises, representations and agreements herein contained, the SELLER and PURCHASER hereby agree:

1. Description: SELLER agrees to sell and convey, upon the fulfillment of all of the obligations and terms of this Agreement to be paid and performed by the PURCHASER, by a good and sufficient deed unto said PURCHASER, the property (being approximately ten (10) parcels) and the associated buildings located at 510 West Union Street, Athens, Athens County, Ohio 45701 and more accurately described as follows:

TRACT ONE: Being Lots No. 1213 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260016-00), Lot No. 1214 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260015-00), Lot No. 1215 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260014-00), all J.C. Campbell's Fairfield Addition to the City of Athens, County of Athens and State of Ohio.

TRACT TWO: Being Lots No. 1208 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260001-00), Lot No. 1209 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260002-00), Lot No. 1210 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260003-00), Lot No. 1211 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260004-00), Lot No. 1212 (Tax Parcel #A02-7260005-00), all J.C. Campbell's Fairfield Addition to the City of Athens, County of Athens, Ohio. Parcel ID Nos. A02-600014-00, A02-600015-00, A02-600016-00, A02-600017-00, A02-600018-00, A02-600019-00, A02-600020-00 and A02-600021-00. Reference: Volume 390, Page 1299, Official Records of Athens County, Ohio. Volume 441, Page 2669, Official Records of Athens County, Ohio. Last Deed Reference: Volume 568, Page 1142, Official Records of Athens County, Ohio.

TRACT THREE: Being Lots Numbered 1216 and 1217 in J.C. Campbell's Fairfield Addition to the City of Athens, Parcel ID Nos. A02-600012-00 and A02-600013-00. Reference: Volume 397, Page 2528, Official Records of Athens County, Ohio. Volume 460, Page 995, Official Records of Athens County, Ohio. Last Deed Reference: Volume 568, Page 1142, Official Records of Athens County, Ohio.

2. Parcels: Listed parcels in this sale shall be Parcel IDs A02-600012-00, A02-600013-00, A02-600014-00, A02-600015-00, A02-600016-00, A02-600017-00.

00, A02-600018-00, A02-600019-00, A02-600020-00 and A02-600021-00.

3. Buildings: This agreement includes the sale of all buildings and permanent fixtures on the land.

SELLER agrees to deliver the real estate in substantially the same condition and state of repair as at the time of the signing of this Agreement.

SELLER represents, as a material fact that they lawfully possess the property and is authorized to sell the property and, with the exception of real estate taxes and easements, there are no other encumbrances on the property that is the subject of this Agreement.

PURCHASER has examined all property involved in this contract and are relying solely upon such examination with reference to the condition, character, and size of the land and improvements and fixtures, if any. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement, and there are no representations, oral or written, which have not been incorporated herein.

2. Payment of Purchase Price: The PURCHASER promises, covenants, and agrees, individually and together, to buy said real estate from SELLER, with the following conditions as follows:

A. PURCHASER agrees to pay \$975,000.00 to SELLER for the parcels described in section 1. Said amount is to be paid in full at closing.

B. SELLER agrees to remove any personal property from the parcel.

C. PURCHASER shall take possession and enter the property immediately upon closing unless adjourned to a date agreeable to all Parties.

D. PURCHASER may enter the property before closing so long as they have received consent from SELLER and provide SELLER with at least twenty-four (24) hours' notice to allow a representative of SELLER to be present during that time.

3. Transfer of Title: SELLER and PURCHASER agree that the title to said property shall be transferred to PURCHASER by Warranty Deed at closing. SELLER and PURCHASER further agree that PURCHASER shall pay all transfer and recording fees for the deed for said property. No conveyance fee will be required since property is being transferred to a governmental entity.

4. Closing: SELLER AND PURCHASER agree to closing by May 4, 2026 unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by both parties. Both parties agree to work on closing before that time and shall continue to accommodate and communicate to ensure this occurs.

5. Title Search and Survey:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SELLER, ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision, and have set their hands to this Agreement this 7 day of April, 2026.

SELLER:

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

President of Board of Commissioners

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ATHENS, ss:

On this 7 day of April, 2026 before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared the above-named ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision, by its authorized board chair who acknowledged that he did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is the free act and deed of said council, and the free act and deed of him personally and as such member.



Notary Public

This instrument prepared and submitted by Keller J. Blackburn, Athens County Prosecuting Attorney

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PURCHASER, INTEGRATED SERVICES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. have set their hands to this Agreement this 3rd day of April, 2026.

PURCHASER:

INTEGRATED SERVICES RE HOLDINGS LLC

Chief Executive Officer

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF Fairfield, ss:

On this 3rd day of April, 2026 before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared the above-named INTEGRATED SERVICES OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC. a non-profit limited liability corporation, by its authorized Chief Executive Officer, who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is the free act and deed of said corporation, and the free act and deed of them personally and as such officer.



Notary Public

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026

WHEREAS, the Athens County Engineer, Athens County (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this resolution agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party's own errors, actions, and failures to act.
d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 85% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 2, by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: 2019227@odot.ohio.gov by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will report that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.
NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

Authorized Signatures and Approval Dates for the resolution, including dates like 4/2/26 and 4-23-26.

THIS RESOLUTION MUST BE UPLOADED TO THE SALT PARTICIPATION WEBSITE BY NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2026.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SUPPLIER WILL NOT ACCEPT TIMES IDENTICAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS SUBMITTED WITH TYPESIGNATURES UNLESS YOU HAVE AUTHORIZABLE FROM APPROVAL. YOU CANNOT SUBMIT A WORD DOCUMENT VERSION OF THIS PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Add and Remove Credit Card Users

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to remove the following individuals from the credit card list:

Jean Demosky

Tracy Partee

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Custodial Worker Position Advertising

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve advertising for the Custodial Worker Position.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Custodial Worker Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the Custodial Worker Resignation (Ben Robinette) effective April 17, 2026.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Side-by-Side Purchase/Tractor Trade-In

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the small tractor trade-in for a purchase of a Side-by-Side the maintain the bike path and maintenance work. See back of page 128 for document.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Prosecutor's - VAWA Grant Pre-Award Conditions Packet

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Prosecutor's VAWA Grant Pre-Award Conditions Packet as provided by the Prosecutor's Office.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Travel

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following travel:

Auditor: Lee Raines; Village/Townships and Training, Various Locations; 03/02, 03/03, 03/04, 03/09, 03/10, 03/11, 03/12, 03/16, 03/17, 03/19, 03/25, 03/26, 03/27, & 03/28/26

Treasurer: Taylor Sappington; OLBA Conference, Toledo OH; 04/21 - 04/24/26

Treasurer: Taylor Sappington; CTAO Conference, Columbus OH; 05/11 - 05/14/26

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

W&S - Fire Line Metering Discussion

* The board revisited the issue of sprinkler/fire line systems being directly connected without metering.

* It was noted that Oscar had been asked to investigate:

* Current requirements

* Practices used elsewhere

* Whether a formal policy should be developed

* Board indicated that if no recommendation is provided soon, they may need to make a policy decision directly.

* General sentiment expressed that fire lines should be metered if possible.



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ADDRESS						
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1	<i>030340</i>					
	<i>Jet Pump</i>					
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Thank You!

DJFS Director Posting

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to post the DJFS Director Position for 30 days, advertise it locally through appropriate state and professional channels:

- State websites
- CCAO
- Relevant directors' associations

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, abstain.

Recess until 04/09/2026 after CEBCO Meeting

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to adjourn the above meeting.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.




JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



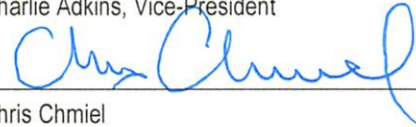
Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel