

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, July 21, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes July 15, 2026

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

9:30 April McKee- Cat issues
9:35 Captain Morris - Edward Bryne Memorial JAG
9:45 DJFS - Weekly Updates
10:00 Laura Olbers - Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring
10:15 Jeff Jenkins- HAPCAP 93 High Street Project change order
10:45 Justin Clark - Boys and Girls Club of Athens County
11:00 Buckeye Hills - Emma Yeager
11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

Utility Permits (10) (1-Columbia Gas, 1-AEP, 7-AT&T, 1-Spectrum)
W&S Extensions /Payment Agreements (Ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature)
EMS - Retirement
Capital Fire Protection Co Quotes for Athens Mold & Machines Building
Move meeting 10/27 to 10/28
DeBra-Kuempel Invoice #01566896 in the amount of \$297,900.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds
Add Authorized Credit Card User - Maintenance
MOU - EMS
Eagle Scout Proclamation
LOS - HAPCAP

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 July 15, 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 & Nows, & Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/14/2026 To: 07/16/2026 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.

April McKee - Cat Issues

April McKee a Jacksonville resident appeared before the Board to discuss the growing issue of community cats and the challenges associated with trap-neuter-return (TNR) programs. She shared her personal experiences caring for and paying to spay, neuter, and foster stray cats while encouraging a broader community discussion on solutions to reduce overpopulation. Commissioner Eliason explained that Ohio law does not authorize counties to manage stray cats through the county dog shelter and advised that meaningful changes would require action by the Humane Society or the Ohio General Assembly.

JAG Grant - Captain Morris

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve sending a Letter of Support for the 2027 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application (See back of page 265 for JAG Overview):
Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS)

Re: Collaboration Board Commitment – H.E.A.R.T.
(Helping End Addiction Responding Together) Initiative

The Athens County Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter of commitment in support of the Athens County Sheriff's Office Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application for the H.E.A.R.T. (Helping End Addiction Responding Together) Initiative.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners agrees to serve as the project's Collaboration Board and is committed to providing leadership, oversight, and guidance throughout the grant period. The Board will work collaboratively with the Athens County Sheriff's Office and participating community partners to support the successful implementation of the H.E.A.R.T. Initiative and achievement of its goals and objectives, including intelligence-led drug interdiction and enforcement, outreach, overdose follow-up, public education, and connections to treatment and recovery services.

The Board agrees to conduct Collaboration Board meetings at least quarterly, review project activities and progress, prepare meeting agendas, maintain meeting minutes, and fulfill the responsibilities of the Collaboration Board in accordance with the requirements established by the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

We fully support this project and are committed to assisting the Athens County Sheriff's Office in its efforts to reduce substance abuse, disrupt drug trafficking through proactive interdiction and enforcement, reduce overdose risk, and improve public safety throughout Athens County.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice President

/s/Chris Chmiel, Commissioner

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

DJFS Contract - Athens County Sheriff, Amendment #1

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with Athens County Sheriff, Amendment #1:

Name of Organization	Athens County Sheriff
Total \$ Value	\$43,262.47 (additional \$15,054.34)
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	263/510052 Administrative Cost Pool, CSEA
Billing Procedure	Submits monthly billing for 100% of the contract unit rate and the CSEA reimburses at 66%

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

**Athens County Sheriff's Office Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
(JAG) H.E.A.R.T. Initiative Overview**

- The H.E.A.R.T. (Helping End Addiction Responding Together) Initiative is an Athens County Sheriff's Office program designed to reduce drug trafficking, substance abuse, overdose risk, and drug-related crime.
- Utilizes intelligence-led drug interdiction and targeted enforcement to identify and disrupt drug trafficking organizations, with an emphasis on fentanyl and other dangerous narcotics.
- Provides proactive outreach and overdose follow-up to connect individuals with treatment, recovery, diversion, and supportive services before another crisis occurs.
- Expands public education and community awareness through billboards, educational materials, community presentations, and outreach events to promote overdose prevention and available resources.
- Funds 350 hours of deputy overtime to conduct enforcement, interdiction, outreach, and public education during evenings, weekends, and other high-risk periods without reducing routine patrol coverage.
- Supports the purchase of educational materials, outreach supplies, billboard advertising, community awareness signs, and confidential controlled buy funds for narcotics investigations.
- Creates a coordinated effort between the Sheriff's Office, healthcare providers, behavioral health agencies, public health, the courts, law enforcement, and other community partners.
- The Athens County Board of Commissioners will serve as the required Collaboration Board, providing oversight, meeting quarterly to review project progress, and ensuring the grant objectives are achieved.
- Grant Amount Requested: \$47,312.50
- No local cash match is required. Existing Sheriff's Office personnel, equipment, administrative support, and facilities will serve as the county's contribution.
- The overall goal is to reduce drug trafficking through proactive interdiction and enforcement, increase access to treatment and recovery services, reduce overdose risk, improve public safety, and strengthen collaboration among community partners.

DJFS Contract - 59 Green LTD, Dba Green Cab

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with 59 Green LTD, Dba Green Cab:

Name of Organization	59 Green LTD, Dba Green Cab
Total \$ Value	\$447,442.19
Contract Period	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Medicaid NET 850/510050 Title XX 735/510050
Billing Procedure	Submits bi-monthly invoices, Payment made within 30 days.

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

Surplus - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the DJFS items as surplus property and authorize their sale through GovDeals.com. Any items not sold through GovDeals.com shall be made available for redistribution to other county departments or, if no longer needed, disposed of in accordance with county policy. See the list of surplus items on page 266.

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

Surplus - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the DJFS items as surplus property and authorize their donation to the Catherine McCoy Foundation to support this year's Back to School Bash. See the list of surplus items on page 267.

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

Back to School Bash - Closing Nelsonville Square

The Board also discussed the annual request to close the public square for the Back to School Bash. It was noted that in previous years the Commissioners, through CORSA, had coordinated the request and associated permit process, but because the County was no longer serving as the event sponsor, the responsibility had shifted. Commissioners agreed to assist with the permit request for the current year while exploring alternative funding sources, including possible TANF funding, to support future events. The Board also agreed to review the process before next year's event to clarify responsibilities and avoid last-minute requests.

Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring - Laura Olbers

Laura Olbers from Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring presented a request for \$50,000 in opioid settlement funding to expand evidence-based youth mentoring, school-based programming, community mentoring, and an AmeriCorps-supported match specialist position. The funding would also support the organization's indoor bouldering program and allow services to reach an additional 60 to 80 youth throughout Athens County. See back of page 268 for documentation.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the funding request from Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the opioid settlement funding.

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

Utility Permit

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

Permit No.	26-718
From:	Columbia Gas of Ohio 290 W Nationwide Blvd Columbus, OH 43215

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

Location of work:	Co Rd # 9, Co Rd Name: Salem Rd
Description of Work:	Gas
Type of Installation:	Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Rd
Estimated Project Schedule:	07/01/2026 - 07/31/2026

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County Property Declared Surplus

Athens County Department of Job and Family Services
Department

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
HP ProOne 400 G3 All-in-One (PC) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7009	MX16211X0X
(1) Dell OptiPlex 3060 (PC) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5012, A5011, A5009	DWPMYQZ, DVDMYQZ, DVDMYQZ
(1) Dell OptiPlex 3060 (PC) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5008, A5007, A5010	DTLQZL, DTMTYQZ, DMTYQZ
(2) Dell OptiPlex 3060 (PC) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5006, A5005	DTTYQZ, DVDMYQZ
(2) PC Tower - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 6883	
Dell PC Tower - CH 2nd Floor	No tag	
(1) Dell S2110MX (Monitor) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7217, 7218, 7219	2X0L, B01L, S0G0
(1) HP L14700 (Monitor) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7232, 7231	CNC1016JCV, CMCQ020008
(2) Dell S2110MX (Monitor) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7307, 7308	2000911CLRA08, 2002912R0A08

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Property Description	Model #	Serial #
Apple iPad A1708 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7128	DMPY01EAMPOV
Apple iPad A1825 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7259	PWC18F0EHLR
Apple iPad A1825 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7258	QJL3F01F4YD
(1) Apple iPhone A1660 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7268, 7261, 7263, 7264	
(1) Apple iPhone A1660 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7265, 7266, 7267, 7268	
Samung Galaxy S7 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7388	356354082119208
Samung Galaxy S20 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7270	359031084771387
Samung Galaxy S8 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	Damaged, No tag	359031084771387
(1) Samung Galaxy S21 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7272, 7273	3543804841521, 3543804841521
(1) Samung Galaxy S21 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7274, 7275	3543804841521, 3543804841521
(1) Kyocera Version Phone (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	No tag	
Samung Galaxy XCover Pro 546-G7103 (Mobile Device) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7276	3537560110375406

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Property Description	Model #	Serial #
HP DesignJet 2640 (Screen/Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 5562	THX35430G
(2) HP LaserJet Pro M201dw (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	State Tag Asset tag A5037	VN33C10814, VN33C29645
Brother HL-53 (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 6677	08144620J518008
(1) Lexmark MS410n (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 6953, 7016, 7131	5431443LM211908
(1) Lexmark MS410n (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	No tag	406330602104
HP ENVY 5845 (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	No tag	
HP LaserJet 1320 (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 4897	CMDCS1V0C0F
HP LaserJet P1102w (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 6041	VNDJ0101220
Brother J47C-J0350W (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7140	
HP LaserJet 4200n (Printer) - CH 2nd Floor	No tag	

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Property Description	Model #	Serial #
(1) Lenovo C730 Tablet (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5022	8F7YK23P
(1) Lenovo E595 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5032, A5038	PF26274D, PF257A1F
Lenovo T430n (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7059	PC0ALFYW
(1) Lenovo L480 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5026, A5029, A5028	PF1MA3N, PF1M080, PF1M80C7
(1) Lenovo L480 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5037, A5031, A5035	PF1M080P, PF1M080Z, PF1M080E
(1) Lenovo L480 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5037, A5035, A5024	PF1M080P, PF1M080Z, PF1M080E
(1) Lenovo L480 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	Asset tag A5018	PF1M080Z
(1) Lenovo C730 Tablet (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7294, 7295, 7296	PF2P080P, PF2P080Z, PF2P080E
(1) Lenovo E595 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7081, 7087	PF2P080P, PF2P080Z, PF2P080E
TC5H8BA Sensitive CASSID-53202 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 6747	680143070
(1) Dell Inspiron 15 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7051, 7050	GAB8N52, BSLN53
(1) Dell Inspiron (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7297, 7298	B7P0C2, B7P0C2
TC5H8BA Sensitive L4550-55978 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7299	1A28B0R2K
TC5H8BA Sensitive CASSID-53202 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7300	TC1P7880Q
Lenovo 4446 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7301	154446N0A3C05K
HP TPN-1108 (Laptop) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7302	SC0345G23

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Property Description	Model #	Serial #
Copier/Printer/Scanner 2015 (Black/White) - CH 1st Floor	Bethub 2346 - JFS tag 6890	A01E011810892
Topcon Systems T4-B6A00-415B - B (Digitizer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7179	TLBAG0915ED4421
Ed signature pad (Digitizer) - CH 2nd Floor	JFS tag 7257	UCF7313015080E

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Agreed to by: /s/Jean Hartwell, Columbia Gas of Ohio
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-719
From: American Electric Power - Ohio Power
9135 SR 682
Athens, OH 45701
We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd # 99, Co Rd Name: Robinson Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Utility Pole Installation
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/17/2026 - 09/30/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Pete Schafer, American Electric Power - Ohio Power
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-720
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court
We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (James A. Rhodes Appalachian HWY)
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-721
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court
We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (Radford Rd)
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer



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Permit No. 26-722
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (South of Frum Rd)
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-723
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (North of Rocky Point Rd)
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-724
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (Southeast of Ridgeview Rd)
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-725
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (N Coolville Ridge Rd)
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd

Investing in Evidence-Based Prevention for Athens County Youth

Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring | Request for Opioid Settlement Funding

Why This Matters:

- Children are often unseen victims of the opioid epidemic.
- Many experience family instability, trauma, grief, isolation, and disrupted relationships
- A consistent, caring adult helps reduce those risks.

Why Mentoring Works:

- Caring Adult Relationships
- Connection & Belonging
- Confidence & Resilience
- School Engagement
- Healthy Decision-Making

Evidence-based mentoring strengthens the protective factors that help young people thrive before they reach a point of crisis.

Why SEOYM:

40 Years Serving Athens County
85 + Youth Served in 2025
Evidence-Based Prevention
Countywide Partnerships
Trusted Community Organization

What Can \$50,000 Do?

\$50,000 Investment

Expand Site & School- Based Programs Expand Community- Based Mentorship Support AmeriCorps Capacity

60-80 Additional Athens County Youth Reached

15-20 new community mentoring matches
40-60 additional program participants
More volunteer mentors recruited and trained
Expanded school partnerships
Stronger support for youth and families

The Opportunity:

Athens County has an opportunity to invest opioid settlement dollars not only in responding to the harm substance use has already caused, but in preventing future harm by strengthening the relationships and protective factors that help young people succeed.

**Investing Upstream. Strengthening Protective Factors.
Changing Futures**

Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-726
From: AT&T
350 Industrial Court

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

Location of work: Co Rd Name: Athens County ROW (South of Gura Rd)

Description of Work: Cable

Type of Installation: Directional Boring Crossing Rd

Estimated Project Schedule: 08/01/2026 - 12/31/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Jeff Prosser, AT&T

Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-727
From: Momentum Design OBO Spectrum Mid-America, LLC
9000 W. Chester St., Ste 170
Milwaukee, WI 53214

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 22, Co Rd Name: Vore Ridge Rd

Description of Work: Cable

Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Rd & Fiber Optic Line

Estimated Project Schedule: 07/15/2026 - 12/15/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Ryan Bailey, Spectrum (Charter Construction Coordinator)

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 Payment Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing a Payment Agreement as requested by Brian Catterlin for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$1,092.49 with \$219 plus current bill to be paid 08/30/26, 09/30/26, 10/30/26, 11/30/26, & 12/30/26. 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.

Executive Session - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. And seconded by Mr. To enter into executive session at 9:59 with Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to discuss employment of an employee and MOU Labor Agreement.

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 10:10 with approving the revised EMS MOU and authorized it to be sent back to the Union for consideration. MOU on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

EMS - Retirement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the retirement of Chief Amber Pyle, effective December 31, 2026 and authorize the position to be posted and filled in accordance with County hiring procedures.

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

93 High Street Project Change Order # 3 - HAPCAP Jeff Jenkins

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve Change Order #3 for 93 High Street Project (Contract No. B-D-22-1AE-4) as presented by HAPCAP Jeff Jenkins. See document on back of page 270.

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

93 High Street - Project: 24-568 New Leaf Facility Improvements

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve Change Order #13 for 93 High Street Project: 24-568 New Leaf Facility Improvements as presented by HAPCAP Jeff Jenkins. See document on back of page 270.

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

Capital Fire Protection Co Quotes for Athens Mold Machine Building

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the two (2) quotes from Capital Fire Protection for the Athens Mold Machine Building:

Completing the 5-year Internal Inspection \$1,240.00

Replacing the (4) 12v 8ah batteries that failed the load test \$810.00

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

Commissioners Meeting Date Changes

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve changing the following Commissioners Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 moved to Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Tuesday, October 27, 2026 moved to Wednesday, October 28, 2026.

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

DeBra-Kuempel Invoice #01566896 in the amount of \$297,900.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DeBra-Kuempel Invoice #01566896 in the amount of \$297,900.00 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.

Add Authorized Credit Card User - Maintenance

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to Add Tad Starnes as an Authorized Credit Card User for the Maintenance Department.

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

Eagle Scout Proclamation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to adopt the proclamation for recognizing John Milam for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout:

Whereas, John Milam is a resident of Athens County and a member of Boy Scout Troop 50, and;

Whereas, one in four boys in America will become Scouts and of those that become leaders of our nation in business, religion and politics three out of four were Scouts, and;

CHANGE ORDER NO. 3
Project: New Leaf - Community Facility Improvements

SEI STOCKMEISTER
 Stockmeister Enterprises, Inc.
 704 E Main St
 Jackson, Ohio 45640
 Phone: (740) 291-1619

PCCO #13

Project: 24-568 - New Leaf Facility Improvements
 03 Maple Bl
 Gloucester, Ohio 43732

Date: _____ Contract No. **B-D-22-1AE-4**

- I. The following changes are hereby made to the contract documents (attach documentation):
 Development of a site plan for green space, behind building and sump pump alarm
- II. The following change is made to the contract price:

\$ 254,500.00	Original Contract Price
\$ 119,785.00	Previous Change/Extras
\$ 15,000	This Change/Extras
\$ 389,285.00	Subtotal
\$	Deductions
\$ 389,285.00	Net Total

- III. The following change is made to the contract time: Grant Extension

Increased by 0 calendar days
 Decreased by _____ calendar days

making the date for completion of all work 7.31.26

- IV. ☒ There will be no claims for damages resulting from this change.
☐ Claims for damages resulting from this change are anticipated for such categories as _____ and should not exceed \$ _____

Change Request By: _____ Date: _____

Change Recommended By: Jeff Jenkins Date: 7/20/26

Change Accepted By: [Signature] Date: 7/20/26

Change Accepted By: [Signature] Date: 7/21/26

Change Accepted By: _____ Date: _____

Prime Contract Change Order #13: CE #031 - Bulletin 04

TO: Athens County Commissioners 15 Court St. Athens, Ohio 45701	FROM: Stockmeister Enterprises, Inc. 704 E Main St Jackson, Ohio 45640
DATE CREATED: 7/16/2026	CREATED BY: Billy Gullon (Stockmeister Construction Services)
CONTRACT STATUS: Approved	REVISION: 0
REQUEST RECEIVED FROM: Eric Smith	LOCATION:
DESIGNATED REVIEWER: Billy Gullon (Stockmeister Construction Services)	REVIEWED BY:
DUE DATE:	REVIEW DATE: 07/16/2026
INVOICED DATE:	PAID DATE:
REFERENCE:	CHANGE REASON: Grant Request
PAID IN FULL: No	EXECUTED: No
ACCOUNTING METHOD: Amount Based	SCHEDULE IMPACT: 150 days
SIGNED CHANGE ORDER RECEIVED DATE:	REVISED SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION DATE:
FIELD CHANGE: No	CONTRACT FOR: 1 Gloucester / New Leaf Facility Improvements
	TOTAL AMOUNT: \$175,275.43

DESCRIPTION:
CE #031 - Bulletin 04

ATTACHMENTS:
2026-06-05 Bulletin 04 Det 93 High_Rt.pdf

CHANGE ORDER LINE ITEMS:

#	Budget Code	Description	Amount
1	89-00-31 SUBCONTRACT Change Event 31 Subcontract	Bulletin 04 Plumbing Work	\$8,549.27
2	88-00-31 LABOR Change Event 31 Labor COGS	Site Work including Backfill and Stone	\$12,754.84
3	89-00-31 SUBCONTRACT Change Event 31 Subcontract	Bulletin 04 Stamped Concrete - Concrete - Ballards	\$46,474.67
4	89-00-31 SUBCONTRACT Change Event 31 Subcontract	Bulletin 04 Masonry Wall and Cap	\$49,696.32
5	89-00-31 SUBCONTRACT Change Event 31 Subcontract	Bulletin 04 Fencing	\$13,646.25
6	88-00-31 SUBCONTRACT Change Event 31 Subcontract	Bulletin 04 Window Sills	\$11,306.77
7	88-00-31 SUBCONTRACT Change Event 31 Subcontract	Bulletin 04 Bike Rack Benches Table	\$21,900.61
Grand Total:			\$175,275.43

The original (Contract Sum) \$1,060,416.14
 Net change by previously authorized Change Orders \$592,953.07
 The contract sum prior to this Change Order was \$2,547,511.21
 The contract sum will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of \$175,275.43
 The new contract sum including this Change Order will be \$2,717,786.64
 The contract time will be increased by this Change Order by 150 days.

Stockmeister Enterprises, Inc.

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 Stockmeister Enterprises, Inc.

PCCO #13

Eric Smith (BDT Architects & Designers)
 20 E Park Drive, Suite 101
 Athens, Ohio 45701

Athens County Commissioners
 15 Court St.
 Athens, Ohio 45701

Stockmeister Enterprises, Inc.
 704 E Main St
 Jackson, Ohio 45640

[Signature] 7-16-26
 SIGNATURE DATE

[Signature] 7/21
 SIGNATURE DATE

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Whereas, only two in one hundred scouts reach the rank of Eagle Scout, and;

Whereas, John's Eagle Project was on a memorial wall located at the VFW in The Plains. He dedicated more than 500 hours to completing the project, which was officially dedicated on July 4; and

Whereas, the Board of Athens County Commissioners wishes to congratulate John Milam on this notable achievement, and;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio hereby declare July 21, 2026, as John Milam Day in Athens County.

Signed this 21st day of July 2026

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

/s/Chris Chmiel

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

LOS - HAPCAP

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to send a letter of support for HAPCAP to request funding for much needed transitional housing programming and street outreach. See letter of support on back of page 271.

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

Boys and Girls Club of Athens County - Justin Clark

Justin Clark from the Boys & Girls Club presented a request for \$50,000 in opioid settlement funding to support operation of the Trimble-area club after assuming management of the former Glouster location. The funding will provide short-term assistance while the organization develops sustainable local funding sources and continues expanding youth programming focused on mentoring, healthy lifestyles, and evidence-based substance use prevention. See documents on back of page 271.

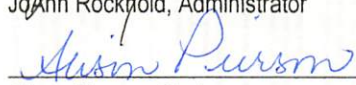
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the funding request from Boys and Girls Club of Athens County in the amount of \$50,000.00 from the opioid settlement funding.

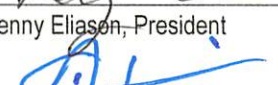
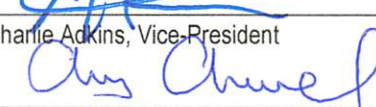
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel 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

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Erica Mulryan
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Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO)
175 S 3rd St Ste 440
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Ms. Mulryan,

The Board of Athens County Commissioners is in support of Hocking Athens Perry Community Action's (HAPCAP) request for funding for much needed transitional housing programming and street outreach for a proven housing insecure population, as detailed in the accompanying proposal. The below-indicated also commit to coordination of services provided by their organization for participating individuals and families.

This project will utilize existing housing stock to provide safe, stable housing, and supportive services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity.

As an organization, we believe that this funding is necessary to keep our community safe and healthy, and to demonstrate our commitment to families and children in our region. This initiative reflects the strength of community collaboration. Through coordinated partnerships, residents will have access to case management, employment assistance, substance use treatment, healthcare, behavioral health services, and other resources that promote self-sufficiency and successful transitions to permanent housing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Lanny Ellison, President

Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

Chris Christel

3100 Peachtree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215
and 10000 Peachtree Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215



Good morning, Commissioners.

Thank you for the opportunity to be here today, and thank you for your continued commitment to the young people and families of Athens County.

My name is Justin Clark, and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County.

I'm here today to talk about something that is much bigger than an organization. I'm here to talk about ensuring that children in Glouster continue to have a safe place to go, caring adults who believe in them, and opportunities that can fundamentally change the trajectory of their lives.

Several months ago, we were approached regarding the future of the Boys & Girls Club in Glouster.

Following extensive conversations and due diligence, Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County made the decision to assume responsibility for the program because the alternative was one we simply couldn't accept.

Based upon those discussions, it became clear that without our intervention, the Glouster Club would likely have closed.

For many communities, losing an afterschool program would be disappointing.

For Glouster, it would have been devastating.

The reality is that the need in this community is extraordinary.

Nearly 68% of students live in poverty.

More than one in four youth has a diagnosed disability.

Over half come from divorced or single-parent households.

One in four reports living with a caregiver struggling with substance use disorder.

Nearly one in four has experienced four or more Adverse Childhood Experiences—what we refer to as ACEs—which dramatically increase the risk of poor educational outcomes, chronic health conditions, mental illness, and involvement with the justice system later in life.

Half of the youth surveyed have experienced emotional maltreatment.

More than one in five has experienced physical abuse.

We see young people discovering talents they never knew they had.

We see working parents who are able to remain employed because they know their children are safe after school.

And perhaps most importantly, we see children who begin believing that their future can be different from their past.

Commissioners, this request is ultimately about partnership.

We have already demonstrated our commitment by assuming responsibility for this Club when its future was uncertain.

Our board has made the investment.

Our staff have made the commitment.

Our donors continue to step forward.

Today, we're asking Athens County to stand alongside us.

Together, we can ensure that the young people of Glouster don't simply have a place to go after school.

They have a place where they are safe.

A place where they belong.

A place where they are challenged, supported, and encouraged to dream bigger than their circumstances.

Because when we invest in children, we aren't just changing individual lives.

We're strengthening families.

We're strengthening communities.

And we're building the future workforce and leadership of Athens County.

Thank you for your time, your consideration, and your commitment to the children of this community. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Many have witnessed domestic violence or violent crime.

Five percent are experiencing homelessness.

These are not just statistics.

These are the children who walk through our doors every afternoon.

And while we cannot change what has happened to them before they arrive, we can absolutely influence what happens next.

At Boys & Girls Clubs, we believe every young person deserves one caring adult who refuses to give up on them.

That's what our staff do every single day.

Across all of our Clubs, our work is centered around four evidence-based priority outcomes:

Academic Success
Healthy Lifestyle
Character & Leadership
Life & Workforce Readiness

Those priorities aren't just slogans.

They're reflected in homework help, mentoring relationships, STEM activities, career exploration, leadership opportunities, nutritious meals, physical activity, and increasingly, access to mental health supports.

One of the most important services we've brought to Glouster is contracted counseling support through Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center, ensuring young people have access to licensed behavioral health professionals when they need them most.

Our organization has undergone tremendous growth.

This year alone we completed the acquisition of the Ely Chapman Education Foundation, opening the Alice Chapman Early Learning Center and expanding services for preschool-aged children.

At the same time, we welcomed Glouster into our organization.

As a result, Boys & Girls Clubs of Washington County is now serving more young people than at any point in our history—more than 1,000 youth annually across Washington County, Athens County, and Wood County, West Virginia.