

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, June 09, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes June 1, 2026

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

- 9:30 Planner LaVelle - CRA Resolution & Johnson Rd Agreement
- 9:45 DJFS - Weekly Updates
- 10:00 Therese Lackey- Federal Valley Resource Center Program
- 10:15 Supt Mike Biggins - Removal of Prosecutor's Property
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:45 HAPCAP Jeff Jenkins & Nathan Simons- CDBG public hearing #2
- 11:00 HAPCAP Glen Crippen-Chip activities and update grant application
- 11:15
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Amended Certificate
- Utility Permits (AEP)
- W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature)
- WIOA - Data Sharing & Confidentiality Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
- W&S - OWDA Disbursement Request #22 US50 New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer (Ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature)
- W&S - OWDA Disbursement Request #2 Stewart & Guysville Sanitary Sewer (Ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature)
- Common Pleas Transfer Request \$1,142.50 into transcript line 1145.530230
- Engineer - OPWC Disbursement Request for CU65AB
- Common Pleas request for new recording equipment and purchasing a new copier
- Surplus - Commissioners
- Surplus - DJFS
- Surplus - EMS
- EDC LOS Opportunity Zone
- add- Albany Annexation
- add- Credit Card - Add/Remove

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- Engineer: Jeff Maiden; CEAO Land Records & Surveying Conf, Columbus Westerville-Polaris OH; 06/03 - 06/04/26
- Auditor: Lee Raines; Twp/Village/Outreach Meetings, Various Locations; Month of May 2026
- DJFS: Tami Collins; OJFSDA General Session, Columbus OH; 09/11/26
- DJFS: Tami Collins; New Director HR Orientation, Columbus OH; 10/26 - 10/27/26
- DJFS: Tami Collins; OJFSDA General Session, Lewis Center OH; 12/11/26
- EMS: Randy Crossen Jr, Craig Churchheus, & Jerry Green; Ambulance Inspection/Delivery, Jefferson NC; 06/10 - 06/11/26

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 June 1, 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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins 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: 05/28/2026 To: 06/02/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/02/2026 To: 06/04/2026 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.

CRA Resolution - Planner LaVelle

Planner Connor LaVelle presented the finalized resolution establishing the proposed Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program for Athens County.

Key points included:

- * The CRA would apply only to unincorporated areas of Athens County
- * A map identifying eligible areas was included with the resolution
- * The proposal provides a 50% tax abatement for five years for qualifying accessibility-related residential improvements or construction
- * The purpose is to encourage accessible housing while minimizing impacts on local tax revenues

Planner LaVelle explained that revisions were made after review of Ohio Revised Code requirements regarding the Community Reinvestment Area Housing Council. Under state law:

- * Each county commissioner appoints one council member
- * The Regional Planning Commission appoints two council members

Additional discussion addressed:

- * Compliance with local zoning, floodplain regulations, and other applicable permitting requirements
- * School district notification procedures
- * The fact that abatements are not automatic and must be reviewed individually by the Board of Commissioners

Commissioners clarified that:

- * School districts would be notified of proposed abatements
- * Because the abatements are below the statutory threshold requiring school board approval, school districts are not required to approve applications
- * School districts may still provide comments during the review process

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approve the CRA Resolution, contingent upon final review and approval 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.

Johnson Rd Agreement - Planner LaVelle

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approve the ODOT Agreement for the Johnson Road Shared Use Path Project. See document on back of page 211.

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

DJFS - PRC Plan Update

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approve the revisions to the County's PRC Plan (Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Plan):

Changes include:

- * Increasing emergency assistance limits from \$500 to \$1,000 annually
- * Updating language to clarify that assistance remains a non-recurrent, short-term benefit consistent with PRC guidance

Document on back of page 212.

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

This Agreement No. 42424 entered into this 9th day of June, 2024, by and between Athens County, acting by and through the County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the County, and the Buckley Group, hereinafter referred to as the Consultant, with an office located at 6001 State Route 56, Athens, Ohio 45701.

WITNESSETH:

That the County and the Consultant, for the mutual considerations herein contained and specified, have agreed and do hereby agree as follows:

CLAUSE I - WORK DESCRIPTION

The Consultant agrees to perform all professional services as may be authorized by the County for preparation of the Project Development Process for construction of a multi-use path along Johnson Rd. to connect to the Hook-Hocking Adams bike path to SR 602, including drainage improvements, pedestrian lighting, crosswalks, pavement markings and signs in Athens County, Ohio, identified as ATH Johnson Rd Shared Use Path.

CLAUSE II - INVOICE & PROJECT SCHEDULE

The County and the Consultant agree to the attached Invoice & Project Schedule including the overall Agreement length, and Scheduled Submittal dates and Review Times set out in the Project Schedule.

The Consultant agrees to submit the completed Invoice & Project Schedule transmittal letter together with the updated Invoice & Project Schedule for all billing purposes for all Parts of this Agreement every thirty (30) days as follows:

- (a) Signed original transmittal letter and invoice (IPS) and three (3) copies of same.
- (b) Two (2) copies of the updated Project Schedule.

CLAUSE III - PRIME COMPENSATION

The County agrees to compensate the Consultant for the performance of the authorized portions of the Work specified in this Agreement.

the Department of Transportation's "Specifications for Consulting Services, 2016 Edition".

CLAUSE IV - INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The following documents, or specified portions thereof, are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement as though expressly rewritten herein:

- (a) The Department of Transportation's "Specifications for Consulting Services, 2016 Edition".
- (b) The most current Scope Definitions for Right of Way Services as published on the ODOT Website (<https://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Engineering/RealEstate/Pages/ConsultantForms.aspx>).
- (c) The Invoice & Project Schedule.
- (d) The most current Office of Budget and Management Travel Policy as published on the State of Ohio Website (<https://obm.ohio.gov/files-of-interest/agency-overview/obm-travel-rule>).

CLAUSE V - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity hereby warrants that he/she has been duly authorized by his/her principal to execute this Agreement on such principal's behalf.

Additionally, it is expressly understood by the parties that none of the rights, duties and obligations described in this Agreement shall be binding on either party until such time as the expenditure of funds is certified by the Director of Budget and Management, pursuant to Section 128.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Part 1: Planning thru Environmental Engineering.

Actual costs plus a fixed fee of thirteen thousand eight hundred thirteen dollars (\$13,813.00). However, the maximum prime compensation shall not exceed one hundred sixty-eight thousand two hundred ninety-six dollars (\$168,296.00).

Part 2: Final Engineering.

Actual costs plus a fixed fee of two thousand three hundred fifty dollars (\$2,350.00). However, the maximum prime compensation shall not exceed thirty five thousand four hundred sixty-nine dollars (\$35,469.00).

Part 3: Right-of-Way Services

Part A: Right of Way Acquisition Services for Title Researches, Appraisals, and Project Management.

Unit of Work Compensation as established in the table below. The maximum prime compensation shall not exceed twenty-nine thousand and seventy-five Dollars (\$29,075.00). All work shall be performed on an "if authorized" basis. The fee shall accumulate as authorized (separate cost accounting is not required for each activity).

Title Researches				
Abbreviated Titles	parcel			\$0.00
Full Title (42 year)	parcel	10	\$825.00	\$8,250.00
Title Update	parcel			\$0.00
Project Management	parcel	10	\$325.00	\$3,250.00
Appraisal				
RE 95 Preparation	parcel	2	\$400.00	\$800.00
R/W Appraisal Report (RE 25-17)	parcel	1	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
Limited Scope R/W Appraisal Report (RE 25-17)	parcel			\$0.00
Value Finding (RE 90)	parcel	1	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Value Analysis	parcel	9	\$800.00	\$7,200.00
Project Data Book	parcel			\$0.00
Project Management	parcel	11	\$325.00	\$3,575.00

Total Part A: \$29,075.00

Part b: Right of Way Acquisition Services for Negotiations, Closings, and Project Management.

Unit of Work Compensation as established in the table below. The maximum prime compensation shall not exceed thirty-seven thousand one hundred and twenty-five Dollars (\$37,125). All work shall be performed on an "if authorized" basis. The fee shall accumulate as authorized (separate cost accounting is not required for each activity).

Negotiation				
Negotiation (includes letters, packets, negotiations, billings, document preparation, plan revision coordination, etc.)	parcel	9	\$1,250.00	\$11,250.00
Negotiation-package submission	parcel	9	\$1,250.00	\$11,250.00
Bill of Sale Negotiation	Per			\$0.00
Negotiation Trainers	per parcel			\$0.00
Project Management	parcel	9	\$325.00	\$2,925.00

Closings				
Mail Out	parcel			\$0.00
Formal (includes forms RE 30, 31, 44, 45 & 57 and etc.)	parcel	9	\$775.00	\$6,975.00
Formal - structure parcels	parcel			\$0.00
Title Update for Appropriation	parcel		\$260.00	\$0.00
Lien Release	per release	3	\$600.00	\$1,800.00
Project Management	parcel	9	\$325.00	\$2,925.00

Total Part A: \$37,125.00

Miscellaneous costs, including copies, recording fees, and certified mailings will be actual costs, currently estimated to be \$1,575

The total maximum prime compensation of part 3, right-of-way services, shall not exceed \$67,775.

The total maximum prime compensation of all Parts which may be authorized for the subject Agreement is two hundred seventy-two thousand and seventy dollars (\$271,540).

Prime Compenations, only as agreed and by proper modification of this Agreement and authorized in writing by the County, may be added to or subtracted from under the authority of


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written by affixing the signature of the duly authorized officer of Consultant and the signature of the Commissioners.

THE BUCKLEY GROUP

By: _____
Title: _____

ATHENS COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: 
Title: Athens County Prosecutor

Surplus - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Surplus to redistribute equipment if possible, auction equipment if appropriate, or destroy equipment if no further use exists:

Description:	Model #	Serial #
Copier-Printer/manufactured 2014 (black/white)	bixhub 454e	A61E011010677
Copier-Printer/manufactured 2016 (black/white)	bixhub 554e	A61D011013565

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

DJFS Contract - COAD

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with C.O.A.D, Sponsor of RSVP:

Name of Organization	C.O.A.D, Sponsor of RSVP
Total \$ Value	\$330,320.00
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.

DJFS Contract - Hocking Athens Perry Community Action

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with Hocking Athens Perry Community Action:

Name of Organization	Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
Total \$ Value	\$110,000.00
Contract Period	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Medicaid NET 850/510050 Title XX 735/510050

Billing Procedure HAPCAP submits 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.

DJFS Contract - Hopewell Health Center, Inc

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with Hopewell Health Center, Inc:

Name of Organization	Hopewell Health Center, Inc
Total \$ Value	\$320,871.74
Contract Period	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Medicaid NET 850/510050

Billing Procedure Hopewell submits 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.

Transportation Discussion

Representatives from Green Cab attended and explained that they had submitted several requested technical revisions to their proposed contract.

Discussion focused on:

- * Distinctions between private for-profit entities and nonprofit organizations
- * Contract language related to audits and organizational classification
- * State guidance concerning reimbursement of loaded versus unloaded transportation miles

Assist Dir Lisa Radford noted that recent state guidance requires reimbursement based on loaded miles only.

Questions were raised regarding impacts on RSVP drivers and transportation providers. Assist Dir Lisa Radford explained that counties are following state guidance and that transportation reimbursement practices have changed statewide.

DJFS Contract - Athens County Clerk of Courts, Amendment #1

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

Name of Organization	Athens County Clerk of Courts
Total \$ Value	\$129,415.73 (additional \$5,688.16 - 2026 CAP)
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	221/510052 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.

SAOP Lease Extension

Dir Tami Collins requested approval of a month-to-month lease arrangement for SAOP at the Nelsonville facility currently being offered for sale.

Discussion noted:

- * Existing lease agreements expire June 30
- * Prior notice had already been given that the lease would not automatically renew
- * A month-to-month arrangement would provide flexibility until the building sale is completed

Commissioners expressed hope that a future purchaser may continue leasing space to SAOP.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the month-to-month lease arrangement with SAOP at the Nelsonville DJFS Building.

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

Federal Valley Resource Center Program - Funding Request - Therese Lackey

Therese Lackey presented financial information showing:

- * Local and in-kind contributions represent approximately 75% of total program support
- * Requested county funding would represent approximately 25% of total program costs

She formally requested:

- * \$14,000 in county support for senior programming

Applications for funding are due July 10.

Commissioners thanked Therese for the presentation and commended the Resource Center's efforts.

Resource Center Generator Discussion

Commissioner Adkins discussed a surplus generator previously replaced through an insurance claim at the Coolville Tower site.

Discussion indicated:

- * The Resource Center has long expressed interest in obtaining a generator
- * The generator could potentially benefit the Resource Center's food pantry operations

Administrator Rockhold agreed to investigate transferring the surplus generator to the Resource Center.

Removal of Prosecutor's Property - Supt. Mike Biggins

Supt. Mike Biggins discussed a county-owned maintenance building that continues to contain abandoned materials associated with prior forfeiture property cases.

Despite repeated attempts to coordinate removal through the Prosecutor's Office, the property remains in storage.

Commissioners directed that:

- * Another email be sent requesting action by Administrator Rockhold
- * If no response is received by the following week, the county may proceed with disposal of the remaining items

The goal is to free the building for county use.

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificate for Athens County Commissioners, dated June 9, 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.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates

W&S Supt Carson provided the following Weekly Updates:

1. New Marshfield Sewer Project

Work has officially begun on the New Marshfield Sewer Project.

Early challenges included:

- * Culvert conflicts
- * Gas line crossings
- * A broken water line

Extensive rock excavation requiring jackhammer work

Current construction activity is beginning on Steinmeyer Rd.

Project completion is expected approximately one year from now, with customer tie-ins anticipated after system startup and approvals.

2. Channing Way Water Leak Repair

Supt Caron reported that:

A water leak repair required removal of a portion of a residential concrete driveway

Crum Concrete submitted a proposal of approximately \$3,000 to restore the driveway

Because staff were not comfortable performing driveway restoration themselves, commissioners approved the repair proposal.

3. Sewer Tap Location Communication

Commissioners expressed concern that residents had not consistently received stake locations and instructions for future sewer taps.

Supt Carson agreed to:

- * Work with inspectors and contractors
- * Improve communication with affected property owners
- * Ensure residents receive proper guidance regarding stake placement and future connections

Channing Way Water Leak Repair

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Repair Proposal from Crum Concrete in the amount of \$3,000.00 for 11667 Channing Way Water Leak Repair.

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. 26-711
From: AEP
38831 State Route 7
Pomeroy, OH 45769

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

Location of work: County Rd Name: Four Mile Creek Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 06/01/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Haye, AEP

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/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/Payments

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Jill Burke for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$200.00 with \$200.00 to be paid 06/30/26. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Mallory Clark for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$195.12 with \$108.22 to be paid 06/12/26. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Gage Coler for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$578.99 with \$118.07 to be paid 06/12/26. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Rita Howland for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$107.28 with \$55.03 to be paid 06/15/26. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins 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 \$77.43 with \$35.06 to be paid 06/08/26. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by John Wheeler for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$195.12 with \$108.22 to be paid 06/12/26. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an extension as requested by John Wheeler for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$97.48 with \$47.63 to be paid 06/08/26. 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.

WIOA - Data Sharing & Confidentiality Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature on the WIOA - Data Sharing & Confidentiality Agreement. Document 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.

W&S - OWDA Disbursement Request #22 US50 New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature on the W&S - OWDA Disbursement Request #22 US50 New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer.

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

W&S - OWDA Disbursement Request #2 Stewart & Guysville Sanitary Sewer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature on the W&S - OWDA Disbursement Request #2 Stewart & Guysville Sanitary Sewer.

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

Common Pleas Transfer Request \$1,142.50 into transcript line 1145.530230

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Common Pleas transfer request of \$1,142.50 into transcript line 1145.530230.

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

Engineer - OPWC Disbursement Request for CU65AB

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Engineer - OPWC Disbursement Request for CU65AB in the amount of \$208,867.23.

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

Common Pleas request for new recording equipment and purchasing a new copier

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Common Pleas request for new recording equipment in the courtroom and leasing a new copier.

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 the Commissioners Surplus to destroy:

Description:	Model #	Serial #
Surface Pro	1926	040804501351
iPad	A1709	DMPX21B6J2D1

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

Surplus - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare the EMS Surplus to destroy:

Description:	Model #
Green Oxygen First in bag (Damaged)	Merit

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

EDC LOS Opportunity Zone

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve sending a letter of support for Opportunity Zone: June 1, 2026

The Honorable Mike DeWine
Governor of the State of Ohio
Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

We are writing to express our support for you to recommend to the U.S. Treasury Department as an Opportunity Zone 2.0 certified site several census tracts in Athens County, Ohio which have the potential to lead the redevelopment of this Appalachian community. As you know, you must designate new Ohio OZ to US Treasury starting in July 2026 and at least 33% of new OZ designations in 2027 must be in rural areas.

We hope you recommend the following census tracts in priority order to be OZ 2.0 certified sites:

1. Census Tract 39009972900 (The Plains). The Plains census tract includes the Athens County Port Authority's Bill Theisen Industrial Park with a develop able parcel that could generate a \$7.2 million economic impact with the potential development of 50 new direct and indirect jobs, and includes land ready for development connected to the Athens County Fairgrounds, Marietta Memorial hospital, and the OU Innovation Center position this census tracts for mixed-use redevelopment, commercial development, or potentially light, technology-focused manufacturing.

2. Census Tract 39009973400 (Chauncey). The Village of Chauncey census tract presents opportunities for commercial, industrial, and residential development, particularly as visitation and investment associated with the Bailey's Trail System continue to grow, and is home to a 37-acre site currently owned by Chauncey Opportunity Alliance LTD, a Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) primed for development and the creation of 50 direct and indirect jobs totally an \$11 million economic impact.

3. Census Tract 39009972600 (Glouster/Trimble). The Glouster/Trimble census tract presents opportunities for both downtown revitalization and industrial development on land owned by the Village and located adjacent to an active rail line which could spur a manufacturing investment creating 36 direct and indirect jobs generating \$5.6 million in economic impact.

4. Census Tract 39009973101 (Athens West). The Athens West census tract has become the focus of recent revitalization efforts aimed at improving both commercial corridors and housing stock including properties associated with the 234 W. Washington Street Downtown Revitalization District (DRD).

We hope you recommend Athens County's four census tracts discussed above be included in your list to the U.S. Treasury Department to be a recommended certified Opportunity Zone 2.0 site. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/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.

Travel

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following travel:
 Engineer: Jeff Maiden; CEO Land Records & Surveying Conf, Columbus Westerville-Polaris OH; 06/03 - 06/04/26
 Auditor: Lee Raines; Twp/Village/Outreach Meetings, Various Locations; Month of May 2026
 DJFS: Tami Collins; OJFSDA General Session, Columbus OH; 09/11/26
 DJFS: Tami Collins; New Director HR Orientation, Columbus OH; 10/26 - 10/27/26
 DJFS: Tami Collins; OJFSDA General Session, Lewis Center OH; 12/11/26
 EMS: Randy Crossen Jr, Craig Churchheus, & Jerry Green; Ambulance Inspection/Delivery, Jefferson NC; 06/10 - 06/11/26

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

Albany Annexation

Commissioner Adkins reported receiving a call from Albany Mayor regarding an annexation matter that had originally been approved approximately four years earlier.

The mayor indicated that:

- * The annexation had been approved by the county
- * The matter was believed to have never been properly entered into the necessary records or accounting system
- * As a result, the municipality had not been receiving revenue associated with the annexation

Commissioner Adkins explained that the mayor had expressed frustration after being informed that the municipality might not receive the funds until the following year. The mayor reportedly questioned why additional delays were necessary, noting that the community had already gone many years without receiving the anticipated revenue.

Discussion centered on determining:

- * Whether the county had completed all required actions related to the annexation
- * Whether the issue originated elsewhere in the administrative process
- * Whether additional action by the commissioners was necessary

Administrator Rockhold indicated they had not yet reviewed the related email correspondence but believed the county had completed its responsibilities by filing and returning the required annexation documentation.

It was suggested that the matter may involve questions between the municipality, the Auditor's Office, and legal counsel. Commissioners agreed that:

- * The county cannot direct the Auditor's Office regarding how it administers the matter
- * The municipality's legal counsel should communicate directly with the Auditor's Office and Prosecutor's Office to determine whether all required steps were completed
- * Administrator Rockhold would review the correspondence and provide any necessary follow-up information

The board concluded that, based on their understanding, the county had fulfilled its responsibilities in the annexation process.

Chauncey Property Demolition Discussion

Commissioner Chmiel discussed a county-owned property near the bridge project in Chauncey that had previously been acquired during bridge construction activities.

Discussion focused on:

- * Determining whether the property had been transferred to the Land Bank or remained in county ownership
- * The status of planned demolition activities

Commissioner Chmiel reported that:

- * The structure is scheduled to be burned and removed
- * Required permits had recently been obtained after a lengthy approval process
- * A permit fee of approximately \$75 had been assessed

Commissioners reviewed ownership status and determined that:

- * The property remains in county ownership
- * The county is responsible for payment of the permit fee
- * The demolition process should now be able to move forward

Commissioner Chmiel was directed to forward the permit documentation to Planner LaVelle for payment processing and administration.

Commissioner Chmiel noted that obtaining the necessary permits had taken longer than anticipated but expressed satisfaction that the project was finally progressing toward completion.

Suspend Rules

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to suspend the rules and declare an emergency and add the following to the agenda:

DJFS Credit Card - Add/Remove

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

DJFS Credit Card - Add/Remove

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following changes to the DJFS Fiscal and Transportation Credit Cards:

- DJFS Fiscal Card - Lauren Crum (Add) and Andrea Tabler (Remove)
- DJFS Transportation Card - Carmen Mitchell (Add), Nina Sharpe (Remove), & Melissa Conkel (Remove)

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

HAPCAP Jeff Jenkins & Nathan Simons- CDBG Public Hearing #2

Nathan Simons provided the following CDBG Public Hearing #2:

Notice of Public Hearing #2

Athens County intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program, a federally-funded program administered by the state. Athens County is eligible for \$212,000 of Program Year 2026 CDBG Allocations funding, provided the county meets applicable program requirements.

The county conducted its first public hearing to inform citizens about the CDBG program, how it may be used, what activities are eligible, and other important program requirements on March 10, 2026. In addition to administration and Fair Housing, the following activities will meet the low-moderate income national objective and are under consideration for inclusion in the county's application based on citizen input and local officials' assessments of needs:

- * Village of Trimble - Street Improvements - CDBG Allocation \$116,397.00
- * Village of Glouster - Street Improvements - CDBG Allocation \$53,203.00
- * Administration and Fair Housing - \$42,400.00

In addition, Athens County is eligible to apply for CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (NRG) Program funding up to \$750,000. The following activities are being considered for inclusion in the county's application to the state for the Village of Trimble and will meet the national objective of benefiting a low-moderate income community:

- * Street Improvements - \$200,409.25
- * Flood & Drainage - \$188,434.25
- * Parks & Recreation Facilities - \$263,844.25
- * Sidewalk Improvements - \$163,709.25
- * Administration - \$50,000.00

In addition, Athens County is eligible to apply for CDBG Critical Infrastructure Grant (CI) Program funding up to \$500,000. The following activities are being considered for inclusion in the county's application to the state for the City of Nelsonville and will meet the national objective of benefiting a low-moderate income community:

- * Flood & Drainage Improvements - CDBG CI \$470,000.00
- * Administration - CDBG CI \$30,000.00

Finally, Athens county is eligible to apply for CDBG Critical infrastructure Grant (CI) Program funding up to \$500,000. The following activities are being considered for inclusion in the county's application to the state or the Village of Chauncey and will meet the national objective of benefiting a low-moderate income community:

- * Flood & Drainage Improvements - CDBG CI \$470,000.00

* Administration - CDBG CI \$30,000.00

A second public hearing will be held June 9, 2026 at 10:45 am at the Athens County Commissioners Meeting Room, 15 S. Court St., Athens, OH 45701. The purpose of this meeting is to give citizens an adequate opportunity to review and comment on the county's proposed CDBG application, including the proposed activities summarized above, before the county submits the Applications to the Ohio Department of Development. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting to express their views and comments on the county's proposed CDBG Applications.

Environmental Review Certification

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Environmental Review Certification form for General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning.

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

Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. See documents on back of page 220.

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

HAPCAP - Updates

Jeff Jenkins provided the following HAPCAP Updates:

Downtown Glouster Revitalization Project Updates

1. 87 High Street Project

Jeff Jenkins reported that:

- * Construction is substantially complete.
- * Final completion has been delayed due to back ordered windows.
- * Previously delivered windows did not meet Ohio Historic Preservation requirements and are being replaced with compliant units.

2. Adjacent Downtown Building Project

Jeff Jenkins advised that:

- * Primary construction work has been completed.
- * Remaining work is limited to punch-list items and a small amount of additional site work involving the lot between buildings.
- * Final completion is expected by late July or early August.

The architect will conduct a final inspection to verify that all punch-list items have been satisfactorily completed.

3. KOP Building Environmental Assessment

An update was also provided on the KOP Building project.

Jeff Jenkins reported:

- * Environmental assessment activities are progressing well.
- * Significant progress has been made toward completion of that phase of the project.
- * Glouster Administrative Building and Public Safety Improvements

Commissioners asked for feedback regarding the recently completed Glouster Administrative Building improvements.

Jeff Jenkins reported that:

- * The renovated facility has been extremely successful.
- * Visitors frequently compliment the appearance and functionality of the building.
- * The space provides improved working conditions for staff and a larger meeting area for public use.

Additional discussion highlighted successful improvements involving:

4. Police Department Facilities

- * The police department previously operated from very limited space.
- * Renovations significantly improved office functionality and working conditions.
- * The upgraded facility has been well received.

5. Fire Department Roof Project

Jeff Jenkins reported that:

- * Roof improvements successfully resolved prior leak issues.
- * Fire department personnel have expressed satisfaction with the completed work.

Commissioners and staff agreed that the projects have substantially improved public facilities within the community.

**Environmental Review Certification Form
for General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning**

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)
- Emergency Shelter (ESG) Programs

Instructions

The Environmental Review Certification Form for General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning Activities (form) serves as the:

- Environmental Review
- Environmental Review Certification
- Notice of Project Specific Release of Funds Respecting Environmental Grant Conditions

Applicants executing this form are certifying that the environmental review evaluation and the determination of exemption are accurate for general administration, fair housing, and planning activities funded with administrative dollars only. This satisfies the grantee's environmental review documentation process for these select activities.

Applicants must submit an original, executed form with the application and keep a copy of the executed form on file. Once the grant agreement is fully executed, grant recipients will be able to access grant funds for these three activities. Please refer to Office of Community Development (OCD) Policy 06-01 for further information and guidance.

General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning Defined

General administration and fair housing activities are defined as "Exempt" per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(3). Environmental and other studies, resource identification and the development of plans and strategies are defined as "Exempt" per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(1).

By executing this form, the certifying officer is certifying that the project description listed below is accurate; an environmental evaluation for general administration, fair housing, and planning activities was completed; and an exemption was found for general administration, fair housing, planning, and public service activities without a physical presence.

Project Description

Planning activities include environmental and other studies, resource identification and developing plans and strategies. Program administration activities for this project include all or some of the following: staff and related costs required for overall program management, coordination, monitoring, reporting and evaluation; citizen participation costs; fair housing activities; indirect costs charged using an accepted cost allocation plan; developing submissions or applications for federal programs; staff and overhead costs for project delivery; and certain costs of administering the (check all applicable):

Certification

An environmental evaluation has been conducted for general administration, fair housing, and planning activities. Pursuant to the review, it is the finding of the responsible entity that the activities listed in the project description above are exempt. Therefore, per 24 CFR 58.34, the responsible entity does not have to undertake any environmental review, consultation, or other action under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the other provisions of law or authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 for these projects.

I certify the accuracy of these statements:

Chief Elected Officer of Community

Lenny Eliason

Printed Name and Title

6.9.26

Date

Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

General Information: An Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan is required by all grantees prior to funding, even if demolition activities are not planned. This plan must be updated every five years. If you have not previously adopted a plan, utilize this format at a minimum to adopt a plan. If you have previously adopted a plan, you may submit an executed copy of that plan in lieu of completing this form (if your activities include demolition or conversion, you will need to get clearance from the Office of Community Development (OCD) prior to proceeding with any demolition or conversion). Attach requested information from this form to your plan.

Ordinance Number: 0609-123 Date of Ordinance: 6.9.26

Athens County _____ will replace all occupied and vacant-occupiable low-to-moderate-income (LMI) dwelling units demolished or converted to a use other than LMI housing as a direct result of activities assisted with funds provided under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and as described in 24 CFR 570.488. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations have extended this requirement to the HOME program as well. All replacement housing will be provided within three years of beginning the demolition or rehabilitation related to conversion. Before obligating or expending funds that will directly result in demolition or conversion, the community will make public and submit to OCD the following information in writing:

1. A description of the proposed activity.
2. The location of each site on a map and the number of dwelling units by bedroom size that will be demolished or converted to a use other than as LMI dwelling units as a direct result of the activities.
3. A time schedule for the demolition or conversion commencement and completion.
4. The general location on a map and approximate number of dwelling units by bedroom size that will be provided as replacement dwelling units.
5. The funding source and a time schedule for providing replacement dwelling units.
6. An explanation of how the replacement dwelling unit will remain a LMI unit for at least 10 years from the date of initial occupancy.
7. An analysis determining whether a dwelling unit proposed to be demolished is occupiable or not.
8. An analysis determining whether a dwelling unit proposed to be demolished or converted is considered an LMI unit.

Athens County _____ will provide relocation assistance, as described in 24 CFR 570.488, to each LMI household displaced by housing demolition or conversion of a LMI dwelling to another use as a direct result of assisted activities. Consistent with the goals and objectives under the Act, the community agrees to provide substantial levels of assistance to individuals displaced by HUD-assisted programs and will further seek to minimize displacing individuals because of assisted activities.



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The following Resolution passed during a regular meeting of the Board of Athens County Commissioners held on June 9, 2026:

Athens County – PY2026 Allocation Grant Program – PY2026 NRG Trimble-PY2026 Nelsonville CI-PY2026 Chauncey CI-HAPCAP

Motion by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to authorize HAPCAP to submit Athens County's Program Year 2026 Allocation Grant Program application including one competitive Neighborhood Revitalization Grant Application for the Village of Trimble and two Critical Infrastructure Grant Applications for the City of Nelsonville and the Village of Chauncey to the Ohio Department of Development. The grant requests will be in the amount of \$212,000.00, \$750,000.00, \$500,000.00 and \$500,000.00 respectively, for a total grant request of \$1,962,000.00.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Vote:

Commissioners Eliason; Yeah
Commissioner Adkins; Yeah
Commissioner Chmiel; Yeah

JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator
Athens County Commissioners



Lenny Eliason President, B.O.C.
Signature of Chief Elected Official Name of Chief Elected Official Title of Chief Elected Official

HAPCAP Glen Crippen-Chip activities and update grant application

Glen Crippen from Hocking Athens Perry Community Action provided an update on the CHIP Program, reporting that the Ohio Department of Development has approved the City of Nelsonville's continued participation in the CHIP partnership after eligibility concerns were resolved. As a result, the previously scheduled public hearing was cancelled and rescheduled for June 23 to allow for updated project and funding discussions and to meet citizen participation requirements.

Glen Crippen reviewed proposed CHIP activities, including home repair, home rehabilitation, rental rehabilitation, and rental home repair projects, noting that federal guidelines require at least 30% of funding to be dedicated to home repair activities. Potential rental projects involving the Metropolitan Housing Authority and other eligible providers were also discussed.

Glen Crippen advised that partnership agreements, authorizing legislation, environmental review documents, and other application materials will be presented for approval at a future meeting following legal review. Commissioners expressed support for the revised partnership and appreciation for the successful efforts to retain Nelsonville in the program.

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



Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel