**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 Wednesday, October 28, 2026 Convenes at 9:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes October 20, 2026

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
Fund to Fund: Health Dept $20,000.00 from 662.2662.580100 Transfer Out to 660.2660.422101 Transfer In
New Fund: EMA Fund 521 Grant SHSP
Receipts: Grant SHSP 521.2521.412524
Expenditures: Grant SHSP 521.3521.540400

9:00 Prosecutor - Budget
9:15 EMS Chief Position - Negotiations
9:30 Sheriff-Budget
9:45 DJFS - Weekly Updates - De-Bra Kuempel Agreement
10:00 Extension Office Budget
10:15 Bid Opening - Engineer ATH-CR48-7.89 Landslide Repair
10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates, LeMaster Road
10:35 Garrett Karr- Interview Athens County Port Authority
10:45 BOE - Budget
11:00 Adam Kody - Interview Athens County Port Authority
11:15 Common Pleas - Budget
11:30 Christine Hughes - Interview Athens County Port Authority
1:30 Legal/Title - Budget
1:45 Soil & Water Budget
2:00 Children Services- Budget
2:15 EMA/911 - Budget
2:30 Safe Streets for All Grant Agreement - Planner LaVelle
2:45 Recorder - Budget

Agenda Items
Amended Certificate
Surplus - County Owned Property - EMS Station 52, Coolville
Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring Resolution
Surplus - Dog Shelter
Juvenile Court Transfer Request in the amount of $33,500.00 to the Juvenile Court Legal Services Line 1194.530950
Menards Receipt for Ceiling Tiles in the amount of $176.64 to be paid from ARPA Funds
VOCA/SVAA Grant Award for 2026-2027 - Prosecutor's Office
Surplus - EMS
Surplus - Veteran's Office

~TRAVEL
Sheriff: Isaac Coey; Forensics Training, Ohio Statehouse Columbus OH; 10/19 - 10/23/26
WIOA: Morgan DeLay; Area 20 Workforce Board Meeting, Chillicothe OH; 10/28/26

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. Eliason to approve the minutes of October 20, 2026.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, abstain; 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, including Fund to Fund: Health Dept $20,000.00 from 662.2662.580100 Transfer Out to 660.2660.422101 Transfer In, New Fund: EMA Fund 521 Grant SHSP -Receipts: Grant SHSP 521.2521.412524 - Expenditures: Grant SHSP 521.3521.540400 and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 10/15/2026 To: 10/21/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 10/20/2026 To: 10/22/2026 INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 10/22/2026 To: 10/27/2026 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.

**Prosecutor Budget**
Prosecutor Keller Blackburn presented the 2027 Prosecutor Budget.

**Executive Session - EMS**
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 9:12 with Chief Amber Pyle and Assist Chief Randy Crossen Jr to discuss employment of a public employee and collective bargaining negotiations.

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

**Regular Session - EMS**
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session with EMS at 9:30 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, yea.

**Dog Shelter Budget**
Warden Ryan Gillette presented the 2027 Dog Shelter Budget.

**Sheriff Budget**
Chris Breeze presented the 2027 Sheriff Budget.

**Athens County Family Services Planning Committee Appointments**
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to appointment the following to the Athens County Family Services Planning Committee for new three-year terms. See back of page 363 for the appointments.

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

**DJFS Contract - DeBra-Kuempel**
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with DeBra-Kuempel:

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| Name of Organization | DeBra-Kuempel |
| Total $ Value | $12,357.00 |
| Contract Period | 01/01/2027 - 12/31/2029 |
| Program Accts & Codes to be charged | Heating & Cooling System Maintenance 010/510050 |
| Billing Procedure | $4,065 for year one, $4,065 for year two, and $4,227 for year three. Annual installments due at the beginning of the agreement. |

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.

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| Kelly Madewell | My Sisters Place | provide services to or advocate for victims of domestic violence | [illegible] | 10/28/26-9/30/29 |
| Ashley Herring | Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities | the county board of developmental disabilities | aherring@athensmhdd.org | 10/28/26-9/30/29 |
| Court Wiesbey | Athens City-County Health Department | boards of health | [illegible] | 10/28/26-9/30/29 |
| Nick Tepe | Director, Athens Public Library | public entities that provide family services | [illegible] | 10/28/26-9/30/29 |
| Diane Pfaff | Executive Director, Athens-Hocking-Vinton 317 Board | board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services | [illegible] | 10/28/26-9/30/29 |

**Extension Office Budget**
Bridget presented the 2027 Extension Office Budget.

**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 October 27, 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**
Supt Carson provided a proposed W&S Dept rate increase (see document on back of page 364) and provide updates on ongoing projects. He reported that the wastewater treatment plant improvements could cost approximately $2 million to $3 million and may require borrowing up to $1.5 million to supplement available grant funding. Some grant funds may also be needed for pavement restoration associated with the New Marshfield sewer project. The Board requested additional time to review the rates, with feedback anticipated early the following week.
Supt Carson reported that a failed programmable logic controller (PLC) at the Bent Brook pump station had been replaced and the station was operational. An additional controller was purchased as a spare. He also reported that the New Marshfield sewer project was progressing well, with work completed on Depot Street and remaining construction on Center Street, Railroad Street, and adjoining lanes. Additionally, Tank No. 3 at the wastewater treatment plant had been cleaned, fitted with new air diffusers, and returned to operation with improved dissolved oxygen levels.
No formal action was taken.

**W&S Credit - 7856 LeMaster Rd**
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the water leak credit for 7856 LeMaster Rd in the amount of $265.03 as provided by the W&S Office.

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

**Surplus - County Owned Property - EMS Station 52, Coolville**
The Board discussed a County-owned property associated with the EMS Station 52 Coolville area.
Commissioner Adkins reported receiving a telephone call from an individual interested in purchasing the property, identified in the transcript as Curt Montle.
Commissioner Adkins indicated that he was not currently in favor of selling the property.
Commissioner Chmiel suggested that concerns regarding the property might be resolved through further discussion among the interested parties.
Commissioner Chmiel discussed whether the property was still needed for a radio communications site and noted that a potential purchaser had expressed interest in developing housing in Coolville.
Commissioner Eliason recommended that Planner LaVelle meet with the appropriate individual to review the concerns and return to the Board with additional information.
No decision was made to sell or otherwise dispose of the property.

**Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring Resolution**
A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to recognize and congratulate Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring on its 40th Anniversary:

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING SOUTHEAST OHIO YOUTH MENTORING ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring (SEOYM) is celebrating 40 years of dedicated service to children, youth, and families throughout Southeast Ohio under the theme "40 Years. One Match at a Time"; and

WHEREAS, established in 1986 as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Athens County, the organization made its first mentoring match in 1988 and served as an affiliate for 32 years before becoming an independent organization; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring continues to provide meaningful mentoring relationships, leadership opportunities, and youth development programs, including community mentoring, Youth in Leadership, Bobcats & Buddies, CLI, residential youth programming, and before- and after-school care; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the organization served 85 youth across Athens and Washington Counties, supported 97 active participants, and documented more than 500 mentoring hours through five core mentoring initiatives; and

The Plains Water
Current water rate (first 2000 gallons) $33.39 Increase to $45.77
- $2.00 increase for employee
- $2.00 increase for maintenance & utilities
- $6.71 increase for water tanks
- $1.67 anticipated 5% increase from Athens

Every thousand after currently $14.96 Increase to $18.71
- $2.00 increase for employee
- $1.00 increase for maintenance
- $0.75 anticipated 5% increase from Athens

The Plains Sewer
Current sewer rate (first 2000 gallons) $18.68 Increase to $25.86
- $2.00 increase for employee
- $3.00 increase for plant upgrade
- $2.00 increase for maintenance & utilities

Every thousand after currently $8.14 Increase to $10.14
- $2.00 increase for maintenance

Rt 50 Sewer
Debt Retirement $52.50
Sewer first thousand current $6.28 Increase to $8.58
- $2.00 increase for maintenance & utilities
- $0.30 increase for Athens 4% raise

Every thousand after current $5.90 Increase to $8.18
- $2.00 increase for maintenance
- $0.28 increase for Athens 4% raise

Minimum bill for Plains Water & Sewer Current $52.25 Increase to $71.63 ($19.38 total)

Minimum bill for Route 50 Current $58.78 Increase to $61.08 ($2.30 total)

Installing the septage receiving station at our sewer plant will bring in additional revenue. Most places I have spoken with charge an average of $0.34 per gallon. As I have mentioned before, Chauncey has shown interest in sending their sludge to our plant for disposal which will bring in additional revenue once the plant upgrade is completed.

The Plains Water & Sewer has always raised rates based on the City of Athens increases to pass the cost along to the customer. We have never raised our rates to reflect the rising costs of Operation & Maintenance.

Notable Increases:
Blowers were $5,400 now $12,900 58% increase
Pumps (depending on size) are an average of 30% increase
Electrical components are an average of 50% increase
Fuel costs have doubled this year

Numerous unexpected expenses this year:

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| Gear Drive on Tank 2 | $76,000 |
| New Cabinet at Plant | $46,000 |
| Rental Pumps | $12,000 |
| Manhole Rehab | $8,000 |
| Tank 2 Cleaning | $15,000 |
| Tank 3 Cleaning | $10,000 |
| New Pumps | $60,000 |

Previous Carry Overs

| | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | Current Cash Balance |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Plains Water | $425,971 | $373,613 | $453,567 | $378,711 | $246,048 |
| Plains Sewer | $429,043 | $244,217 | $227,606 | $269,413 | $283,643 |
| Route 50 | $305,911 | $188,699 | $139,631 | $153,016 | $643,755 |

WHEREAS, the organization's success reflects the dedication of its staff, volunteers, mentors, and community partners who have positively impacted the lives of young people for four decades;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and congratulates Southeast Ohio Youth Mentoring on its 40th Anniversary, expressing sincere appreciation for its outstanding service, commitment to empowering youth, and lasting contributions to Athens County and Southeast Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its best wishes for continued success in strengthening the lives of young people and the communities it serves.

Signed this 28th day of October 2026

/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.

**Surplus - Dog Shelter**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the redistribution of the washer and dryer to DJFS:

| Description: | Model # | Serial # |
|---|---|---|
| Maytag Electric Washer | MHW5630HC0 | C90850123 |
| Maytag Electric Dryer | MED5630HC0 | M9094735 |

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

**Juvenile Court Transfer Request in the amount of $33,500.00 to the Juvenile Court Legal Services Line 1194.530950**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Juvenile Court Transfer Request in the amount of $33,500.00 to the Juvenile Court Legal Services Line 1194.530950.

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

**Menards Receipt for Ceiling Tiles in the amount of $176.64 to be paid from ARPA Funds**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Menards Receipt for Ceiling Tiles in the amount of $176.64 to be paid from ARPA Funds.

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

**VOCA/SVAA Grant Award for 2026-2027 - Prosecutor's Office**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Prosecutor's VOCA/SVAA Grant Award for 2026-2027.

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 the EMS Surplus for disposal:

Description:
Mattress (2)
Broken Bed Frames (2)
Box Spring

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

**Surplus - Veteran's Office**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Veteran's Surplus for redistribution of the printer if another department could use it, or disposal as surplus property if redistribution was not feasible (Model # MFC-L89000CDW).

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:

Sheriff: Isaac Coey; Forensics Training, Ohio Statehouse Columbus OH; 10/19 - 10/23/26
WIOA: Morgan DeLay; Area 20 Workforce Board Meeting, Chillicothe OH; 10/28/26

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

**Bid Opening - Engineer ATH-CR48-7.89 Landslide Repair**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge receipt of the following two (2) bids for the Engineer's ATH-CR48-7.89 Landslide Repair with the Engineer's Estimate of $155,000.00 (see back of page 366 for bid tab):

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| Athens General Contracting | $220,000.00 |
| Alan Stone Company | $142,360.50 |

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

**Engineer ATH-CR48-7.89 Landslide Repair Award**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the necessary contract documents following Engineer Maiden's review of the bids, with the anticipated award to Alan Stone Company, the apparent low bidder, in the amount of $142,360.50.

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

**Garrett Karr - Interview Athens County Port Authority**

The Board met with Garrett Karr applicant interested in serving on the Athens County Port Authority Board. Mr. Karr expressed an interest in economic development, job creation, and attracting businesses to Athens County. He discussed his experience serving on the Marietta Memorial Hospital Board and his familiarity with economic development activities through the County Improvement Corporation.

Commissioners discussed recent public concerns regarding the proposed plastics facility, environmental oversight, and opportunities to support small businesses. Mr. Karr emphasized the role of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in addressing environmental concerns and expressed support for attracting larger businesses that would create multiple employment opportunities.

The Board explained that it was considering expanding the Port Authority Board but had not made a final decision. There were no current vacancies, and interviews were being conducted to identify potential candidates should the Board decide to expand its membership.

**BOE Budget**

Tony Brooks presented the 2027 BOE Budget.

**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:

HAPCAP Satisfaction of Mortgage

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

| Athens County Engineer<br>ATH-CR48-7.89 Landslide Repair Project<br>Bid Tabulation - 10/28/2026 | | | | | Engineer's Estimate | | Alan Stone Co., Inc. | | Athens General Contracting | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| REF NO | ITEM NO. | ITEM DESCRIPTION | QTY | UNIT | UNIT COST | TOTAL COST | UNIT COST | TOTAL COST | UNIT COST | TOTAL COST |
| 1 | 201 | CLEARING AND GRUBBING | 1 | LS | $ 5,000.00 | $ 5,000.00 | $ 6,000.00 | $ 6,000.00 | $ 3,500.00 | $ 3,500.00 |
| 2 | 202 | GUARDRAIL REMOVED | 88 | FT | $ 20.00 | $ 1,760.00 | $ 8.50 | $ 748.00 | $ 12.00 | $ 1,056.00 |
| 3 | 203 | EARTHWORK | 1 | LS | $ 3,000.00 | $ 3,000.00 | $ 4,800.00 | $ 4,800.00 | $ 6,500.00 | $ 6,500.00 |
| 4 | 606 | GUARDRAIL, TYPE 5 | 100 | FT | $ 70.00 | $ 7,000.00 | $ 20.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 70.00 | $ 7,000.00 |
| 5 | 606 | ANCHOR ASSEMBLY, TYPE T | 1 | EACH | $ 1,200.00 | $ 1,200.00 | $ 980.00 | $ 980.00 | $ 2,200.00 | $ 2,200.00 |
| 6 | 601 | ROCK CHANNEL PROTECTION, TYPE C WITH FILTER | 2 | CY | $ 600.00 | $ 1,200.00 | $ 250.00 | $ 500.00 | $ 250.00 | $ 500.00 |
| 7 | 659 | SEEDING AND MULCHING AS PER PLAN | 128 | SY | $ 12.00 | $ 1,536.00 | $ 9.00 | $ 1,152.00 | $ 8.00 | $ 1,024.00 |
| 8 | 832 | EROSION CONTROL | 1500 | EACH | $ 1.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1.00 | $ 1,500.00 |
| 9 | 617 | COMPACTED AGGREGATE | 5 | CY | $ 350.00 | $ 1,750.00 | $ 110.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 160.00 | $ 800.00 |
| 10 | 254 | SUBGRADE COMPACTION | 185 | SY | $ 8.00 | $ 1,480.00 | $ 20.00 | $ 3,700.00 | $ 12.00 | $ 2,220.00 |
| 11 | 304 | AGGREGATE BASE | 41 | CY | $ 150.00 | $ 6,150.00 | $ 100.00 | $ 4,100.00 | $ 125.00 | $ 5,125.00 |
| 12 | 301 | ASPHALT CONCRETE BASE PG 64-22, (442) | 18 | CY | $ 600.00 | $ 9,600.00 | $ 330.00 | $ 5,280.00 | $ 350.00 | $ 5,600.00 |
| 13 | 407 | TACK COAT | 9 | GAL | $ 10.00 | $ 90.00 | $ 4.50 | $ 40.50 | $ 20.00 | $ 180.00 |
| 14 | 441 | ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1, (442), PG 64-22 | 10 | CY | $ 600.00 | $ 6,000.00 | $ 320.00 | $ 3,200.00 | $ 450.00 | $ 4,500.00 |
| 15 | 503 | UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION AS PER PLAN | 1 | LS | $ 4,314.00 | $ 4,314.00 | $ 6,200.00 | $ 6,200.00 | $ 9,000.00 | $ 9,000.00 |
| 16 | 507 | STEEL PILES, MISC. SOLDIER PILE HP10x42 | 260 | FT | $ 70.00 | $ 18,200.00 | $ 120.00 | $ 31,200.00 | $ 180.00 | $ 46,800.00 |
| 17 | 518 | POROUS BACKFILL WITH GEOTEXTILE FABRIC | 31 | CY | $ 200.00 | $ 6,200.00 | $ 140.00 | $ 4,340.00 | $ 225.00 | $ 6,975.00 |
| 18 | 518 | 6" PERFORATED CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE | 65 | FT | $ 20.00 | $ 1,300.00 | $ 25.00 | $ 1,625.00 | $ 45.00 | $ 2,925.00 |
| 19 | 518 | 6" NON-PERFORATED CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE | 11 | FT | $ 20.00 | $ 220.00 | $ 85.00 | $ 935.00 | $ 55.00 | $ 605.00 |
| 20 | 524 | DRILLED SHAFTS, 24" DIAMETER, AS PER PLAN | 150 | FT | $ 150.00 | $ 22,500.00 | $ 100.00 | $ 15,000.00 | $ 350.00 | $ 52,500.00 |
| 21 | 530 | STRUCTURE, MISC. PRECAST CONCRETE PANEL | 24 | EACH | $ 1,000.00 | $ 24,000.00 | $ 750.00 | $ 18,000.00 | $ 1,250.00 | $ 30,000.00 |
| 22 | 614 | MAINTAINING TRAFFIC | 1 | LS | $ 5,000.00 | $ 5,000.00 | $ 3,400.00 | $ 3,400.00 | $ 4,500.00 | $ 4,500.00 |
| 23 | 623 | CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKES AND SURVEYING | 1 | LS | $ 3,000.00 | $ 3,000.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $ 5,100.00 | $ 4,000.00 | $ 4,000.00 |
| 24 | 624 | MOBILIZATION | 1 | LS | $ 20,000.00 | $ 20,000.00 | $ 17,000.00 | $ 17,000.00 | $ 18,490.00 | $ 18,490.00 |
| 25 | 103 | PREMIUM FOR PERFOMANCE BOND AND FOR PAYMENT BOND | 1 | LS | $ 3,000.00 | $ 3,000.00 | $ 5,000.00 | $ 5,000.00 | $ 4,500.00 | $ 4,500.00 |
| | | | | PROJECT TOTAL = | | $ 155,000.00 | (-8.2%) | $ 142,380.50 | (+41.9%) | $ 220,000.00 |

**HAPCAP Satisfaction of Mortgage**

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the HAPCAP Satisfaction of Mortgage. See back of page 367 for document.

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

**Adam Kody - Interview Athens County Port Authority**

The Board met with Adam Kody to discuss his interest in serving on the Athens County Port Authority Board. Mr. Kody discussed his experience with ACEnet, particularly assisting small businesses and entrepreneurs with access to infrastructure, financing, and resources needed for business growth.

Commissioners discussed opportunities for the Port Authority to better support small businesses, strengthen partnerships with nonprofit organizations, and increase public awareness of its economic development activities. The discussion also addressed community concerns regarding the proposed plastics facility and the importance of environmental sustainability in future development projects.

Mr. Kody suggested that the Port Authority consider establishing clearer priorities and incorporating sustainability into its mission and economic development goals. He emphasized the value of public engagement, communication, and collaboration with local organizations and entrepreneurs.

The Board explained that it was considering expanding the Port Authority Board but had not made a final decision regarding its size or composition.

**Christine Hughes - Interview Athens County Port Authority**

The Board met with Christine Hughes to discuss her interest in serving on the Athens County Port Authority Board. Ms. Hughes expressed concerns regarding public transparency and community involvement in economic development decisions, particularly surrounding the proposed plastics facility. She emphasized the importance of providing opportunities for public input earlier in the development process and ensuring that proposed projects align with community values.

Ms. Hughes discussed her interest in promoting worker-owned businesses, sustainable manufacturing, renewable energy, and economic opportunities for small businesses. She suggested exploring shared facilities and resources, cooperative business models, and partnerships that could support local entrepreneurs. She also identified potential opportunities for the Port Authority to assist with projects such as securing a permanent location for the Athens Farmers Market.

The Commissioners discussed the challenges of obtaining representative community input and acknowledged her suggestions. The Board explained that it had not yet decided whether to expand the Port Authority Board and would contact her following further consideration.

**Common Pleas Budget**

Judge Patrick Lang presented the 2027 Common Pleas Budget.

**Legal/Title Budget**

Clerk Candy Russell presented the 2027 Legal/Title Budget.

**Soil & Water Budget**

Cathy Bobo presented the 2027 Soil & Water Budget.

**EMA/911 Budget**

Dir. Teresa Fouts-Imler presented the 2027 EMA/911 Budget.

**Children Services Budget**

Otis Crockron and Shelly Ramey presented the 2027 Children Services Budget.

# SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, with its offices located at 15 S. Court St, Athens, Ohio 45701, does hereby certify that the following described MORTGAGE DEED(S) have been fully satisfied, and the County Recorder is authorized to discharge the same of record.

| Name of Mortgagor(s) | Date of Mortgage | Date Recorded | Athens Co. Records Vol. | Ref. Page |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barton Schoolcraft<br>Larry Kent<br>39 South High St.<br>Glouster, OH. 45732 | 08/12/1996 | 08/30/1996 | 233 | 648-649 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set hand this 28 day of October, 2026, by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, State of Ohio

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRESIDENT

BY: _____
Lenny Eliason, President

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 28 day of October, 2026 by Lenny Eliason, President of the Athens County Board of Commissioners, in the individual and official capacities.

Jo Ann Rockhold
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
August 03, 2030

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Notary Public

This document was prepared by Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Agency Housing Program

**Safe Streets for All Grant Agreement - Planner LaVelle**

Planner LaVelle met with the Board to review the finalized Safe Streets for All grant agreement with the Federal Highway Administration. The project has a total budget of $640,500, consisting of $505,500 in federal funding and a $135,000 local in-kind match over five years. The County's match will be provided through employee and volunteer hours and equipment usage, with no cash contribution required.

The project will expand upon the County's 2024 Active Transportation Plan and includes three components: a roadway safety audit in The Plains, a countywide high-injury network and safety evaluation, and temporary demonstration projects to evaluate pedestrian, bicycle, and traffic safety improvements. Federal funding will primarily support professional traffic planning and consulting services. The project completion deadline is July 2031.

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize the Safe Streets for All Grant Agreement.

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

**Recorder Budget**

Jessica Marking presented the 2027 Recorder Budget.

**Adjourn**

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

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

JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator

Lenny Eliason, President

Alison Pierson, Clerk

Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

Chris Chmiel