

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, September 02, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes August 18 & 25, 2026

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

 New Line Item: W&S US50 Exp Fund 608

 Expenditures: Transfer Out 608.3608.580100

 New Line Item: Comm OneOhio Opioid Settlement

 Expenditures: Transfer Out 045.3045.580100

 Fund to Fund: W&S \$133,314.31 from 606.3606.580100 Transfer Out to 603.2603.422101 Transfer In

 Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$1,738.13 from 227.3227.560100 LETF Other Expense to 221.2221.417505 Gifts & Donations

 Fund to Fund: Comm \$6,320.00 from 001.1236.589000 Transfer Out to 571.2571.417100 Other Rev-Pub Assist

9:45 DJFS - Weekly Updates

10:00 Bid Opening- Dump Site Cleanup

10:15 Jack Pepper - Athens County Senior Citizens Programs

10:30 Dale Ellis - Board Appointment Interview

11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

 Utility Permits (5-AEP Ohio, 1-Columbia Gas of Ohio, 6-Frontier North Inc)

 Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

 Surplus - DJFS

 New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer - Contract "B" (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

 Guardian Ad Litem Agreement (4)

 Port Authority Appointments

 11667 Channingway Concrete Work

 Surplus - Treasurer

 W&S OWDA Disbursement Request #5 Stewart & Guysville Sanitary Sewer Improvements (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

 Engineer - Advertisement for Bids

 Surplus - Coroner

 Athens Tree & Lawn Service Quote (DJFS)

 W&S - OWDA App #3 for New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Contract "A"

 Big Foot Festival Agreement

 W&S - Certification of Delinquent Water and Sewer Bills

 W&S - Certification of Delinquent Sewer Bills - Route 50 Project

 ODOT - Letter RE Donation of Light Posts

~TRAVEL

 Engineer: Garrett Maiden; NHI Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges, Columbus OH; 09/13 - 09/25/26

 Planner: Connor LaVelle; NEPA Management Course- West Broad St., Columbus OH; 10/6 - 10/07/26

 COC: Candy Russell & Justin Elekes; OCCA District 2 Meeting, Rio Grande McArthur Center; 09/17/26

 COC: Justin Elekes; Legal Seminar, Ohioan Hotel & Event Center; 09/24/26

 COC: Candy Russell; Clerk & Legal Seminar, Ohioan Hotel & Event Center; 09/23 - 09/24/26

 Auditor: Jill Davidson; 2026 Candidates Forum, Columbus OH; 09/14/26

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the minutes of August 18th and August 25th, 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, including New Line Item: W&S US50 Exp Fund 608 - Expenditures: Transfer Out 608.3608.580100, New Line Item: Comm OneOhio Opioid Settlement - Expenditures: Transfer Out 045.3045.580100, Fund to Fund: W&S \$133,314.31 from 606.3606.580100 Transfer Out to 603.2603.422101 Transfer In, Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$1,738.13 from 227.3227.560100 LETF Other Expense to 221.2221.417505 Gifts & Donations, Fund to Fund: Comm \$6,320.00 from 001.1236.589000 Transfer Out to 571.2571.417100 Other Rev-Pub Assist and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/20/2026 To: 08/25/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/25/2026 To: 08/27/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/27/2026 To: 09/01/2026 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.

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 309.

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

Title IV-D (4D) Contracts

Social Services Dir. Jason Terry discussed expanding its agreement with Maximus to administer all of the County's Title IV-D (4D) contracts. SS Dir. Terry reviewed a cost analysis comparing the current arrangement, under which Maximus administers only the Sheriff's service of process contract, with a proposal to have the company manage all six county 4D contracts. It was reported that the current Sheriff's contract has significantly improved efficiency, reducing work that previously required approximately 15 hours to complete to about 15 minutes. Admin. Rockhold also noted that the Sheriff and his staff have expressed satisfaction with the service provided by Maximus.

SS Dir. Terry explained that Maximus currently charges \$3,500 to establish each contract and \$4,000 annually for monthly invoicing services. Under the expanded proposal, the company would reduce the contract creation fee to \$2,750 per contract while maintaining the annual invoicing fee. Based on Athens County's 34 percent cost share, the estimated cost would be \$13,770 for one year or \$41,310 over three years if all six contracts were administered through Maximus. Commissioners discussed the proposal and agreed that outsourcing the work would be more efficient than hiring additional personnel or having multiple departments administer the contracts independently.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve entering into a One-Year Agreement with Maximus, contingent upon final contract preparation and review.

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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County Property Declared Surplus

Athens County Department of Job and Family Services

Department

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
Metal Cover (CH 2nd Floor)	No tag	
Metal Coat Rack (CH 2nd Floor)	No tag	
Metal Table (CH 2nd Floor)	No tag	
Beta Buck Saw (CH Basement)	No tag	Working
10" Sliding Chop Saw (CH Basement)	JFS tag 4725	Working
DeWalt 12" Chop saw (CH Basement)	JFS tag 6192	Bearing loose - Pos. for Parts
10" Rotor Saw (CH Garage)	JFS tag 3353	Working
Cylinder Truck Model Oxygen tank (CH garage)	No tag	
Sk. 1 1/2" drill (CH garage)	No tag	Working
Milner Machine 7 1/4" Circular Saw (CH garage)	No tag	Working
Hitachi Sawzaw (CH garage)	No tag	Working
Pipe Cutter (CH garage)	No tag	Working
Craftmen Innor Maintenance Building	13 206891	88210P0034 - Working
(2) Red Chairs (CH 2nd Floor)	No tag	
Wooden Stand (CH 1st Floor - CSEA)	JFS tag 5537	

Elected Official/Department Head Signature

8/28/26
Date

Athens County Commissioners Signature

9/2/26
Date

2

Redistribute Surplus Property

3

Destroy Surplus Property

1

Auction or Sale

Baum Law Office Contract

Administrator JoAnn Rockhold discussed proposed changes to the administration of the Baum Law Office contract. Administrator Rockhold reviewed issues experienced during the previous year involving delayed reimbursements caused by incomplete court paperwork and defendants failing to appear for scheduled hearings. Because reimbursement requests could not be processed until all required documentation was completed, the Baum Law Office often experienced significant delays in receiving payment.

To improve the reimbursement process, Administrator Rockhold proposed that Job and Family Services enter into a contract with the Board of Commissioners, which would then contract directly with Juvenile Court and the Baum Law Office. Under the proposed arrangement, the Commissioners would issue payments more promptly and later receive reimbursement once the required documentation is completed through the existing state process. Administrator Rockhold explained that this approach would eliminate lengthy payment delays while maintaining accountability for reimbursements. To implement the change, a new income line item would be established to receive reimbursement funds. It was also noted that the participating agencies anticipated finalizing the necessary agreements by the end of September with assistance from Judge Saunders.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve proceeding with the reimbursement process through the Commissioners' Office and authorized preparation of the necessary agreements with Job and Family Services, Juvenile Court, and Baum Law Office.

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

Executive Session - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 9:38 with Assist. Dir. Lisa Radford & Social Service Dir. Jason Terry to discuss discipline of a public employee.

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

Regular Session - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session with DJFS at 9:46 with approving the termination of Rebecca Basim's employment.

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

DJFS Financial Status

Commissioner Chmiel and Assist. Dir. Radford discussed the financial status of DJFS, including ongoing concerns regarding cash flow, RMS, and the anticipated receipt of the prior fiscal year's final reconciliation. Commissioner Chmiel discussed the current projected repayment amount, which Assist. Dir. Radford stated it remains approximately \$600,000 for 2026, and indicated they would revisit repayment planning once the final figures are available. Commissioner Chmiel also discussed the continued marketing of the Nelsonville property and explored alternative redevelopment options, including potential partnerships with local organizations and grant opportunities. No formal action was taken, and Commissioner Chmiel will continue pursuing funding and partnership opportunities while awaiting the next bid opening on September 29th at 10:00.

Utility Permits

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

Permit No. 26-728
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 27, Co Rd Name: Millfield Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/27/2026 - 12/31/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, TRC Companies

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-729
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 93, Co Rd Name: Main Street
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/27/2026 - 12/31/2026
Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, TRC Companies
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-731
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 # 19, Co Rd Name: Hebbardsville Rd
Description of Work: Gas
Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/20/2026 - 09/20/2026
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. 26-732
From: Frontier North Inc
222 E. Main St
Plain City, OH 43064

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 20, Co Rd Name: Scatter Ridge Rd
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/24/2026 - 08/24/2027
Agreed to by: /s/Amy Roth, Frontier North
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Chris Chmiel
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-733
From: Frontier North Inc
222 E. Main St
Plain City, OH 43064

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 24, Co Rd Name: S Canaan Rd
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd

Estimated Project Schedule: 08/24/2026 - 08/24/2027

Agreed to by: /s/Amy Roth, Frontier North

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-734

From: Frontier North Inc

222 E. Main St

Plain City, OH 43064

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 24, Co Rd Name: Harmony Rd

Description of Work: Cable

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd

Estimated Project Schedule: 08/24/2026 - 08/24/2027

Agreed to by: /s/Amy Roth, Frontier North

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-735

From: Frontier North Inc

222 E. Main St

Plain City, OH 43064

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

Location of work: TR Rd # 98, Co Rd Name: Angel Ridge Rd

Description of Work: Cable

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd, Overhead Line Crossing Rd, Utility Pole Installation, & Fiber Optic Line

Estimated Project Schedule: 08/24/2026 - 08/24/2027

Agreed to by: /s/Amy Roth, Frontier North

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-736

From: Frontier North Inc

222 E. Main St

Plain City, OH 43064

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 75, Co Rd Name: Coolville Ridge Rd

Description of Work: Cable

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd, Overhead Line Crossing Rd, & Fiber Optic Line

Estimated Project Schedule: 08/27/2026 - 08/27/2027

Agreed to by: /s/Amy Roth, Frontier North

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-737
From: Frontier North Inc
222 E. Main St
Plain City, OH 43064

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 25, Co Rd Name: Long Run Rd
Description of Work: Cable
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/24/2026 - 08/24/2027

Agreed to by: /s/Giovanni Loreti, Frontier North

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-738
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 10, Co Rd Name: Baker Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 09/17/2026 - 12/17/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, TRC Companies

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-739
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 19, Co Rd Name: Radford Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Rd & Overhead Line Crossing Rd
Estimated Project Schedule: 09/17/2026 - 12/17/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, TRC Companies

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-740
From: AEP Ohio
700 Morrison Rd
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 19, Co Rd Name: Radford Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Rd



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County Property Declared Surplus

Athens County Department of Job and Family Services

Department

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 Elected Official/Department Head Signature 8.26.26 Date

_____ 5/2/26
Altura County Commissioners Signature Date

_____ Redistribute Surplus Property  Destroy Surplus Property

Auction or Sale



Estimated Project Schedule: 10/31/2026 - 01/31/2027

Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, TRC Companies

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.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason to approve the requested funding (\$5,450.00) to remove all eligible seniors from the wait list for the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program.

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

Surplus - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the DJFS item as surplus property and authorize the disposal in accordance with county policy. See the list of surplus item on page 313.

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

New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer - Contract "B"

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature on the New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer - Contract "B". See document on back of page 314.

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

Guardian Ad Litem Agreements

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Guardian Ad Litem Agreements. See Guardian Ad Litem Agreements on back of page 315.

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

Port Authority Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason to re-appoint Bob Gail, Ted Linscott, & Tim Kirkendall to serve on the Athens County Port Authority Board. The new term will begin on November 1, 2026 and will expire on October 31, 2030.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, no; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Bid Opening - Dump Site CleanUp

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge receipt of the following bid for the Dump Site CleanUp. Planner LaVelle will review the proposal to determine whether it satisfies the project specifications before returning with a recommendation.

L.A. Horn Excavating, Inc

\$76,425.00

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

Athens County Senior Citizens Programs - Jack Pepper

Jack Pepper from the Athens City-County Health Department presented two proposed Age-Friendly initiatives: a second round of Healthy Aging Community Mini-Grants and a Healthy Aging Assessment Clinic pilot program. Commissioners discussed the availability of Senior Fund resources and asked whether the proposals represented one-time or recurring funding requests. Jack clarified that the community mini-grants would be a one-time investment, while the assessment clinic would be a pilot project intended to demonstrate the program's value before seeking alternative long-term funding. See document on back of page 316.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the funding as presented by Health Department Administrator Jack Pepper:

Healthy Aging Community Grants	\$110,000.00
Healthy Aging Assessment Clinic	\$125,000.00

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

Board appointment Interview - Dale Ellis

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to appoint Dale Ellis to serve on the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

Dale Ellis
93 W. Union St. Apt. 405,
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Dale,

The Board of Athens County Commissioners has appointed you on September 2, 2026, to serve on the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities, filling the remainder of an unexpired term. Your appointment will continue through December 31, 2028.

Thank you for being willing to serve Athens County in this manner. Your time and commitment are greatly appreciated.

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

11667 Channingway Concrete Work

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve Faith Concrete and Construction to repair the driveway at 11667 Channingway in the amount of \$1,800.00 with the district supplying the materials.

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

Surplus - Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Treasurer item as surplus property and authorize the disposal in accordance with county policy:

Description	Model #	Serial #
Desktop Stand Up Desk (Black)	Logitek_FA 50710	2452742

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 #5 Stewart & Guysville Sanitary Sewer Improvements

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature on the OWDA Disbursement Request #5 Stewart & Guysville Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

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

Advertisement for Bids - Engineer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Advertisement for Bids on ATH-2026 OEMA Landslide Repairs from the Engineer's Office. See Advertisement for Bids on back of page 316.

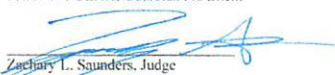
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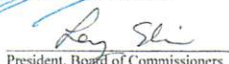
GUARDIAN AD LITEM AGREEMENT

SHAWN POLAK, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by CORSA to Athens County to cover SHAWN POLAK, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.


SHAWN POLAK, Guardian Ad Litem


Zachary L. Saunders, Judge


President, Board of Commissioners

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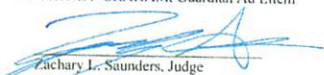
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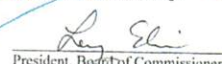
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COURTNEY GRAHAM, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by CORSA to Athens County to cover COURTNEY GRAHAM, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.


COURTNEY GRAHAM, Guardian Ad Litem


Zachary L. Saunders, Judge


President, Board of Commissioners

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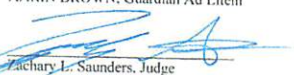
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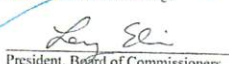
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AARIN BROWN, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by CORSA to Athens County to cover AARIN BROWN, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.


AARIN BROWN, Guardian Ad Litem


Zachary L. Saunders, Judge


President, Board of Commissioners

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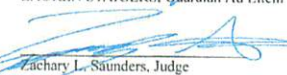
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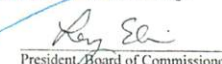
GUARDIAN AD LITEM AGREEMENT

LAUREN STAIGERS, hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, to serve as a Guardian Ad Litem for the court when available to do so.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by CORSA to Athens County to cover LAUREN STAIGERS, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.


LAUREN STAIGERS, Guardian Ad Litem


Zachary L. Saunders, Judge


President, Board of Commissioners

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Surplus - Coroner

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Coroner item as surplus property and authorize the disposal in accordance with county policy:

Description	Model #	Serial #
2013 Ford Explorer (Scrap to McKee's)		1FM5K8AR5DGC73536

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

Athens Tree & Lawn Service Quote (DJFS)

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Athens Tree & Lawn Service Quote for the DJFS County Home Building in the amount of \$750.00.

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

W&S - OWDA App #3 for New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Contract "A"

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the OWDA App #3 for New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Contract "A" in the amount of \$218,680.94.

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

Big Foot Festival Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Big Foot Festival Agreement for the upcoming event scheduled in early October.

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

W&S - Certification of Delinquent Water & Sewer Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve certifying the W&S Certification of Delinquent Water & Sewer Bill. See back of page 317 for list.

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

W&S - Certification of Delinquent Sewer Bills - Route 50 Project

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve certifying the W&S Certification of Delinquent Sewer Bill for Route 50 Project. See back of page 317 for list.

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

ODOT - Letter RE Donation of Light Posts

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve sending a Letter RE Donation of Light Posts from ODOT:

Ohio Department of Transportation

To Whom It May Concern:

The Athens County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests the donation of twelve (12) light posts from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The County Commissioners intend to utilize these light posts for a project within Athens County that will benefit the community.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and thank you for your continued support of Athens County.

Sincerely,

/s/JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator

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

Healthy Aging Community Grants ①

Request: \$110,000

Background

In 2024, the Athens City-County Health Department successfully administered the Healthy Aging Community Grant Program, with funding from the Athens County Commissioners through the Ohio Department of Aging. The Initiative funded local organizations to implement projects that promoted healthy aging, reduced social isolation, increased physical activity, improved food access, and strengthened community connections for older adults. The program also fostered new partnerships and demonstrated that relatively small investments can generate meaningful community impact.

Proposal

Launch a second round of the Healthy Aging Community Grant Program by awarding ten competitive \$10,000 grants for projects that expand healthy aging opportunities throughout Athens County.

- Invest in community-driven solutions to local aging challenges.
- Leverage the expertise and creativity of local organizations.
- Encourage innovation and cross-sector collaboration.
- Establish annual funding for this grantmaking model that has demonstrated community impact.

Budget

Community grants for ten projects @ 10,000 each.....	\$100,000
Three grantee convenings	\$5,000
Administration & evaluation	\$5,000
Total: \$110,000	

Healthy Aging Assessment Clinic ②

Request: \$125,000

Background

Athens County has a strong network of organizations serving older adults, yet many residents remain unaware of available services or struggle to navigate them. During Age-Friendly Athens County's Community & Health Services planning process, participants consistently identified service navigation as one of the county's greatest unmet needs.

Proposal

Pilot four free Healthy Aging Assessment Clinics at the Athens City-County Health Department for adults age 60 and older, with the goal of establishing a regular clinic program.

The Healthy Aging Assessment Clinics will:

- Conduct healthy aging assessments to identify emerging concerns and support healthy aging, independence, and quality of life.
- Connect participants with community resources and healthcare services through personalized referrals and navigation.
- Train local public health staff to address the needs of an aging population.
- Evaluate the need for continued clinics and identify opportunities to strengthen services for older adults through future Age-Friendly planning.

Budget

Training costs.....	\$1,700
Clinic personnel.....	\$8,400
Assessment supplies and promotional materials.....	\$5,000
Equipment.....	\$8,000
Clinical supervision.....	\$10,000
Community Health Worker navigation	\$98,000 (4 CHWs @ 20 hours per week for 12 months)
Evaluation.....	\$900
Total: \$125,000	

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the ATH-2026 OEMA LANDSLIDE REPAIRS will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, at their office, 15 S. Court Street, Athens Ohio 45701 until 10:00 a.m., Prevailing Local Time on the 22nd day of September, 2026 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids will be considered valid until 60 days after the opening date, although not accepted or rejected.

The work for which proposals are invited consists of a drilled pier wall with lagging at CR31-2.87 and a plug pile wall at CR36-5.19, pavement repair, and other miscellaneous items associated with the construction of the ATH-2026 OEMA LANDSLIDE REPAIRS. The Engineer's Estimate of Construction Cost for this project is \$358,000.00.

Copies of the Construction Plans, Bidding Forms, and Specifications on the Unit Price Contract may be purchased for \$30.00 from the Office of the Athens County Engineer, 16000 Canaanville Rd, Athens, Ohio 45701 during regular business hours (7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday).

Legal notice and bid documents are also posted on the Internet at www.athenscountyengineer.org under the "Bids/RFPs" heading.

Each bid shall have filed with it a bid guaranty in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit revocable only at the option of Athens County in an amount equal to 10% of the bid or a bond in accordance with division (B) of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project be completed no later than May 31, 2027 but the walls must be constructed and the roads must be opened with a stone surface no later than December 18, 2026.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Athens County as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

The Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities as may be in the best interest of Athens County.

Jeff Malden, P.E., P.S.
Athens County Engineer

Advertising dates: 09/05/26, 09/12/26

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Travel

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

Engineer: Garrett Maiden; NHI Safety Inspection of In-Service Bridges, Columbus OH; 09/13 - 09/25/26

Planner: Connor LaVelle; NEPA Management Course- West Broad St., Columbus OH; 10/6 - 10/07/26

COC: Candy Russell & Justin Elekes; OCCA District 2 Meeting, Rio Grande McArthur Center; 09/17/26

COC: Justin Elekes; Legal Seminar, Ohioan Hotel & Event Center; 09/24/26

COC: Candy Russell; Clerk & Legal Seminar, Ohioan Hotel & Event Center; 09/23 - 09/24/26

Auditor: Jill Davidson; 2026 Candidates Forum, Columbus OH; 09/14/26

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

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:

Athens County Port Authority Appointments

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

Athens County Port Authority Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve adding another appointment to the Port Authority Board, Commissioner Chmiel will begin the appointment process and prepare public information regarding the vacancy.

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

W&S Issue

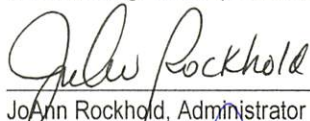
Administrator JoAnn Rockhold provided an operational update on the County sewer system while the Water and Sewer Superintendent was on vacation. Administrator Rockhold reported that employees responded to a malfunction involving a major pump that repeatedly shut down, requiring personnel to monitor the equipment around the clock in rotating shifts to prevent sewage overflows. Employees coordinated with the equipment manufacturer to obtain emergency service and anticipated a technician would arrive the following day. Commissioners commended staff for their efforts to keep the system operational under difficult circumstances.

Commissioners also discussed the condition of the aging sewer infrastructure and ongoing efforts to secure funding for necessary upgrades. Administrator Rockhold reported that proposed improvements had encountered challenges due to changes in federal funding requirements, although recent communications indicated that funding may now be available. Commissioners emphasized the need to develop a comprehensive plan for upgrading multiple tanks and other aging equipment while maintaining sufficient reserve funding for future improvements.

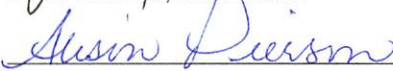
Adjourn

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

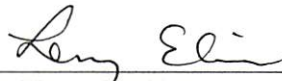
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.



JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



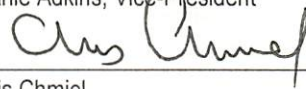
Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel

ATHENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

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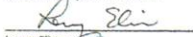
Stephanie Morris
Office Manager
740-797-3235

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Certification of Delinquent Water and Sewer Bills

A040240104400	Robert Hughes	15 Roy Ave, The Plains, OH 45780	\$762.49
A040240905300	Angel Deddens	97 E First St Unit A, The Plains, OH 45780	\$50.25
A040240104600	Robert Hughes	13 Roy Ave, The Plains, OH 45780	\$496.87
A040240609700	David Dowler	8 S Plains Rd, The Plains, OH 45780	\$52.47
A040240403300	Patricia Clark	28 Ohio Ave, The Plains, OH 45780	\$141.46
A04020018200	Tomoko Rental Partners	99 Bean Rd Lot 17, The Plains, OH 45780	\$100.50
A04020018200	Tomoko Rental Partners	99 Bean Rd Lot 32, The Plains, OH 45780	\$409.47
A04020018200	Tomoko Rental Partners	99 Bean Rd Lot 47, The Plains, OH 45780	\$681.33
A04020018200	Tomoko Rental Partners	99 Bean Rd Lot 53, The Plains, OH 45780	\$258.66
A040240109500	Kenneth Weinkauf	15 Pepper Lane, The Plains, OH 45780	\$660.24
N010010064900	Sandstone Terrace LLC	4239 Vore Ridge Rd Lot 13, Athens, OH 45701	\$60.04
N010010064900	Sandstone Terrace LLC	4239 Vore Ridge Rd Lot 14, Athens, OH 45701	\$37.20

Certified this day September 2, 2026
Athens County Commissioners


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Certification of Delinquent Sewer Bills – Route 50 Project

The enclosed accounts have been notified of the past due balances for each property and remain past due as of September 2, 2026.

September 2, 2026

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Parcel Number	Amount Due	Name	House Number	Street Name
B010300101600	1511.86	COLEY, JEFFREY & SHANNON	5599	FULLVIEW HTS
B010300201100	456.22	RAY, JENNIFER	28	BEAL RD
B010300206300	1288.83	STARNES, TAD	5770	RADFORD RD
A010250102100	556.29	RACHEL ELLIOTT	66	LEODA RD
A010250200300	1626.98	SPRINGER, JAEI KYLER	6151	RADFORD RD
A010130400200	2622.13	ALTOP, DUSTIN & BRANDY	9221	HOOPER RD
A010130400201	1111.88	SECOY, STEVEN	9209	HOOPER RD
A010130501900	1115.07	SKINNER, MATTHEW	9300	HOOPER RD
A010130502900	1474.25	FARLEY, REBECCA	6201	AVANELLE DR
B010240101200	1982.67	SORRELL, MICHAEL	5794	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
B010240101700	1279.9	SMART, SANDRA	5801	UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS
A010010057100	1512.57	WICKMAN, LEVI	6665	ERVIN RD
A010190102300	1241.73	HARRIS, AMY & PAUL	7257	BEECHWOOD DR
A010190104600	1482.59	COVERT, ANNA	6878	BEECHWOOD DR
A010130200300	2592.67	BALCH, TERRY	8	CAROL LN
A010130203500	1386.61	SHAW, CARL & KELLY	84	WONDER HILLS
A010130203700	1012.6	ROGER BARROWS	88	WONDER HILLS
A010130204400	1572.98	MARGARET KOSOWAN	101	WONDER HILLS
A010130208400	1357.59	MOSIER, LISA	35	BALL DR
A010130209300	1258.84	MOSIER, LISA	14	ANGELA DR
A010130300401	797.24	JACOB BUSH	52	HAMILTON LN UNIT 1
A010130300401	753.59	JACOB BUSH	52	HAMILTON LN UNIT 2
A010130300401	752.33	JACOB BUSH	52	HAMILTON LN UNIT 3
A010140101200	2899.08	SHAMROCK BFAM LLC	9031	ELLIOTSVILLE RD
A010140101500	1379.11	WOLFE, SCOTT & TAMARA	9009	ELLIOTSVILLE
A010140101700	1083.49	WOLFE, SCOTT	7750	BAILS RD
A010140104500	1052.29	WOLFE, SCOTT & TAMARA	8976	ELLIOTSVILLE RD
A010140104500	1966.76	SCOTT & TAMARA WOLFE	8988	ELLIOTSVILLE RD
A010140104700	1105.37	WOLFE, SCOTT	9010	ELLIOTSVILLE RD
A010260100400	775.79	TOMAS LYNCH	7155	RADFORD RD
A010260100401	1194.68	STEGALL, GUADALUPE	7141	RADFORD RD
A010010053600	1695.05	PACK, AMANDA	7255	RADFORD RD
A010260402300	1392.78	TENOGLIA, JOHN & MACKENZEE	7482	WHITLIND LN
A010010072700	275.51	GRACE GRIBBLE	7669	ST RT 56
A010010072900	2562.96	7656 ST RT 56 LLC	7656	ST RT 56
A010260202500	1462.96	BLATCHLEY, THOMAS	7744	RADFORD RD
A030320103600	1321.75	ROTHWELL, EVAN	6894	ST RT 56
A010250500600	864.68	ROBERT COLEMAN	7600	THELMA RD APT. D
A010130205500	972.37	BARROWS, ROGER & LOREN	9	BALL DR
A010260100400	249.88	THE PINK PINEAPPLE LLC	7155	RADFORD RD
A010260402100	680.55	BALLARD, SUZANNE	7394	WHITLIND LN