

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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following agenda:

Athens County Board of County Commissioners
Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 30, 2024 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes April 16, 2024
Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
New Fund-Line Item: PHEP Regional Grant
Expenditures: Life Insurance 676.2676.521100

- 9:30 Kevin Davis-ACBDD Annual Report
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 9:50 Jeff Gabriel- Chauncey Sewer
- 10:00 CORSA Ali Redmond and Mallory Swain- Mathews
- 10:10 911 Teresa Fouts-Imler - Senior Resource Day
- 10:15 Health Dept - Patrick McGarry - Sewer Project Approval
- 10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kasler - weekly updates
- 10:45 Mollie Fitzgerald - ATCO Lease
- 11:00 Anna Korpi- Alexander Inclusive playground project
- 11:15 Engineer - Commissioners trip to Engineer's Office
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Utility Permits
- Assigned Counsel Report from Auditors Office
- BakerTilly Invoice BTMA25278 \$682.50 to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Engineers Department Salt Resolution
- HB 469 - Ohio River Commission
- Letter to Broadband Ohio
- Bamboo HR - performance reviews setup
- EMS - Storage Building
- Re-appointment of Anne Rubin to 317 Board
- Letter of Support for HB 469
- meeting date change June 4 to June 6

~TRAVEL

- DJFS- Dir. Jean Demosky; OJFSDA May General Session/Conference, Columbus, OH; May 8-10
- Commissioner Chmiel; CCAO Southeast District meeting; Cadiz, OH; May 6

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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024.

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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes: New Fund-Line Item: PHEP Regional Grant Expenditures: Life Insurance 676.2676.521100 , Then & Nows and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 04/23/2024 To: 04/30/2024 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.

Kevin Davis - ACBDD Annual Report

Kevin Davis provided the following ACBDD Annual Report on page 176 and back of page 176:



2023 Annual Report

Our Board

We are grateful to the ACBDD's Board Members. These individuals are well respected in our community. They volunteer an enormous amount of time and energy ensuring people with intellectual and developmental disabilities receive the highest quality of services in Athens County.



Our Superintendent

We thank the Athens County community for supporting the ACBDD. This past year, we continued to help over 800 individuals with developmental disabilities stay safe, achieve their dreams, and live their fullest life possible.

Throughout 2023, the ACBDD enhanced in-person programming, whether through introducing the community to Unified Basketball and Sibshops or by building the Teen Time program. We are grateful to be able to provide these sorts of programs to our community.



ACBDD's Superintendent Kevin Davis takes a moment to pause for a photo with Derek just before the start of Unified Basketball. The ACBDD sponsored the county's first-ever Unified Basketball League at the Athens Community Center in 2023. Unified Leagues unite individuals with and without disabilities to play together. This league is inspired by a simple principle - training and playing together is a quick and easy path to friendship and understanding.

We have immense appreciation for our staff, who demonstrate their dedication to our mission and vision every day. And we thank the Athens County residents for their continued support of what we do.

Kevin Davis

Front cover: For the past 20 years or so, Doug Lutz has collected and recycled aluminum cans throughout Athens County. It is estimated he has recycled over 30 tons of cans, sending them to Callison Scrap Metal by way of his bicycle and wagon. His hard work and dedication earned him the title of Recycling Hero in 2023. His work was also recognized by the Athens County Commissioners, who declared November 15 (America Recycles Day) as Doug Lutz Day in Athens County.



The ACBDD's Early Intervention program provided support for 26 babies and toddlers in 2023. Jodi Mitchell, Developmental Specialist, assists in crafting and implementing strategies that enhance a child's growth and development. In addition, Mitchell models behaviors and provides tools for the parent or caregiver. In a recent session with Joyce (pictured here with Mitchell), they enjoyed some cuddle time while discussing strategies with Joyce's grandparents on how to help Joyce reach her goals.



The ACBDD's Office of Integrate Athens launched a new program called Sibshops. Sibshops is a support group for youth ages 8-17 who have siblings with a developmental disability. The experience provides siblings with information and support in a highly recreational setting. This effort is in partnership with Ohio Sibs and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

829



Number of children and adults assisted by the ACBDD

68%



Percentage increase in individuals assisted since 2012

About Our Agency

Since its inception in 1957, the ACBDD has provided individuals opportunities to learn, grow, and enrich their lives. We provide quality services by assessing individual needs and creating individual plans. We help to integrate individuals with developmental disabilities into their community as valued citizens.

Our Mission & Vision

Our mission is to serve our community with compassion, innovation and transparency.

Our vision is an integrated and inclusive Athens County.

Our Core Values

- Respecting Every one
- Spending Responsibly
- Thriving Communities
- Working Together
- New Ideas
- Openness
- Honesty
- Reliability

2023 by the Numbers

95



Number of individuals who received services from PersonnelPlus to find and retain employment

2023 by the Numbers

Total Expenses
\$10,966,464.15

Total Revenue
\$11,736,645.62

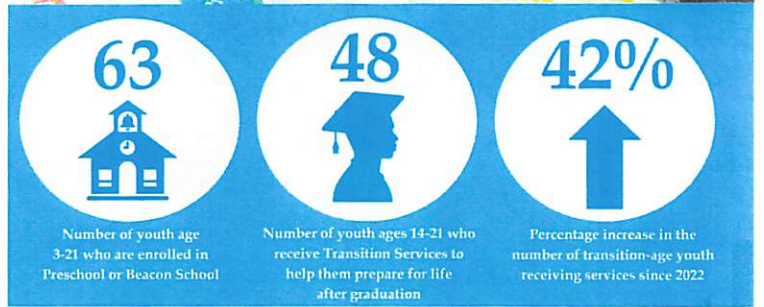
In 2023, based on completion of the standard needs assessment, 73 individuals were enrolled in Medicaid funded services to meet their needs. Additionally, the agency added three new members that transferred in from another county. The projected annualized cost is shown on average waiver costs, per individual: Individual Options: (\$126,911), Level 1 (\$20,015), and SELF (\$25,889)



2023 by the Numbers



The ACBDD's Teen Time, an after-school social club for transition-age youth, expanded in 2023 to include a collaboration with PersonnelPlus to help make connections with job skills training opportunities and with Ohio University students studying physical therapy.



The ACBDD In 2024 and beyond

In the years to come, we will continue to work toward our vision of creating an integrated and inclusive Athens County. Specifically, we plan to focus on these areas:

Employment



In 2024, we will continue to expand employment services to individuals served by enhancing experiences for transition-age individuals through job club.

In addition, we will focus on removing barriers to employment by offering coordination, ongoing support, job development, training programs, and interview preparation services.

HCBS



In 2024, the ACBDD anticipates onrolling up to nine individuals to receive home and community-based waiver services (HCBS).

These services will be phased in based on the assessed need of the individual and the use of the least choice of provider process. The options will include one of three waiver types: the Individual Option, Level One, or SELF.

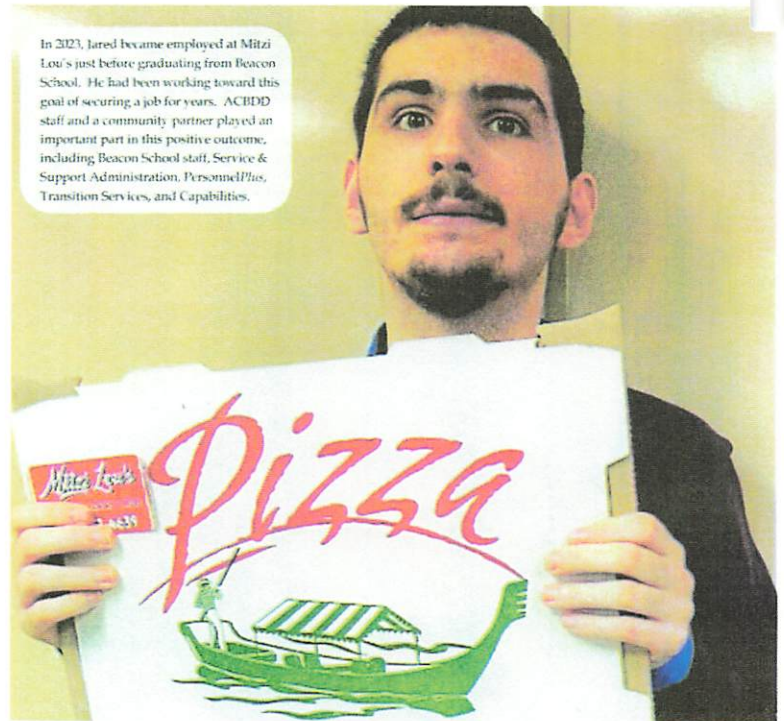
Other Inclusion Efforts



In 2024, we will continue to invite community members to sign the Inclusion Pledge, which celebrates and inspires efforts to make our community more inclusive.

We will also continue to serve all ages in connecting to their community. We will do this through relationship building and supporting community partnerships and collaboration.

In 2023, Jared became employed at Mitzi Lou's just before graduating from Beacon School. He had been working toward this goal of securing a job for years. ACBDD staff and a community partner played an important part in this positive outcome, including Beacon School staff, Service & Support Administration, PersonnelPlus, Transition Services, and Capabilities.



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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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Athens, Ohio 45701
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DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Jean Demosky provided the following weekly updates:

1. Program Updates
 - Job Fair 04/25/24 SUCCESS
 - I. 187 Job Seekers
 - II. Great Feedback
 - 1300+ BTSB Registered Students
 - Schmidt's at County Home this Friday
2. Contracts/Business/Grants
 - HAPCAP Athens On Demand
 - Children Services NET
3. Facilities
 - Project meeting this afternoon
 - Signs for Parking Lot
4. Human Resources
 - New Access Badges
 - Staff Training Recognition Retreat 5/15/24
 - Draft Absenteeism Policy (Jean will send draft to commissioners to approve next meeting, Jean wants to give out policy @ Retreat)

Commissioner Adkins is recommending that the Maintenance Dept. get tracking devices like DJFS has on their vehicles. He would like to put them on Maintenance Vehicles and on their equipment. Commissioner Chmiel would like more information on the tracking devices from Dir. Jean Demosky.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - HAPCAP Athens On Demand Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the contract between Athens County Department of Job & Family Services and the Hocking-Athens-Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) as follows:

Total \$ Value:	\$105,118.00
Contract Period:	07/01/2024-06/30/2025
Program Acct & Code to be charged:	Medicaid NET 850/510050, Title XX 735/510050
Describe Billing Procedure & Cash Flow:	HAPCAP submits monthly invoices, Payment made within 30 days
Describe Performance Measures:	Monthly Invoices & Quarterly reports reviewed by ACDJFS Staff

Complete 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 Dir Jean Demosky - Children SVC NET Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the contract between Athens County Department of Job & Family Services and the Athens County Children Services as follows:

Total \$ Value:	\$53,200.00 (addition of \$18,361.66)
Contract Period:	07/01/2024 - 06/30/2025
Program Acct & Code to be charged:	Medicaid NET 850/510050
Describe Billing Procedure & Cash Flow:	Submits Monthly Invoices, Payment made within 30 days
Describe Performance Measures:	Monthly Invoices & Quarterly reports reviewed by ACDJFS Staff

Complete 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.

Jeff Gabriel - Chauncey Sewer

Jeff Gabriel stated that The Village of Chauncey Sewer Dept is going to their new sewer system, first phase will be where the forced main at DJFS County Home which is the only forced main in Chauncey. Jeff will shut the pumps down, they may need to pump while they have the forced main down.

CORSA Ali Redmond & Mallory Swain - Mathews

Ali Redmond wanted to introduce Mallory Swain as the new local contact for Mathew's Insurance. Mallory Swain provided the following 2024 Program Update see back of page 177.

911 Teresa Fouts-Imler - Senior Resource Day

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve 911 Dir. Teresa Fouts-Imler to rent additional tables for Senior Resource Day for the vendors out of the Senior Levy Fund.

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



2024 Program Update

AthensCounty

2024 Program Summary

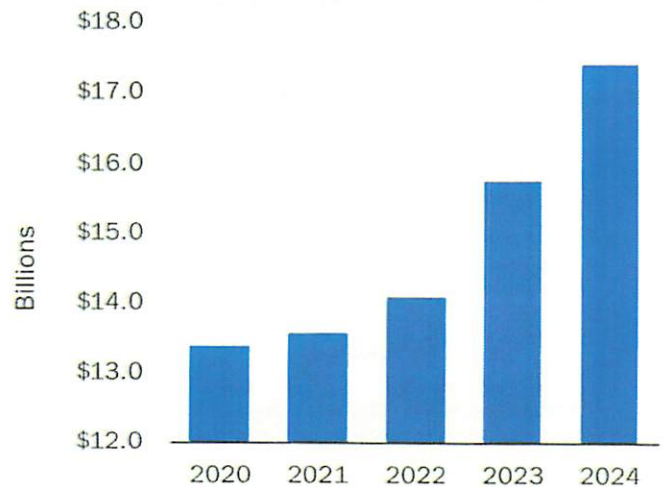
Exposures

Total Insured Value	\$158,230,846
Payroll	\$ 30,648,469
Autos	182
Deputies	33
Detainees	8

Grant Reimbursements in 2023

Cyber	\$ 0
Law Enforcement	\$ 9,800

Total Insured Values 2020-2024



Program Cost Comparison

	2023 Annualized	2024 Renewal	Difference	
Total Loss Fund	\$ 15,498,231	\$ 16,320,440	\$ 822,209	5.31%
Total Reinsurance	\$ 8,021,025	\$ 9,440,337	\$ 1,419,312	17.69%
Total Administrative Fees	\$ 5,277,406	\$ 5,432,428	\$ 155,022	2.94%
Total Program Costs	\$28,796,662	\$31,193,205	\$ 2,396,543	8.32%
Less Credits	\$ 3,278,002	\$ 3,156,294	\$ (121,708)	-3.71%
Net Program Costs	\$25,518,660	\$28,036,911	\$ 2,518,251	9.87%
Athens County 2023 Net Premium Contribution (\$257,569)	\$ 273,768	\$ 301,718	\$ 27,950	10.21%

2024 Law Enforcement Reimbursement

- Pre-employment Polygraph and/or Psychological Evaluations
- Jail Body Scanner
- Cameras
- Guard 1 Pipe/Guardian RFID
- Jail Booking Software
- Accreditations (CALEA; NCCHC; ACA)
- OPOTA Trainings or Equivalent

For more information, contact Ken Hilty at khilty@ccao.org or Steve Flory at sflory@ccao.org.

2024 Cybersecurity Reimbursement

\$465,000

(\$5,500 max. per member) Approved Member IT Reimbursement (e.g. Firewall upgrade; MFA/dual factor authentication; endpoint detection; email upgrade; positive pay; IT certifications; anti-phishing software; GPS vehicle monitoring; or approved member cybersecurity grant application.)

For more information, contact Frank Hatfield at fhatfield@ccao.org or Jim Hale at jhale@ccao.org.

911 Teresa Fouts-Imler - Radios & Exercise

Dir Teresa Fouts-Imler stated that she found out last week from Marc's that the cash radios and some of the marks radios will not need to be replaced. She will be able to do upgrades and have it done by December. Dir Fouts-Imler is planning a full scale exercise at the Albany Airport, she will be working with OU and set up an aircraft incident. This will be funded by the LEPC grant. Dir Teresa Fouts-Imler would like to do a Proclamation for Catherine Hawley, Telecommunicator of the Year.

Health Dept - Patrick McGarry - Sewer Project Approval

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to award the following project to Duncan & Daniels Enterprises, LLC for \$36,301.00 as recommended by Patrick McGarry:
 WPCLF HSTS Replacement Project Bids Project Information:

Martha Zinn 13169 concord Church Rd, Glouster, OH 45732

Timothy Dixon 18140 Greens Run Rd, Glouster, OH 45732

Andrea Gilkey 18238 Taylor Ridge Rd, Glouster, OH 45732

Contractor	Price
Duncan & Daniels Enterprises, LLC	\$36,301.00
JC Excavating	\$37,950.00
Cody Lawson Excavating	\$40,472.89
E&J Hilltop Acres LLC	\$41,968.00

Above are responsible and approved bids this office received for this project that was posted on March 29, 2024. This office recommends awarding this project to the lowest complete bid, Duncan & Daniels Enterprises, LLC (D&D Enterprises).

All bids reflected the repair of the existing STS, including the cost of equipment, materials, site work, grading, seeding and strawing, and permits fees.

All three properties in the project will be 100% funded through the Ohio EPA WPCLF grant.

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

W&S Supt Rich Kasler - Weekly Updates

Progress on construction:

Fields is working on boring under SR 56 at the stretch of Long Meadow, the other crew is working behind Radford.

TAM is suppose to be working with the Daily's on their concerns.

Commissioner Adkins wants the time plans for TAM, Rich will get that and pass it onto Commissioner Adkins

Mollie Fitzgerald - ATCO Lease

Mollie Fitzgerald was not present, Samuel from AMM spoke along with John CEO of Appalachia Renewable Power. Samuel stated the request to sublease wouldn't go through unless he exercises an option to purchase or come up with some other agreement, he really doesn't want to do that, nor can he afford to purchase the building at this time. Samuel requests that the Commissioners allow the sublease to enable them to create more jobs generating more revenue and support another local business.

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to allow the sublease, but with the caveat that we really try to help alleviate this concern about the roof repair with the approval of the Prosecutor.

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

Annah Korpi - Alexander Inclusive Playground Project

Annah Korpi brought in the application for the 2024 CDBG application to go over what the project cost:

Project Cost Estimates

1.	Requested CDBD amount:		\$186,358.00
2.	Local Contribution (if applicable)	Committed: No	\$
3.	Other: Source: Sister's Health	Committed: No	\$20,000.00
4.	Other: Source: Other Grants	Committed: No	\$16,000.00
5.	Other: Source: Aladdin Shriners	Committed: No	\$15,000.00
6.	Other: Source: Crowdfunding	Committed: No	\$7,145+(to fill gaps)
7.	In-kind labor (if applicable):	Committed:	\$
8.	Total Project Cost		\$244,503.00

Commissioner Chmiel mentioned using solar panels as shade systems which could probably bring in some tax credits.

Engineer - Commissioners trip to Engineer's Office

Commissioner Chmiel and Commissioner Adkins taking a trip to the Engineer's Office at 11:15 today to look at the Engineer's equipment.

Utility Permits

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

Permit No. 24-519

From: AEP
9135 SR 682
Athens, Ohio 45701

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

Location of work: County Road #: 27 County Road Name: Jacksonville Rd

Description of Work: Electric

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Road

Estimated Project Schedule: 01/22/2024 - 06/30/2024

Agreed to by: /s/John Standley, AEP

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-520

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: 28 County Road Name: McDougal Rd

Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Road

Estimated Project Schedule: 07/16/2024 - 10/16/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-521

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: 45 & 88 County Road Name: Old Rte 33 & King Rd

Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road

Estimated Project Schedule: 07/17/2024 - 10/17/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-522

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: 48 County Road Name: New England Rd

Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement

Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road

Estimated Project Schedule: 07/17/2024 - 10/17/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-523

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: 90 County Road Name: Beebe Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/17/2024 - 10/17/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-525

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: 28 County Road Name: McDougal Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/16/2024 - 10/16/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-526

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: County Road Name: McDougal Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/14/2024 - 10/12/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-527

From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: County Road Name: McDougal Rd
Beginning/Ending Points: 9805 - 10433 McDougal Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/12/2024 - 10/10/2024

Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-528
From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

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

Location of work: County Road #: 58 County Road Name: Frost Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 07/16/2024 - 10/17/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech

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

Permit No: 24-530
From: AEP/TRC Companies
781 Science Blvd; Suite 200
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: County Road #: 27 County Road Name: Jacksonville Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Estimated Project Schedule: 03/29/2024 - 09/29/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Elisabeth Hostetter, AEP/TRC Companies

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

Permit No: 24-533
From: AEP/TRC Companies
781 Science Blvd; Suite 200
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: County Road #: 27 County Road Name: Jacksonville Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/22/2024 - 04/22/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Elisabeth Hostetter, AEP/TRC Companies

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

Permit No: 24-535
From: AEP/TRC Companies
781 Science Blvd; Suite 200
Gahanna, OH 43230

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

Location of work: County Road #: 37/86 County Road Name: Concord Church Rd & N Concord Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Estimated Project Schedule: 04/22/2024 - 04/22/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Elisabeth Hostetter, AEP/TRC Companies

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

Permit No: 24-539
From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: County Road #: 87 County Road Name: Antle Orchard Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 06/21/2024 - 09/21/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Chris Chmiel
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-540
From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: County Road #: 48 County Road Name: New England Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 06/23/2024 - 09/21/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Chris Chmiel
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-541
From: Sigma Technologies on behalf of AEP
27096 Oakmead Dr.
Perrysburg, OH 43551

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: County Road #: 65 County Road Name: Deep Hollow Rd
Description of Work: Utility Pole Replacement
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 06/22/2024 - 09/20/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Matt Myers, Sigma Tech
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Chris Chmiel
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-546
From: The Chillicothe Telephone Company (DBA Horizon)
1123 Goodale Boulevard, Suite 550
Columbus, OH 43212

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: County Road #: 110 County Road Name: Poston Rd
Description of Work: Other (Fiber)
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road & Overhead Line Crossing Road & Fiber Optic Line
Estimated Project Schedule: 08/19/2024 - 09/09/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ James Riffle, Horizon
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Lenny Eliason
/s/ Chris Chmiel
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No: 24-547
From: American Electric Power - Ohio Power
9135 SR 682
Athens, OH 45701

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
Location of work: County Road #: 33A County Road Name: Old US Rte 33
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road
Estimated Project Schedule: 05/06/2024 - 05/07/2024
Agreed to by: /s/ Adam Pfeiffer, 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.

Assigned Counsel Report from Auditor's Office

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to acknowledge receipt of the Office of the Ohio Public Defender Monthly Assigned Counsel Summary Report, dated April 30, 2024 prepared by Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor to be submitted to the Ohio Public Defenders Office for reimbursement as follows:

April 2024 Report	
Total Felony Certifications	21
Amount Submitted in Felony Certifications	\$38,163.64
Total Misdemeanor Certifications	4
All Other Misdemeanor Certifications	\$2,010.00
Total Number of Certifications (All Courts-All Expenses)	25
Total Amount Submitted	\$40,173.64

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

Bakertilly Invoice BTMA25278 \$682.50 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Bakertilly invoice BTMA25278 in the amount of \$682.50 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

Engineers Dept Salt Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Engineer Dept Salt Resolution:

Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contract Awarded in 2024

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

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party's own errors, actions, and failures to act.
- d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 90% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written, emailed request by no later than Friday, May 3rd, by 5:00 p.m. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: by the deadline. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or

a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the following authorized person(s) that this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized, and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation on the ODOT salt contract:

/s/ Lenny Eliason	04/30/2024 Approval Date
/s/ Charlie Adkins	04/30/2024 Approval Date
/s/ Chris Chmiel	04/30/2024 Approval Date

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

HB 469 - Ohio River Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to send a letter of support for the establishment of Ohio River Commission. To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 469 and the establishment of The Ohio River Commission of Ohio (ORCO). I believe that utilizing the potential of the Ohio River is essential for the economic prosperity of our state and the entire region.

The Ohio River has the capacity to drive significant economic growth and development. However, without a dedicated agency to oversee its planning and promotion, this asset will go under utilized.

The creation of ORCO will fill the gap by providing an authority to coordinate economic development efforts along the Ohio River. By advocating for the advancement of maritime issues and administering funds for maritime development, ORCO will facilitate the revitalization of riverfront communities and stimulate economic activity throughout the region.

ORCO will operate similarly to the Ohio Rail Development Commission and be housed under the Ohio Department of Development. This will ensure coordination with existing state agencies and initiatives.

In conclusion, I reaffirm my support for House Bill 469 and the establishment of ORCO. Together, we can utilize the Ohio River to its fullest potential as a driver of economic prosperity for Ohio and its neighboring states.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President
/s/ Charlie Adkins, Vice-President
/s/ Chris Chmiel

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

Letter to Broadband Ohio

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to send a letter of support to Broadband Ohio:

Office of BroadbandOhio
77 South High Street, 29th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chief Voderberg,

As you are aware, equitable access to broadband infrastructure is essential for the economic and social well-being of all Ohioans, regardless of their geographic location. This is why the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program was created and funded by Congress. Unfortunately, we do not believe that this funding is on track to be delivered where it is most needed. These concerns are shared amongst many in rural Appalachian counties and revolve around the efficient allocation of taxpayer dollars, with a particular emphasis on the impact of the state's plans on our region.

Access to broadband is not just about convenience; it is about equity and opportunity as well. The Appalachian region of Ohio continues to lag behind in broadband access, therefore stifling economic growth and limiting access to essential services. Digital disparities between rural and urban areas are stark, and decisions regarding the allocation of BEAD funding must address these issues. For example, no funds were allocated to projects in rural Southern and Eastern Ohio, where the need is most severe, in the recent second round of the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program (ORBEG). The presence of significant inequities in broadband access across Ohio, with rural and Appalachian communities bearing the brunt of the digital divide, underscores the urgency for the state to prioritize projects in these regions. This will ensure that all Ohioans have equal opportunities to thrive in the digital age.

Challenges posed by topography and socioeconomic factors in this region often make deploying fiber optic technology prohibitively expensive. It is imperative that providers in these areas have fair and equal access to compete for BEAD funding to make fiber deployment a reality. By investing in broadband infrastructure in underserved areas, we can bridge the digital divide and unlock opportunities for economic development and growth. We urge Broadband Ohio to prioritize projects in the Appalachian region to ensure all Ohioans have equal access to the benefits of high-speed internet.

The Washington County Commission is proactively working to prepare for the deployment of these funds. The County was recently awarded a Connecting Humanity grant, which will allow for the creation of advanced mapping of the County's broadband infrastructure. These maps will inform public officials and internet service providers as to the best strategies for further broadband buildout. We believe that Broadband Ohio would be well served to explore partnering with counties across the state in deploying similar mapping and planning tools, in order to maximize the impact that the BEAD funds will have on Ohio's communities.

Thank you for your work over the past several years at the helm of Broadband Ohio. We appreciate your time and attention to these concerns and sincerely hope to see a responsible and equitable deployment of these funds that benefit all Ohioans, especially those in our rural Appalachian counties.

Sincerely,
/s/ Lenny Eliason, President
/s/ Charlie Adkins, Vice-President
/s/ Chris Chmiel

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

Bamboo HR - Performance Reviews Setup

Commissioner Chmiel is working on setting up the performance reviews and setting up goals for the employees, he will keep the rest of the commissioners updated on the progress.

EMS - Storage Building

EMS Chief Amber Pyle contacted Commissioner Eliason about the Union asking about adding a storage unit to the location at 21 Kenny Dr. for union items. Commissioner Eliason stated that they could probably lease some space for \$1.00 and sign a lease which the prosecutor would have to draw it up.

Re-Appointment of Anne Rubin to 317 Board

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Re-Appointment of Anne Rubin to the 317 Board.

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

Meeting Date Change June 4 to June 6

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to move the commissioners meeting from Tuesday June 4 th to Thursday June 6 th, 2024.

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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following travel:

DJFS- Dir. Jean Demosky; OJFSDA May General Session/Conference, Columbus, OH; May 8-10
Commissioner Chmiel; CCAO Southeast District meeting; Cadiz, OH; May 6

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

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to adjourn the above meeting after the trip to the Engineer's Office.

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



JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



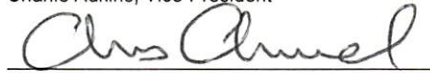
Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel