

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, August 13, 2024 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes August 6, 2024

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
New Line Item: Children SVC; Treatment Foster Parent Program 421.1430.56171

8:30 Interview
9:30 Saleh Eldadaja- City of Athens Engineering and Public works
10:00 Floodplain Public Hearing
10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kasler - weekly updates
10:45 HAPCAP - Jeff Jenkins & Glen Crippen - Gloucester CARES CDBG Project
11:00 EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Hiring/Medic Class Reimbursement
11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

Amended Certificate
W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
W&S Payment Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
Treasurers Depository Agreements
Resolution Approving Issuance of Credit Cards
DJFS Intercounty Transfer
Change Order 1 Hartman Rd Lift Station
Guardian Ad Litem Agreements (3)
OSU research at Ferndale Park
Liquor Control
Pentajay
Healthcare Consultant

~TRAVEL

JoAnn Rockhold, Alison Pierson and Lenny Eliason- CORSA Annual Meeting September 13 - 2886 Airport DR Columbus, Ohio

ADJOURNMENT

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

Executive Session - Interview

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to enter into executive session at 8:33 to discuss employment of a public employee.

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

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to return to regular session at 9:29 with No Action with the Interviewee.

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 August 6, 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 including New Line Item: Children SVC; Treatment Foster Parent Program 421.1430.56171 and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/30/2024 To: 08/06/2024, and INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/06/2024 To: 08/08/2024. 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.

Saleh Eldadaja - City of Athens Engineering and Public Works

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the City of Athens Engineering and Public Works to draw up the easement on the Armitage Well with the parcel and then have the county's prosecutor review it.

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

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificates for Commissioners and Health Dept., dated 08/13/2024 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 Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing an extension as requested by Denise McKibben for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$465.90 with \$328.11 to be paid by 08/14/2024. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

W&S Payment Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Trinece Williams for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$1,260.33 with a past due of \$188.60, payments to be paid by 08/31/24; 09/30/24; 10/31/24; 11/30/24; 12/31/24 \$179.00 each month; and 01/31/25 \$176.73. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

Treasurers Depository Agreements

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins approving the following Depository Agreements as recommended by the County Treasurer, Ric Wasserman:

With regard to depository contracts for the next four-year period, my recommendations for depository contracts and their maximum amounts are as follows:

US Bank	60,000,000.00
Hocking Valley Bank	40,000,000.00
Merchant's Bank	10,000,000.00
Chase Bank	1,000,000.00
People's Bank	1,000,000.00
First National Bank	1,000,000.00

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

Resolution Approving Issuance of Credit Cards

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to pass a resolution approving issuance of credit cards:

Whereas, the Board of Athens County Commissioners desires to authorize the use of credit cards pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 301.27; and

Whereas, the Board, on April 24, 2024, adopted formal policies and procedures concerning credit card usage and oversight, including, but not limited to, a list of authorized employees, which may be amended from time to time, custody of the cards, allowable and authorized purchases, penalties for improper usage, and reconciliation of purchases; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that this Board hereby approves the applications for issuance of a credit card, subject to the adopted policies and stated credit limits, of the following departments/employees:

Common Pleas Court \$5,000
Athens Co Common Pleas Court \$5,000

Signed this 13th day of August 2024

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/ Chris Chmiel

I, JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator for the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board August 13, 2024, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 120.

/s/ JoAnn Rockhold,
Administrator, Board of Commissioners
Athens County, Ohio

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

DJFS Intercounty Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to acknowledge receipt of the DJFS Intercounty Budget Transfer:

In compliance with rule 5101:9-6-82 of the Administrative Code, the Athens Co DJFS agrees to the release of funds as enumerated below to the Gallia Co DJFS

Funding Source	Released Amount
Fraud Prevention and Control JFSCAFPC JFSFSF24	\$1,212.67

In compliance with rule 5101:9-6-82 of the Administrative Code, the Athens Co DJFS agrees to accept the exchange of funds as enumerated below to the Gallia Co DJFS

Funding Source	Accepted Amount
Title XX - Base Subsidy JFSCAXXB JFSCSS24	\$1,212.67

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

Change Order # 1 Hartman Rd Lift Station

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the change order # 1 Hartman Rd Lift Station.

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 (3)

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Guardian Ad Litem Agreements:

Guardian Ad Litem Agreement

Ella Hutchinson, 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 Ella Hutchinson, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

/s/ Ella Hutchinson, Guardian Ad Litem

/s/ Zachary L. Saunders, Judge

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President Board of Commissioners

Guardian Ad Litem Agreement

Rachelle Ashley, 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 Rachelle Ashley, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

/s/ Rachelle Ashley, Guardian Ad Litem

/s/ Zachary L. Saunders, Judge

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President Board of Commissioners

Guardian Ad Litem Agreement

Jessica Souders, 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 Jessica Souders, while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by the Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division.

/s/ Jessica Souders, Guardian Ad Litem

/s/ Zachary L. Saunders, Judge

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President Board of Commissioners

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:

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

OSU Research at Ferndale Park

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize OSU graduate student Kai Muran to take some soil and tree bark samples from Ferndale Park.

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

Pentajay

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the request from C. Joy Jones. Since the changes were made to the building by the county's maintenance staff, and we don't have any documentation of approval from Pentajay.

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

Liquor Control

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins for No Hearing on the Liquor Control for Go Mart Inc 25780 Brimstone Rd, Coolville, OH 45723.

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

Healthcare Consultant

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to enter into agreement to hire Thomas S. Campanella to review the countys health insurance for \$100.00 an hour plus pay for expenses for travel.

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

Floodplain Public Hearing

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the updated Floodplain Regulations as we have had two (2) public hearings. In attendance was Helen King, Natalie Johnson, & Burch Llewellyn.

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

Supt Rich Kasler and Gary Silcott provided updates, see back of page 302.

Gary Silcott stated that the state just sent out new guidelines and changed a bunch of stuff and said all of a sudden now that New Marshfield is not low to moderate income. So DLZ is sending out an income survey to the New Marshfield residents, Gary also stated that Stewart or Guysville also got knocked out so next weeks meeting he will be handing out the income survey to them. Gary Silcott stated that DLZ will send self addressed envelopes that way they come directly to DLZ.

HAPCAP - Jeff Jenkins & Glen Crippen - Glouster CARES CDBG Project

Jeff Jenkins wanted to give an update on some of the CARES act the SAOP projects is going on in Glouster tomorrow 08/14/24, we have the pre construction meeting for that building at 93 High Street. Of course everything is signed on the county's end, we have to do the pre construction meeting and have the contractor sign it. Then we will be good to go whenever the contractor is ready for it.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2024
TO: Athens County Commissioners
FROM: Gary D Silcott, Jr., P.E.
SUBJECT: US 50 Sanitary Sewer Project Update
Contracts as of July Construction Meeting

Contract A is 100% construction complete and 100% of contract time. **Connect Notices went out 03/14/2023**

Contract B is about 100% construction complete and 100% contract time. **Connect Notices went out 01/20/2023**

Contract C is about 100% construction complete and 100% contract time. **Connect Notices went out 01/20/2023**

Contract D is about 100% construction complete and 100% of contract time. **Connect Notices went out 03/14/2023**

Contract E is complete **Connect Notices went out 10/18/2022**

Phase 5 is about 100% of construction complete and 85% of contract time **Connect Notices went out 06/23/2023**

Elliotsville is 100% of construction complete and 100% of contract time. **Connect notices were sent out.**

Phase 6 and 7 is about 95% of construction complete and 89% of contract time. **NTP 3/15**

Heatherstone and Bittersweet are all that need to be completed to be done. SR 56, Kramer, Salem Road and part of Radford connect notices were sent out. **Down to the last 725 feet, 5 manholes and 22 laterals to be installed. Looking at around a \$300,000 closeout change order for closeout.**

Contract A, B, C, D, E and Ventura complete and Elliotsville are mostly complete

Outlay report attached for current budget.

Proposed Rate \$52.50 base rate and \$5.51 per 1,000 gallons.

Unsewered Area Study – County paying for through ARPA. had call with OEPA on New Marshfield, need to make decision if want to start on design, looking at taking sewer to the Plains. **Public Meeting January 9th** in

New Marshfield Congressional Earmark of \$2 million dollars sent to committee but was not funded! WPLCF Renomination Submitted. Additional WWIG Application submitted, met with Bladensburg on 12/14 to meet with operators to discuss sand bioreactor treatment plant. \$250,000 PF for design awarded by OEPA. Project area flown, call with OEPA on 3/19 to discuss regional options. SCEIG Meeting 4/12 at 1:00 PM. **Income survey going out this week.**

Stewart / Guysville meeting was held with local leaders on July 1st, there is a feeling that the residents may want sewer to come to the area, looking for a possible public meeting in August. **Public Meeting August 20 at 6:30 PM. Plan to bring income survey to start process.**

Paving Bid to cover rest of paving needed, Contractors willing to non-perform asphalt on their contracts to allow for contingency funds to finalize Phase 6 & 7. DLZ prepare bid package and get it out to bid. Estimating \$2 million dollars with no berm and no striping. Awarded to McKee Paving for base bid of \$1,867,580.00. Jeff Maiden wants to add 617 Aggregate Berm, 257 CY at a cost of \$30,840 for county roads. Paving Started, Elliotsville, Shaw, Bails, Sesame, Fisher Road, Bentbrook, Clover, Fullview Heights, Rolling Hills, Selby, Beal, Ervin, Cornell, Beechwood, Estates, Thelma, Tammy, Edria, Gilham, Happy Valley MHP, Elinor Dr. and 1st part of Radford complete, Paver will be back mid-October to complete what the can for this year which looks to be Salem, Kramer, Whitland, Brookside Way and Edgewood. **McKee proposing to be back end of Summer to wrap up, Fields working to get areas in roads done first. Projected final costs to be \$2,050,225, overages on street widths and uneven surface.**

Proposed Connection Schedule

	Connect Notice Sent Out	First Bill Date
Contract E	10/18/2022	01/18/2023
Contract C	01/20/2023	04/20/2023
Contract B	01/20/2023	04/20/2023
Contract A	03/14/2023	06/14/2023
Contract D	03/14/2023	06/14/2023
Phase 5	06/23/2023	09/23/2023
Elliotsville	03/20/2024	06/20/2024
Phase 6 & 7	10/01/2024	01/01/2025

New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Project Update

July 2024

Project Update

The Athens County Commissioners have decided to prepare and send out a newsletter to help keep the residents of the New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Project area up to date on the progress of the upcoming events. Our intent is to update you on progress and hopefully address issues that we as Commissioners may be asked or faced with throughout the project.

Your Commissioners

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of who your Commissioners are and when we meet. The Commissioners hold meetings every Tuesday starting at 9:30 A.M. at the Athens County Annex located at 15 South Court Street. Your representatives are Commissioners Lenny Eliason, Charlie Adkins and Chris Chmiel, Administrator JoAnn Rockhold and Director of Utilities Rich Kasler.

Sanitary Sewer Update

As discussed at the last public meeting on January 9, 2024, the commissioners decided to proceed with design to increase their chances of getting funding for the project. During the meeting the residents supported exploring sanitary sewer for the area. The commissioners were awarded a \$250,000 grant to pay for the design which is underway at this point. The current plan is to serve the residents in New Marshfield with a gravity sewer and then pump the sewage to the county owned Plains facility for treatment. As design gets more refined the commissioners will host another public meeting to review the current layout and update the residents on any changes since the public meeting. We anticipate a meeting will happen in the fall of 2024. Currently the project is still estimated at \$9,154,250 with a proposed rate between \$50 and \$65 per month with no tap fee. As the design gets completed and funding is secured we can get a closer range for the residents but feel confident with the projections so far.

Projected Funding

- OEPA WPLCF Grant / Loan - \$6,904,250
- ODOD RPIG - \$750,000
- ARC - \$500,000
- ACoE Grant - \$1,000,000

DLZ Ohio, Inc.

The Commissioners have retained DLZ Ohio, Inc. as the engineers to design the project. DLZ's experience in dealing with sanitary sewer projects and their familiarity with the grant agencies needed to fund the project were a plus in selecting them. Gary Silcott, P.E. is the project manager for DLZ and will be representing the County throughout the project. Gary can be reached at (740) 380-2828 if anyone has any questions regarding the project.

Income Survey

The commissioners are being required to do an income survey of the area for funding through the ODOT. Recent updates to the numbers show the county does not qualify, so an income survey will be sent to you to fill out. This information is private and will not be shared or used by the commissioners. The forms will be mailed to an entity that will only tabulate the information and determine the county's eligibility for certain grants. Your cooperation is needed to make this happen and rest assured it will be confidential!

Project Schedule

Currently the project is under design and we anticipate submitting for a Permit to Install in the fall of 2024. The commissioners have been submitting applications for funding to help make the project affordable. It is anticipated that best case would be having the project out to bid and a contract awarded in the fall of 2025. If funding is not secured to allow for the proposed rate structure then the project will be delayed until adequate funding is secured.

What to Expect

When construction comes to your area you will receive a letter and a stake that you will be instructed to place where you want your sewer tap installed. The letter will have a contact number in the event you have any questions. All efforts will be made to place the tap at your desired location but may have to be shifted based on where the sewer line is installed. During construction there will be disturbances to your yard and the roadways. Please contact DLZ or the person on your stake letter if you have any issues or if a settled area needs addressed. The contractor will address as needed.

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Squads

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to order two (2) more ambulances. Chief Pyle stated that it will take two (2) years to get the ambulances.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - BLS Truck (EMT Pay Rate)

Chief Pyle talked about the stipend pay for EMT's and Intermediates when they had to run a BLS truck, she stated that she talked to the union and they sent out a survey and it came back 50/50. Commissioner Eliason stated that it means it fails, so it doesn't happen. Assist. Chief Crossen Jr. stated that they will just wait until negotiations.

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Full Time EMT Hire Chris Farmer

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to rescind the Full Time job offer to EMT Chris Farmer as recommended by Chief Amber Pyle. Chief Pyle will send EMT Chris Farmer a formal letter rescinding the job offer.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Full Time EMT Position

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to hire Tanner Radford as a Full Time EMT with a pay rate of \$14.55 as recommended by Chief Amber Pyle.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Temp Position in Albany

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to hire Thomas Butchko as a Temporary Full Time Paramedic at Station 55 Albany with a pay rate of \$17.90 per hour and a start date of 08/09/24.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Paramedic School Reimbursement

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins that Chief Pyle and Assist Chief Crossen Jr. need to work with the prosecutor's office to set up a program that EMS will reimburse for Paramedic tuition at a prorated amount over three (3) years for eligible full time employees.

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.

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