

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 20, 2024 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes August 13, 2024

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
New Line Items: Treasurer Dretac Credit Card 201.3201.560010

- 9:30 Matt Starkey- Karyn Armstrong Retirement
- 10:00 Melissa Blank-911/EMA Updates
- 10:15 Bid Opening F150
- 10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kasler - weekly updates (Hydro testing)
- 11:00 Brian Edminston - Realx, solar development
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- 11:30 LUNCH
- 4:30-5:30 Tour with Brent Hayes
- 6:00-8:00 Public Hearing - Guysville/Stewart Sewer

Agenda Items

- Amended Certificate
- Utility Permits (1)
- 911 Surplus
- Engineer - Notice of Commencement ATH-TR315-0.01 Bridge Replacement Project
- Engineer - Notice of Commencement 2024 Athens County Paving Project
- Common Pleas Transfer
- Sheriff's surplus
- Resolution & Other Documents for Broadband Planner
- Juvenile Court Transfer
- NACo AI Cohort

~TRAVEL

- WIOA Joe Frazier; Governor's Executive Workforce Board Meeting, Groveport, OH; 08/28/24
- Auditor - Scott Dunfee & Ciara Jones; '24 GIS Ohio GIS Conference, Columbus, OH; 09/23/24 - 09/24/24
- Recorder Jessica Markins; ORA Fall Continuing Education, Columbus, OH; 09/18/24 - 09/19/24

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 August 13, 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 Line Items: Treasurer Dretac Credit Card 201.3201.560010 , Then & Nows, and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/08/2024 To: 08/13/2024, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/13/2024 To: 08/15/2024, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/15/2024 To: 08/20/2024 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.

Matt Starkey - Karyn Armstrong Retirement

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the proclamation for Karyn Armstrong:
WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong dedicated 36 years of public service at Athens County Children Services and Athens County Job and Family Services, making better the lives of countless families and children in Athens County, Ohio and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong began her journey at Athens County Children Services in 1992 as a family services caseworker, working with families to provide safer homes for their children; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong worked as a service coordinator for Help Me Grow for 10 years as she guided and assisted pregnant moms and the birth to three population through the uncertainties of early motherhood and childhood; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong served the last 13 years as the parent mentor, helping countless children and families navigate the trials and difficulties of everyday life to succeed and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong's contributions throughout her career demonstrated a deep understanding of the families and children served by Athens County Children Services and encompassed fully this agency's mission of protecting children, strengthening families, and securing futures; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong's impact and dedication is evident by the influence she has had on her clients' lives, leading some to choose a life of service for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong's legacy to Athens County will be that of unyielding kindness and understanding of the children and families she has given guidance and support, and the many coworkers she has mentored; and

WHEREAS, Karyn Armstrong's willingness to volunteer for agency events, attending almost every Kidfest during her tenure, and her public service at Athens County Children Services and elsewhere demonstrates a genuine love for Athens County and the children that live here; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Athens County Commissioners extend their sincere appreciation to Karyn Armstrong for her lifelong public service, unwavering altruism, and the enduring impact she made on Athens County and the children and families that live here.

ADOPTED this 20th day of August 2024.

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

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 Certificate for the Commissioners, dated August 20, 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.

Utility Permit

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Utility Permit:
Permit # 24-562

From: Frontier Communications
500 Lancaster Pike
Circleville, OH 43154

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

Location of work: County Rd # 85, Big Run Rd
General Description of Work: Phone
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road, Overhead Line Crossing Road, Utility Pole Installation, & Fiber Optic Line

Agreed to by: /s/ Travis L. Brannon
Estimated Project Schedule
Start Date: 08/16/2024 Completion Date: 09/01/2024
Athens County Commissioners
/s/ Charlie Adkins
/s/ Chris Chmiel
/s/ Lenny Eliason

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

911 Surplus

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following 911 Surplus to destroy:

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
Generator from Shade Tower (Bad Engine)	10KW-10RCA	882165
Contractor will haul away		

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

Engineer - Notice of Commencement ATH-TR315-0.01 Bridge Replacement Project

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Notice of Commencement ATH-TR315-0.01 Bridge Replacement Project.

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

Engineer - Notice of Commencement 2024 Athens County Paving Project

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Notice of Commencement 2024 Athens County Paving Project.

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

Common Pleas Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Common Pleas Transfer of \$7,164.11.

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

Sheriff Surplus

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Sheriff Surplus and transferring to the Athens County Coroner's Office:

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
2013 Ford	Explorer	VIN-1FM5K8AR5DGC73536

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

Resolution & Other Documents for Broadband

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to pass the resolution to apply for the ARC Distressed Broadband Grant Program and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign all related documents.

RESOLUTION No. 0820-120

WHEREAS, Athens County, Ohio intends to apply to the Appalachian Regional Commission for funding under the ARC Distressed Broadband grant program, and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Athens County Commissioners do hereby:

Section 1: The Commission President is hereby authorized to make application for \$3,444,000 to the Appalachian Regional Commission for grant funds to provide broadband in the South Athens area of Athens County.

Section 2: That Athens County commits to providing at least twenty percent of the total project costs from the Internet Service Provider secured through a public procurement process.

Signed this 20th day of August 2024

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President
/s/ Charlie Adkins, Commissioner
/s/ Chris Chmiel, Commissioner

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

Juvenile Court Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Juvenile Court Transfer of \$29,000.00

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:

- WIOA Joe Frazier; Governor's Executive Workforce Board Meeting, Groveport, OH; 08/28/24
- Auditor - Scott Dunfee & Ciara Jones; '24 GIS Ohio GIS Conference, Columbus, OH; 09/23/24 - 09/24/24
- Recorder Jessica Markins; ORA Fall Continuing Education, Columbus, OH; 09/18/24 - 09/19/24

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

NACo AI Cohort

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve Commissioner Eliason to attend the virtual NACo AI Cohort training in November-December for \$595.00.

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

EMA Melissa Blank - Updates

Continued participation in a regional active shooter exercise at Shawnee State University, sponsored by Jackson County Emergency Management Agency, that encompassed 17 counties. The full-scale exercise is scheduled for October 3 and 4. Locally, the Athens County Sheriff's Office, Athens City PD and OUPD, as well as the Athens County/City Health Department, Athens County 911, and surrounding EMA's and law enforcement will be participating.

The Paw-Paw Festival is upcoming. We have an emergency notification group for the festival, but we would like to make sure all those numbers are current and accurate.

Completed the multi-agency aircraft crash/haz-mat training exercise over the weekend. The training included first responders from more than 10 agencies in Athens, Meigs, and Jackson counties, with roughly 75 participants for the Saturday tabletop planning exercise at the Albany Fire Department and more than 100 participants for Sunday's hands-on event at the Ohio University Airport. Fire Force, Inc. From Groveport, Ohio, traveled to Athens County with a simulated fuselage that allowed firefighters to experience what fighting an aircraft fire, with associated hazardous materials concerns, would be like. In addition to the Albany Area VFD, Richland, Waterloo, The Plains, Chauncey-Dover, and Athens City Departments also responded, as well as Athens County EMS and 911. Columbia Township FD from Meigs County, and Hamden FD from Jackson County also participated.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to enter into executive session at 9:50 to discuss employment with 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

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to return to regular session at 10:00 and authorize Commissioner Eliason to offer the position.

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

Bid Opening Dog Shelter F150

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to acknowledge the receipt of the bids:
Jeff Gabriel \$1,525.00

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

Bid Opening Dog Shelter F150 - Reject

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to reject the bid of \$1,525.00 from Jeff Gabriel.

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

Re-Bid Dog Shelter F150

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to set the rebid amount at \$3,000.00.

August 20, 2024

The Commissioners are seeking sealed bids for a 2013 Ford F-150 Super Cab, located at 510 W. Union Street, with approximately 157,000 miles and in fair condition. Kelley Blue Book values the vehicle at \$6,000 in poor condition and \$12,000 in excellent condition. If you would like to view it, please contact our office to arrange a time to see inside.

All bids need to be submitted by 10 AM on Tuesday, August 27th, at 15 S. Court St., Athens. The envelope should be marked "Sealed Bids for F-150," at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

If you have any questions regarding the vehicle, please contact the Commissioner's office at (740) 592-3219.

A minimum bid of \$3,000 has been set.

The Athens County Commissioners reserve the right to waive any informalities or reject any or all bids.

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W&S Supt Rich Kasler - Weekly Updates

Supt Rich Kasler thinks that they are within a month of finishing the project

Issue on Ervin Rd with a tap not being low enough, looks like the mains not low enough for the veterinarian's office. So Gary will have to deal

with what needs to happen, may need a grinder pump and land owner would have to choose.

All the main line is in except in Heatherstone Trailer Park and a couple customers towards Radford off of Heatherstone.

One crew is finishing up some taps.

Fire Department Testing- the water office hasn't heard anything from the fire department they're willing to test they hydrants. Rich will contact Ted Linscott, PWS will advertise that the Fire Department will be testing the hydrants.

Deardorff's- a letter needs to be written stating that they will be required to pay the tap fee and the capacity fee.

Supt Rich Kasler has been trying to get in contact with the City of Athens about the two (2) additional taps (Beechwood & Country Club Lane), he said we pay 70% of their capacity fee and he wanted to make sure that hasn't changed. Commissioner Eliason said to just pay the 70% and if it's different then the City of Athens will let us know.

Brian Edminston - Realx, solar development

Brian Edminston from Realx presented a Solar Development Platform for the 691 Landfill, he asked if any of the commissioners had questions or concerns. Commissioner Eliason asked what projects they have built on landfills already. Mark from Realx stated that they haven't got any extensibility, so the long term owner which would be DSD Group will be working with in conjunction. Commissioner Eliason also wanted to know if other counties with landfills have done this and if they were out of the 30 year post closure. Commissioner Chmiel would like to see the option agreement and then the commissioners could discuss.

See Solar Development Platform on back of page 308.

Public Hearing - Guysville/Stewart Sewer

Meeting reconvened on 08/20/24 at 6:00 p.m. at Federal Valley Resource Center with the 3 Commissioners, Administrator JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk Alison Pierson, DLZ Rep Gary Silcott, W&S Supt Rich Kasler, & W&S Manager Stephanie Morris present to discuss the possible Guysville/Stewart Sanitary Sewer System with residents of Guysville and Stewart.



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**PUBLIC MEETING
ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
STEWART / GUYSVILLE SANITARY SEWER**

GOAL: To preserve the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the Stewart / Guysville Area by providing central sanitary sewer to address the failing on-lot septic systems within the area where the ACCHD is concerned with the lack of viable replacement systems and the costs to provide a NPDES system.

PLAN: The Athens County Commissioners commissioned a study in 2022 to review the options for addressing sanitary sewer issues in 5 unincorporated areas of the county where there are known issues with failing systems and no real solution for replacement of the current systems due to small lots and poor soils. The study revealed that the Stewart / Guysville area had a viable option of providing gravity sewer to the area and either sending the sewage to the existing Plains sewer system or a possible a local treatment facility if the OEPA would approve.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: \$9,100,000.00

PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

Public Meeting	August 2024
Design and Funding	February 2025 through March 2026
Begin Construction	July 2026
Construction Complete	July 2027
Start Connections	July 2027

POSSIBLE FUNDS:

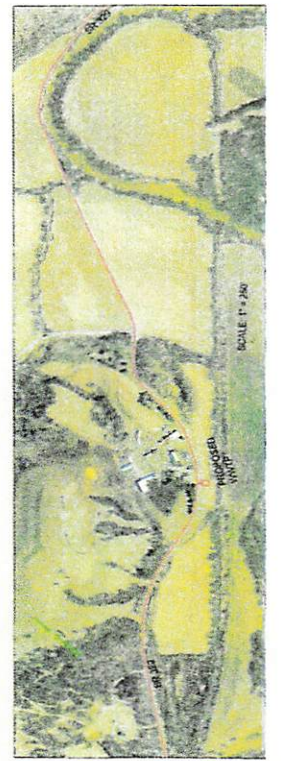
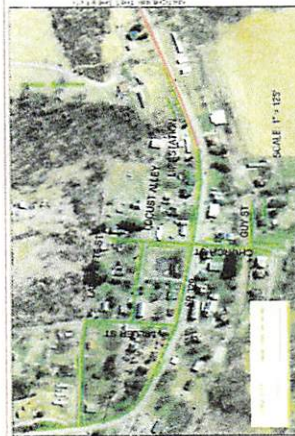
OEPA Grant / Loan	\$4,000,000+	
ODOD Grant	\$ 750,000	(\$100K for on lot connections)
ARC Grant	\$ 500,000	(Possible \$1,000,000)
STAG Grant	\$2,000,000	
ACoE Grant	\$1,000,000	

PROPOSED RATES: \$65.00 to \$90.00 per month w/ No Tap fee

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: Based on the history of the sewer issues in Stewart / Guysville, the Commissioners are bound by their duties to address the issues but are cognizant of the impact it will have on the residents. Knowing that the project is inevitable, they have already started to explore funding options to help lessen any financial hardship on the residents. If they do not address it and the OEPA gets involved, the issue could escalate and create bigger problems in the future and with all the grant funding available currently, now is probably the time. The Commissioners will take the feedback from tonight's meeting and make a final decision on whether to proceed with the project.

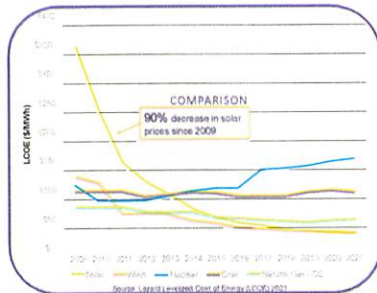


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Solar Development Platform

ELECTRICITY COST COMPARISON



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE



Your Land

Parcel P010010002000 – 144 acres

This land is of interest because of its topography and geographic location compared to power lines and the Substation

Synopsis

We would like to build a solar project on approximately 50 more or less.



What's The Deal

There are 3 stages to a Solar Project

- Diligence Period**
At this stage, we'll allow into the project more to see if it meets the requirements.
- Option Period**
Sometimes called the Permitting Period, this is the stage at which the project goes through engineering and zoning.
- Operations Period**
This is the 25+ year period in which the plant operates and you receive operational lease payments.

1. Diligence Period:	Commences on the Effective Date and ends on the earlier of (i) the day that is ninety (90) days following the Effective Date and (ii) the date Tenant provides Landlord with notice of termination of this Lease.
2. Option Term:	Option Term: The period during which the Option may be exercised ("Option Term") shall begin on the date when both Parties have executed this Agreement and shall continue for a period of three (3) years with the option of two (2) year extensions thereafter. The entire Option Term shall be used by Operator for the due diligence and feasibility assessment.
3. Option payments:	Option Payment: In consideration of the rights granted under this Agreement, Lessee shall pay to Owner a fee of \$125 for every three (3) months during the initial Option Exercise Period and a fee of \$250 for every three (3) months during the Renewal Option Exercise Period, if applicable (the "Option Fee"). The first payment of the Option Fee shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date, and Lessee shall pay subsequent payments of the Option Fee within ten (10) days of the start of each subsequent three (3) month period.
4. Commercial Operation Period:	Commences on the Commercial Operation Date and ends twenty-seven (27) years thereafter, subject to option to extend and termination rights, provided that in no event shall the Term (the Construction Period and the Commercial Operation Period) be longer than 34 years 11 months.
5. Commercial Operation Period Rate:	\$1,350 per acre per year with 2% escalations.

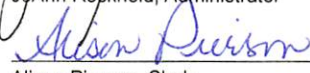
Adjourn

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