

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 Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the following agenda:
Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 03, 2024 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes November 26, 2024

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

Fund to Fund: Comm; from 001.1194.570101 Principal-EMA/911 Bond to 042.2042.422101 911 Bond Trans In

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- 9:30 Lesli Johnson - Children Services Board Interview
- 9:35 Weights and Measurers
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 Ohio Public Defender
- 10:15 Ohio Public Defender
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:45 Connor Lavelle, County Planner- Update
- 11:00 Soil and Water Budget
- 11:15 Health Dept Patrick McGarry - STS Replacement Grant Approval
- 11:20 EMS - MOU Stryker & New Hire
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Utility Permits
- Workers Compensation
- ACCVB Board Appointments
- Port Authority Board Appointment
- Guardian Ad Litem Agreement
- Dretac Fund
- EMS Columbia Gas Station 52 Coolville late fee
- AEP Distribution Agreement
- Clerk of Courts Surplus

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- Teresa Imler and Melissa Blank- Salt Fork State Park- 12-4-6, 2024 EMA Conference
- Eng Andrea Friendscho; CCAO/CEAO 2024 Winter Conference, Columbus, OH; Dec 5-6
- Eng Jeff Maiden; CCAO/CEAO 2024 Winter Conference, Columbus, OH; Dec 4-6

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the minutes of November 26, 2024.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason approving the Appropriations, Transfers: Fund to Fund: Comm; from 001.1194.570101 Principal-EMA/911 Bond to 042.2042.422101 911 Bond Trans In, Fund to Fund: Comm; from 001.1194.571101 Interest-EMA/911 Bond to 042.2042.422101 911 Bond Trans In, New Line Items Requests/Changes and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 11/21/2024 To: 11/26/2024 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, absent; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Lesli Johnson - Children Services Board Interview

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to appoint Lesli Johnson to the Children Services Board: December 3, 2024

Lesli Johnson
11877 State Park Rd.
Athens, Oh 45701

Dear Ms. Johnson:

The Board of Athens County Commissioners, during its regular session on December 3, 2024, appointed you to serve on the Athens County Children Services Board. Your term will commence on January 1, 2025, and conclude on December 31, 2028.

We sincerely thank you for your willingness to serve the residents of Athens County in this important capacity. Your dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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

ACC:jr

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

Weights and Measurers

Auditor Jill Davidson, Steven Roach, and Larry Hines had a Discussion on partnering with Hocking County for device coverage.
Request from Hocking County Auditor Chris Robers due to inspector's medical condition.
Scope of work appears larger than initially anticipated.
Estimated at least five full days of work.
Auditor Davidson will send bill for services provided based on the contracts with other counties.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Jean Demosky presented the following weekly updates:

- 1. Program Updates
 - Ohio 1 of 5 States selected to be TANF Work and Family Well-Being Pilot
 - Other states include California, Kentucky, Maine, and Minnesota
 - The pilot aims to strengthen TANF efficiency and effectiveness over six years.
- 2. Contracts/Business/Grants
 - Integrated Services
- 3. Facilities
 - We are reviewing programs and best services delivery
 - i. Reentry moving to CH (this change focuses on closer proximity to child support services)
 - ii. BB will be at CH
- 4. Human Resources
 - New Hire

DJFS Contract - Integrated Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the following contract with Integrated Services for Behavioral Health as recommended by Dir Jean Demosky:

Name of Contract Organization:	Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
Total Value:	\$20,000.00
Contract Period:	12/01/2024 - 11/30/2025
Program Accts & Codes to be charged:	TANF 209/510050
Describe Billing Procedure:	Subrecipient submits monthly invoices, payment made within 30 days
Describe Performance Measures:	Monthly invoices & quarterly reports reviewed by ACDJFS Staff

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

DJFS New Hire - Angela Hayes

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the hiring of Fiscal Officer as recommended by Dir Jean Demosky:

Angela Hayes with a rate of pay \$28.41 per hour and a start date of December 3, 2024

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

Utility Permits

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the following utility permits:

Permit No. 24-571
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: Co Rd # 33B, Co Rd Name: Diamond Brick Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Overhead Line Parallel to Road, Overhead Line Crossing Rd, & Utility Pole Installation
Estimated Project Schedule: 12/01/2024 - 05/31/2025
Agreed to by: /s/Pete Schafer, 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, absent; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Workers Compensation

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to suspend the payment for a year on workers compensations from the various departments.

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

ACCVB Board Appointments

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to appoint Avery Snyder and Roxanna Del Chiki to the ACCVB Board.

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

Port Authority Board Appointment

Pending further information next week.

Guardian Ad Litem Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the Guardian Ad Litem Agreement with Molly Burchfield:

Guardian Ad Litem

Molly Burchfield hereby agrees to accept commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by CORSA to Athens County to cover Molly Burchfield while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by, the Domestic Relations Division of the Athens County Court of Common Pleas.

/s/Molly Burchfield, Guardian Ad Litem
/s/ , Administrative Judge
/s/Lenny Eliason, President, Board of Commissioners
Date Fully Signed: 11/22/2024

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

Dretac Fund

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to acknowledge receipt of the Prosecutor's Dretac Fund expenditure report for January 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

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

EMS Columbia Gas Coolville Station 52 late fee

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to authorize payment of the late fees for Columbia Gas Invoice at EMS Coolville Station.

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

AEP Distribution Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the AEP Distribution Agreement for the White Barn.

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

Clerk of Courts Surplus

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the following Clerk of Courts Surplus to destroy:

Property Description
Office Chair

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

Travel

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the following travel:

Teresa Imler and Melissa Blank- Salt Fork State Park- 12-4-6, 2024 EMA Conference
Eng Andrea Friendscho; CCAO/CEAO 2024 Winter Conference, Columbus, OH; Dec 5-6
Eng Jeff Maiden; CCAO/CEAO 2024 Winter Conference, Columbus, OH; Dec 4-6

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W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Generator for Lift Stations during Power Outages

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to authorize advertisement for bids on a diesel generator set with a 4R13X alternator operating at 277/480 volts rated for 130kw/163kva. Output amperage: 195.

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

Ohio Public Defender

Public Defenders Office Chase & Alice, Juvenile Court & Common Pleas Court present to discuss billing issues
Billing rejections causing confusion

Questions raised regarding billing denials
Notable case billing sent in June denied for being past the 90 day limit
Amount in question: \$7,350
Explanation provided on the use of postmark date for timeliness
Postmarked July 1 despite being sent on June 28.

Documentation and Proof

Commissioner Eliason requests a copy of the envelope that was declined by Public Defenders Office
"We don't keep the envelopes."
Maintaining such documentation would require excessive storage.
Importance of having proof for contesting postmark dates.
Need for verification from the postage machine.
Commissioners Office agreed to take photos of the envelope with the postage going forward.

Billing and Hearings Procedures

Juvenile Court Administrator Kelly Post questioned billing submitted after hearings.
Attorneys should wait for the next hearing or attach a court entry confirming hearing status.
Court action verification is necessary.
Documentation is required to confirm cancellations or changes in hearings.
Resubmission of bills is limited.
Only one submission is allowed, no resubmissions are permitted.

Planner Connor LaVelle - Updates

Floodplain Technical Assistance

Connor's upcoming tasks
Providing technical assistance to the Village of Trimble
Updating floodplain maps for a project near Kroger

Sidewalk expansion discussion

meeting about expanding sidewalk near the 911 center and Intermediate school
considering funding application through ODOT for pedestrian infrastructure

Bridge Concerns

Inspection of a bridge on River Road
property owners worried about access during floods

bridge quality deemed sufficient; no immediate action required by the engineer's office
Possible private bridge construction
property owners considering a private bridge for access
Jeff discussing potential funding for bridge construction

Soil & Water Budget

Kathy Bobo presented the 2025 Soil & Water Budget.

Health Dept Patrick McGarry - STS Replacement Grant Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to award the following STS Replacement as recommended by Patrick McGarry:

Project Information:

Tiffany Keen-Dixon Diana Buchman
13134 Dabritz Rd 8811 Penn St
Nelsonville, OH 45764 Glouster, OH 45732

Verna Brooks
8781 Penn St
Glouster, OH 45732

Contractor	Price
JR's Construction	\$42,465.92
Duncan & Daniels Enterprises, LLC	\$42,485.00
JC Excavating	\$44,000.00

Above are responsible and approved bids this office received for this project that was posted on November 8, 2024. This office recommends awarding this project to the lowest complete bid, JR's Construction.

All bids reflected the replacement of the existing STS, including the abandonment of the existing septic system, 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, absent; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

EMS - New Hire

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following part time EMT position as recommended by Chief Amber Pyle:

EMT Gonzalo Pizarro with a pay rate of \$14.44 per hr. and a start date TBD.

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

EMS - Mini Split for Athens Station 51

Problems with excessive heat in the station
Recommendation for mini-split installation at \$8,750
Commissioner Chmiel proposed to consult engineer before proceeding
Previous consultations noted but need for current assessment
Shades installed but did not resolve the issue completely

EMS Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to enter into executive session at 11:20 with Chief Amber Pyle, Assist Chief Randy Crossen to discuss discipline of a public employee.

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

Regular Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to return to regular session at 11:39 with No Action to be taken.

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

EMS - Tardiness

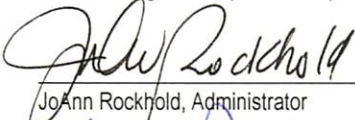
A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Chief Pyle to address tardiness issues.

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



JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator




Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice President



Chris Chmiel