

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, December 17, 2024 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.
Approve Agenda

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Now's, & Bills
New Line Item: Planner; 509.3509.530285 County Match
New Line Item: Planner; 501.2501.560010 Credit Card
New Line Item: ACCS; 049.3049.570100 Debt Principal & 049.3049.571100 Debt Interest
Fund to Fund: CP; From 256.3256.590100 PSI Grant Advance Repayment to 001.1001.421100 General Fund Advances In
Fund to Fund: CP; From 001.1145.590100 General Fund - Advance Out to 256.2256.421100 PSI Grant - Advances In
Fund to Fund: 317 Board; From 707.2707.580100 Transfers Out to 706.2706.422101 Transfers In

- 9:30 Aaron Maynard - JAG Quarterly Meeting
- 10:00 Planner Connor LaVelle - Floodplain Updates, Columbia Gas
- 10:15 Port Authority Board - Austin Phillips
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 11:00 EMS - MOU Union
- 11:15 Amy Lipka - Age Friendly
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Utility Permits
- W&S Extensions
- Port Authority Board Appointment
- RPF for ARC Athens South
- TC Energy (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
- Prosecutor's VOCA/SVAA Grant Award for 2024-2025
- Assigned Counsel Report from Auditors Office
- Elan Fee Waiver
- OPWC Disbursements CU24AA Request #3 \$187,511.78
- PY2024 Chip Response
- SEOYM Proclamation
- MOA with Juvenile Court
- PY2024 CDBG Grant Agreement

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- EMS Craig Churchheus; Eastern Tenn., Deliver Propane-Food-Clothes-Toys to Flood Victims: 12/12/24
- COC Candy Russell; January Legal Meeting, Lewis Center, OH: 01/21/25
- COC Candy Russell; March Legal Meeting, Lewis Center, OH: 03/18/25

ADJOURNMENT

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 & Now's, & Bills

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the Appropriations, Transfers: Fund to Fund: CP; From 256.3256.590100 PSI Grant Advance Repayment to 001.1001.421100 General Fund Advances In, Fund to Fund: CP; From 001.1145.590100 General Fund - Advance Out to 256.2256.421100 PSI Grant - Advances In, Fund to Fund: 317 Board; From 707.2707.580100 Transfers Out to 706.2706.422101 Transfers In, New Line Items Requests/Changes: New Line Item: Planner; 509.3509.530285 County Match, New Line Item: Planner; 501.2501.560010 Credit Card, New Line Item: ACCS; 049.3049.570100 Debt Principal & 049.3049.571100 Debt Interest and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 12/05/2024 To: 12/10/2024, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 12/10/2024 To: 12/12/2024 INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 12/12/2024 To: 12/13/2024 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.

Aaron Maynard - JAG Quarterly Meeting

Aaron Maynard provided the following:

Quarterly JAG Requirements:**Overview of the interdiction and violent crime grants:**

Interdiction grant closed out last month; awaiting approval for a continuation of the program.

Decision expected by January or February.

Goals and achievements:

Met objectives for identifying drug traffickers.

Identified 16 new traffickers.

Sought indictments on 27 repeat offenders, totaling 43 individuals.

Current Drug Trends:**Predominant drugs:**

Fentanyl and methamphetamine are the most prevalent.

Methamphetamine remains widely used due to its affordability.

ACE Program:

Goal: Refer 30 low offenders to the ACE Program.

Current status: 37 referrals made during this grant cycle.

Clarification: The program is managed by prosecutors, not directly as a diversion program.

Flock Cameras Update:**Current deployment status:**

10 cameras planned; 1 still in planning due to a location change.

5 cameras expected to be operational by the end of the month.

Current functionality:

4 cameras are live, with 1 undergoing maintenance.

Training:

Administrative training received from Flock.

System capabilities demonstrated by identifying a vehicle linked to felony warrants within an hour.

Integration:

Linked to NCIC for real-time notifications and alerts.

Hot List and Notifications**Functionality:**

Tracks vehicles based on specific criteria and sends notifications to officers.

Collaboration:

Hot lists shared among local jurisdictions.

Notifications received if vehicles cross into different jurisdictions.

Utility Permits

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following utility permit:

Permit No. 24-573

From: Columbia Gas of Ohio
843 Piatt Avenue
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 25, Co Rd Name: Rock Riffle Rd

Description of Work: Gas

Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Parallel to Road & Other (Abandonment)

Estimated Project Schedule: 12/2024

Agreed to by: /s/Joseph DiBenedetto, Columbia Gas of Ohio

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.

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature on the following W&S Extensions authorizing an extension as requested by Joel Pollard for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$396.71 with \$100.00 past due and payments to be paid by 01/31/2025 of \$98.90 plus current bill, 02/28/2025 \$98.90 plus current bill, 03/31/2025 \$98.90 plus current bill. 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.

Port Authority Board Re-Appointments

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following re-appointments for Port Authority Board Steve Cox & Stacy Strauss:
December 17, 2024

Steve Cox
144 Mill Street
Nelsonville, Ohio 45764

Dear Mr. Cox:

The Board of Athens County Commissioners, in its regular meeting on December 17, 2024, re-appointed you to serve on the Athens County Port Authority for the term beginning November 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2028.

Thank you for your continued dedication and willingness to serve Athens County in this capacity. Your service plays a vital role in fostering the development and success of our community.

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

ACC:jr

December 17, 2024

Stacy Strauss
120 Maplewood Drive
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Ms. Strauss:

The Board of Athens County Commissioners, in its regular meeting on December 17, 2024, re-appointed you to serve on the Athens County Port Authority for the term beginning November 1, 2024, and ending October 31, 2028.

Thank you for your continued dedication and willingness to serve Athens County in this capacity. Your service plays a vital role in fostering the development and success of our community.

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, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

RFP for ARC Athens South

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the RFP for ARC Athens South:
Please Publish as Legal Advertisement

The Athens County Board of Commissioners is seeking Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to respond to the Request for Proposals (RFPs)- Broadband Expansion. The ISP must both deploy and operate the network according to the RFP.

The project is supported by a \$3.44 million grant-funded budget with some funding required from the ISP. The RFP is available and can be obtained by emailing Tom Reid at Tom@ReidConsultingGroup.com.

The following files will be made available to all potential respondents who email Tom Reid to express interest:

A copy of the RFP in Microsoft Word

A shape file of the project area

A list of fabric lds included in the proposed project area.

Questions regarding the RFP will be accepted until Noon ET on Thursday, Jan 23rd. Any questions received will be forwarded, with corresponding answers, to all identified potential respondents.

Deadline: Submit response for RFP via email to Tom@ReidConsultingGroup.com by 5 pm on Thur., Feb. 6th, 2025.

Secondary point of contact is Kim Gaffney Corriher at Kim@reidconsultinggroup.com.

Publication Dates:

12-24-2024

12-31-2024

01-07-2025

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

TC Energy (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Eliason's signature on the TC Energy Encroachment Agreement.

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

Prosecutor's VOCA/SVAA Grant Award for 2024-2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to allow Commissioner Eliason to sign the Athens County Prosecutor's Office - VOCA/SVAA Grant Award for 2024-2025.

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 Auditors Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to acknowledge receipt of the Assigned Counsel Report from the Auditors Office and submit for payment:

December 2024

Total Felony Certifications	10
Amount submitted in Felony Certifications	\$9,851.56
Total Misdemeanor Certifications	6
All Other Misdemeanor Certifications	\$4,650.00
Total Juvenile Certifications	34
Amount submitted in Juvenile Certifications	\$20,921.90
Total Number of Certifications (All Courts - All Expenses)	50
Total Amount submitted	\$35,423.46

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

Elan Fee Waiver

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Elan Fee Waiver.

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

OPWC Disbursements CU24AA Request #3 \$187,511.78

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Eliason's signature on the OPWC Disbursements CU24AA request #3 for \$187,511.78.

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

PY2024 CHIP Response

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the PY2024 CHIP Response letter:

Marcia Walters
Residential Revitalization Specialist
Office of Community Enhancements
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Marcia Walters,

Thank you for your email correspondence dated December 12, 2024 regarding the Athens County PY 2024 CHIP program recommendation for funding. We look forward to the PY 24 CHIP and delivering these vital services to the community.

Athens County will ensure long-term compliance with CHIP rental activities by:

- 1) Annually reviewing the tenants of the assisted project(s) to verify that the units which received HOME assistance are occupied by low-income tenants as defined by Section 8 income guidelines.
- 2) Annually reviewing the rents charged to tenants residing in HOME assisted units to assure compliance with the rent maximums for the HOME program as prescribed by HUD and as described in 24 CFR Part 92.252.
- 3) Annually conducting a review to check for compliance with the Tenant and Participant Protections set forth in 24 CFR Part 92.253.
- 4) Annually reviewing the project owner's affirmative marketing efforts with respect to the units assisted with HOME funds to assure compliance with 24 CFR Part 92.351.

5) Performing site inspections every three years to assure that all of the units that were assisted with HOME funds meets Section 8 Housing Quality Standards, as required by 24 CFR Part 92.504.

If Athens County can provide any additional information pertaining to the funding recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason

President, Athens County Commissioners

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

SEOYM Proclamation

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to the SEOYM Proclamation:

WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month, a time to raise awareness about the power of mentoring relationships, recruit new mentors, and encourage institutions to support quality mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, **ATHENS COUNTY** acknowledges the valuable contributions of mentors who connect youth to opportunities and strengthen our community; and

WHEREAS, mentoring fosters positive youth development, encourages academic success, and helps young people set career goals, build confidence, and improve mental health; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs have been shown to improve academic performance, reduce risky behaviors, and increase college enrollment and leadership involvement; and

WHEREAS, despite the benefits of mentoring, one in three young people lacks a mentor, highlighting the need for greater collaboration to close the "mentoring gap"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the County Commissioners of **ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO**, do hereby proclaim January 2025 as **National Mentoring Month** in **ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO**, urging all citizens to support mentoring programs and consider becoming mentors to help guide the next generation toward success.

Signed this 17th day of December 2024

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

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

MOA with Juvenile Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the MOA with Juvenile Court. See back of page 428.

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

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is made between Athens County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as Commissioners, having an address at 15 South Court Street, Ste. 234, Athens, Ohio 45701; and Athens County Juvenile Court, hereinafter referred to as Juvenile Court, having an address of 1 South Court Street, 2nd Floor, Athens, Ohio 45701; and the Appalachian Children Coalition, hereinafter referred to as ACC, having an address of 5 Depot Street, Athens, Ohio 45701.

I. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Purpose of this MOA is to establish the relationship and responsibilities between Commissioners, Juvenile Court, and ACC for the purpose of receiving funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's grant funding.
- 1.2 This MOA is intended to facilitate and enhance coordination of effort between Commissioners, Juvenile Court, and ACC for the procurement of funding for a mental health liaison.

II. SCOPE

- 2.1 This MOA shall take effect upon execution and expires on September 29, 2025. Any renewals of this agreement shall be by separate addendum.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF COMMISSIONERS

- 3.1 The Commissioners agree to approve and facilitate the movement of funds received from ACC for the purpose of hiring a mental health liaison to Juvenile Court's accounts.

IV. OBLIGATIONS OF JUVENILE COURT

- 4.1 Juvenile Court agrees to hire a mental health liaison using funds from ACC for the purpose of assisting families in accessing care for juveniles as part of the School Court program.
- 4.2 The mental health liaison will be a Juvenile Court employee and will comply with all rules and conditions of employment with Juvenile Court.
- 4.3 Juvenile Court agrees to provide ACC data as it relates to the mental health liaison's work in order for assessment and evaluation.

V. OBLIGATIONS OF ACC

- 5.1 ACC agrees to provide \$60,000.00 to Juvenile Court for the purpose of hiring a mental health liaison.
- 5.2 ACC agrees that it shall not be responsible for hiring, supervising, managing, or otherwise overseeing the Mental Health Liaison's activities beyond the scope of the agreed funding.

VI. INDEMNIFICATION

Athens County agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless ACC, its directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates, successors, and assigns (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any and all claims, liabilities, damages, losses, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) arising out of or relating to:

- (a) Any act, omission, or misconduct by the Mental Health Liaison in the performance of their duties;
- (b) Any breach of applicable laws, regulations, or professional standards by the Liaison;
- (c) Any breach of the terms of this agreement or other agreements entered into between the Funder and the Liaison.

Scope of Liability This Clause shall apply to all actions undertaken by the Mental Health Liaison, whether directly or indirectly related to the funding provided by ACC. Furthermore, ACC shall have no liability for the Liaison's actions, decisions, or any consequences thereof.

Governing Law This Clause shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, without regard to its conflict of laws principles.

Severability If any provision of this Clause is found to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

VII. CONTACTS

All required notices pertaining to this agreement shall be sent to the following:

Hon. Judge Zachary L. Saunders
Athens County Juvenile Court
1 South Court Street, 2nd Floor
Athens, Ohio 45701

Elizabeth Jones
Appalachian Children's Coalition
5 Depot Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Lenny Eliason, President
Athens County Board of Commissioners
15 South Court Street, Ste. 234
Athens, Ohio 45701

This MOA shall become effective upon the date of the latest signature below.

Athens County Juvenile Court


Hon. Judge Zachary L. Saunders

Date: December 12, 2024

Appalachian Children's Coalition


Randy Leite, Executive Director

Date: _____

Athens County Prosecutor

Approved as to Form:

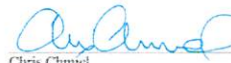

Keller J. Blackburn

Date: 12/16/24

Athens County Board of Commissioners


Lenny Eliason, President


Charlie Adkins


Chris Chmiel

Date: 12-17-2024

PY2024 CDBG Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the PY2024 CDBG Grant Agreement. See back of page 429 for the agreement.

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

EMS Craig Churchheus; Eastern Tenn., Deliver Propane-Food-Clothes-Toys to Flood Victims: 12/12/24

COC Candy Russell; January Legal Meeting, Lewis Center, OH: 01/21/25

COC Candy Russell; March Legal Meeting, Lewis Center, OH: 03/18/25

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

Planner Connor LaVelle - Floodplain Updates

Connor LaVelle provided the following Floodplain Updates:

Property Owner requested a waiver for the \$75.00 floodplain permit fee.

The work is maintenance-related, involving replacement of drainage tiles.

Commissioner Eliason expressed concern about waiving the fee, stating it could set a precedent.

Regular maintenance typically includes mowing and brush hogging, not replacing structures.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Generator & Pump

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to submit bids for the generator and approve to purchase the one pump for Carol Lane.

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

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - ODOT

Supt Oscar Carson stated that ODOT called about integrating water line work into the job.

Port Authority Board - Austin Phillips

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to appoint Austin Phillips to the Port Authority Board.

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

EMS - Resignations

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to accept the resignation from EMT Michelle Swanger as presented 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 - Position Movement

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to accept Paramedic Daniel MacDonald's request to drop his Full Time Position and move to part time.

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

EMS - Unit Issue

Chief Amber Pyle asked Commissioner Chmiel if he had heard anything regarding the heating and cooling at Athens Station. Commissioner Chmiel stated he is still waiting on Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Gabriel and the Balance Report that has to do with the Air Handlers from Airclaws. Commissioner Adkins feels that this needs to have priority because they are wasting money.

State of Ohio
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program
Grant Agreement

The Grant Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered into between the Ohio Department of Development (the "Grantor") and Athens County Board of Commissioners (the "Grantee") for the period September 1, 2024 to October 31, 2028.

Background Information

- A. Pursuant to the provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, (the "Act"), the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") has been authorized by the Congress of the United States to make grants to states for community and economic development and has made available a grant to the State of Ohio through Grantor.
B. Grantor's agreement with HUD to receive and disburse said funds is Grant Number B-24-DC-30-0001 for the period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending September 1, 2031.
C. Grantor, through its Office of Community Development, has been designated and empowered to receive, administer, and disburse block grant funds for community and economic development activities to units of general local government in non-entitlement areas of Ohio, and to provide technical assistance to them in connection with community and economic development programs.
D. Grantee has submitted to Grantor an application, which is not attached hereto but is incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein, setting forth a list of activities (herein referred to individually as "Project" or collectively as "Projects"), and Grantor has approved the Project(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, the parties hereby agree as follows:

Statement of the Agreement

- 1. Award of Grant Funds. Grantor hereby grants funds to Grantee in the amount of \$688,000 (the "Grant Funds"), for the sole and express purpose of providing for the performance of the program listed above and underlying the Project(s) as listed in Attachment A: Scope of Work and Budget, which is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and incorporated herein by reference. The award of the Grant Funds shall be contingent upon the special conditions set forth in Attachment B: Program Requirements, attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference, which must be complied with in full.
2. Scope of Work. Grantee shall undertake the Project(s) as listed in Attachment A and the application. Grantor may, from time to time, as it deems appropriate and necessary, determine specific instructions and requests, and provide guidance and direction to Grantee concerning the performance of the work described in this Agreement. Within a reasonable period, Grantee shall comply with such instructions and fulfill such requests to the satisfaction of Grantor. These instructions and requests are to ensure the satisfactory completion of the work contemplated under this Agreement.

- 3. Use of Grant Funds. The Grant Funds shall be used solely for the stated purposes set forth in this Agreement and Attachment A, and the expenditures shall be supported by contracts, invoices, vouchers, and other data as appropriate, including the reports listed in accordance with the schedule set forth in Attachment C: Reporting Requirements, which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference, evidencing the costs incurred. All interest earned on the Grant Funds shall be remitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as specified by Grantor. If the Grant Funds are not expended in accordance with the terms, conditions and period set forth in this Agreement or the total amount of the Grant Funds exceeds the eligible costs of the Project(s), the amounts improperly expended or not expended shall be returned to Grantor within 30 days after the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Grantee shall not pledge the Grant Funds as security for any loan or debt of any kind other than that described in this Agreement. Grantee shall require delivery before payment for purchased goods, equipment, or services unless the Grantee obtains satisfactory security from the vendor.
4. Terms. The parties agree that the term of this Agreement shall be the Grant Period. Grantee shall not incur any expenses to be reimbursed with the Grant Funds except during the Grant Period. Exceptions are outlined in Policy Notice 20-01: Grant Operations and Financial Management Policy.
5. Payment of Grant Funds. Payment to Grantee of the Grant Funds shall be made upon the timely submission to Grantor of a draw request. Grantor reserves the right to suspend payments until Grantor has provided required reports in a timely and adequate fashion or if Grantee fails to meet other terms and conditions of this Agreement.
6. Accounting of Grant Funds. Grant Funds shall be deposited and maintained in a separate fund account upon the books and records of Grantee (the "Account"). Grantee shall keep all records of the Account in a manner that is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. All disbursements shall be supported by invoices, receipts, and other data as appropriate, evidencing the necessity of such expenditure. Grantor may without payment requirements if Grantee fails to comply with the above requirements until such compliance is demonstrated.
7. Reporting Requirements. Grantee shall submit to Grantor the reports required in Attachment C. All records of the Grantee shall be maintained in accordance with Policy Notice 20-01: Grant Operations and Financial Management Policy.
8. Grantee Requirements. Grantee shall comply with Grantor's Program Policy Notices, located online at <https://www.ohio.gov/gov/ocd/2024/03/2024-03-01-001>, and other policies and conditions contained in Attachment D: Grant Assurances and Certifications and Attachments E: Local Government Certifications to the State, which are attached hereto, made a part hereof.
9. Records, Access, and Maintenance. Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.450, Grantee shall establish and physically retain for at least three years from the final close-out of the Agreement such records as are required by Grantor, including but not limited to, financial reports, audits and performance information, program and audit reports. The parties further agree that records maintained by Grantor with respect to any questioned costs, audit disallowances, litigation, dispute between Grantor and Grantee shall be maintained for the time needed for the resolution of any such issue; if for any reason Grantor shall require a review of the records related to the

- 10. Inspections. At any time during normal business hours upon three days prior written notice and as often as Grantor may deem necessary and in such a manner as not to interfere unreasonably with the normal business operations, Grantee shall make available to Grantor, and to appropriate state agencies or officials, for examination, all of its records with respect to matters covered by this Agreement including, but not limited to, records of personnel and conditions of employment and shall permit Grantor to audit, examine and make copies or transcripts from such records.
11. Audit. An audited Grantee shall submit to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse and make available for public inspection a copy of the audit, data collection form and reporting package as described in 2 CFR 205 Subpart F - Audit Requirements within the earlier of 30 days after receipt of the auditor's report(s) or one month after the end of the audit period. In addition, Grantee shall notify the Grantor when their audit reporting package is submitted to the Fed Audit Clearinghouse. Notification should be sent to audit@fedauditclearinghouse.org and must take place within seven days following submission of the reporting package to the Fed Audit Clearinghouse. In lieu of or in addition to the notification, Grantee may electronically submit their single audit report to audit@ohio.gov or mail one copy of the single audit report to Special Projects Coordinator, Audit Office, P. O. Box 1001, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001.
12. Equal Employment Opportunity. Grantee will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, military status, ancestry, veteran status, or any other factor specified in Section 125.111 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, or in section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and in any subsequent legislation pertaining to civil rights. Grantee will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are considered for employment and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to the aforementioned classes. Grantee will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Grantee, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to the aforementioned classes. Grantee will incorporate the requirements of the paragraph in all its respective contracts for any of the work for which the Grant Funds are expended other than its subcontractors for standard commercial supplies or raw materials, and the Grantee will require all its subcontractors for any part of such work to incorporate such requirements in all its subcontracts for such work.
13. Prevailing Wage Rates and Labor Standards. In the commission of any Project(s) wherein federal funds are used to finance construction work as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 29, Part 8 to the extent that such activity is subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 3141) and the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 3141), as amended, all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on any such construction work assisted under the Agreement shall be paid the wages that have been determined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor to be the wages prevailing for the corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on projects of a character similar to the contract work in the civil subdivision of the State in which the work is to be performed. Grantee shall require all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or subcontractors on such construction work assisted under this Agreement shall be paid overtime compensation in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 3701 to 3709. Furthermore, Grantee shall require that all

Project(s), Grantee shall, at its own cost and expense, segregate as such records related to the Project(s) from its other records of operation.

- 20. Remedies for noncompliance; opportunity for hearing. Upon the exercise the corrective or remedial actions specified in 24 CFR 570.458, Grantee may be subject to the remedial actions enumerated under 24 CFR 570.456.
21. Effects of Termination. Within 60 days after termination of this Agreement, Grantee shall surrender all reports, documents, and other materials assembled and prepared pursuant to this Agreement, which shall become the property of Grantor, unless otherwise directed by Grantor. After receiving written notice of termination, Grantee shall incur no new obligations and shall cancel as many outstanding obligations as possible. Upon compliance with this section, Grantor shall receive compensation for all activities satisfactorily performed prior to the effective date of termination.
22. Performance Not a Warranty. No act of forbearance or failure to insist on the prompt performance by Grantee of its obligations under this Agreement, either express or implied, shall be construed as a waiver by Grantor of any of its rights hereunder.
23. Conflict of Interest. No personnel of Grantee, contractor of Grantor or personnel of any such contractor, and no public official who exercises any functions or responsibilities in connection with the review or approval of any work completed under this Agreement, shall, prior to the completion of such work, voluntarily or involuntarily acquire any personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible or in conflict with the discharge or fulfillment of their functions or responsibilities with respect to the completion of the work contemplated under this Agreement. Grantee shall immediately disclose in writing to Grantor any such person who, prior to or after the execution of this Agreement, acquires any personal interest, voluntarily or involuntarily. Grantee shall cause any such person who, prior to or after the execution of this Agreement, acquires any personal interest, voluntarily or involuntarily, to immediately disclose such interest to Grantor in writing. Thereafter, such person shall not participate in any action affecting the work under this Agreement unless Grantee determines that, considering the personal interest disclosed, their participation in any such action would not be contrary to the public interest. This Agreement shall, in addition to those obligations enumerated above, be subject to the provisions of 24 CFR 570.460(b)(3). Additional information found in Policy Notice 18-07: Resolving a Potential Conflict of Interest.
24. Liability. Unless Grantee is an Ohio political sub-division and can prove to Grantor that it is self-insured, Grantee shall maintain liability and other insurance to cover actionable legal claims for liability or loss which are the result of injury to or death of any person, damage to property (including property of Grantor) caused by the negligent acts or omissions, or negligent conduct of Grantee, to the extent permitted by applicable law and public policy. Grantee shall, in addition to those obligations enumerated above, be subject to the provisions of 24 CFR 570.460(b)(3). Additional information found in Policy Notice 18-07: Resolving a Potential Conflict of Interest.
25. Adherence to State and Federal Laws and Regulations.
a. General. Grantee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in the performance of Grantee's obligations under this Agreement, the completion of the Project and the operation of the Project if Grantee uses any publicly provided assistance under this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of such obligation, Grantee shall pay or

contractors and subcontractors shall comply with all regulations issued pursuant to these acts and with other applicable federal and state laws and regulations.

In the event that the construction work to be undertaken does not fit within the purview of the Davis-Bacon Act, and neither the federal government nor any of its agencies practices predetermined minimum wages to be paid to mechanics and laborers to be employed in the construction work to be assisted by this Project(s), Grantee will comply with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 4116.01 to 4116.16, inclusive, as applicable, with respect to the payment of all mechanics and laborers employed in such construction work.

- 14. Use of Federal Grant Funds. Grantee acknowledges that this Agreement involves the use of federal funds and as such, is subject to audit by the agency of the United States Government granting the funds to Grantor for the purposes of performing the work and activities as listed in Attachment A. Grantee shall be responsible for any cost of Grantee which is disallowed by said federal agency and which must be refunded thereto by Grantor.
15. Property and Equipment Purchases. All items purchased by Grantee are and shall remain the property of Grantee, except if Grantor exercises its right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 17, in which case all property and equipment purchased by Grantee with any Grant Funds herein awarded shall revert to Grantor. Grantee shall provide for the security and safekeeping of all items obtained through this Agreement.

- 16. Certification of Grant Funds. None of the rights, duties and obligations described in this Agreement shall be binding on either party until all statutory provisions of the O.R.C., including but not limited to, Section 158.07, have been complied with, and until such time as all funds have been made available and are forthcoming from the appropriate state agencies.
17. Termination.
a. Grantor may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving reasonable written notice of termination to Grantee for any of the following occurrences:
1) Failure of Grantee to fulfill in a timely and proper manner any of its obligations under this Agreement.
2) Failure of Grantee to submit any report required by this Agreement that is complete and accurate.
3) Failure of Grantee to use the Grant Funds for the stated purposes in this Agreement.
4) Cancellation of the grant of funds from HUD.
b. Early Termination: Grantor may also terminate this Agreement if Grantee (i) defaults under another Agreement between the Grantor and/or the Tax Credit Authority and Grantor or the Clean Ohio Council, (ii) admits Grantee's inability to pay its debts as such debts become due, (iii) Grantee commences a voluntary bankruptcy, (iv) an involuntary bankruptcy action occurs against Grantee which remains undischarged or stayed for 60 days, (v) Grantee fails to meet the minimum funding requirements under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of other such employee benefits plan, or (vi) Grantor has reason to believe Grantee has ceased operations at the Project location. This event permitting early termination by Grantor shall be considered a default by Grantee and subject to the Effects of Termination under Section 18 of this Agreement.

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- causes to be paid all unemployment compensation, insurance premiums, workers' compensation premiums, income tax withholding, social security withholding, and any and all other taxes or payroll deductions required for all employees engaged by Grantee in connection with the Project, and Grantee shall comply with all applicable environmental, zoning, planning and building laws and regulations.
b. Ethics. Grantee, by its signature on this document, certifies: (1) it has reviewed and understands the Ohio ethics and conflict of interest laws including, without limitation, ORC Sections 152.01 et seq., 152.01, 152.02, 152.03, 152.04, 152.05, and 1571.130 and (2) will take no action inconsistent with those laws, as any of them may be amended or supplemented from time to time. Grantee understands that failure to comply with the ethics and conflict of interest laws, in grounds for termination of this Agreement and the grant of funds pursuant to this Agreement and may result in the loss of other contracts or grants with the State of Ohio.
23. Outstanding Liabilities. Grantee represents and warrants that it does not owe: (1) any delinquent taxes to the State of Ohio (the "State") or a political subdivision of the State; (2) any amount to the State or a state agency for the administration or enforcement of any environmental laws of the State; and (3) any other amount to the State, a state agency or a political subdivision of the State that are past due, whether or not the amounts owed are being contested in a court of law.
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whose any objection it may now or hereafter have as to the venue of any such action or proceeding brought in such court or that such court is an inconvenient forum. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of Grantor to bring any action or proceedings against Grantee in the courts of any other jurisdiction. Any actions or proceedings by Grantor against Grantor or the State of Ohio involving, directly or indirectly, any matter in any way arising out of or related to this Agreement shall be brought only in a court in Columbus, Ohio.

- c. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including its exhibits and documents incorporated into it by reference, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding of the parties with respect to its subject matter. Any prior written or verbal agreement, understanding or representation between the parties or any of their respective officers, agents, or employees is superseded and no such prior agreement, understanding or representation shall be deemed to affect or modify any of the terms or conditions of this Agreement.
d. Severability. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provisions of this Agreement.
e. Notices. All notices, consents, demands, requests and other communications which may or are required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given if personally delivered or sent by United States mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the addresses set forth hereunder or to such other address as the other party hereto may designate in written notice transmitted in accordance with this provision.

- 1) In the case of Grantor, to:
Ohio Department of Development
Office of Community Infrastructure
77 South High Street, P.O. Box 1001
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001
Attn: Deputy Chief
2) In the case of Grantee, to:
Athens County Board of Commissioners
15 South Court Street Athens, OH 45701-2538

- f. Amendments or Modifications. Either party may at any time during the term of this Agreement request amendments or modifications, as described in the applicable State of Ohio Consolidated Plan Submission. Requests for amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall specify the proposed amendment or modification and the justification of such changes. The parties shall review the request for modification in terms of the regulations and goals relating to the Project(s). Should the parties consent to modification of this Agreement, then an amendment shall be drawn, signed, and executed in the same manner as the original Agreement. Additional information found in Policy Notice 20-01: Grant Operations and Financial Management Policy.

- b. Pronouns. The use of any gender pronoun shall be deemed to include all the other genders, and the use of any singular noun or verb shall be deemed to include the plural, and vice versa, unless the context so requires.
h. Headings. Section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to be a part of this Agreement.
l. Assignment. Neither this Agreement nor any rights, duties, or obligations described herein shall be assigned, subordinated or subgranted by Grantee without the prior express written consent of Grantor. Additional information can be found in Policy Notice 18-01: Responsibility for Grant Administration.
j. Permissible Expenses. If "travel expenses," as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Section 128-142 (the "Expense Rule"), are a cost of the Project and are eligible for reimbursement with Grant Funds, Grantee shall be reimbursed accordingly. Grantee agrees that it shall not be reimbursed, and Grantor shall not pay any items that are deemed to be "non-reimbursable travel expenses" under the Expense Rule, whether purchased by the Grantee or Grantor or their respective employees or agents.
k. Binding Effect. Each and all the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall extend to and bind and inure to the benefit of Grantee, its successors and permitted assigns.
m. Survival. Any provision of this Agreement which, by its nature, is intended to survive the expiration or other termination of this Agreement, including, without limitation, any indemnification obligation, shall so survive and shall benefit the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

- m. Counterparts. PDF Accepted. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Copies of signatures sent by facsimile transmission or provided in any digitally signed portable document format ("PDF") shall be deemed to be originals for purposes of execution and proof of this Agreement.
(Signature Page to Follow)

Signature _____
Each of the parties has caused the Grant Agreement to be executed by its authorized representatives as of the dates set forth below their respective signatures.
Grantor: _____ Grantor: _____
Athens County Board of Commissioners State of Ohio
Department of Development
Authorized Official: _____ By: _____
Printed Name: _____ Printed Name: _____
Date: _____ Date: _____

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EMS Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to enter into executive session at 10:56 with Chief Amber Pyle and Assist Chief Randy Crossen to discuss MOU between Athens County Board of Commissioners/Athens County EMS and IAFF Local 5126 (Union).

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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to return to regular session at 11:00 and approve the MOU between Athens County Board of Commissioners/Athens County EMS and IAFF Local 5126 (Union). Commissioner Adkins discussed gathering data on wages and compensation packages from other entities from the surround agencies to see where our ems system is with wages. See MOU on back of page 430.

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

EMS - Discipline SOG

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Discipline SOG as presented 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 - Balloon Payment

Assist Chief Randy Crossen stated that the balloon payment for the Athens Station is due next year and ems is requesting to extend the payment out another 5 years. Commissioner Eliason suggested they reach out to Treasurer Ric Wasserman to start the process to extend the bond.

Amy Lipka - Age Friendly

Amy Lipka presented the following Age-Friendly Update:

Age-Friendly Global Learning for Health Equity Overview

The Athens City-County Health Department received a grant from the University of Maryland to participate in a global learning project that culminates in an exchange with another age-friendly community. As an Age-Friendly certified community, we recognize the value in exploring the worldwide age-friendly network to learn how other countries support older adults. We have been building a relationship with two different partners in Slovenia and in January, we have the opportunity to visit several municipalities in Slovenia that are part of the Slovenian network of Age-Friendly communities. We will be exploring solutions that align with the community identified priorities which are written into Athens County's Age-Friendly Action plan.

Key Details

100% grant-funded: There is no cost to the commissioners.

Athens County will host a delegation from Slovenia as part of this exchange, and we hope that Athens County Commissioners will be able to spend time with our Slovenia visitors when they visit.

Why This Matters

This delegation is an opportunity to learn firsthand from a country recognized for its innovative approaches to age-friendly practices, particularly in rural areas like ours.

Commissioner Chmiel has been actively involved in this work, serving on the Age-Friendly Athens County Working Group for the past 18 months.

Putting the trip officially on record underscores the county's commitment to building an age-friendly community.

Anticipated Benefits for Athens County

This is an amazing opportunity for Athens County to gain international recognition and bring back actionable solutions.

Exposure to global best practices in creating sustainable, age-friendly communities.


Ideas and models that can be adapted to Athens County, particularly in addressing challenges faced by rural areas.

Trip to Slovenia is scheduled for January 5th through 13th.

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