

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

Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes for January 16 and January 23
Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes & Bills

- 9:30 Jane Forrest Redfern- AHSWD - Tire Education
- 9:45 DJFS Mike Bump - weekly updates
- 10:00 Bill Young -We need to call
- 10:15 Planner Laura Olbers - Hockingport Sidewalk Grants
- 10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kasler - weekly updates
- 10:45 911 Director Teresa Fouts-Imler - wages for Wirick & Clegg for EMA
- 11:00 911 Director Teresa Fouts-Imler - Nelsonville City PD & City Manager
- 11:15
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Amended Certificate
- Engineer - Authorization Legislation Designating Official - Long Run Rd Slip Repair Project (Ratify Signature)
- Buckeye Hills Regional Council Appointments
- AEP (Ratify Signature)
- Spectrum Right of Entry (Ratify Signature)
- Sheriff Vehicle Purchase
- CCAO Designation of Official Representative
- Hartman Road Change Order
- DJFS Budget Transfer Summit
- Murray Sheet Metal Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Bakertilly Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds
- DLZ Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Fields Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Assigned Counsel Report from Auditors Office
- Proclamation
- permission to prune trees
- addressing the unhoused population in Athens County
- Bamboo HR

~TRAVEL

JoAnn Rockhold and Alison Pierson -Appalachian Regional Safety Council-1/17-2/21-3/20-4/17-5/15-6/19-7/17-8/21-9/18-10/16-11/20-12/18- Logan Ohio

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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the minutes from January 16 and January 23.

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

Jane Forrest Redfern - AHSWD - Tire Education

Jane Forrest Redfern and Molly Blair provided the following information on Tire Education:

In 2022, 1,147.62 tons of Scrap tires were collected and recycled in Athens and Hocking Counties. Even though we collected nearly 12,000 tires, all of us know that tires are still a big problem in the District. As the District Director of the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District, I wanted to make you aware of an effort that we will be undertaken to provide education and outreach to the scrap tire generating businesses (STGBs) in the District (Athens and Hocking Counties) through an Ohio EPA Grant.

Scrap tire generating businesses include new and used tire retail stores, dealerships, auto mechanic shops and motor vehicle salvage yards. It is not clear if these businesses are aware of their regulatory obligations related to proper scrap tire management. Therefore, this effort will focus on promoting proper scrap tire management by providing education and resources to them. This outreach is expected to reduce scrap tire theft, abandonment and other detrimental issues that result from the improper management of scrap tires.

The education and outreach effort will include having Molly Blair, our educator Outreach Coordinator and Educator visit these businesses three (3) times to inform, assist and reward them for:

- Limiting access to scrap tires by storing them in a structure or securing them to a structure with a chain or cable;
- Using a registered scrap tire transporter to remove scrap tires from their businesses and maintain proper records;
- Having shipping papers on site when shipping tires by a registered tire transporter; and
- Keeping scrap tires dry or apply a pesticide to scrap tires to prevent mosquitos from breeding.

I have also included additional information for your review below. The goal of this program is to reduce the number of tires that are stolen from area businesses, reduce mosquitos and to properly recycle scrap tires by using a registered tire transporter and have shipping papers. If you know of Scrap Tire Generating Businesses who need a visit or want to meet with us to discuss the project, please give us a call at 740-753-6885 or email me at athenshockingSWD@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
 /s/ Jane Forrest Redfern
 District Director
 Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICING TRACKING REPORT - from 01/23/2024 to: 01/30/2024 and the bills are hereby the same and authorize the County Auditor to issue warrants on the County Treasurer for payment in the same. Complete list of bills maintained in the Auditor's Office.
 The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

DJFS Mike Bump -Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the following IV-D Contract as recommended by DJFS Mike Bump.

Contract Cover Sheet

Name of Contract Organization	Athens County Sheriff
Organizations DUNS#	008165582
Name of Staff Making Request	Melissa Ervin
Total \$ Value	\$1,278,202.14
Contract Period	01/01/2024-12/31/2024
Program Accounts and Code to be Charged	262/510052 Administrative Cost Pool, CSEA
Federal Award Identification #	2301OHCSSES
CFDA #'s:	93.563
Describe Billing Procedure	Submits monthly billing for 100% of the contract unit rate & the CSEA reimburses at 66%
Provider Contact:	Chris Breeze
Provider Phone #:	740-566-4381
Procurement	
Bid Required:	No
Sole Source	Yes

Briefly describe the performance measures in the contract.
 See performance measures attached to contract (Full Contract Available in the Commissioners Office).

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

DJFS Mike Bump - Weekly Updates

Commissioner Chmiel asked about Unhoused Population in Athens County and he wanted to bring up a couple of ideas, the Gathering Place has some small Conestoga Huts and they are looking for a place to put them and one place they like is the 510 W. Union location (Ohio Means Jobs). Commissioner Adkins suggests that Commissioner Chmiel should check with the City of Athens to see if they would allow the structures if they are up to code. Commissioner Eliason stated that Commissioner Chmiel needed to comply with the City of Athens. Commissioner Chmiel will check with the City of Athens. The other location would be between the Dog Shelter and DJFS on SR13 in the parking lot, DJFS Mike Bump said that he will take all this information to Director Jean Demosky and discuss with her Commissioner Chmiel's ideas.

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificate for Athens County, Athens County Commissioners dated January 30, 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.

Engineer- Authorization Legislation Designating Official - Long Run Rd Slip Repair Project (Ratify Signature)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to Ratify Commissioner Eliason's signature on the authorization legislation designating official- Long Run Rd slip repair project.

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

Buckeye Hills Regional Council Appointments

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the appointments that was submitted for the Buckeye Hills Regional Council.

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

AEP (Ratify Signature)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Eliason's signature on the AEP for Athens County Water & Sewer Project at 6818 Kramer Ln.

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

Spectrum Right of Entry (Ratify Signature)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature on the Spectrum Right of Entry at 13333 OH-13, Millfield, OH 45761.

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

Sheriff Vehicle Purchase

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize the Sheriff to purchase a 2020 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$23,385.00 out of fund 213 (Sheriff Grant Project Funds) Vin: 1FMSK8DH0LGB00219.

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

CCAO Designation of Official Representative(Rescinded Appointment of Alternate on February 6, 2024 page 53)

RESOLUTION # 130-119

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2024

Commissioner Adkins moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the board of county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the board of county commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lenny Eliason, President designated as the Official Voting Representative of Athens County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Athens County.

The motion was second by Commissioner Chmiel.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Eliason, yea

Commissioner Chmiel, yea

Commissioner Adkins, yea

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County on the 30th day of January 2024.

I, JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk for the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board January 30, 2024, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 119.

/s/ JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk

Hartman Rd Change Order

Clerk Rockhold stated that the change order for Hartman Rd was \$6,888.50 over the Resolution amount, Commissioner Eliason wants Clerk Rockhold to see if the Water & Sewer Department can pay the change order and then bring it back to the table.

DJFS Budget Transfer Summit

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to acknowledge receipt of the Inter-County Agreement and Certification Release and Acceptance of Funds:

Section I: Release of Funds

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

Social Services Operating (JFSCASSO, JFSSSF24) \$22,282.57

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

Murray Sheet Metal Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Murray Sheet Metal Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds in the Amount of \$17,976.00 to replace the roof top Air Conditioner Unit on the Health Department.

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

BakerTilly Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the BakerTilly invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds in the Amount of \$115.00.

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

DLZ Invoice to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the DLZ Invoice to be paid with ARPA funds in the Amount of \$36,319.28.

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

Fields Invoice US50 Phase 6/7 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Fields Invoice US50 Phase 6/7 to be paid with ARPA Funds in the Amount of \$423,536.88.

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 Office of the Ohio Public Defender Monthly Assigned Counsel Summary Report, dated January 31, 2024 prepared by Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor to be submitted to the Ohio Public Defenders Office for reimbursement as follows:

January 2024 Report

Total Felony Certifications	11
Amount Submitted	\$8,429.42
Misdemeanor Certifications	20
Amount Submitted	\$10,970.00
Juvenile Certifications	9
Amount Submitted	\$8,100.00
Appellate Certifications	1
Amount Submitted	\$187.50
Transcript Certifications	1
Amount Submitted	\$384.30
Total Certifications	42
Total Amount Submitted	\$28,071.22

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

Proclamation

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approve the following Proclamation for Leslie Schaller: **Whereas**, the Athens County Commissioners desire to honor **Leslie Schaller**, for her dedication and loyalty to the citizens of Athens County, and

Whereas, Leslie, faithfully, and with honor, integrity and great distinction has served in many capacities through the past 30 years, such as Director of Programs for ACEnet, helping to create the Food Ventures Center, ACEnet's kitchen incubator for small food & farm businesses, helping with the creation of Community Food Initiatives (CFI), one of the eight original worker-owners of Casa Nueva and a local food champion.

Whereas, Leslie has been an instrumental partner in the development of multiple regional branding programs to promote local food and farm businesses, including Food We Love, (that helped get local foods into Kroger), the Thirty- Mile Meal (a joint project with ACCVB), and the Real

Food Real Local Institute with Natalie Woodroofe. Leslie also created the We're Making It in Appalachia, Ohio branding program to promote all things local art, artisan and maker, and

Whereas, she is an example for everyone to see how to conduct herself and interact with others in a congenial manner, and we sincerely appreciate your hard work and efforts year after year, and thank you for all the motivation and encouragement you've given throughout the years. May you continue to inspire us for many years to come, and

Whereas, that we, the Athens County Commissioners, offer our wholehearted appreciation to Leslie Schaller for a job well done and her 30 years of outstanding service to Athens County; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Athens County Commissioners do hereby declare January 31st to be "Leslie Schaller Day" in Athens County, Ohio.

Signed this 30th day of January 2024

Attested:

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice President

/s/Chris Chmiel

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

Permission to Prune Trees

Commissioner Chmiel got an email from Badger Johnson about pruning the trees between the Dog Shelter and DJFS and wanted to see about getting approval. Commissioner Eliason stated that once the Prosecutor writes up a waiver he is fine with the pruning. Commissioner Chmiel will get in contact with the Prosecutor.

Bill Young & Engineer Jeff Maiden - Permissive Tax

Bill Young thought that the permissive tax of \$15.00 was only supposed to be for 1 year but it's still being collected years later. Commissioner Eliason stated that it is 3 \$5.00 tax established by the state legislature. Engineer Maiden stated that this permissive tax is very important for his operating budget, if this tax wasn't there he would have to lay off employees. Bill Young stated that Logan's tax is way cheaper, Engineer Maiden stated Logan's is cheaper because they have less roads than Athens County. Commissioner Eliason stated the License plate tax does not go to the state, it stays with the County. Bill Young will look into this issue more and get back with Commissioner Adkins once he finds out more information.

Engineer Jeff Maiden - Road Closure

Engineer Jeff Maiden has some concerns with Fields Excavating closing Radford Road February 12, he feels they need to wait a month because of the winter months. Commissioner Adkins wants to know what Fields is willing to offer back for closing this when the bid stated not to close the road during construction. Fields wants the road closed for the rest of the winter so they can finish the project, Supt. Kasler stated that Fields is down to one crew working at this point. Commissioner Eliason told Engineer Maiden to tell Fields to hold off for 30 days, in the mean time Supt. Kasler will get DLZ Gary Silcott in for next weeks commissioners meeting to discuss the contract and closing Radford Road.

Planner Laura Olbers - Hockingport Sidewalk Grant

January 30, 2024

The Athens County Planner's Office is working with the Hockingport Improvement Group to pursue funding for a multi-use path along State Route 124. In working with Commissioner Chmiel and ODOT district 10, two funding sources were identified:

1. Transportation Alternative Programs for construction funds at a 5% County Match
 - a. Engineers opinion of probable cost: \$909,406.50
 - b. 5% Match: \$45,470.33
2. Systemic Safety Funding for design and any R/W acquisition at a 10% County Match.
 - a. ODOT's safety review team reviewed this and doesn't feel that this project is a good match for the safety funding at this time.

The Board of Commissioners would be the lead applicant on these grants and the project would be managed by the Planner's Office. A map of the proposed project is included below.

Laura Olbers, Planning Director
Athens County Regional Planning Commission

Commissioner Eliason said that Planner Olbers needs to wait until next cycle for the Hockingport Sidewalk Grant, need to do more studies at a later date for next year. Commissioner Eliason wants to see what the Township can contribute to this next year also.

W&S Supt. Rich Kasler - Surplus

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following W&S Surplus items and to take bids for them:

- 2004 Ford F-150
- Sludge Spreader Pikrite 490
- 2011 Chevrolet Silverado
- John Deere 445 Lawnmower

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

Route 50 Project- Fields is down to one crew working now, the waiting process is for some case bores on Country Club from the one side of SR56 to the other side and also waiting on another bore back on Bittersweet Rd. Basically down to one run to finish by (Union Church) Country Club to Salem, Fields needs to put in the main line. Long Meadow, Bittersweet, and Heatherstone that needs completed and there on SR56. It concerns Supt. Kasler that Fields Excavating is down to one crew working with the Contract date being June or July of 2024, he feels that it will be done by the contract date but was hoping that it would've been done earlier.

On Elliottsville they started building 3 Phase power line on Elliottsville, Supt. Kasler talked with AEP on Monday January 29 and he wasn't certain when they were going to energize that but he said they were close.

Clerk Rockhold informed Supt. Kasler about the Change Order for Hartman Rd and wanted to see if the W&S Department could cover the costs of the Change Order. Supt. Kasler requested that we shouldn't sign the change order and that we needed to look into it more, he questioned the engineer. If there is a change order he recommends to wait until the end when everything is completed.

Travel

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

JoAnn Rockhold and Alison Pierson - Appalachian Regional Safety Council - 1/17-2/21-3/20-4/17-5/15-6/19-7/17-8/21-9/18-10/16-11/20-12/18-Logan, Ohio

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

Bamboo HR

Commissioner Chmiel has been wanting to do some personnel reviews on supervisors and thought that this program would help. The City of Athens uses Bamboo HR and they like it. Commissioner Chmiel asked Planner Olbers if she would welcome reviews and she said yes.

Commissioner Eliason advised that Clerk Rockhold and Commissioner Chmiel needs to get a number of people and talk with the City of Athens to see how they use the program.

911 Director Teresa Fouts-Imler - Wages for Wirick & Clegg for EMA

911 Director is requesting that Makina Wirick & Josh Clegg get an extra \$1.00 an hour for working on EMA stuff, Dir. Fouts-Imler stated that Makina will be working on the management of the Grants and Josh will be doing all the IT work. With Josh working on the IT, we wouldn't need to have NetData come in anymore and save money on that end. Here is the County Savings Breakdown:

Don's budgeted salary	\$56,242.20	New EMA Salary	\$14,560.00
EMPG Matched Wage	\$28,121.10	New Salary Match	\$ 7,280.00
Benefits	\$33,660.12	X	
Benefits Match	\$16,380.06		
Dent/Vision/Life	\$ 556.58	X	
Benefits Match	\$ 278.28		
Medicare	\$ 784.75	X	
Medicare Match	\$ 392.38		
Workers Comp	\$ 312.00	X	
Workers Comp Match	\$ 156.00		
Retirement	\$ 7,577.02	X	
Retirement Match	\$ 3,788.51		
Total	\$99,132.50	X	
Minus Match	\$49,116.33		
Total County Cost	\$50,016.17	New Total Cost	\$ 7,280.00
County Savings			\$42,736.17
Proposed \$1.00x2080			\$ 2,080.00
Proposed \$1.00x2080			\$ 2,080.00

Total County Savings

\$38,576.17

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to approve the additional wage increase of \$1.00 for Makina Wirick and Josh Clegg for working on EMA duties as requested by Director Teresa Fouts-Imler.

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

911 Director Teresa Fouts-Imler - Nelsonville City PD & Nelsonville City Manager

Nelsonville City Manager stated that he would like to extend the contract with the Solid Waste District for 1 year. He knows that there would be a 4% increase but he feels that they can manage that. Nelsonville City Manager would also like to come back as possible with the 911 system and would like to know what needs to be done. Director Fouts-Imler stated that she needs about a week to get things in line and to get a contract ready to be signed by all parties. Fire Chief Harry Barber would like to do some kind of partnership with Athens County EMS in the future. Commissioner Eliason stated that Fire Chief Barber and Nelsonville City Manager need to take this up with EMS Chief Amber Pyle, if anything is agreed upon then EMS Chief Pyle can bring it to the Commissioners.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve Director Teresa Fouts-Imler to get a contract ready with the terms and conditions for Dispatching with the Nelsonville City Law Enforcement.

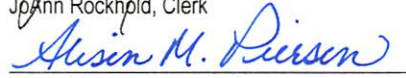
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to adjourn the above meeting.

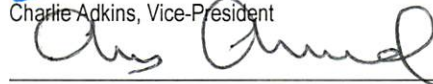
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.


JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk


Alison Pierson, Assistant Clerk


Lenny Eliason, President


Charlie Adkins, Vice-President


Chris Chmiel