

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

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes July 18, 2024

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

Fund to Fund: EMA from: 521.3521.580100 Transfers Out to: 591.2591.422101 Transfer In \$1,600.00  
Fund to Fund: Health Dept from: 662.2662.580100 Transfers out to: 676.2676.422101 Transfers In \$77,571.00  
Fund to Fund: Health Dept from: 662.2662.580100 Transfer Out to: 685.2685.422101 Transfer In \$36,894.00

New Line Item:

- Credit Card - Common Pleas: 001.1145.56010
- Credit Card - Juvenile Court: 001.1150.560010
- Credit Card - Probate Court: 001.1155.560010
- Credit Card - Clerk of Courts: 001.1160.560010
- Credit Card - Title: 302.3302.560010

- 9:30 EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Trucks
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 Flood plain Public Hearing and DLZ contract
- 10:15 Ric Wasserman - Quarterly Financial
- 10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kasler - weekly updates
- 11:00 Bryn Stepp- with Lt. Governor Jon Husted
- 11:15 Chasity Schmelzenbach- Buckeyehills Update
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Agenda Items

- Amended Certificate
- W&S Payment Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
- Assigned Counsel Report from Auditors Office
- Advertisement for Mass Casualty Van
- Sheriff (Dog Shelter) Surplus
- Sheriff - Middleport Jail Contract
- Arbitration Ervin
- Credit Card Resolution
- Common Pleas Transfer
- Tablertown Letter of Support
- Bid Award County Paving Project
- Lift Station Final Pay Request and change order
- CEBCO ACA 2024 Fulfillment
- New Marshfield Resolution - Authorizing Legislation
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- Deferred Comp Buckeye457
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- Letter of Support for ODOD Non-Congregate Shelter
- JAG 2024 Sheriff's Office
- Pentajay
- Brownfield Solar Proposal
- Sheriff's Impound Lot

~TRAVEL

- Melinda Bradford; Fall Conference, Columbus, OH; 09/03/24 - 09/06/24
- Judge Patrick Lang; '24 Annual Meeting OJC, Columbus, OH; 09/18/24 - 09/20/24
- Judge George McCarthy; '24 Annual Meeting OJC, Columbus, OH; 09/18/24 - 09/20/24
- Alison Pierson, JoAnn Rockhold and Kayleigh McClelland August 16, CCC-EAPA Regional Meeting - CEAO Columbus Ohio
- WIOA Joe Frazier; Grant Writing Training, Sutton, WV; 09/25/24 - 09/26/24
- WIOA Joe Frazier; CFIS Conference, Lewis Center, OH; 10/06/24 - 10/08/24

ADJOURNMENT

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

**Minutes**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of July 18, 2024.

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

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the Appropriations, Transfers: Fund to Fund: EMA from: 521.3521.580100 Transfers Out to: 591.2591.422101 Transfer In \$1,600.00, Fund to Fund: Health Dept from: 662.2662.580100 Transfers out to: 676.2676.422101 Transfers In \$77,571.00, Fund to Fund: Health Dept from: 662.2662.580100 Transfer Out to: 685.2685.422101 Transfer In \$36,894.00, New Line Items Requests/Changes: New Line Item: Credit Card - Common Pleas: 001.1145.56010, Credit Card - Juvenile Court: 001.1150.560010, Credit Card - Probate Court: 001.1155.560010, Credit Card - Clerk of Courts: 001.1160.560010, Credit Card - Title: 302.3302.560010, Then & Nows, and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/23/24 To: 07/25/24 and INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/25/24 To: 07/30/24. 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.

**EMS Chief Amber Pyle- New Hire**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the hiring Full Time EMT Christopher Farmer at a starting rate of \$16.32/hr. as recommended by Chief Amber Pyle.

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

**EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Updates**

Community Paramedic Contract ends on 07/31/24, Paramedic Chris Carrick will start Saturday 08/03/24 on his 24/48 rotation. After some observation he will go to Gloucester Station .

Chief Pyle would like to know if the County wants CPR and AED training, she will set up time for training with Duane Moon.

Chief Pyle is still waiting on a few exit interviews to be completed and then will share with the commissioners.

Chief Pyle asked if there was any word on reimbursing for Medic Class, Dir Jean Demosky stated that there is a possibility that someone may qualify for assistance up to \$8,000.00, it's not a reimbursement. Chief Pyle needs to check with T.L. Warren about a contract for the reimbursements.

**DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates**

- 1. Program Updates
  - BTSB tomorrow!!!!
  - i. 1300+
  - ii. Health Dept, Library
  - iii. Emergency Services, police, sheriff, fire
  - iv. OU Credit Union, Park National, Farmers
  - v. HAPCAP
  - vi. Our Staff Kim Hobbs, Colton, Kella, Lori M, CRCs
- 2. Contracts/Business/Grants
  - None
- 3. Facilities
  - Thank You to Jeff, Danny, Jerry, & Dave
- 4. Human Resources
  - Jean will be out 08/02 - 08/20

**Amended Certificate**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificates, dated July 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.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing a payment agreement as requested by James Wilson for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$665.84 with \$500.00 past due, payments to be made on \$165.84 to be paid by 09/01/24 \$42.00, 10/01/24 \$42.00, 11/01/24 \$42.00, and 12/31/24 \$39.84. 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.

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Jon & Cathy Bartlett for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$555.00 with \$55.00 past due,

payments to be made on \$500.00 to be paid by 08/05/24 \$167.00, 09/05/24 \$167.00, and 10/05/24 \$166.00. 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.

**Assigned Counsel Report from Auditors Office**

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to acknowledge receipt for the Office of the Ohio Public Defender Monthly Assigned Counsel Summary Report, dated July 31, 2024 prepared by Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor to be submitted to the Ohio Public Defenders Office for reimbursement as follows:

July 2024 Report

Total Felony Certifications	10
Amount submitted in Felony Certifications	\$11,470.00
Total Misdemeanor Certifications	6
All Other Misdemeanor Certifications	\$3,450.00
Total Juvenile Certifications	62
Amount submitted in Juvenile Certifications	\$33,450.00
All Probate Court Certifications	1
Amount submitted for Probate Court Certifications	\$1,540.00
All (Non-Capital) Transcript Certifications	1
Amount submitted for Transcript Expenses	\$750.00
Total Number of Certifications (All Courts-All Expenses)	80
Total Amount Submitted	\$50,660.00

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

**Advertisement for Mass Casualty Van**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the proposals for sealed bids on September 3, 2024 before 10:00 a.m. for the Mass Casualty Van. Public Notice on back of page 286.

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

**Sheriff (Dog Shelter) Surplus**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Sheriff's Office (Dog Shelter) Surplus and to accept bids, minimum bid set a \$6,000.00:

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
2013 Ford PU Truck	F150	1FTFX1EF7DFC95920

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

**Sheriff - Middleport Jail Contract**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Sheriff's contract with Middleport Jail. Available in the commissioner office.

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

**Arbitration Bill Ervin**

No Arbitration, Commissioner Eliason will notify Mr. Bill Ervin of the decision.

**Credit Card Resolution**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the resolution to authorize the credit cards:

Whereas, the Board of Athens County Commissioners desires to authorize the use of credit cards pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 301.27; and Whereas, the Board, on April 24, 2024, adopted formal policies and procedures concerning credit card usage and oversight, including, but not limited to, a list of authorized employees, which may be amended from time to time, custody of the cards, allowable and authorized purchases, penalties for improper usage, and reconciliation of purchases; and

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

- Jane Forrest Redfern on behalf of Athens Hocking Solid Waste District - limit \$1,000.00
- Jill A Davidson on behalf of the Auditor's office - limit \$2,000.00
- Athens County Auditors Office - limit \$3,000.00
- Athens County Clerk of Courts Office - limit \$4,000.00
- Athens County Title Office - limit \$4,000.00
- Athens County EMA Office - limit \$3,000.00
- Athens County EMS Office - limit \$3,000.00
- Zachary Saunders on behalf of Juvenile and Probate Court - limit \$2,500.00
- Athens Co juvenile and Probate Court Office - limit \$2,500.00

**Public Notice**

**Subject: Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purchase of a Mass Casualty Van**

**1. Introduction**

The Athens County Emergency Management Agency (ACEMA) seeks proposals from qualified vendors to provide a mass casualty van for our Emergency Medical Services (EMS). This vehicle is intended to enhance our capacity to respond effectively to mass casualty incidents.

A copy of the bid specifications must be returned with the bid and must indicate compliance or exception to each aspect of the specifications. All exceptions must be specifically identified.

The bidder must be an authorized manufacturer's representative/dealer.

The bidder must submit a detailed specification of the model offered, including vehicle confirmation.

Bidders located beyond a 150-mile radius of the delivery destination must include a written plan for delivery.

**2. All sealed bids are due by Tuesday, September 3, 2024, before 10:00 AM EST.** Late bids shall not be accepted. Bids will be opened and read aloud immediately following the stated deadline at the Board of Commissioners Meeting. All questions should be directed to Teresa Imler, [timpler@athens911.com](mailto:timpler@athens911.com), (740)592-3276.

Submit Bids To:

Athens County Commissioners  
15 S. Court Street  
Athens, Ohio 45701  
Email: [acema@athensoh.org](mailto:acema@athensoh.org)  
Phone: 740.566.4368

**3. Vehicle Specifications**

The mass casualty van must meet the following minimum specifications:

General Requirements:

- Model Year: 2023 or Newer
- Type: Wheelbase no less than 148 inches
- Engine: Gasoline
- Transmission: Automatic
- Drivetrain: AWD

Dimensions:

- Warranty and Support Services
- Delivery Timeline

Disclaimer: The Athens County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the proposal process.

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- Interior Height: 72 inches minimum
- Payload Capacity: 4000 lbs minimum
- Cargo Volume: 400 cu/ft minimum
- Doors: Side and Rear doors
- Step Side Rails
- Siren and Light Bar
- Exterior Color: White
- Hitch
- Floodlights

Interior Features:

- Climate Control
- Lighting: Cargo Compartment Lighting
- Flooring: Non-slip, easy to clean
- Storage: Adjustable cargo compartment shelving
- Communication Systems: Mobile Data Terminal, radio ready
- Safety Restraints

**4. Additional Requirements**

- Compliance with all relevant federal, state, and local regulations
- Training for staff on vehicle use and maintenance
- Maintenance support and service agreement

**5. Proposal Requirements**

Proposals must include the following:

- Cover Letter with Company Profile
- Detailed Specifications of the Proposed Vehicle
- Cost Breakdown (including delivery, training, and any additional costs)
- Delivery Timeline
- References from previous clients
- Warranty Information
- Maintenance and Service Options

**6. Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Compliance with Specifications
- Cost
- Vendor Experience and References

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024  
/s/ Lenny Eliason, President  
/s/ Charlie Adkins  
/s/ Chris Chmiel

I, JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator for the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board July 30, 2024, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 120.

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

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

**Common Pleas Transfer**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Common Pleas transfer of \$29,204.00.

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

**Tablertown Letter of Support**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Tablertown Letter of Support:

Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Mineral Resources Management  
2045 Morse Road  
Building H2  
Columbus, OH 43229

Attn: Mr. Benny McCament, Chief  
Re: Tablertown – From Coal Mine to Museum: A Black History Journey

Dear Mr. McCament,

We, the Board of Athens County Commissioners, are writing in support of the "Tablertown – From Coal Mine to Museum: A Black History Journey" proposal to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for AMLER grant funding. The museum, led by David Butcher and his Board of Directors, is impressive and leading to community and economic development within the county. We are certain that Mr. Butcher and his board will do an excellent job at expanding the pole barn museum to a "world class" facility in Kilvert, an unincorporated community within Rome Township which has faced significant issues stemming in part from unreclaimed abandoned coal mines and a lack of economic opportunity. We believe this project squarely aligns with the goals of the AMLER program and will be beneficial to the Kilvert community.

The Tablertown People of Color Museum submitted an application in May for Area Development funding through the Buckeye Hills Regional Council which, if awarded, will assist with sanitary, sewer, and other infrastructure costs associated with building a new museum along State Route 329. In addition, the museum was just awarded a 2024 Strategic Grant from the African American Community Fund of the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio and the I'm a Child of Appalachia Fund to support the architectural/engineer cost estimate of establishing a new museum. In turn, we are in favor of the museum receiving AMLER funding to secure the necessary professional services to design, bid, and construct a new museum that will highlight an important part of the Athens County history.

The Tablertown People of Color Museum expansion will be associated with their ARC POWER technical assistance grant proposal "Connecting Black Heritage, From Enslavement to Settlement in Southern Ohio." If awarded, the future museum will be the gemstone of this six county regional collaboration for identifying Underground Railroad sites and developing a Heritage Trail that connects with an existing Underground Railroad Tour in nine counties across southern Ohio and northern Kentucky and West Virginia. Such a tourism collaboration will highly benefit the southern Ohio Appalachian region. In recent years, investments by the State and Federal government, private philanthropy, and the Athens County Commissioners have expanded Athens County's outdoor recreation and cultural heritage tourism assets. From the Baileys Trail System, to the Southeast Ohio History Center, to the Dairy Barn and more – these investments are growing Athens County's prominence as a tourism destination in Ohio. A released report from TourismOhio showed day and overnight visitors contributed a direct impact of millions of dollars in Athens, which supports direct jobs. We believe the endeavors of the Tablertown People of Museum will do the same, as the county will benefit from job creation and increased spending in both rural and more densely populated areas.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal for the AMLER program.

Sincerely,

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

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

**Bid Award County Paving Project**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to award the bid to McKee Paving & Sealing LLC:

July 19, 2024

Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor

15 S. Court Street

Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear, Jill

The low bidder for the 2024 Athens County Paving Project was McKee Paving and Sealing LLC. With a Bid of \$818,295.00. We received an OPWC grant/loan in the amount of \$533,600 which will be paid directly to the Contractor by the OPWC. I certify that an amount of \$284,695.00 (local share) in line item 491.1300.530203 (Contract Projects Road) will be set aside for the 2024 Athens County Paving Project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 740-593-5514.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeff Maiden, P.E., P.S.

Athens County Engineer

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

**Hartman Road Lift Station Change Order**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the change order on the Hartman Road Lift Station:

Order #: 2

Date: 01/23/24

Name of Project: Hartman Road Lift Station 2022

Owner: Athens County Board of Commissioners

Contractor: The Righter Company, Inc.

The following changes are hereby made to the Contractor Documents:

Justification: non-perform the fence bid item for a deduct of \$6,080.00

Original contract price:	\$433,540.00
Current contract price adjusted by previous change order	\$440,428.50
The contract price due to this change order will be (increased) (decreased) by:	\$(6,080.00)
The new contract price including this change order will be	\$434,348.50

Change to contract time:

The contract time will be increased by 0 calendar days.

The date for completion of all work will be March 1, 2024.

Approved by: /s/ The Righter Company, Inc.

Approved by: /s/ DLZ Ohio Inc

Approved by: /s/ Lenny Eliason, Athens County Board of Commissioners

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

**The Righter Co Inv #6 '24 Hartman Rd Lift Station \$167,720.94 to be paid with ARPA Funds**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve The Righter Co Inv #6 '24 Hartman Rd Lift Station \$167,720.94 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

**CEBCO ACA 2024 Fulfillment**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the CEBCO ACA 2024 Fulfillment Documents.

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

**New Marshfield Resolution - Authorizing Legislation**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program (s) and to Execute Contracts as required.

RESOLUTION NO. 730-120

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners, of Athens County, Ohio are planning to make capital improvements to the Village of New Marshfield, with the New Marshfield Sewer Project, and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Section 1: That Commissioner Lenny Eliason is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: That Commissioner Lenny Eliason is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Passed: July 30, 2024

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

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

**DJFS Intercounty Budget Transfer**

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

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

Funding Source	Released Amount
Fraud Prevention and Control JFSCAFPC JFSFSF24	\$606.09

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

**Deferred Comp Buckeye457**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the request for withdraw of Deferred Comp Buckeye457 by Nancy Stotts.

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

**Letter of Support for ODOB Non-Congregate Shelter**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to ratify the signatures on the Letter of Support for ODOB Non-Congregate Shelter.

**Date:** 25 July 2024

**Re:** Ohio Department of Development application reviewers, HOME ARP Non-Congregate Shelter application NOFA

**From:** Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) and signatory partners

The below-indicated public-private partners are in support of Hocking Athens Perry Community Action's (HAPCAP) request for \$2,000,000 in funding for a much-needed non-congregate shelter for a proven housing insecure population, as detailed in the accompanying proposal.

1. The Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development
2. Athens County Board of Commissioners
3. City of Athens
4. Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program
5. My Sisters Place
6. Hopewell Health Centers, Inc
7. Ohio University College of Health Sciences & Professions
8. American Red Cross of South-Central Ohio
9. Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority
10. Integrated Services for Behavioral Health
11. Athens Mental Health Inc., dba The Gathering Place
12. Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities
13. Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine Community Health Programs
14. Athens, Hocking, Vinton Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board
15. OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital
16. Abigail Hearne, Community Health Worker, Hopewell Health Centers
17. Good Works
18. Clem House
19. Athens County Foundation

As a coalition, we believe that this funding is necessary to keep our community safe and healthy, and to demonstrate our commitment to families and children in our region. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

Lenny Eliason, President

Charlie Adkins

Chris Chmiel

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

**Planner Laura Olbers - Floodplain Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the changes & regulations and set the 2 dates for the public hearing: Two public hearing will be held for adoption of an updated Athens County Floodplain resolution. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued new flood maps and definitions for regulating floodplain management within Athens County. Both meeting will be held during the Athens County Board of Commissioners meeting in the County Commissioners' meeting room, 15 South Court Street. The first meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 10:15a.m. The second meeting will be Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 10:00a.m. Anyone with an interest in county floodplain management is invited to attend. Questions, issues and concerns about changes can also be answered by the Planning Director at 740-447-5890 or [lolbers@athensoh.org](mailto:lolbers@athensoh.org)

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

**Planner Laura Olbers - DLZ Contract**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to acknowledge the transfer of Professional Services Agreement for ATH-Chauncey Bikeway Extension Notification of Asset Purchase Agreement from Pennoni Associates, Inc to DLZ.

See document on back of page 290.

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

**Treasurer Ric Wasserman - Quarterly Financial**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Accounts & Fund Recap forms for the Months & Year Ending January 2024, February 2024, March 2024, April 2024, May 2024, and June 2024. Forms are on file 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.

**911 Center Drainage Issue**

Dir. Teresa Fouts-Imler stated that there is a drainage issue when it rains, she contacted both Alfred and the Architect and the Architect is saying there is no issue. Commissioner Eliason stated the issue needs fixed and that the bill will be sent to the Architect to pay.

**W&S Supt Rich Kasler - Weekly Updates**

New Marshfield Letter will be sent out this week.

9000 Echo Lane lost both of his grinder pumps back in Oct 2023 and they both were replaced under warranty. She called again Friday and both pumps are down again.

**JAG 2024 Sheriff's Office**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the letter of commitment to the JAG 2024.

July 29, 2024  
Rodney Smith, Sheriff  
Athens County Sheriff's Office  
13 West Washington Street  
Athens, OH 45701

Sheriff Smith,

The Athens County Board of Commissioners are pleased to provide this letter of commitment to the Athens County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) on behalf of their application for Justice Assistance Grant, 2024-JG-A02-20600 (JAG) funding for the Athens County Criminal Hotspot Response Unit.

The Board of Commissioners has agreed to participate in a collaborative board/committee contributing in JAG oversight. The Board of Commissioners agree to join in quarterly meetings either in person or by conference call, by providing input and ideas for identifying and removing barriers to identifying the trafficking and abuse of illicit drugs burdening our citizens, local government, public health systems, our local law enforcement and assist ACSO in achieving the objectives of the JAG grant.

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



INNOVATION IDEAS  
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July 15, 2024

County of Athens  
Board of Commissioners  
15 S. Court Street  
Athens, OH 45701

Re: Professional Services Agreement for ATH-Chauncey Bikeway Extension (PID 106647)

Dear Ms. Olson: Athens, Athens

Please be informed that on July 1, 2024 (the "Effective Date"), DLZ Ohio, Inc. ("DLZ") purchased certain assets and has hired the employees of the Washington, Ohio and Independence, Ohio offices of Pennoni Associates, Inc. ("Pennoni") with the intent that an ongoing project agreement between the County of Athens and Pennoni (the "Contract") is to be assigned by Pennoni to DLZ as of the Effective Date.

Please be assured that the continuity of your current project will be unaffected by this assignment. The caliber of the personnel currently working on your project will not change and, except for the assignment requested herein, no other aspect will be affected.

In this regard, we request your approval to assign the Contract from Pennoni to DLZ. Kindly indicate your consent to this request for assignment by returning a duplicate copy of this letter, executed on behalf of the County of Athens to Ram Rajadhyaksha, either by the mailing address below or via email to raru@dlz.com.

Sincerely,

Pennoni Associates, Inc.

DLZ Ohio, Inc.

*David D. Lopez*

*Ram V. Rajadhyaksha*

David D. Lopez  
President & CEO

Ram Rajadhyaksha, P.L.  
Executive Vice President

The undersigned hereby consents to the assignment of the Contract to DLZ Ohio, Inc. effective July 1, 2024.

Authorized Representative from the County of Athens

*Leann Elliott*  
Printed Name

*Leann Elliott*  
Signature

7/30/24  
Date



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County of Athens, Ohio  
Attention: Laura Gilbers, Planning Director  
15 S. Court Street, Room 122  
Athens, OH 45701

Re: Professional Services Agreement for ATH-Chauncey Bikeway Extension  
Notification of Asset Purchase Agreement

Dear Ms. Gilbers:

On July 1, 2024, DLZ Ohio, Inc. ("DLZ") acquired certain assets and contracts from Pennoni Associates, Inc. ("Pennoni"). All of Pennoni's Ohio-based professionals will be joining the DLZ team and we anticipate no interruptions in performing your important work. DLZ is prepared to perform all of Pennoni's obligations on the above referenced agreements.

Attached to this letter is an assignment agreement to transfer the contracts to DLZ. Please review and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Upon receipt of the assignment agreement, DLZ will provide new insurance certificates and other supporting documentation. Please note that DLZ qualifies as a Minority Owned Business and is certified by the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

We greatly value the relationship with the County of Athens and believe this transition will enable the Pennoni team to provide even better service and value.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (614) 987-0286.

Sincerely,

*Ram V. Rajadhyaksha*

Ram Rajadhyaksha, P.L.  
Executive Vice President

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

**Pentajay**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to write a letter to Pentajay and provide the response back from DJFS about the building issues:

August 5, 2024

C. Joy Jones

70 N. Plains Rd

Suite 119

The Plains, Oh 45780

Dear Mrs. Jones:

We reviewed your claim with the maintenance staff. We have attached their response.

Without some better documentation to your claim, we do not agree that the issue was a result of the county violating the terms and conditions of the lease agreement.

Regards,

/s/ Lenny Eliason

President

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

**Brownfield Solar Proposal**

Commissioner Eliason's question is how do we lease this property to them to do the project. Plus there would have to be some kind of deal that they hold us harmless to any remediation has to come from any problems with construction, we still have 8 years of the 30 year closure if there is something that makes us extend our cost that would have to be part of the deal. Commissioner Chmiel will get with T.L. Warren to see if this project can happen.

**Sheriff's Impound Lot**

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to allow the Sheriff to split it up (do the shell) and agree to pay to submit the plans twice.

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

**Travel**

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

Melinda Bradford; Fall Conference, Columbus, OH; 09/03/24 - 09/06/24

Judge Patrick Lang; '24 Annual Meeting OJC, Columbus, OH; 09/18/24 - 09/20/24

Judge George McCarthy; '24 Annual Meeting OJC, Columbus, OH; 09/18/24 - 09/20/24

Alison Pierson, JoAnn Rockhold and Kayleigh McClelland August 16, CCC-EAPA Regional Meeting - CEAO Columbus Ohio

WIOA Joe Frazier; Grant Writing Training, Sutton, WV; 09/25/24 - 09/26/24

WIOA Joe Frazier; CFIS Conference, Lewis Center, OH; 10/06/24 - 10/08/24

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

**Bryn Stepp - with Lt. Governor Jon Husted**

Bryn Stepp with Lt. Governor Jon Husted office just wanted to check in and see if there's anything the Lt. Governor's office can do for Athens County.

Commissioner Eliason had two (2) concerns:

The expansion of the sales tax holiday to Commissioner Eliason is really a negative impact unless we're getting reimbursed. Because if the state wants to give away their 5%, that's one thing. But when you start giving away our money at the piggyback level, because it was originally intended for school supplies and now its for dining in restaurants for the next eight days and not collecting sales tax. Commissioner Eliason states that the legislature is taking money out of our pocket.

The other one is the property tax caps, Commissioner Eliason stated the property CAP system and the bills that are in the legislature right now to cap how much levies can go up. There's only two agencies that are funded by property tax in the state. That's counties and schools and without having us at the table to discuss these things and what impact they have. They need to reform the way the state does property tax valuations.

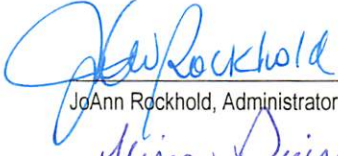
**Chasity Schmelzenbach - BuckeyeHills Update**

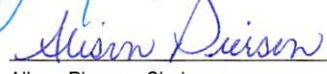
Chasity Schmelzenbach provided the return on investment report for 2023:

**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.

  
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JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator

  
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Alison Pierson, Clerk

  
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Lenny Eliason, President

  
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Charlie Adkins, Vice President

  
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Chris Chmiel