

THE BOARD OF ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, met in regular session, with Lenny Eliason presiding, Chris Chmiel and Charlie Adkins in attendance.

Agenda

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the following agenda:
Athens County Board of County Commissioners
Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, April 01, 2025 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes March 25, 2025
Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills

- 9:30 Planner Connor LaVelle - Ferndale Contract
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 ATH-TR196-0.71 Bridge Replacement Bid Opening
- 10:15 Bid opening -Sunday Creek Valley Water District
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson and Gary Silcott - weekly updates
- 10:45 Stone Bid Opening
- 11:00 Asphalt Bid Opening
- 11:15 EMS
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- W&S Extensions
- Buckeye 457 withdraw
- Letter of support for direct pay
- CHIP RFP Advertisement
- EMS Morgan County Contract
- Trout Electric
- Engineer Vehicles-
- Surplus - Probate & Juvenile Court
- Maintenance Surplus
- Surplus - Children Service
- 911 Vehicle
- Surplus DJFS - Safe
- WHO Network Letter of Support
- Warranty Deed
- ARPA Baker Tilly Invoice in the amount of \$490.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds
- W&S Payment Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature)
- Add Mike Biggins & Jeff Stull to W&S Credit Card
- Add Jeff Stull to Commissioners Credit Card
- Release of Un-needed Sewer Easement - Weiss/Aston
- HAPCAP Board Appointment
- Resolution Supporting Disabled Miners
- OSU Extension relocation

~TRAVEL

- DJFS Dir Jean Demosky; OJFSDA Executive Board Meeting, Columbus OH; 04/09/25-04/11/25
- COC Candy Russell; HR Seminar & Title Seminar, Lewis Center OH; 04/15/25-04/17/25
- COC Dorothy Adkins, Heather Stack, Jennifer Grimes, Katie Skivers; Title Seminar, Lewis Center OH; 04/16/25-04/17/25
- Eng Jeff Maiden; CEOA Monthly Board Meetings, Columbus OH; 04/03, 05/01, 09/04, 10/02, & 11/06
- JoAnn Rockhold and Lenny Eliason- April 4- Columbus Ohio -CEBCO Meeting
- JoAnn Rockhold and Alison Pierson - April 25 - Columbus Ohio -CCC_EAPA Meeting
- WIOA Morgan DeLay; Regional Strategic Plan Meeting, Salt Fork Lodge; 04/17/25

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 Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the minutes of March 25, 2025.

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 & News, & Bills

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel 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 INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 03/20/25 To: 03/25/25, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 03/25/25 To: 03/27/25, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 03/28/25 To: 03/28/25 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.

Request for Dump Site Access via Bike Path

Planner Connor LaVelle presented a request from Mr. Newman regarding access to several dump site cleanups located along the bike path. A map outlining the proposed sites and access routes was provided, see back of page 107.

Key Points:

- * Initial Submission & Recommendation:
 - * Mr. Newman originally submitted the proposal to the bike path committee.
 - * The committee recommended escalating it to the commissioners because access involves parts of the path under county jurisdiction, particularly just north of Currier Street.
- * Property Jurisdiction:
 - * Most of the cleanup sites are off city property.
 - * Some areas near Columbus Road would require use of the county's portion of the bike path.
- * Committee Recommendations:
 - * The bike committee included specific usage conditions on the map:
 - * Park on the berm, not directly on the trail.
 - * Maintain as much clearance as possible on the path.
 - * Yield to oncoming trail users, pulling over when necessary.
- * Vehicle Use Clarification:
 - * Administrator JoAnn Rockhold asked if trucks were allowed on the bank.
 - * Commissioner Eliason clarified that maintenance trucks are typically used and that no heavy vehicles would be involved.
 - * Planner LaVelle confirmed the vehicle involved would be a pickup truck.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to allow Mr. Newman access to the Bike Path for Dump Site Cleanups.

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

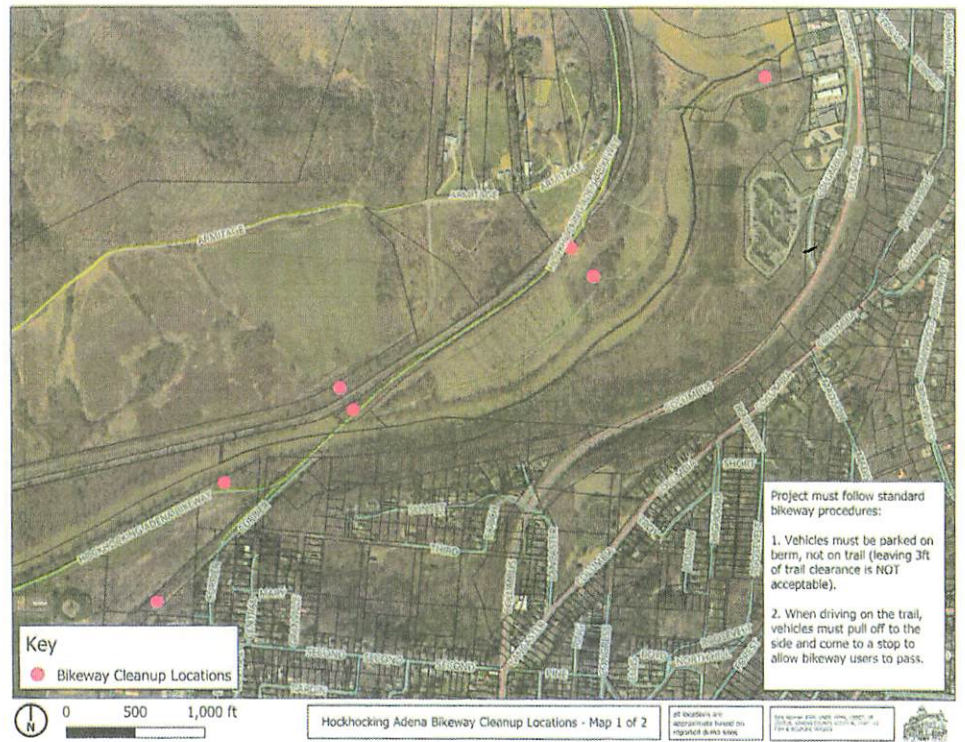
Support for Appalachian Ohio Mobility Corridor Planning & Design Project

Planner Connor LaVelle presented a request from the Vinton County Park District for Athens County's support—via a resolution—for a proposed trail feasibility and design project known as the Appalachian Ohio Mobility Corridor.

Key Points:

- * Project Background:
 - * The project is being submitted through the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).
 - * The submission deadline has been delayed, now listed as TBD, which is noted as a potential concern, but the project is still moving forward.
 - * The request to Athens County is for formal support of the planning effort.
- * Proposed Trail Connection:
 - * The corridor would span Vinton County, pass through Athens County, and continue north to Hocking County.
 - * In Athens County, the connection would involve:
 - * The Moonville Rail Trail Extension, continuing its route deeper into Athens County.
 - * Linking to the existing bike path network.
 - * Continuing north through Nelsonville into Hocking County.
- * Planner LaVelle's Perspective:
 - * Expressed support for the project, calling it a positive initiative.
 - * Noted it's in a very early stage (feasibility and design).
 - * Praised the inclusion of the Moonville Rail Trail, which is currently part of the local trail system but somewhat isolated—this project would help integrate it with broader regional trails.
 - * Recognized the value of connectivity, both recreationally and regionally.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to authorize a Resolution for Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program:



A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FROM THE ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR PREPARATION AND SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN U.S. DOT'S RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM (RTAPP) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

WHEREAS, partners throughout Hocking, Athens, Vinton, Jackson, and Pike Counties have been planning and developing a 125-mile active transportation spine known as the Appalachian Ohio Mobility Corridor, composed of various networks of sidewalks, bikeways, and pedestrian trails, that will serve to connect communities with major employers and outdoor recreation areas;

WHEREAS, the U.S. DOT's Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program (RTAPP) provides no-match financial assistance to eligible applicants for planning and design of transportation infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Athens County Board of Commissioners is already a partner on a U.S. DOT Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) project that has not yet been awarded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Athens County Board of Commissioners:

Section 1: The Board hereby supports the multi-community RTAPP project titled "Appalachian Ohio Mobility Corridor (AOMC) Planning and Design Project" with the Vinton County Park District serving as the lead applicant.

Section 2: The Board supports entering into agreements with the application partners as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining financial assistance through RTAPP.

Section 3: The lead applicant shall serve as a pass-through entity for funds between the partners and the U.S. DOT. The Athens County Board of Commissioners certifies no financial obligation under the RTAPP project other than to properly certify the use of funds of the partner and the U.S. DOT as specified in the project scope and the reimbursement of funds agreement.

Signed this 1st day of April 2025

/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.

Ferndale Ball Association User Agreement - Annual Renewal with Water Clause Update

Planner Connor LaVelle presented the annual user agreement with the Ferndale Ball Association. The agreement remains unchanged from previous years with one exception: updated language concerning water service usage, as discussed in a prior meeting.

Key Changes in the Agreement:

- * Updated Clause Location:
 - * Found in Article 11, Page 4, Section C.
- * Water Usage Clause:
 - * The county will continue to provide water service to the Ball Association.
 - * However, the county retains the right to reevaluate this arrangement if water usage increases noticeably beyond what's considered regular usage.
 - * The agreement uses the "minimum bill amount" as a baseline for normal usage.
 - * If water usage exceeds the minimum bill:
 - * It would trigger a review.
 - * The increase would prompt further discussion about the continuation or terms of water provision.

Context and Clarifications:

- * Communication with the Ball Association:
 - * A draft of the revised agreement was sent to the Ferndale Ball Association in advance.
 - * The association reviewed and agreed with the water clause before it was brought to the commissioners.
- * Discussion on Water Infrastructure:
 - * Speaker 1 raised questions about a possible hydrant hookup and leakage issues previously discussed.
 - * It was noted that the hydrant setup was pending resolution of how water would be delivered/contained.
 - * Any maintenance or security measures (e.g., locks) on the hydrant or system would be the responsibility of the Ball Association.

Board Actions and Comments:

- * Planner LaVelle explained how the minimum water bill would serve as a practical threshold for monitoring excess usage.
- * Commissioner Eliason and Commissioner Chmiel confirmed their support.
- * Administrator Rockhold confirmed that two copies of the agreement would be made.
- * Final note: Ball Association will be responsible for managing and maintaining any locking mechanisms on the water access point.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the Ferndale Ball Association User Agreement - Annual Renewal with Water Clause Update. Agreement available 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.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to enter into executive session at 9:37 with T.L. Warren and Planner Connor LaVelle to discuss pending litigation.

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 Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to return to regular session at 9:55 a.m. and to dismiss legal proceedings in Case No. 23 CI 0221, titled: Athens County Commissioners vs. Heidelberg Materials.

Motion Details:

- * Purpose of the case: Related to property acquisition for the Chauncey Bike Path Extension Project.
- * Decision Basis: It was stated that the property in question is no longer needed for the project.

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

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir. Demosky provided the following weekly updates:

1. Back to School Bash – Application and Event Updates
 - * Application Deadline: Due next Monday for the event on July 23.
 - * Current Applications: Over 600 applications received (up from 500+ last week). Jean expects a surge in the final week.
 - * Eligibility: Open to all Athens County K-12 students; no benefits requirement.

2. Community Events and Services
 - * Upcoming Auction:
 - * When: Saturday, 12–2 PM
 - * Where: Nelsonville – Athens County Community Cares Resource Center
 - * Details:
 - * A ticket auction with many donated items including handmade and themed gift baskets (e.g., spa, coffee, pasta).
 - * Special thanks to the Commissioners' Office (JoAnn and Alison) for their basket contributions.
 - * Food will be provided at the event.
 - * Ongoing/Upcoming Events at the Resource Center:
 - * Digital Connection Café: Tech help for personal devices.
 - * Expungement & Record Sealing Seminar: Friday.
 - * Library Media Literacy Workshop: July 23.
 - * ACEnet – Starting a Food Business: July 28.
 - * Apprenticeship Info Session (Apprentice Ohio): July 30.
 - * Weekly Drop-Ins:
 - * Tuesdays: Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)
 - * Wednesdays: Health Recovery Services (addiction services, appointments)
 - * Thursdays: Unemployment Office

3. Contract Update – Cale's Car Care
 - * Purpose: Vehicle detailing for county vehicles.
 - * Amendment: Additional \$1,170 to extend the existing contract through the end of March.

4. Office Furniture and Equipment Updates

- * County Home Furniture Moves:
 - * Two loads moved by OU Movers.
 - * Cubicle furniture being reused in county offices and Nelsonville.
 - * Some pieces still need to be relocated to Nelsonville; to be done internally.
- * Pop-Up Office Setup: Progress ongoing.
- * Café Construction:
 - * Contractor began work.
 - * Design by Richard Schultz, with proper state notifications completed.
- * Resource Room Wall: Materials delivered; work to begin soon.

DJFS Contract - Cale's Car Care LLC

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the DJFS contract Amendment # 1 with Cale's Car Care LLC as recommended by Dir. Demosky:

Name of Contract Org:	Cale's Car Care, LLC
Total \$ Value:	\$21,170.00 (additional \$1,170.00)
Contract Period:	04/01/2024 - 03/31/2025
Program Acct & Code:	030/510050
Billing Procedure:	Payments shall be made after services are rendered and after receipt of the invoice.

Full Contract 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.

Surplus - DJFS Safe

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the DJFS Surplus Safe and destroy as requested by Dir. Demosky:

Description
Safe - handle broken

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

HAPCAP Board Appointment

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to appoint Dir. Jean Demosky for HAPCAP Board as the Commissioner-Appointed Representative:

April 2, 2025

HAPCAP
P.O. Box 220
Glouster, Ohio 45732

RE: Board Appointment

The motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to appoint Jean Demosky, Director of DJFS, to the board of the Hocking, Athens, Perry Community Action Agency, replacing Commissioner Charlie Adkins.

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

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 April 1, 2025, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 121, page 105.

/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.

ATH-TR196-0.71 Bridge Replacement Bid Opening

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to acknowledge the bids for ATH-TR196-0.71 Bridge Replacement. Engineer's Estimate: \$380,000.00. See back of page 111 for bids.

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

LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement - Amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the Amendment to the LPA Federal Local-LET Project Agreement as presented by Engineer Jeff Maiden. Full document 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.

W&S Extension

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature authorizing an extension as requested by John Reeves for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$158.73 with \$90.71 to be paid by 04/17/25. 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.

Buckeye 457 Withdraw

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the Buckeye 457 withdrawal for Michael Burba in the amount of \$5,000.00 in 60 monthly payments.

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

Sunday Creek Valley Water District Bid Opening

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to acknowledge receipt of the following bids:

Opening Bids was Randy Stall, Engineer

Overview:

- * Total Contracts: 4
- * Project Type: Water tank painting and water meter materials
- * Bid Opening Purpose: Receive and record formal bids for each contract
- * Estimated Costs:
 - * Contract 1: \$600,000
 - * Contract 2: \$600,000
 - * Contract 3: \$700,000
 - * Contract 4: Base bid of \$60,000, with an alternate bid of \$20,000

Received Bids by Contract:

- * Contract 1 – Water Infrastructure Work
 - * Bidder: TAM Construction
 - * Bid Amount: \$499,400
 - * Bond: Included
 - * Addendum: Acknowledged
- * Contract 2 – Elevated Water Tank Painting
 - Multiple bids were received for this contract:
 - * D and 6 Sons Painting, LLC
 - * Bid Amount: \$740,100
 - * Bond: Verified
 - * Addendum: Acknowledged
 - * E and L Contractors
 - * Bid Amount: \$499,400
 - * Bond: Present
 - * Seven Brothers Painting
 - * Bid Amount: \$535,000

Athens County Engineer ATH-TR196-0.71 Bridge Replacement Project Bid Tabulation - 4/1/2025										Engineer's Estimate		Silver Bridge Excavating, LLC		Double Z Construction		Alan Stone Co., Inc.	
REF NO.	ITEM NO.	ITEM DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST			
1	201E11000	CLEARING AND GRUBBING	1	LS	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,113.00	\$ 3,113.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00					
2	203E10000	EXCAVATION	71	CY	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 3,337.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 2,485.00					
3	203E20000	EMBANKMENT	11	CY	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 423.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 330.00					
4	204E10000	SUBGRADE COMPACTION	281	SY	\$ 8.00	\$ 2,248.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 562.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 2,529.00	\$ 4.50	\$ 1,264.50					
5	606E13000	GUARDRAIL, TYPE 5	88	FT	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 7,350.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,187.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,625.00					
6	606E35140	BRIDGE TERMINAL ASSEMBLY, TYPE 4	4	EACH	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 5,000.00					
7	601E32201	ROCK CHANNEL PROTECTION, TYPE C WITH FILTER, AS PER PLAN	33	CY	\$ 175.00	\$ 5,775.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 6,930.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 3,795.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,600.00					
8	659E10000	SEEDING AND MULCHING	161	SY	\$ 8.00	\$ 1,288.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 2,576.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 4,025.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 644.00					
9	659E20000	COMMERCIAL FERTILIZER	0	TON	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,313.00	\$ 26.26	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 980.00	\$ 19.60					
10	659E31000	LIME	0	ACRE	\$ 800.00	\$ 32.00	\$ 158.00	\$ 6.32	\$ 150.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 16.00					
11	659E35000	WATER	1.00	MGAL	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00					
12	832E30000	EROSION CONTROL	2000.00	EACH	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,000.00					
13	304E20000	AGGREGATE BASE	63	CY	\$ 150.00	\$ 9,450.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 7,056.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,300.00					
14	407E10000	TACK COAT	34	GAL	\$ 5.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 119.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 136.00					
15	441E70000	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1, (449), PG64-22	12	CY	\$ 650.00	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 6,936.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 7,200.00					
16	441E70300	ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, TYPE 2, (449)	17	CY	\$ 650.00	\$ 11,050.00	\$ 578.00	\$ 9,826.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,500.00					
17	617E10100	COMPACTED AGGREGATE	4	CY	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 373.00	\$ 1,492.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 440.00					
18	202E11003	STRUCTURE REMOVED, OVER 20 FOOT SPAN, AS PER PLAN	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 21,195.00	\$ 21,195.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00					
19	503E21300	UNCLASSIFIED EXCAVATION	1	LS	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 4,550.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,600.00					
20	505E11100	PILE DRIVING EQUIPMENT MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 26,250.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 16,000.00					
21	507E00100	STEEL PILES HP10X42, FURNISHED	460	FT	\$ 45.00	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 13,800.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 20,700.00					
22	507E00150	STEEL PILES HP10X42, DRIVEN	375	FT	\$ 35.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 11,250.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 16,875.00					
23	509E10000	EPOXY COATED STEEL REINFORCEMENT	4411	LB	\$ 2.50	\$ 11,027.50	\$ 3.00	\$ 13,233.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 13,233.00	\$ 2.50	\$ 11,027.50					
24	511E43510	CLASS OC1 CONCRETE ABUTMENT INCLUDING FOOTING	46	CY	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 573.00	\$ 26,358.00	\$ 940.00	\$ 43,240.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 41,400.00					
25	512E10100	SEALING OF CONCRETE SURFACES (EPOXY-URETHANE)	34	SY	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 1,292.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 1,190.00					
26	512E32010	TYPE 3 WATERPROOFING	80	SY	\$ 70.00	\$ 5,600.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 3,440.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 3,600.00					
27	515E10050	PRESTRESSED CONCRETE NON-COMPOSITE BOX BEAM BRIDGE MEMBERS, LEVEL 1, B21-48 (43'-0")	4	EACH	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 15,629.00	\$ 62,516.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 72,000.00					
28	516E113600	1" PREFORMED EXPANSION JOINT FILLER	84	SF	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,680.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 588.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 1,344.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 840.00					
29	516E41100	1/8" PREFORMED BEARING PAD, TYPE CDP	8	EACH	\$ 60.00	\$ 480.00	\$ 82.00	\$ 656.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 320.00					
30	516E43100	ELASTOMERIC BEARING WITH INTERNAL LAMINATES ONLY (NEOPRENE) (1.95"x8"x10")	16	EACH	\$ 500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 203.00	\$ 3,248.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 2,720.00					
31	517E72300	RAILING (DEEP BEAM RAIL WITH STEEL TUBULAR BACKUP AND TYPE 2 STEEL POSTS AND ANCHOR BOLTS)	87.5	FT	\$ 150.00	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 152.00	\$ 13,300.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 12,687.50	\$ 165.00	\$ 14,437.50					
32	518E21200	POROUS BACKFILL WITH GEOTEXTILE FABRIC	13	CY	\$ 160.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 249.00	\$ 3,237.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,820.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 1,820.00					
33	518E22300	STEEL DRIP STRIP	102	FT	\$ 28.00	\$ 2,856.00	\$ 19.00	\$ 1,938.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,550.00					
34	518E40000	6" PERFORATED CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE	56	FT	\$ 20.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 784.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 840.00					
35	518E40010	6" NON-PERFORATED CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE, INCLUDING SPECIALS	20	FT	\$ 30.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 220.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 600.00					
36	613E41200	LOW STRENGTH MORTAR BACKFILL	13	CY	\$ 220.00	\$ 2,860.00	\$ 396.00	\$ 5,148.00	\$ 190.00	\$ 2,470.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,600.00					
37	846E00110	POLYMER MODIFIED ASPHALT EXPANSION JOINT SYSTEM	14.2	CF	\$ 600.00	\$ 8,520.00	\$ 53.00	\$ 752.60	\$ 1,175.00	\$ 16,685.00	\$ 950.00	\$ 13,490.00					
38	614E11000	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	1	LS	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,265.82	\$ 8,265.82	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00					
39	623E10000	CONSTRUCTION LAYOUT STAKES AND SURVEYING	1	LS	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,670.00	\$ 5,670.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00					
40	624E10000	MOBILIZATION	1	LS	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,622.00	\$ 10,622.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 29,600.00	\$ 29,600.00					
41	103E05000	PREMIUM FOR PERFORMANCE BOND AND FOR PAYMENT BOND	1	LS	\$ 5,302.50	\$ 5,302.50	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,100.00					
PROJECT TOTAL =						\$ 380,000.00	(-21.1%)	\$ 300,000.00	(-9.1%)	\$ 345,546.00	(-2.7%)	\$ 369,885.10					

Bidder made mathematical error in Ref 7 which affected total bid price

- * Bond: Present
 - * Addendum: Acknowledged
 - * DM Painting
 - * Bid Amount: \$1,006,640.00
 - * Bond: Not clearly stated
 - * Contract 3 – Water Meter Materials
 - * Bidder: Ferguson Waterworks
 - * Bid Amount: \$698,739
 - * Bond: Attached
 - * Purpose: Supply of materials for meters
 - * Contract 4 – Water Tower Work (Base + Alternate Bid)
- No explicit bids detailed in this record for Contract 4, aside from a mention that it includes:
- * Base Bid: \$60,000
 - * Alternate Bid: \$20,000

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 & DLZ Gary Silcott - Weekly Updates

DLZ Rep Gary Silcott provided the following update, see back of page 112 for updates.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson provided additional updates:

1. Issue at Carter Lumber / Radford Road

- * Noted concern about a sunken section of road at the intersection near Carter Lumber.
- * A cone was placed at the site; bubbling was observed possibly due to water infiltration around a manhole.
- * Potential contractor warranty issue was discussed.
 - * If warranty has expired, Ohio's mechanics lien law may still require contractor repair (valid for 6-7 years).
 - * Staff will inspect and follow up with the contractor if necessary.

2. Sewer Tap Elevation Concerns

- * Question raised regarding properties that have not yet connected to the system.
- * In some cases, sewer taps may be set too high, requiring contractor correction.
- * While a one-year bond may have expired, Ohio's mechanics lien protection covers longer periods.
- * Strategies discussed to encourage connections:
 - * Health Department enforcement
 - * Potential local fines/penalties for failure to connect despite available access

3. Stewart/Guysville Sewer Proposal

- * Community interest is high – residents requested sewer service.
- * Income survey confirmed the area qualifies as LMI, opening access to similar funding options.
- * Design cost estimate: \$300,000 (to be financed through OWDA loan with \$15,000/year payment)
- * Two options discussed:
 - * Proceed now with design
 - * Reapply in August for principal forgiveness and await decision around December
- * Decision: Wait until August to reapply, due to:
 - * Lack of current sewage destination
 - * Ongoing funding issues with adjacent systems (e.g., Brent's project)

New Marshfield Sewer Project Utility Permit Application

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the utility permit application to Township & County for the New Marshfield Sewer Project.

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

New Marshfield Easements

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to Hire Frank LaVelle to work on the Six (6) Easements for the New Marshfield Sewer Project. See back of page 112 for the 6 easements.

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



INNOVATIVE IDEAS
EXCEPTIONAL DESIGN
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2025
TO: Athens County Commissioners
FROM: Gary D Silcott, Jr., P.E.
SUBJECT: US 50 Sanitary Sewer Project Update

Phase 6 and 7 is 100% of construction complete!

Contract A, B, C, D, E and Ventura complete and Elliottsville are complete

US 50 paving done! About \$30,000 under budget, \$2,084,379.98

Outlay report attached for current budget.

Proposed Rate \$52.50 base rate and \$5.51 per 1,000 gallons.

Unsewered Area Study –Public Meeting January 9th in New Marshfield Congressional Earmark of \$2 million dollars sent to committee but was not funded! WPLCF Renomination Submitted. Additional WWIG Application submitted, met with Bladensburg on 12/14 to meet with operators to discuss sand bioreactor treatment plant. \$250,000 PF for design awarded by OEPA. Project area flow, call with OEPA on 3/19 to discuss regional options. SCEIG Meeting 4/12 at 1:00 PM. Income survey complete, project is LMI. OEPA provided \$3,750,000 in PF for construction. Need to apply for permits for Township and County Roads. Looking to bid late 2025.

Stewart / Guysville meeting was held with local leaders on July 1st, there is a feeling that the residents may want sewer to come to the area, looking for a possible public meeting in August. Public Meeting held August 20 at 6:30 PM. Income survey completed, area is LMI. OEPA Nomination for design submitted was not funded. OWDA design loan for \$300,000 with an annual payment of \$15,000 for years 1-4 and a balloon payment in year 5 if not funded and in construction by then.

Working on purchase of portable generator and portable pump with left over funds.

Proposed Connection Schedule

	Connect Notice Sent Out	First Bill Date
Contract E	10/18/2022	01/18/2023
Contract C	01/20/2023	04/20/2023
Contract B	01/20/2023	04/20/2023
Contract A	03/14/2023	06/14/2023
Contract D	03/14/2023	06/14/2023
Phase 5	06/23/2023	09/23/2023
Elliotsville	03/20/2024	06/20/2024
Phase 6 & 7	11/15/2024	02/15/2025
Phase 6 & 8	03/21/2025	06/21/2025

Letter of Support - Direct Pay for Solar Projects

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to send a Letter of Support for Direct Pay for Solar Projects. Power a Clean Future Ohio (PCFO) encourages local elected officials to add their signature to PCFO's sign-on letter by April 4, 2025, to show support for the credits and the programs.

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

Stone Bid Opening

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to acknowledge the following Stone Bids, see back of page 113 for Stone Bids.

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

CHIP RFP Advertisement

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the CHIP RFP Advertisement:

Athens County Commissioners
15 S Court Street
Athens, OH 45701

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS:

Community Housing Impact & Preservation (CHIP) Administration and Fair Housing Services

Athens County is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to provide Administration and Fair Housing Program Services to Athens County for the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program. The Scope of services that will be required on behalf of the CHIP program are below:

- 1) Provide all grant application planning, preparation and submission in accordance with the Ohio Department of Development CHIP Program Application Instructions, Citizen Participation, Environmental Review, program execution and close out.
- 2) Performing a Fair Housing Training Program that includes presentations to:
 - Residents of areas targeted for CHIP assistance, including the Partnering communities of the City of Nelsonville and the City of Athens.
 - Special populations (e.g. individuals with disabilities, seniors, etc.) targeted by a CHIP activity (if applicable)
 - Participants in homebuyer education programs associated with Homeownership Assistance activities; and Property owners who participate in rental repair/rehabilitation projects.
- 4) Performing a Fair Housing Outreach Program which consists of distributing fair housing information and materials to five area agencies, organizations, or public events which serve the CHIP Program Service Areas and potential program participants. Materials must be distributed quarterly throughout the grant period.
- 5) Proposals should include information about how the Administration and Fair Housing Training and Outreach programs are to be conducted including but not limited to how consultant will successfully perform all aspects of CHIP Program Administration, Fair Housing complaint intake, method of referral to Civil Rights Commission, and method of complaint follow-up. Questions can be directed to JoAnn Rockhold at 740-592-3292.
- 6) Qualified consultants should be able to demonstrate capacity to perform administrative tasks such as but not limited to experience administering CHIP and past performance, housing industry experience as well as ability to maintain and monitor a qualified contractor database to perform work as well as qualified staff to assist with project implementation.

Proposers may respond by April 25, 2025, by submitting proposals to:

Athens County Commissioners
Attn: JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator
15 S Court Street
Athens, OH 45701
Publish 4/3 and 4/8

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

Trout Electric

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the Trout Electric estimate for County Storage Barn in the amount of \$5,200.00.

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

2025 Stone Bids

Diamond Stone Company 513-716-4877	Plant/Yard Price Per Ton (Material Only)	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Canaanville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Canaanville	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Redtown	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Redtown	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Coolville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Coolville
ODOT Item #304	\$ 25.05	\$ 5.50	\$ 30.55			\$ 11.00	\$ 36.05
#67 Aggregate	\$ 26.55	\$ 5.50	\$ 32.05			\$ 11.00	\$ 37.55
#8 Aggregate	\$ 26.55	\$ 5.50	\$ 32.05			\$ 11.00	\$ 37.55
#2 Limestone	\$ 26.55	\$ 5.50	\$ 32.05			\$ 11.00	\$ 37.55
ODOT Item #617	\$ 25.05	\$ 5.50	\$ 30.55			\$ 11.00	\$ 36.05
Limestone Dust	\$ 25.05	\$ 5.50	\$ 30.55			\$ 11.00	\$ 36.05
Rock Channel Protection - Type C	\$ 36.30	\$ 6.50	\$ 42.80			\$ 12.00	\$ 48.30
Rock Channel Protection - Type D	\$ 34.30	\$ 5.50	\$ 39.80			\$ 11.00	\$ 45.30

Melvin Stone DBA Sergeant Stone 513 771-0820	Plant/Yard Price Per Ton (Material Only)	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Canaanville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Canaanville	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Redtown	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Redtown	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Coolville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Coolville
ODOT Item #304	\$ 16.00			\$ 9.00	\$ 25.00		
#67 Aggregate	\$ 18.00			\$ 9.00	\$ 27.00		
#8 Aggregate	\$ 21.40			\$ 9.00	\$ 30.40		
#2 Limestone	\$ 19.00			\$ 9.00	\$ 28.00		
ODOT Item #617	\$ 16.00			\$ 9.00	\$ 25.00		
Limestone Dust	\$ 9.00			\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00		
Rock Channel Protection - Type C	\$ 24.75			\$ 11.00	\$ 35.75		
Rock Channel Protection - Type D	\$ 24.00			\$ 9.00	\$ 33.00		

Shelly Materials (East Fultonham) 740-849-2338	Plant/Yard Price Per Ton (Material Only)	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Canaanville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Canaanville	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Redtown	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Redtown	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Coolville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Coolville
ODOT Item #304	\$ 16.75	\$ 11.50	\$ 28.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 26.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 32.75
#67 Aggregate	\$ 19.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 9.25	\$ 28.25	\$ 15.75	\$ 34.75
#8 Aggregate	\$ 22.50	\$ 11.50	\$ 34.00	\$ 9.25	\$ 31.75	\$ 15.75	\$ 38.25
#2 Limestone	\$ 20.50	\$ 11.50	\$ 32.00	\$ 9.25	\$ 29.75	\$ 15.75	\$ 36.25
ODOT Item #617	\$ 16.75	\$ 11.50	\$ 28.25	\$ 9.25	\$ 26.00	\$ 15.75	\$ 32.50
Limestone Dust	\$ 6.00	\$ 11.50	\$ 17.50	\$ 9.25	\$ 15.25	\$ 15.75	\$ 21.75
Rock Channel Protection - Type C	\$ 25.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 43.00
Rock Channel Protection - Type D	\$ 25.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 39.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 43.00

Shelly Materials (Belpre) 740-849-2338	Plant/Yard Price Per Ton (Material Only)	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Canaanville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Canaanville	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Redtown	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Redtown	Trucking Cost Per Ton (Freight Only) to Coolville	Delivered Price Per Ton (Material & Freight) to Coolville
ODOT Item #304	\$ 26.50					\$ 4.25	\$ 30.75
#67 Aggregate	\$ 29.00					\$ 4.25	\$ 33.25
#8 Aggregate	\$ 40.00					\$ 4.25	\$ 44.25
#2 Limestone	\$ 29.00					\$ 4.25	\$ 33.25
ODOT Item #617	\$ 27.00					\$ 4.25	\$ 31.25
Limestone Dust							
Rock Channel Protection - Type C	\$ 50.00					\$ 7.00	\$ 57.00
Rock Channel Protection - Type D	\$ 50.00					\$ 7.00	\$ 57.00

Asphalt Bid Opening

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to acknowledge the following Asphalt Bids, see back of page 114 for Asphalt Bids.

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

Engineer Vehicles

Discussion: Dump Truck Purchases & Legal Process Compliance

Background and Concerns:

- * Commissioner Adkins initiated the discussion by explaining they had concerns about the recent dump truck purchases.
- * An email was sent to TL (legal counsel) outlining the understanding of the situation.
- * TL Warren responded, and it was confirmed that Jeff Maiden was involved in recommending the truck purchases.
- * Commissioner Adkins asked that his email with Legal Counsel be added to the minutes. See back of page 118 for copy of email.

Legal Guidance and Compliance:

- * TL advised that to avoid violating competitive bidding laws, each dump truck purchase should be:
 - * Conducted via separate motions
 - * Paid through separate checks
- * Jeff Maiden did not follow this guidance for the initial purchases.
- * Two trucks have already been delivered, amounting to approximately \$144,000.
- * TL reaffirmed to Commissioner Adkins that two additional purchases made via separate motions and checks would not violate the Ohio Revised Code.

Verification and Communication Gaps:

- * Commissioner Chmiel recounted speaking with Keller Blackburn, who also indicated everything was "fine."
- * However, Keller did not explicitly mention the legal guidance from TL, which caused some confusion.
- * Commissioner Adkins clarified they met with both TL and Keller together, and Keller had agreed with TL's interpretation.
- * It was noted that Jeff did not follow TL's instruction in the past but indicated that future purchases should follow the legal advice.

Engineer Truck # 2

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the purchase of Engineer Truck # 2 in the amount of \$72,000.00:

2015 Western Star 5KKHAXDV8FLGG5683

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, no; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Engineer Truck # 3

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the purchase of Engineer Truck # 3 in the amount of \$72,000.00:

2015 Western Star 5KKHAXDV4FLGG5681

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, no; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Surplus - Probate & Juvenile Court

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to declare Surplus for Probate & Juvenile Court to destroy:

Description	Model #
Metal L-shaped desk with drawers	County Tag #00304
3-Metal arm office chairs	County Tag #0115-00063/#181777???
Small Metal desk - drawers broke	County Tag #0150-000110
2-Small Lexmark Fax Machines/Copier	XM1145 (Both, Both Broke)

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

Surplus - Maintenance

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to declare Surplus for Maintenance and take sealed bids:
Maintenance Surplus – Sealed Bids

Sealed bids will be accepted until **April 15th at 9:15 AM**. Please deliver your sealed bids to the **Athens County Commissioner's Office, 15 S. Court Street, Athens, Ohio**, in an envelope clearly marked with the **item number** you are bidding on.

Minimum bids have been set as follows:

Item #	Description	Minimum Bid Amount
1	Pole Saw	\$50.00
2	Leaf Blower	\$25.00

2025 Bituminous Bids		
Bituminous Material	Asphalt Materials	
	Plant Pickup	Delivered
	per Gallon	per Gallon
SS-1H	\$2.35	\$2.46
PERMACOAT-200	\$3.60	\$3.71
PERMACOAT-250	\$3.80	\$3.91
CRS-2P	\$2.65	\$2.76
MWS-90	\$2.30	\$2.41
MWS-150 SEALING	\$2.38	\$2.49
MWS-150 MIXING	\$2.55	\$2.66
MWS-300	\$2.65	\$2.76
AE-DP	\$1.80	\$1.91
MC-800		

Item #	Description	Minimum Bid Amount
3	Chain Saw	\$100.00
4	Weed Eater	\$100.00
5	Weed Eater #1 / Weed Eater #2	\$100.00 each
6	Chain Saw	\$50.00
7	Gas Wench	\$50.00
8	EGO Battery Powered Mower	\$215.00
9	Chain Saw	\$250.00
10	Chain Saw	\$50.00
11	Chain Saw	\$50.00
12	EGO Weed Eater	\$75.00

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

Surplus - Children Service

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to declare Surplus for Children Service to auction or sale. See back of page 115.

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

911 Vehicle

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the purchase of 2024 Ford Ranger 1FTE4HH7RLE27913 and trade in 2014 Chevrolet Silverado 1GCVKREC3EZ130395.

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

Letter of Support - WHO Network

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to send a letter of support for WHO Network: WHO Secretariat of the Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities,

We are writing to express Athens County, Ohio's commitment to joining the WHO Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities. Our community is dedicated to creating an environment where people of all ages , especially older adults, can thrive.

Since joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities in 2020, Athens County has worked closely with residents and local partners to identify key priorities. Through community surveys, listening sessions, and outreach, we developed the Age-Friendly Athens County Action Plan, which outlines concrete goals, including:

- * Promoting resources that support aging in place and advocating for age-friendly housing policies.
- * Improving access to transportation through better information and expanded options.
- * Strengthening community and health services to ensure that older adults feel supported and engaged.

Athens County is also committed to learning from and sharing with other communities. Through recent partnerships with global peers, including Slovenia and Japan, we've explored innovative approaches to aging that we're excited to apply locally.

We are committed to following the stages of the Age-Friendly Cities process-assessing needs, implementing solutions, and evaluating progress-while continuing to engage with residents and partners along the way.

Thank you for considering Athens County's application. We look forward to collaborating with the Network to make our community an even better place to grow older.

Signed,

/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.

ARPA Baker Tilly Invoice in the amount of \$490.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the Baker Tilly Invoice in the amount of \$490.00 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.

Add Mike Biggins & Jeff Stull to W&S Credit Card

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve adding Mike Biggins and Jeff Stull to the W&S Credit Card.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Hayley Colburn - Susan Colburn for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$191.93 with \$41.93 past due and payments on balance of \$50.00 plus current bill, 04/30/25, 05/31/25, & 06/30/25 to be paid. 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.

Surplus - EMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to declare Surplus for EMS that this is an exchange for credit on future medical supply purchases:

Description	Model #
LP 15 Battery Charger (5)	3300089-01
LP 15 Battery (44)	3206735-003
LP 15 BP Cuff hose (14)	21300-008148
LP 15 4 Lead Cables (13)	3302822-012
LP 15 12 Lead Cables (14)	3302822-008
LP 15 Pulse Ox (10)	RC-4 EMS
LP 15 Dfib Cable (12)	14414

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

Retirement - Joseph Dunlap

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to accept Paramedic Joseph Dunlap's Retirement. Paramedic Dunlap's last scheduled shift will be 05/28/2025 with retirement on 05/31/2025.

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

Retirement - Lowell Ridenour

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to accept Paramedic Lowell Ridenour's Retirement. Paramedic Ridenour's last scheduled shift will be 07/31/2025 with retirement on 08/01/2025.

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

Executive Session - EMS

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to enter into executive session at 11:14 a.m. with Chief Pyle and Assistant Chief Crossen to discuss employment of a public employee.

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

Regular Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to return to regular session at 11:23 a.m. and to Rescind the Employment of Hannah Edgar.

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

EMS Morgan County Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the EMS Morgan County Contract pending approval by the Prosecuting Attorney. See back of page 117 for the full contract.

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

Add Jeff Stull to Commissioners Credit Card

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve adding Jeff Stull to the Commissioner's Credit Card.

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

Release of Un-needed Sewer Easement - Weiss/Aston

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to release the easement that was drawn up by Frank LaVelle for Weiss/Aston.

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

Resolution Supporting Disabled Miner

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to send the Resolution Supporting Disabled Miner: **WHEREAS** Athens County is a community in Ohio, a region with many rich assets, including our land, water, heritage, and people who have mined coal that has fueled the United States for over a century; and

WHEREAS one of the consequences of our history of coal mining has been that generations of our families and communities have suffered from high rates of black lung disease, an incurable and fatal disease caused by exposure to coal and silica dust; and

WHEREAS thousands of coal miners disabled by black lung disease and their dependents rely on federal black lung benefits including, in FY2024, 811 Ohioans, of which 36 claimants reside in Athens County; and

WHEREAS the federal benefits provided to residents of Athens County delivered an estimated \$815,668.59 in disability and medical benefits in 2024, providing an important financial lifeline to affected families and supporting the local economy through spending at local businesses and medical facilities; and

WHEREAS the spending value of federal black lung benefit payments have declined by over thirty percent since 1969, because black lung benefits are not tied to increases in the cost of living or rising inflation; and

WHEREAS a living wage in Athens County is over four times the amount of what is provided by federal black lung benefit rates; and

WHEREAS we are concerned about the general welfare of our mining families, specifically the impacts of rising inflation, and believe that our miners deserve to live their lives with dignity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Athens, Ohio urges U.S. Senators Bernie Moreno and Jon Husted, along with U.S. Representative Troy Balderson, to support and vote for legislation to assist disabled miners, including legislation to increase monthly black lung benefit rates.

Signed this 1st day of April 2025

/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.

OSU Extension Relocation

Commissioner Chmiel provided an update after attending the Extension Advisory meeting, which included representatives from the Fair Board.

* Fair Board Proposal:

The Fair Board is expressing interest in keeping the Extension Office on the fairgrounds and has offered the Grange Building as a possible new location for the office.

* Initial Reaction:

Although the Extension Office had started exploring other location options, the renewed interest from the Fair Board was welcomed. The general sentiment among stakeholders is a desire to keep the Extension Office on-site at the fairgrounds if feasible.

* Renovation Needs:

The Grange Building will require some renovations to be suitable for the Extension Office. The Fair Board is currently assessing the potential costs.

* Funding Contribution:

Michelle Stumbo from the Extension Office has indicated that they may be able to contribute approximately \$15,000 toward the renovation expenses.

* Rental Agreement:

It was suggested that the space might be provided rent-free by the Fair Board.

* Commissioner Eliason emphasized the need to have a formal lease agreement in place, reflecting that arrangement in writing.

* Additional Space Use:

The Junior Fair Building, located across the street, may be used for daily meetings and activities, offering ample parking as well.

* Consensus:

Commissioner Eliason and Commissioner Chmiel agreed it was a promising direction and were supportive of proceeding with discussions and planning, pending a formal agreement and further evaluation of renovation costs.

Travel

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

- DJFS Dir Jean Demosky; OJFSDA Executive Board Meeting, Columbus OH; 04/09/25-04/11/25
- COC Candy Russell; HR Seminar & Title Seminar, Lewis Center OH; 04/15/25-04/17/25
- COC Dorothy Adkins, Heather Stack, Jennifer Grimes, Katie Skivers; Title Seminar, Lewis Center OH; 04/16/25-04/17/25
- Eng Jeff Maiden; CEO Monthly Board Meetings, Columbus OH; 04/03, 05/01, 09/04, 10/02, & 11/06
- JoAnn Rockhold and Lenny Eliason- April 4- Columbus Ohio -CEBCO Meeting
- JoAnn Rockhold and Alison Pierson - April 25 - Columbus Ohio -CCC_EAPA Meeting
- WIOA Morgan DeLay; Regional Strategic Plan Meeting, Salt Fork Lodge; 04/17/25

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 Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to adjourn the above meeting.

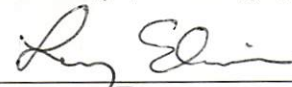
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.




JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel



Adkins, Charlie <cadkins@athensoh.org>

Engineer Dump Trucks

2 messages

Adkins, Charlie <cadkins@athensoh.org> Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 3:45 PM
To: Timothy Warren <t@athenscountyprosecutor.org>
Cc: Keller Blackburn <acpakjb@athenscountyprosecutor.org>, JoAnn Rockhold <jskoraki@athensoh.org>
Bcc: "Leniny Elason, MPA" <lelason@athensoh.org>

TL,
Just want to make sure I understand your position on the purchase of the three dump trucks that Engineer Maiden
wanted to purchase. On March 20,2025 I made a motion to approve one of the three trucks at the price of \$72,900.00. I
texted Jeff the same morning at 11:08 " call me when you have time about the dump truck purchase ", Jeff called back at
11:12 I let Jeff know that we approved one truck. It was my understanding since Jeff bargained to get the price down on
the three trucks the purchase price would've been beyond statutory limits. The Board of Commissioners only approved
one dump truck on March 20,2025. In your response to Jeff on March 20,2025 you suggested Jeff to be on the safe side;
he should submit to purchases the other two trucks one at a time at the next two Commissioner's Board meetings. Jeff
did not submit a request to purchase the second truck at our March 25,2025 Board meeting. At this time the Board has
only approved one truck.

On March 27,2025 Jeffs Administrator brought three dump truck titles for me to sign for. I did not sign the titles because I
did not feel it met the intent of the ORC. Commissioner Chmiel did sign all three trucks. This issue is on our April 1,2025
board agenda. I will need to make a decision on how to proceed. It appears Jeff didn't follow your instructions and Chris
signed to have the titles in the name of the Commissioners without board approval. If I approve the purchase of the two
trucks at the close of \$144,000.00 will I be in violation of the ORC ? I'm sure there will be other questions so I wanted
you to have a heads up.

Timothy Warren <t@athenscountyprosecutor.org> Fri, Mar 28, 2025 at 4:02 PM
To: "Adkins, Charlie" <cadkins@athensoh.org>
Cc: Keller Blackburn <acpakjb@athenscountyprosecutor.org>, JoAnn Rockhold <jskoraki@athensoh.org>

Charlie,
The Commissioners will need to approve the other two dump trucks at the next meeting. You are correct that I
suggested submitting them separately to the Commissioners. However, in the additional research and in my
discussions with Engineer Maiden, I think that as long as the purchase of the remaining trucks in two separate
motions and they are purchased with two separate checks, then it should not go against the competitive bidding
statute. Generally when the statute states "component parts" it means like breaking the trucks into component parts
such as chassis, engine, cab, etc. to get under the competitive bidding limit. That's not what we're doing here. Each
truck as a whole is under the limit which is fine. But we will need to get in on record that they are purchased ASAP
since the titles were already signed.

Thanks,
TL
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From: Adkins, Charlie
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2025 3:45 PM
To: Timothy Warren
Cc: Keller Blackburn; JoAnn Rockhold
Subject: Engineer Dump Trucks
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"Engineer Dump Trucks" is about

- Adkins asks for advice on whether purchasing two additional dump trucks without competitive bidding will violate the Ohio Revised Code (ORC).
- Timothy Warren advises Adkins that purchasing the trucks separately in two motions with two separate checks should not violate the competitive bidding statute.
- Adkins is advised to approve the purchase of the remaining two dump trucks at the next Board meeting to avoid any violations of the ORC.