

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 Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following agenda:
Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 16, 2025 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes December 1, 2025 & December 9, 2025

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
New Line Item: Health 662.2662.560811 Guardcare

9:30 Captain John Morris- Justice Assistance Grant Update
9:35 AEP - Children Services AEP
9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
10:00 Jason Brown- Ohio Deferred Comp
10:15 Treasurer Quarterly Reports
10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
10:45 EMS - Employee Discipline
11:00 EPA Division of Surface Water - Brandon Atwood
11:15 EPA Division of Surface Water - Brandon Atwood
11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

Amended Certificate
Utility Permits
2024 HSTS Close Out (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
Agreement for Community Control/Probation Supervision Service
Everett J Prescott Invoice \$1,026.37 for Village of Trimble Water Meter to be paid with ARPA Funds
Surplus - Prosecutor
Auditor - Vinton W&M Contract 2026
Auditor - Meigs W&M Contract 2026
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Required Training & Documentation – Employees Who Handle Funds
add Add User to Credit Card (Sheriff's Dept)
add Facility Dog

~TRAVEL

Auditor: Lee Raines; Township/Village Meetings; 11/01/25
Auditor: Jill Thompson; CAAO Executive/Legislative, Lewis Center OH; 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 7/9, 8/6, 9/3, & 10/1/26

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. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the minutes of December 1, 2025 & December 9, 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 & Nows, & Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, including New Line Item: Health 662.2662.560811 Guardcare and approving the payment of the required

County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 12/04/2025 To: 12/09/2025, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 12/09/2025 To: 12/11/2025 INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 12/11/2025 To: 12/16/2025 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.

JAG Grant Update - Captain John Morris

Captain Morris provided the JAG Grant Quarterly Updates:

Grant status & timeline

- * Current grant year: Ends this month.
- * Next year's grant: Application already submitted.
 - * Final FY closeout: Program + financials due Jan 15 (Chris Breeze handling finance).
 - * State approval window: Estimated ~1-2 months after submission - likely late Feb-March decision.

Performance vs. objectives (current year)

- * Drug-trafficking cases (target: 30): 31 achieved (+1 over target).
- * ACE program referrals (target: 39): 45 achieved (+6 over target).

Activity notes

- * Scope of trafficking cases: Any drug meeting trafficking criteria (not limited to a single substance).
- * Prevailing substances (informal): Fentanyl and methamphetamine cited as prevalent.
- * Data granularity: Current spreadsheet provided to the Capt Morris lists case numbers and names, not drug types.

Requests & follow-ups

- * Commissioner request: Provide a breakdown of drug types and, ideally, percentages for trafficking cases at the next quarterly update (April).
- * Capt Morris response: Will compile and present those statistics next meeting.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Demosky provided the DJFS Weekly Updates:

- * JFS Association meetings: Ongoing statewide concerns; potential relief efforts for SNAP administration burdens are being discussed "behind the scenes." Some state rhetoric suggested counties have "robust budgets," prompting local pushback.
- * Facilities: A party is scheduled to tour 510 on Wednesday (prospective space).

Contracts & funding notes

- * IV-D (child support) contracts: Being re-established; cash flow now adequate to front costs before reimbursement.
- * Baum contract (legal services for Juvenile Court): Historically funded with Title XX; JFS requests moving it off Title XX (most flexible funds) to preserve that source for other needs.
 - * Spend so far: ~\$12-13K; full-year exposure likely \$50-80K.
 - * Consider whether any portion can qualify under IV-D; if not, shift to General Fund or court budgets.

Poverty trend briefing

- * Athens County poverty rate (American Community Survey):
 - * 2020: 27.9%
 - * 2022: lower (not specified aloud)
 - * 2023 est.: 22.1% (substantial drop), with projections ticking up thereafter.
- * Potential drivers discussed:
 - * Enrollment/location mix at Ohio University: More distance learners (enrolled but living outside county) could reduce resident poverty share.
 - * Population changes: Out-migration/declines may be affecting the denominator; anecdotal evidence of quieter rural areas.
 - * Regional shifts: Neighbor Meigs County estimated ~22% and rising; some migration between counties possible.
- * Takeaway: The ~6-8 point drop since 2020 is unusually large; commissioners are interested in validating causes (OU residency patterns, population change, data lags) to inform policy.

Records & operations

- * Public records: JFS director reports being "hammered" with requests; may need process support.
- * Union hours: Bargaining unit voted to end 36-hour week and return to 40 hours starting Feb 1. Triggers need to plan staffing/budget adjustments and communications

AEP - Children Services AEP

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve for underground utilities under E. State St. (from the Verizon frontage through County Property (Children Services)). See AEP Easement on back of page 417.

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

Executive Session - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at with Dir Jean Demosky, Assist Dir Lisa Radford, & Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to discuss employment of public employees.

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 Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 10:34 and approve the DJFS seven (7) layoffs tied to organizational changes driven by federal, state, and local budget constraints.

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

Jason Brown - Ohio Deferred Comp Roth 457(b)

Jason Brown from Ohio Deferred Comp presented the following:

- * Request: adopt Roth 457(b) option; activate once 10% of employees commit (payroll slot requirement per Jill Davidson).
- * Current interest: 10 employees; ~483 employees total → target ≈ 48 commitments.
- * Education points:
 - * Roth = pay taxes now; potential tax-free growth and withdrawals (if ≥59½, separated from service, and ≥5-year rule met).
 - * Useful for younger/lower-bracket staff or those expecting higher income in retirement; can split contributions pre-tax + Roth.
- * Outreach plan:
 - * Follow-up countywide email + brochure; employees submit name-only interest form to Clerk Alison Pierson.
 - * Commissioner Adkins offered to hand-deliver/collect interest cards to officeholders.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve offering the Roth contingent on reaching 10% interest.

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

Treasurer Quarterly Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Quarterly Reports (October and November 2025) as presented by Treasurer Taylor Sappington.

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

Treasurer Updates

Treasurer Taylor Sappington provided the following Treasurer Updates:

- * IT/Cashiering: Microsoft/PC issues delaying cashiering upgrade; target completion within ~1 month.
- * Delinquency letters mailed; phones busy; many small delinquencies (\$100–\$1,000).
- * Education issue: mortgage servicers often pay only the home parcel after refi; outlots/acreage may be missed.
- * Tax delinquency snapshot: was ~\$7.0M on Day 1; now ~\$6.4M. Peer counties (similar population) hover near ~\$1M.
- * Next step requested: Treasurer can provide a list of delinquencies (2024 & prior) and by taxing district.

W&S - Rates

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Water & Sewer Rates for The Plains & US50 systems to match the City of Athens increases (Water +4%, Sewer +3% & +1% tiers). See back of page 417 for the W&S Rates Document.

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



Easement & Right of Way

Eas. _____

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ATHENS COUNTY and TRUSTEES OF THE ATHENS COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME, "Grantor(s)", in consideration of \$1.00, the easement terms, and other good and valuable consideration from Ohio Power Company an Ohio corporation and a unit of American Electric Power, 700 Morrison Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, "Grantee", the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, grants and conveys with general warranty covenants to Grantee its successors, assigns, lessees, licensees and tenants, a right of way and easement, "Easement" for electric and other current/future energy or communication purposes, overhead and underground, in, on, over, through and across the following described lands situated in ATHENS Township, ATHENS County, Ohio, and being part of Section No(s)4 Township No(s)9, Range No(s)14. Being part of a 9.125 acre tract of land as described in Official Records Volume 297 Page 595 of the ATHENS County Recorder's Office (Parcel # A010010088200).

The easement shall be 20 feet wide, lying 10 feet on each side of the facilities as constructed. The approximate location of said easement is depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

This Easement conveys all necessary and convenient rights for the Easement's use, including, without limitation, the rights to: construct, operate, maintain, inspect, protect, repair, replace, enlarge, upgrade, extend and remove utility facilities and relocate within the Easement, all necessary and convenient facilities which include but are not limited to: poles, anchors, guys, supporting structures, conductors, conduits, enclosures, grounding systems, foundations, manholes, transformers, and associated equipment, adding thereto from time to time; perform grading or filling for such facilities; cut, trim, remove and/or otherwise control, with herbicides or by other means, at Grantee's option (without any liability to Grantor), any trees, limbs or branches, brush, shrubs, undergrowth, of whatever size, buildings, structures, or other obstructions that in Grantee's reasonable judgment endanger or interfere with the safety or use of its facilities, both within and adjoining the Easement. Within the Easement, Grantor shall not: place any structures, piles or debris, interfere with lateral support, change the level of the ground by excavation or mounding without Grantee's written consent, allow any construction that would be inconsistent with the National Electric Safety Code or Grantee's design standards, and, for underground lines, permit or cause any excavation, except for other utilities, provided such utilities rights do not conflict with this Easement. This Easement also conveys the right of ingress and egress in and over any reasonable routes at all times. If any governmental authority requires Grantee to relocate the facilities contemplated by this grant, this Easement

conveys the right to relocate such facilities to a comparable location of Grantee's choosing, without the need for a new easement.

Grantor may use its property for all purposes not inconsistent with the full enjoyment of the Easement, but Grantor acknowledges high voltage electric lines will be constructed within the Easement and Grantor shall use its property in a manner consistent with all applicable safety rules and regulations for working near electric lines. Safety/required clearance issues may be referred to Grantee's Engineering Group. Grantee shall restore the premises or pay reasonable damages done to fences, drains, seeded lawns (not landscaping), gates, ditches and crops caused by Grantee's use of the Easement. Grantor has authority to grant this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver or forfeiture of such right. This Easement grant is effective and binding upon the parties, their successors, assigns, lessees, licensees, heirs and legal representatives, and if any term hereunder is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

WITNESS, Grantor(s) signed this Easement on the 14th day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ATHENS COUNTY and TRUSTEES OF THE ATHENS COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME

By: Lenny Ellison
Print Name: Lenny Ellison
Title: President

STATE OF OHIO,)
COUNTY OF Athens)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of December, 2025, by Lenny Ellison, President [Name of partner or agent], [Title of partner or agent], on behalf of Athens County [Name of principal].



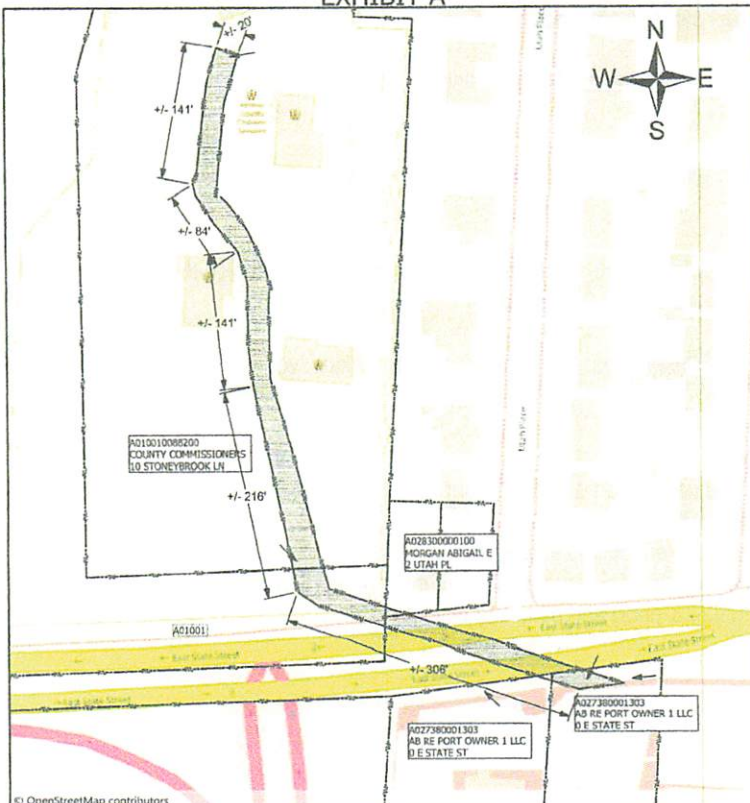
Jo Ann Rockhold
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
August 03, 2030

Jo Ann Rockhold
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 8/3/2030

Easement prepared by Ohio Power Company BAA

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG !!! Address 10 Stonybrook Ln Dwg No. 89787382 W003832401

"EXHIBIT A"



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 OHIO POWER COMPANY	DRAWN BY: Adam Pfeiffer	
	COUNTY: ATHENS	WR#: 89787382
	CITY/TWP: ATHENS/ATHENS	DATE: 11/11/2025
	STATE: Ohio	SCALE: NTS

W&S - New Marshfield Mailer & Generator Issue

Supt Oscar Carson provided the following for the New Marshfield Mailer & Generator Issue:

- * New Marshfield project:
 - * Mass letter to residents going out now; public hearing set for Feb 16.
 - * Consider postcard reminder nearer the date (coordination with W&S Manager Stephanie Morris).
- * Generator cords likely sourced (lead in Louisiana).

W&S - New Marshfield Individual Exemption Request

Commissioner Chmiel addressed concern:

- * Resident Selina Hawk: new, well-maintained septic; near 200-ft threshold.
- * Commissioners open to an exemption until failure if:
 - * Health Dept provides written approval, and
 - * Resident submits a signed letter requesting exemption and acknowledging that upon connection she must pay capacity charges and tap fees at future rates (tap at cost +10%, plus capacity).
- * Supt Carson/Manager Morris to draft/coordinate letters; decision to be finalized closer to connection timeline.

Executive Session - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 11:01 with EMS Assist Chief Randy Crossen to discuss discipline of a public employee.

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

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 11:08 and approve terminating employment for Seth Gooch, effective December 17, 2025.

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

EMS - SRT Tactical Medics - Firearms Policy

Assist Chief Crossen provided the following on the SRT Tactical Medics Firearms Policy:

- * Policy proposed to allow tactical paramedics (assigned to the county SRT) to carry firearms under defined rules.
- * Annual update to Commissioners listing authorized personnel.
- * Practical notes:
 - * Firearms secured: chiefs have secured storage in their buggy; shift medics must secure in a locked personal vehicle, not in stations/ambulances.
 - * Call-ups aim not to pull on-duty ambulance staff except in extenuating circumstances.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the EMS - SRT Tactical Medic Firearms Policy contingent on County Prosecutor review.

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

EMS - Tri-Data EMS Records Vendor

Assist Chief Crossen addressed an issue with Tri-Data:

- * Athens EMS wants to terminate legacy storage service; vendor requires Lawrence and Jackson counties to remit/pay so shared boxes can be closed/destroyed.
- * Athens' check is being held; risk of another quarterly charge if delay continues.
- * Board direction:
 - * Ask Prosecutor to send demand letters to Lawrence/Jackson EMS (cc their Commissioners) with a deadline, stating Athens will pursue Small Claims if unpaid.
 - * Notify vendor Athens will not pay beyond the current quarter; vendor should act or seek relief from the other counties.

EPA Division of Surface Water - Brandon Atwood

Brandon Atwood provided the following information about The Plains WWTP:

* Ohio EPA met with the county to address recurring E. coli permit exceedances at The Plains WWTP and to help the county avoid a third consecutive year of Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) in 2026.

Compliance status & history

- * SNC in 2024 and 2025 for E. coli (threshold is frequency/percent over limit, not a single exceedance).
- * Since Aug 2021: 13 discharge violations; 12 were E. coli.
- * NOVs issued 12/16/2024 and 9/9/2025 following inspections.
- * Seasonal note: Disinfection/E. coli monitoring May 1–Oct 31; winter results don't show whether problems are fixed.

What's been tried

- * Electrical upgrades to allow both UV banks to run (previously one side at a time).
- * Increased cleaning: UV banks & channel twice weekly (was weekly).
- * Replaced UV bulbs as needed.

Suspected root causes

1. Hydraulics at UV channel (recirculation/vortex):

When both UV trains operate, flow in the far channel recirculates back, reducing effective disinfection time.

2. Solids carryover to UV/outfall:

- * Observed ~2 inches of solids in UV channel during a visit.
- * Likely tied to solids loss events during wet weather and/or sludge inventory being too high.

3. Sludge handling strategy/capacity constraints:

- * Current practice: infrequent "once-a-month" wasting, then store → thicken → land-apply.
- * Limited land-application windows/fields may force excess solids to remain in process, increasing risk of washout.

4. O&M time pressure:

- * Plant meets minimum hours but likely needs more operator time (e.g., 6 hrs/day vs ~4) for best biological process control, UV upkeep, and solids management.
- * Broader system duties (locates, installs, breaks, lift stations) constrain plant focus.

EPA guidance & recommendations

- * Engage Compliance Assistance Unit (CAU) (free, confidential; local contact) to:
 - * Review biology/process control, solids inventory, wasting frequency, and in-plant testing regimen.
 - * Help draft procedures/monitoring checkpoints to improve stability and lower E. coli risk.
- * Evaluate UV hydraulics with an engineer/UV vendor:
 - * Diagnose recirculation; consider baffles/deflectors/pipe offsets or other low-capex fixes to split influent evenly and eliminate vortex.
- * Strengthen sludge management plan:
 - * Move from "bulk monthly" to routine wasting (e.g., daily/2–3× weekly) to keep MLSS/solids inventories in control.
 - * Develop backup to land application (press & haul, contract dewatering, haul liquid to City for processing).
 - * Monitor land-application field availability; rules are tightening.
- * Staffing planning (now and as the system expands):
 - * Minimums are not operational targets; allocate sufficient plant hours and lift-station rounds (now checked Mon/Fri; travel time rising as service area grows).
 - * As New Marshfield/Canaanville and other areas come online, expect additional FTE needs or rebalancing duties so licensed operators can stay focused on process control.
- * Short-term target:
 - * Produce a written plan within ~30 days (holiday leniency) outlining steps before May 1 to avoid 2026 SNC.

Operator/system updates

- * Current status: recent wasting filled Digester 3 halfway; contractor notified to land-apply when weather allows. Risk remains if winter conditions block land application and digesters fill.
- * New fields near the plant and across the freeway have approvals; use has been mostly near the plant so far.

Next steps (agreed path)

1. Contact CAU (Nick Hammer) immediately; schedule site review (typically 1–2 weeks).
2. Commission a quick UV hydraulic assessment (e.g., DLZ/engineer or UV manufacturer rep) to propose a low-cost fix for the recirculation.

3. Draft a solids/sludge plan with routine wasting targets, solids inventory tracking, and a formal backup disposal method (press/haul or haul to City).
4. Prepare the response plan to the outstanding NOV—tie actions, owners, and timelines through April (before disinfection season).
5. Assess staffing needs and scheduling so operators can devote enough time to plant biology & UV maintenance; continue twice-weekly UV/channel cleaning.
6. Report back to EPA with the plan; implement actions through winter/spring to position for stable E. coli compliance by May 1.

Risks if not addressed

- * Remaining on the SNC list for a third year increases likelihood of escalated enforcement (including direct US EPA actions/consent orders), plus reputational and operational impacts.

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificate for Athens County, Athens County Commissioners, dated December 16, 2025 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.

Utility Permits

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

Permit No. 25-646
From: Stella B. Morris
800 Morrison Rd
Columbus, OH 43230

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 17, Co Rd Name: Fisher Rd
Description of Work: Soil Boring
Type of Installation: Soil Boring
Estimated Project Schedule: 12/08/2025 - 12/12/2025

Agreed to by: /s/Stella B. Morris

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

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

2024 HSTS Close Out

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature on the 2024 HSTS Replacement Program. See back of page 420 for document.

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

Agreement for Community Control/Probation Supervision Service

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Agreement for Community Control/Probation Supervision Service. See agreement on back of page 420.

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

Everett J Prescott Invoice \$1,026.37 for Village of Trimble Water Meter to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Everett J Prescott Invoice \$1,026.37 for Village of Trimble Water Meter 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.

Surplus - Prosecutor

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and declare the Prosecutor's Surplus to destroy:

Description

Black Office Chair - Poor Condition

Black Office Chair - Well Worn

Black Office Chair - Well Worn

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

Auditor Contract - Vinton Co W&M 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Vinton Co W&M 2026 Contract as provided by 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.

Auditor Contract - Meigs Co W&M 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Meigs Co W&M 2026 Contract as provided by 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.

Mayor Goosman's Retirement Proclamation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Chmiel to draft a Proclamation for Mayor Goosman's Retirement:

WHEREAS, the Athens County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize and honor Gary Goosman, retiring Mayor of the Village of Amesville, for his many years of dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, Gary Goosman demonstrated exceptional leadership and stewardship of the Village of Amesville, consistently working to improve the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goosman oversaw significant advancements in critical infrastructure, including improvements to sewer, water, and broadband services, ensuring the village was positioned for long-term sustainability and growth; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goosman worked collaboratively with residents and local businesses to enhance the overall aesthetics of the village, fostering community pride and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goosman played a key role in improving village amenities, most notably assisting in the transformation of the former Amesville Grange into Village Productions, now a vibrant community space featuring a commercial kitchen that supports senior citizen breakfasts and other community events; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Goosman's impact extended beyond the Village of Amesville through his significant contributions to the Mayor's Partnership for Progress, the Athens County Regional Planning Commission, SOPEC, SORT, and other regional efforts, benefitting Athens County and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, Gary Goosman can take great pride in his lasting leadership, service, and legacy to the Village of Amesville and Athens County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Athens County Board of County Commissioners hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Gary Goosman for his years of dedicated service as Mayor of the Village of Amesville; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its best wishes to Gary Goosman in his retirement and thanks him for his enduring commitment to public service and community advancement.

Adopted this 16th of December, 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.

Required Training & Documentation - Employees Who Handle Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Required Training & Documentation - Employees Who Handle Funds.

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. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the travel:

Auditor: Lee Raines; Township/Village Meetings; 11/01/25

Auditor: Jill Thompson; CAAO Executive/Legislative, Lewis Center OH; 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 7/9, 8/6, 9/3, & 10/1/26

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

Suspend Rules

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to suspend the rules and declare an emergency and add the following to the agenda:

Add User to Credit Card - Sheriff's Dept

Facility Dog

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

Add User to Credit Card - Sheriff's Dept

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve adding Joel Banks as a user to the credit card for the Sheriff's Department.

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

Facility Dog

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve adding the Sheriff's Facility Dog to the insurance coverage.

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

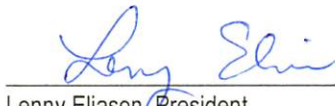
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.



JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator




Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel