

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

Agenda

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

Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes December 23, 2024

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

Fund to Fund: Dare - from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 221.2221.422100 Transfers In

Fund to Fund: OCJS-DVDA - from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 224.2224.422101 Transfers In

Fund to Fund: Environmental Deputy - from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 229.2229.422101 Transfer In

Fund to Fund: Chan ODOT Bike Path - from 001.1194.560120 CO Planner to 509.2509.422100 CO Planner Transfer In

Fund to Fund: CO Planner - from 001.1194.560120 CO Planner to 501.2501.422101 CO Planner Transfers In

Fund to Fund: CO Planner from 001.1194.560120 CO Planner to 509.2509.422100 CO Planner Transfers In

Fund to Fund: EMA - from 001.1194.580300 EMA Transfers Out to 521.2521.422101 EMA Transfers In

New Line Item: 603-Athens County Sewer: Expenditures - Credit Card 603.3603.56010

New Line Item: 604-Athens County Water: Expenditures - Credit Card 604.3604.560010

New Line Item: 619-Athens County 50 Sewer: Expenditures - Credit Card 619.3619.560010

9:30 Dan Imhoff - Hocking River Commission (Access Points)

9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates

10:00 HAPCAP - Amesville Broadband RFP Opening

10:15 911/EMA Administrative Staff Wages

10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates

10:45 Nick Bundren- Solar and Wind

11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

Amended Certificate

Utility Permits

W&S Extensions

W&S Late Fee Request for Approval

EMA Transfer

Co Planner Transfer

2025 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement

Prosecuting Attorney's Law Enforcement Trust Fund

Resolution approving issuance of Credit Cards

Renewal Contract with Tri-County Joint Vocational School & SRO

Commissioner Surplus

Custodial-Maintenance Hire

CCAO Designating Representative

Engineer - ATH-CR VAR PM FY2025

Regional Planning Commission appointment

~TRAVEL

W&S Owen Arix; Water Distribution Class, Lancaster, OH; 02/26/25 - 05/14/25 Wednesdays

DJFS Jean Demosky; Southeast OJFSDA Dist Meeting, Jackson, OH; 1-15, 2-19, 3-19, 4-16, 6-18, 7-16, 8-20, 9-17, 10-15, 11-19, & 12-17-25

EMA Melissa Blank; EMA/Homeland Security Training, Wellston, OH; 01/22/25 - 01/23/25

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

JoAnn Rockhold and Alison Pierson - April 15-18,2025- Safety Congress- Columbus, Ohio

JoAnn Rockhold- CCC-EAPA Board Meeting- Columbus Ohio - 4/25, 8/15 & 11/7

Auditor Marsha Few & Katherine Smith; Southeast Auditor's District Meeting, Logan, OH; 01/10/25

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 Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the of December 23, 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: Dare - from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 221.2221.422100 Transfers In, Fund to Fund: OCJS-DVDA - from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 224.2224.422101 Transfers In, Fund to Fund: Environmental Deputy - from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 229.2229.422101 Transfer In, Fund to Fund: Chan ODOT Bike Path - from 001.1194.560120 CO Planner to 509.2509.422100 CO Planner Transfer In, Fund to Fund: CO Planner - from 001.1194.560120 CO Planner to 501.2501.422101 CO Planner Transfers In, Fund to Fund: CO Planner from 001.1194.560120 CO Planner to 509.2509.422100 CO Planner Transfers In, Fund to Fund: EMA - from 001.1194.580300 EMA Transfers Out to 521.2521.422101 EMA Transfers In, New Line Items Requests/Changes: New Line Item: 603-Athens County Sewer: Expenditures - Credit Card 603.3603.56010, New Line Item: 604-Athens County Water: Expenditures - Credit Card 604.3604.560010, New Line Item: 619-Athens County 50 Sewer: Expenditures - Credit Card 619.3619.560010 and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 01/02/25 To: 01/09/25, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 01/10/25 To: 01/10.25 just The Huntington Bank Invoice 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.

Dan Imhoff - Hocking River Commission (Access Point)

Speaker: John Wrist, President of the Hocking River Commission.

Discussed potential canoe put-in locations along the Hocking River.

"We got about 44 miles of the Hocking River in Athens County.

Emphasized the need for "safe and legal public access to the river."

Suggested new access point at the bike path bridge to Chauncey.

Noted existing ramp at Guysville has received positive feedback.

Mentioned challenges with finding safe and legal access points.

Discussion of Property and Access

Mentioned potential property owned by a person named Lance Barron for ramp installation.

Commissioner Adkins stated that it's a nice site.... the bank is much lower to the river.

Discussed a developed site upstream that is not maintained.

Concerns about safety and litter at the site.

Suggested meeting with new contact at ODNR to coordinate access points and also meeting with County Planner Connor LaVelle.

Future Plans for Hocking River

Interest in designating parts of the Hocking River as a water trail.

Commissioner Chmiel asked if those access points have to be public, Dan Imhoff is unsure but will check.

Mentioned the need for more access points.

Discussed benefits of becoming a designated water trail, including funding opportunity of \$50,000 may arise.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Jean Demosky provided the following Weekly Updates:

1. Program Updates

Skimming Updates - discussion on skimming of EBT cards

Reimbursement for skimmed EBT cards expired on December 20th, 2024.

Fraud unit presented actions taken to address skimming issues.

Actions taken by the fraud unit

Implementation of mass lock on cards.

Automatic locking of cards after multiple balance inquiries.

Customer Communication

Concerns raised about third-party apps for EBT Cards

Noted multiple unsafe apps available in the app store.

Commitment to contact 100% of 5,000 SNAP recipients to ensure correct app use.

Plan to assist recipients

Help recipients change their PINs and get on the right app within a year.

Robin Burrow visiting CH on January 17th

Discussion on Handle with Care initiative and visit to the food pantry.

2. Contracts/Business/Grants

Juvenile Court

3. Facilities

Property Appraisal Update - waiting for report

Purchased 510 West Union in October 2019 for just under \$1.4 million.

Borrowed \$1.5 million for purchase and additional entrance, still owe 1/2 of bond borrowed.

Impact of COVID-19 on project costs

COVID-19 significantly increased costs for planned building addition.

Commissioner Chmiel asked if Mr. Sweeney is certified commercial appraiser, Jean stated he is the only commercial appraiser.

The appraisal process is ongoing; a value is expected today 01/14/25.

Commissioner Chmiel has some concerns about public access to services in Nelsonville.

Dir Jean Demosky stated Mobile units are operational and will expand with grant funding.

OMJ Nelsonville Comprehensive Underway

4. Human Resources

Negotiations Postponed (by Union) 01/29/25

WDB Director Interviews Continue.

DJFS Contract - Athens County Common Pleas Court - Juvenile Division

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Athens County Common Pleas Court - Juvenile Division contract as presented by Dir Jean Demosky:

Name of Contract Organization	Athens County Common Pleas Court - Juvenile Division
Total \$ Value	\$5,000.00
Contract Period	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025
Accounts & Codes to be Charged	Non-Reimbursable 899/510050
Billing Procedure	Monthly invoices to be paid, within 30 Days
Performance Measures in contract	Monthly invoices and reports reviewed by ACDJFS Staff

Complete copy of contract available in the commissioners office.

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

Utility Permit

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following utility permit: Permit # 24-576

From: Le-Ax Regional Water District
6000 Industrial Drive
Athens, Ohio 45701

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

Location of work: County Rd # 17, County Rd Name: Fisher Rd

Description of Work:

Type of Installation: Underground (buried) Line Crossing Rd

Agreed to by: /s/Christina Richey

Athens County Commissioners

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/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.

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature authorizing an extension as requested by Ruth Evener for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$248.65 with \$120.34 to be paid by 01/10/25. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature authorizing an extension as requested by Tina Rodgers for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$169.55 with \$66.64 to be paid by 01/10/25. 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature authorizing an extension as requested by Sean Glover for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$236.34 with \$118.62 to be paid by 01/21/25. 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature authorizing an extension as requested by Gaylon Summers for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$100.07 with \$52.21 to be paid by 01/10/25. 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to ratify Commissioner Adkins signature authorizing an extension as requested by Stacey Valentine for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$421.87 with \$130.42 to be paid by 01/09/25. 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.

EMA Transfer

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the EMA Transfer of \$90,000.00

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

W&S Late Fee Request for Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the W&S Late Fee Request. See back of page 15 for details.

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

Co Planner Transfer

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the County Planner Transfers (fund 509 - \$45,500.00, fund 501 - \$106,000.00, and fund 502 - \$1,520.00).

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

2025 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the 2025 CEBCO Wellness Grant Agreement.

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

Prosecuting Attorney's Law Enforcement Trust Fund

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to acknowledge the Prosecuting Attorney's Law Enforcement Trust Fund.

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

Resolution approving issuance of Credit Cards

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Resolution approving issuance of 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:

- Athens County Water and Sewer Department \$5,000
- County Planner \$3,000

Signed this 14th day of January 2025

/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.

Request for Approval

Department:

Department: Water & Sewer

Type of Request: Late Fee Penalty Finance Charge Other

Vendor: Frontier Purchase Order: 20250178

Date of the invoice: 1/2/2025 Acct 7405922649

Date invoice was received by the department: 1/10/2025

Date invoice was due: 1/27/2025

Date Vendor was contacted: _____

Vendor Contact Information: _____

Reason for the Charge:

Late fee on the January invoice of \$10.00 because the December invoice was received during the Auditor's Office year end closure. I did not call the vendor as the December check was not available to me until January 10, 2025 therefore payment will not have been received.

Stephanie Moore

The Athens County Commissioner does not support taxpayers paying for fees that could reasonably be avoided.

The department head is ultimately personally responsible for any fees not approved by the Board of Commissioners. Approval of this expenditure by the Board of Commissioners does not necessarily mean that there will not be a finding for recovering in an upcoming audit.

Department Head Signature: *Roy Elin*

Approved: Disapproved:

Request for Approval

Department:

Department: Water & Sewer

Type of Request: Late Fee Penalty Finance Charge Other

Vendor: Frontier Purchase Order: 20250154

Date of the invoice: 12/28/2024 Acct 7407974776

Date invoice was received by the department: 1/8/2025

Date invoice was due: 1/21/2025

Date Vendor was contacted: _____

Vendor Contact Information: _____

Reason for the Charge:

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Approved: Disapproved:

Request for Approval

Department:

Department: Water & Sewer

Type of Request: Late Fee Penalty Finance Charge Other

Vendor: Frontier Purchase Order: 20250154

Date of the invoice: 12/28/2024 Acct 7407570690

Date invoice was received by the department: 1/8/2025

Date invoice was due: 1/21/2025

Date Vendor was contacted: _____

Vendor Contact Information: _____

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Department Head Signature: *Roy Elin*

Approved: Disapproved:

Request for Approval

Department:

Department: Water & Sewer

Type of Request: Late Fee Penalty Finance Charge Other

Vendor: Spectrum Purchase Order: 20250150

Date of the invoice: 1/8/2025

Date invoice was received by the department: 1/13/2025

Date invoice was due: 1/25/2025

Date Vendor was contacted: _____

Vendor Contact Information: _____

Reason for the Charge:

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Department Head Signature: *Roy Elin*

Approved: Disapproved:

Renewal Contract with Tri-County Joint Vocational School & SRO

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Renewal Contract with Tri-County Joint Vocational School & SRO. 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.

Commissioner Surplus

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following Commissioners Surplus to destroy:

- Property Description:
- Surface Docks (2) Not working
- Mouse - Not working

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

HAPCAP - Amesville Broadband RFP Opening

HAPCAP Jeff Jenkins stated that this is not a traditional bid opening like CDBG.
 Acknowledging receipt of bids for "Broadband as a service."
 Only one bid received from Agile Networks out of Canton, Ohio.
 State consultant will review for pricing, speed, reliability, and equipment.

HAPCAP Glen Crippen - Updates on 93 High St

Glen Crippen stated ongoing meetings with contractor and engineer for Fouts building.
 Pending change order request over half a million dollars due to structural issues.
 Need to analyze engineering services agreement with BDT.
 No errors and omissions policy noted.
 Discussion on extra work required from both contractor and engineer.
 Commissioner Adkins asked about Lessons Learned in this project.
 Glen stated importance of upfront architectural and engineering analysis.

911/EMA Administrative Staff Wages

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel to approve the requested 911/EMA Administrative Staff wages:

	2025 Pay Rates
Administrative Staff	
New requested pay rates take effect 12/28/2024	
Name	New Rates
Fouts-Imler, Teresa - 911	4% \$38.62
Fouts-Imler, Teresa - EMA Rate	3% \$28.84
Blank, Melissa - EMA	3% \$26.52
Clegg, Josh	4% \$32.29
Wirick, Makina	4% \$29.72

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

911/EMA Building Update

Teresa Fouts-Imler stated that once they move into the new location there will be several phone lines not being used in the old EMA office. She wanted so guidance on what to do with them. Administrator JoAnn Rockhold will contact FreedomLinx to have them removed. JoAnn Rockhold has asked Teresa Fouts-Imler to let her know how many lines there are.

Generator Testing

- Backup generator tested successfully at new facility.
- Minimal noise from generator due to insulation

Software and Communication Systems

- Central Square Technologies connected software between old and new facilities.
- Communication established with sheriffs office, CAD system, and RMS system.
- Next steps involve Agile for microwave unit installation.
- Redundancy for radio network being finalized with Motorola.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

- Tentative date for ribbon cutting in the third week of February.
- Consideration for school schedule to accommodate attendance.

Grounds Maintenance Discussion

- Discussion on custodial and grounds maintenance needs.
- Proposal for maintenance staff on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Snow removal services are uncertain.
Equipment needs discussed, including push mowers and snow shovels.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Flat Sewer Rate

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the new flat sewer rate for monthly usage of 4,500 gallons, the sewer charge will be \$26.16 plus the debt retirement of \$52.50.

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 - Weekly Updates

Supt Oscar Carson presented the following weekly updates:
Still No Electric to the lift stations
Waiting for ODOT response about the guardrail removal

Executive Session

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to enter into executive session at 10:24 with Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to discuss Discipline of a Public Employee and 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 Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to return to regular session at 10:48, no need to take disciplinary action.

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

Custodial-Maintenance Hire

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to hire Custodial Maintenance Jeffrey Stall at \$19.25 an hour.

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

EMS Lieutenants & Captains Raise

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the 7% pay raise for EMS Lieutenants & Captains.

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

Commissioners Employees Raises

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Commissioners employees raises as presented.

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

Nick Bundren - Solar & Wind

Nick Bundren & Rya Santa Maria was in to discuss Renewable Energy Projects in Athens County

Nick asked a series of questions for the commissioners:

- Commissioners rated their understanding of utility scale solar and wind as a 5.
- Constituents' reactions to utility scale projects in this location, Commissioners stated mixed opinions expected, especially concerning farmland use. Commissioner Chmiel stated that he feels the old landfill wouldn't be a problem.
- Party politics seen as a significant factor, Commissioner stated not in Athens County. Commission Eliason stated it's not a political issue it's more of a farmland preservation issue.
- Changing Perceptions on Solar Energy, Commissioner Eliason stated it was cultural changes that is needed. Commissioner Chmiel stated financial benefits, such as payments in lieu of taxes, could help change opinions.
- Brownfield Initiatives - Commissioner Chmiel feels that it is less challenging. Commissioner Eliason stated that it depends on the type of Brownfield it is.

CCAO Designating Representative (Rescinded Appointment of Alternate on January 28, 2025 page 34)

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason as the CCAO Designating Representative and Alternate JoAnn Rockhold:

RESOLUTION # 121-114

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2025.

Commissioner Chmiel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Lenny Eliason, President is designated as of Athens County.

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

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Adkins.

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

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County.

Signed this 14th day of January 2025

/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 January 14, 2025, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 121.

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

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Engineer - ATH-CR VAR PM FY2025

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to table the Engineer - ATH-CR VAR PM FY2025.

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

Regional Planning Commission Appointment

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to appoint Joseph Scherer to the Regional Planning Commission. County Planner Connor LaVelle will send appointment letter to Joseph Scherer. See back of page 18.

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Travel

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Athens County Regional Planning Commission

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January 16, 2025

Joseph Scherer
50 East Washington Street
Nelsonville, OH 45780

Dear Mr. Scherer,

The Board of County Commissioners in its regular session on January 14, 2025, appointed you to serve on the Athens County Regional Planning Commission, serving a term beginning on 01/13/2025 and ending on 01/13/2028.

Thank you for your willingness to serve Athens County, I look forward to working together

Sincerely,


Connor LaVelle, AICP
Planning Director
Athens County Regional Planning Commission

Adjourn

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

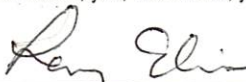
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.




JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel