

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 Thursday, June 12, 2025 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes June 3, 2025

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

New Fund: 287 Appalachian Children Coalition Grant

Receipt; Grant 287.2287.412500, Transfers In 287.2287.422101

Expenditures; Salaries 287.3287.510200, PERS 287.3287.525100, Medicare 287.3287.522100

Health Insurance 287.3287.520100, Dental 287.3287.520300, Vision 287.3287.520400, Supplies 287.32877.540100

Other 287.3287.560100, Travel 287.3287.560300, Parking 287.3287.560402, Life Insurance 287.3287.521100

Workers Comp 287.3287.524100

Fund to Fund: Engineer \$22,363.25 from 491.1300.580102 Bond Transfer to 017.2036.422101 Transfers In

9:30 Scott McManus, Chief Rymer and Chief Sinclair

9:45 DJFS Nina Sharpe - weekly updates

10:00 Brad Durkin: Hope Valley Recovery

10:15 Fred Homes- Nelsonville City Manager

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

10:45 EMS

11:00 Jeremy Parkins: Dress Right Dress

11:15 Teresa Fouts-Imler - 911

11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Chmiel's Signature)

CR2 Box Culvert Replacement Project

Engineer County Paving Advertisement

ATH-CR46-0.96 Blackwood Covered bridge Project

Prosecutor - FY2025 JAG Agreement

Prosecutor - FY2025 VAWA Grant Agreement

HAPCAP Satisfaction of Mortgage

Forfeited Vehicle

Port Authority- Board appointment

Credit Card-Employee Removals

Health Insurance RFQ - Update

~TRAVEL

WIOA Morgan DeLay; OWA Business Meeting, Columbus OH; 06/18/25

WIOA Morgan DeLay; GRIT 4.0 OMJ Informational Meeting, Marietta OH; 06/23/25

ACSO Crystal Allen; VOCA Conference, Columbus OH; 05/19/25 - 05/20/25

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 Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the minutes of June 3, 2025.

The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, abstain; 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 Fund: 287 Appalachian Children Coalition Grant, Receipt; Grant 287.2287.412500, Transfers In 287.2287.422101, Expenditures; Salaries 287.3287.510200, PERS 287.3287.525100, Medicare 287.3287.522100, Health Insurance 287.3287.520100, Dental 287.3287.520300, Vision 287.3287.520400, Supplies 287.32877.540100 Other 287.3287.560100, Travel 287.3287.560300, Parking 287.3287.560402, Life Insurance 287.3287.521100 Workers Comp 287.3287.524100, Fund to Fund: Engineer \$22,363.25 from 491.1300.580102 Bond Transfer to 017.2036.422101 Transfers In and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 05/29/2025 To: 06/03/2025, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/03/2025 To: 06/05/2025, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/05/2025 To: 06/10/2025, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/10/2025 To: 06/12/2025 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.

DJFS Contract - Ohio CSEA Director's Association

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the DJFS Contract with Ohio CSEA Director's Association as presented by Nina Sharpe:

Name of Contract Organization:	Ohio CSEA Director's Association
Total \$ Value:	\$8,543.52
Contract Period:	06/01/2025 - 05/31/2027
Acct & Code to be Charged:	CSEA 050/510050
Billing Procedure:	OCDA submits monthly invoices, payment made within 30 days

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

DJFS MOU - Athens Co. Family & Children First Council

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the DJFS MOU with Athens Co. Family & Children First Council as presented by Nina Sharpe:

Name of Contract Organization:	Athens Co. Family & Children First Council
Total \$ Value:	\$3,000.00
Contract Period:	06/01/2025 - 05/31/2026
Accts & Code to be Charged:	889/510050
Billing Procedure:	Payment by June 30, 2025

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

DJFS Lease Agreement - Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the Lease Agreement with DJFS and Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program as presented by Nina Sharpe:

Lessor Name:	Survivor Advocacy Outreach Program
Rented Space:	Approx. 293 sq. feet, southwestern corner of building
Period:	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Total Lease:	\$8,772.60 payable in monthly installments of \$731.05

Full Lease Agreement 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.

Surplus - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the following Surplus for DJFS to Redistribute or Destroy as recommended by Nina Sharpe:

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
Carpet Shampoo Machine	6929	6929
2 drawer metal filing cabinet/CH	5946	1415
4 drawer metal filing cabinet/CH	0285-000297	1377
4 drawer brown wooden desk/CH	S016485	F21832
Small black leather chair metal arm res/CH		6444
Metal leather chair/Nelsonville Office		

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

MARCS Radio System

A committee of fire department representatives (including Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Rymer, and Mr. McManus) presented an update on the proposed transition to the MARCS radio system for Athens County fire departments. They outlined ongoing issues with the current simulcast system and emphasized the need to move to MARCS for improved reliability and interoperability, particularly with surrounding counties already on the MARCS network.

Key points discussed:

- * Grant Funding: Departments may apply for the Ohio Fire Marshal MARCS grant (\$50,000 per department), with the current cycle opening in late August and closing in September. If fully awarded to all departments, the county could secure around \$650,000 (including Nelsonville, but excluding the City of Athens).
- * Cost and Feasibility Concerns: Departments, particularly smaller ones like Waterloo and Rome, expressed concern over long-term sustainability due to ongoing subscription fees (currently \$5/month per radio, with potential increases). Some departments already own MARCS radios and would be responsible for their own subscription costs.
- * Equipment Estimates: Radio counts were based on 15 portables per department and current mobile radio needs. Departments will be responsible for any radios beyond the standard allotment.
- * Interoperability and Coverage: Some neighboring counties are already on MARCS or in transition. Concerns were raised about system reliability in rural or hilly areas, and about losing high-band systems as a backup.
- * Next Steps: Departments requested direction from the Commissioners on funding strategies, coordinated grant applications, and long-term planning. There was interest in learning how neighboring counties are funding their MARCS transitions.

See back of page 193 for proposal.

Hope Valley Recovery - Brad Durkin

Brad Durkin & Adam Chaffick provided the following information about Hope Valley Recovery (Interest in the STAR Facility):

1. Letters of Support
 - Local Municipal Court:
 - Head probation officer Jason McGowan.
 - They work alongside them closely.
 - Pickaway County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator:
 - Runs the local overdose response team.
 - They send staff members out in the field to help bridge the gap to care.
 - Marietta Memorial Hospital:
 - Linda Sistrunk runs the behavioral health unit.
 - They work with her team, connecting people with care.
2. Additional Letters of Support
 - Representative from Oglenis:
 - Cheryl, a social worker in the emergency department.
 - She often calls to check availability for clients.
 - Sherry Blackwell from Ohio Health:
 - Opioid navigator who helps with placement in care.
 - Works out in the community.
 - Health Recovery Services:
 - Sherry Bradford works at the Rural Women's Recovery Program.
 - Clients in active use are sent for medical detoxification.
 - TASC of Southeast Ohio (Treatment Alternative to Street Crimes):
 - Provides outpatient services.
 - Has offices in Fenton County, Marietta, and other counties in Southeast Ohio.
3. Hope Valley
 - Clients in active addiction stay for 3-10 months and can continue care if they return to their area.
 - Vinton County Health Department: Melanie runs the Post Overdose Response Team and helps connect people suffering from homelessness or addiction to care and programming.
 - Adam, director of operations at Hope Valley, states that recovery centers are not "Cookie Center" and that the clinicians and doctors are what matters most.
4. Recovery Centers
 - Many recovery centers offer a phase two program (30-45 days) for clients detoxing from drugs/alcohol and starting clinical services.
 - Hope Valley provides medical detox (7-10 days) followed by phase two, which helps clients address character defects and

Athens County MARCS Proposal

Radlos

Total Needed	Portables	Mobles	Approx. Price	Portable	Mobile
	196	103		\$2,700	\$3,000
On Hand	18	46			
Requested	177	57			
	\$477,900	\$171,000	\$648,900	Radlos	
			\$160,000	Pagers	
Pagers	\$800	200	\$808,900	Total	
		\$160,000			
Subscription Fees	\$5	\$1,490	\$17,890		
	\$10	\$2,960	\$39,760		

Funding

Ohio MARCs Grant	\$650,000 Max	\$50,000 per FD
FEMA AFG	10% Match	
Grant Writer	\$300 per FD	

Other Items

On Board repeaters may be necessary in all engines. Approx total cost = \$105,000

FEMA Grant should be based upon the remaining funds needed that the Ohio MARCs grant does not cover. No guarantee for grants. Both grants are limited in amounts.

Fees can be covered through savings in simulcast service contract.

More savings in radio costs may occur when ordered in bulk. Possible 20% savings.

VHF for paging for short term may save on pager costs.
Must be one way communication.

Figures based upon 13 FDs.

User Fees:

The Commissioners agree to pay for user fees for all mobile radios, and a minimum of 15 portable radios for each volunteer fire department. User fees will be paid at the end of each county fiscal year by check or money order to each VFD.

Repeaters:

The Commissioners agree to purchase one repeater for each fire engine in the county (excluding City of Athens). Repeaters will improve the portable reception on scene. Having one on each engine will increase the probability that a repeater is available on every fire scene. The Estimated cost is \$90,000.

Grant Application:

Each fire department needing MARCs equipment shall apply for the Ohio State Fire Marshal's grant when available. The maximum contribution is \$50,000 annually per department. The SFM Grant may be applied for multiple years. The County agrees to delay the implementation of the countywide MARCs system until such time that every FD has obtained required the necessary equipment to function safely and properly (All mobiles/Pagers/15 portables/Repeaters). The AFG grant provided by FEMA is also available for funding. Should the county request all FDs apply for the FEMA grant, the county will agree to pay for the grant application fees and grant award percentage.

ED Equipment:

Each FD needing equipment to participate in the MARCs will apply for the following:

- All mobiles needed – stations and apparatus
- 15 Portables
- Pagers necessary to cover carded members

Fire departments that do not need any MARCs equipment (i.e. – previously awarded), shall provide a letter of support to the SFM office during the grant application cycle to provide evidence of a regional grant application.

Future Maintenance:

Any future maintenance requirements set forth by MARCs (i.e. – radio authentication, programming, etc.) shall be the responsibility of the county.

Current Radio System:

The current VHF repeater system shall be abandoned. With all FDs and public safety agency operating on the MARCs system there is no need to continually maintain a system that nobody can operate on. One recommendation would be to convert the current VHF system to a 700 MHz system that could be used with the radios that are to be purchased for use on the MARCs system.

internal issues.

- Phase three can last up to a year, and aftercare includes sober living with peer support.
- Adam believes all three phases are important, along with aftercare, to help individuals learn to live life on life's terms and make their own decisions.

5. Living Quarters

- Hope Valley prides itself on providing all phases of recovery.
- They ensure staff are present with clients in living quarters, unlike facilities with off-site houses where staff may not be present.
- Adam believes having staff present at all times creates a safer environment.

6. Background and Motivation

- The team noticed a large underserved population (uninsured, Medicaid, some commercially insured).
- Existing services offered "small pieces" with low success rates.
- The goal was to create a therapeutic community offering a complete continuum of care, from day one through 12-24 months.
- The aim is to transform lives by providing support every step of the way.

7. Treatment Phases

- Phase One: Medical Detoxification

- Alleviates pressure on emergency rooms, social workers, police, first responders, and court systems.
- Provides medical care with a doctor five days a week, a practitioner two days a week, and 24/7 nursing staff.
- Focuses on removing substances from the patient's system.

- Phase Two: Residential Program

- Includes group psychotherapy seven days a week.
- Residents live at the facility 24/7 without cell phones.
- Offers elective classes such as life skills, spirituality, and men's/women's health.

- Phase Three: Transition to Real Life

- Residents transition into staffed houses (24/7).
- They gradually re-enter the workforce.
- Community Program: Treats people at home.

8. Proven Outcomes

- The center gathers metrics and achieves a higher level of success than most addiction treatment centers in the state.
- Successes include reuniting families, re-entering the workforce, achieving long-term recovery, and alumni working in the field.
- "People that complete our program, 80% stay us over for more than a year, 83%, sorry, 83 for more than a year and 80 for two."
- The program aims to improve the quality of life for citizens suffering from addiction.

9. Outcomes and Transformation

- Outcomes for individuals only doing detox and returning home are around 10%.
- Staying for phases one and two increases the percentage, but it's still lower than 80%.
- "It truly takes that day one to day 365 and then the aftercare to do that."
- All three to four phases are needed to see true transformation.

10. Impact and Job Creation

- 80% of people afflicted with addiction could be learning a better way of life at the facility.
- The Circleville model started with 50 employees and grew to 140, creating 140 new jobs.
- Job opportunities range from entry-level positions to medical doctors and psychiatrists.

11. Timeline and Replication

- The facility could potentially launch by January 2026.
- The organization has the financial strength and preparedness to handle renovations.
- Nelsonville and Athens were identified as underserved areas that could benefit from a comprehensive program.

12. Community Focus and Outreach

- The organization prioritizes the community by hiring a local outreach coordinator and alumni coordinator.
- These coordinators bridge the gap between the facility, courts, probation offices, hospitals, and police.
- The county in which the facility is located is always the absolute priority.
- The leadership team adapts to community needs and concerns, meeting every Tuesday morning.

13. Funding and Services

- Funding comes from state insurance, self-pay, and commercial insurance, with no burden on local taxpayers.
- Growth and renovations are fully self-funded, with no grants.
- The organization aims to implement wraparound services, treat and reintegrate individuals, and deliver them back as contributing members of the community.
- They create jobs/careers, alleviate pressure from hospitals and judicial systems, and work with love, care, and compassion.

Nelsonville City Manager - Fred Homes

No Show

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Weekly Updates

Supt Oscar Carson provided the following discussion focused on several local administrative and infrastructure updates:

- * A letter was finalized and approved related to a trailer park on Route 690.
- * Plans are underway to reroute a sewer line in New Marshfield to avoid a resident's trees.
- * Approval was given to remove three dead trees on Rosemary Lane without bidding due to minimal cost.
- * A public records request was received regarding EDU (Equivalent Dwelling Unit) assignments; officials agreed to release the calculation chart used.
- * A water meter is being installed at the fire department, which had never been metered before—unlike other departments in the area.
- * Payment of \$200,000 to a contractor (Fields) was delayed until yard restoration issues are addressed.

W&S Letter to Sandstone Terrace LLC

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to authorize Supt Oscar Carson to send a letter regarding the lift station that serves Sandstone Terrace LLC on Vore Ridge Rd. See back of page 195 for letter.

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

EMS - Tactical Medic Program

Chief Pyle & Assist. Chief Crossen discussed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and job description for a new tactical medic program. The union has reviewed the MOU and supports it. Before moving forward, board members want to review and possibly revise it before submitting to the prosecutor's office.

Key concerns included:

- * Compensation structure: Commissioner Eliason objected to paying overtime or holiday rates for this voluntary, extra-duty role, recommending straight pay only.
- * Clarification needed: Language such as "will" should be changed to "may" to avoid binding commitments, and it's unclear if the sheriff's pay policies apply here.
- * Existing agreements: There is already a separate MOU between Athens County EMS and the sheriff's office.
- * Commissioner Eliason will suggest changes to Assist. Chief Crossen and follow up next week; revisions will cover both the MOU and the job description.
- * Legal review by the prosecutor and adjustment to language.

EMS - Levy & Property Tax Discussion

- * Concerns were raised over proposed changes at the state level affecting local levies and property tax structures.
- * The board discussed potential disruptions, particularly the proposal to eliminate or alter inside millage, which could impact funding for schools and local services.
- * It was suggested to wait until July to revisit decisions, after state budget clarity.

EMS - SOG 7-88

Chief Pyle & Assist Chief Crossen provided the following SOG 7-88 Protocol Update:

- * Minor updates to SOG 788 were proposed, changing how advanced EMTs are evaluated and deployed.
- * Advanced EMTs can now be treated more like paramedics in terms of gaining charge status, allowing greater flexibility during staffing shortages.
- * Dispatch protocols for marking trucks (squad vs. medic) were clarified.

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the changes to the SOG 7-88 as recommended by Chief Pyle. See back of page 195 for SOG 7-88.

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

EMS - Employee Retirements & Gift Policy

Chief Pyle provided the following information regarding Retirements:

- * Two employees (Joe Dunlap and Lowell Ridenour) are retiring.
- * There was a debate on appropriate gift amounts for retirees using taxpayer funds.
- * A guideline of \$10 per year of service, with a cap around \$250-\$300, was agreed upon.
- * The board suggested revising the existing policy to reflect this cap.

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the Employee Retirements & Gift Policy a guideline of \$10.00 per year of service, with a cap around \$250.00-\$300.00.

ATHENS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

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June 9, 2025

Sandstone Terrace LLC
228 Park Ave Ste 50010
New York, NY 10003-1502

Dear Sandstone Terrace LLC:

This letter is regarding the lift station that serves Sandstone Terrace on Vora Ridge Road. The station was installed in 1997 along with a 4" sewer force main going to Poston Road. The sewer lines in the trailer park are private. Athens County Water & Sewer will be upgrading the sewer lift station to serve the customers of New Marshfield once that project is completed which is expected to go out to bid in October of 2025.

When there are above normal rain events, this lift station receives very high flows coming in from the trailer park. The average daily flow for the lift station was designed for 18,300 gallons per day (gpd). Currently with 44 of the 61 trailer lots being billed, the average daily flow is 4,066 gpd which is well below your designed daily flow. Under the Ohio Revised Code section 6117.02: "property owners shall be responsible for maintaining any improvements made on private property to reconnect or relocate any sources of infiltration and inflow from the sewer system". You are being advised that the infiltration and inflow issue needs to be corrected by December 31, 2025, to avoid action being taken by The Athens County Water & Sewer District.



If you have any questions or concerns, please call our billing office.

Sincerely,



Oscar Carson Jr.

cc: Sandstone Terrace LLC PO Box 426, Dover, DE 19903; Sandstone Terrace LLC c/o Incorporating Services LTD 3500 S Dupont Hwy Dover, DE 19901; Athens County Board of Commissioners

  <p>ACEMS Emergency Dial 9-1-1</p>	STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES	
	SOG Number:	7-88
	Effective Date:	6-12-2024
	Review Date:	6-12-2027
Advanced EMT and EMT Ambulances		
<p>APPROVAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amber Pyle, Chief of Emergency Medical Services Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner Charlie Adkins, Athens County Commissioner Chris Chmiel, Athens County Commissioner 		
<p><i>This outline as written or revised becomes an official operating guideline on the effective date noted above. This guideline supersedes all previous guidelines that relate to this subject.</i></p>		

Athens County EMS under certain circumstances will run an Advanced EMT squad or a BLS squad. These options will only be available when there are no paramedics to work for that time. At no time will 2 EMT trucks or an Advanced EMT and an EMT truck be ran out of Athens at the same time. These squads will not be operated out of Coolville station 52, and ideally will only be operated out of Athens station 51 when at all possible. When marking dispatch as an EMT truck you must mark "Squad" then your unit number to key dispatch into there not being an advanced provider on that truck. To be able to work on an EMT squad one of the 2 crew members must

- Have 1 or more years of experience as an EMT
- Must be approved by the Chief/Assistant Chief
- Have a firm understanding of what they can handle and what must have more advanced care, with time/location of the backup available.
- A strong knowledge of the protocol and scope of practice.
- The ability to triage in critical situations

Athens County EMS will continue with the oversight of each of these calls as we have done in the past to ensure the proper decisions are being made, with follow up education and remediation when necessary.



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

EMS - New Hires

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the following Two (2) New Hires as recommended by Chief Pyle:

EMT Anthony McKelvey with a rate of pay \$16.28/hr this includes 2 certifications and a start date of 06/23/2025
Paramedic Casey Cullison with a rate of pay \$19.41/hr this includes 4 certifications and a start date of 06/23/2025

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

Dress Right Dress - Jeremy Parkins

Jeremy Parkins, founder of Dress Right Dress, Inc., presented a proposal to use the Athens County Star facility for transitional housing for up to 100 displaced veterans. His nonprofit, focused on helping incarcerated and justice-involved veterans, is partnering with Judge McCarthy's Heroes Havens, Rescue Kitchen, Hocking College, and others. They aim to support veterans with housing, mental health, and substance use treatment services.

Funding efforts are underway, including requests to managed care organizations, Ohio MHAS, and state legislators, with a target operating budget of \$900,000–\$1.2 million annually. Parkins emphasized their strong track record, including an 85–90% success rate in reducing veteran recidivism, and noted the growing need for veteran-led support services in resource-poor Appalachia. The board thanked him, and the presentation concluded without further questions.

MARCS Radio System - Teresa Fouts-Imler

Teresa Fouts-Imler stated upgrading emergency communication systems and the need for funding through grants. She raised concerns about volunteer fire departments not applying for available grants and clarified that township trustees are not on the VHF radio system. Discussion followed about transitioning departments to the MARCS (Multi-Agency Radio Communication System), including cost implications, available grants, and coordination between counties. There was agreement that fire departments must act soon and possibly seek professional grant writers for help.

They also touched on historical misconceptions about 911 funding radios, the need to set a transition deadline (possibly early February 2027), and the importance of aligning with federal grant cycles.

911 Levy - Teresa Fouts-Imler

Teresa Fouts-Imler raised the urgent need to decide how to proceed with the quarter-percent sales tax levy—either as a continuous resolution or put it back on the ballot. Administrator JoAnn Rockhold noted it must be ready by early August if it goes to a vote. They all leaned toward a five-year term renewal over a permanent levy, with Speaker 4 saying it's fair and allows for reevaluation.

Teresa Fouts-Imler confirmed the levy generates \$2.1 million annually, which supports 911 operations and helps plan for future equipment upgrades. With a 65% allocation model, \$1.3 million would go toward bonds and savings for future upgrades, leaving \$740,000 for public safety. There was a discussion on whether the language should refer to "public safety" or "emergency operations," with the group agreeing that "emergency operations" was a more successful term for voter support.

911/EMA Updates

Teresa Fouts-Imler provided the following 911/EMA Updates:

Upgrades to both the 911 and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) websites and the formation of a Public Information Officer (PIO) group to improve emergency communication and inter-county coordination. A recent incident in Vinton County tested emergency response and emphasized the value of regional collaboration.

Finally, Teresa Fouts-Imler introduced a new AI-based dispatcher training system, which uses realistic scenarios and local data to improve training. It will eventually automate quality control by flagging problem calls, greatly enhancing efficiency. The meeting closed with minor updates on solar panel work and a reminder to use previous resolution materials for reference.

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to ratify Mr. Chmiel's signature approving an extension as requested by Kim Aeiker for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$121.24 with \$121.24 due by 06/17/2025. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to ratify Mr. Chmiel's signature approving 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 \$334.52 with \$334.52 due by 06/16/2025. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to ratify Mr. Chmiel's signature approving an extension as requested by Zachary Nagel for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$298.13 with \$187.89 due by 06/13/2025. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to ratify Mr. Chmiel's signature approving an extension as requested by Ashlea Speaks for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$338.40 with \$190.38 due by 06/10/2025. 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.

CR2 Box Culvert Replacement Project

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to authorize Mr. Eliason to sign the Legislation authorizing Jeff Maiden as the person to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

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

Engineer County Paving Advertisement

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the Advertisement for Bids on the 2025 Athens County Paving Project. See back of page 197 for full Advertisement for Bids.

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

ATH-CR46-0.96 Blackwood Covered Bridge Project

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the documents for the ATH-CR46-0.96 Blackwood Covered Bridge Project. 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.

Prosecutor - FY2025 JAG Agreement

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to authorize Mr. Eliason to sign the FY2025 JAG Agreement:

Subgrant Number: 2024-JG-B01-84706
Award Periods: 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025
Closeout Deadline: 03/01/2026

Award Amounts:	OCJS Funds:	\$9,996.87	100%
	Cash Match:	\$ 0.00	0%
	Inkind Match:	\$ 0.00	0%
	Project Total:	\$9,996.87	100%

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

Prosecutor - FY2025 VAWA Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to authorize Mr. Eliason to sign the FY2025 VAWA Grant Agreement.

Subgrant Number: 2023-WF-VA5-8417a
Award Periods: 01/01/2025 to 08/31/2025
Closeout Deadline: 10/30/2025

Award Amounts:	OCJS Funds:	\$14,997.50	75.01%
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the 2025 ATHENS COUNTY PAVING PROJECT will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, at their office, 15 S. Court Street, Athens Ohio until 10:00 a.m. Prevailing Local Time on the 1st day of July, 2025 and at that time and place will be publicly opened and read aloud. All bids will be considered valid until 60 days after the opening date, although not accepted or rejected.

The work for which proposals are invited consists of asphalt paving 0.47 miles of CR 17A, 0.30 miles of CR 19, 0.46 miles of CR 79, and 3.88 miles of CR 81 with two layers of hot mix asphalt. The Engineer's Estimate of Construction Cost for the project is \$843,000.

Copies of the Construction Plans, Bidding Forms, and Specifications on the Unit Price Contract may be purchased from the Office of the Athens County Engineer, 16000 Canaanville Rd, Athens, Ohio 45701 during regular business hours (7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday). A non-refundable fee of \$30.00 will be charged for copies mailed or picked up by prospective bidders.

Legal notice and bid documents are also posted on the internet at www.athenscountyengineer.org under the "Bids/RFPs" heading.

Each bid shall have filed with it a bid guaranty in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or letter of credit revocable only at the option of Athens County in an amount equal to 10% of the bid or a bond in accordance with division (B) of Section 153.54 of the Revised Code.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The project completion date is October 31, 2025.

All contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will to the extent practicable use Ohio products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123 is required.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Athens County as determined by the Ohio Department of Commerce, Bureau of Wage and Hour Administration, 614.644.2239.

The Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities as may be in the best interest of Athens County.

Jeff Malden, P.E., P.S.
Athens County Engineer

Advertising dates: 6/14/25, 6/21/25

Cash Match:	\$ 4,997.15	24.99%
Inkind Match:	\$ 0.00	
Project Total:	\$19,994.65	100%

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

HAPCAP Satisfaction of Mortgage

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to approve the Three (3) HAPCAP Satisfaction of Mortgage. See back of page 198 for Satisfaction of Mortgage Documents.

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

Forfeited Vehicle

Mr. Adkins elaborates, explaining he has done some preliminary work regarding a vehicle that was forfeited in a court case involving a drug dealer. The vehicle in question is a 2022 Honda Passport, estimated to be worth between \$25,000 and \$28,000. Mr. Adkins has prepared an email and wants to discuss it before taking further action. He proposes that this vehicle would make a good addition to the county's fleet, especially considering past expenditures: the county previously spent around \$50,000 to house two individuals, not including legal fees and other associated costs (e.g., attorney fees, chairs, etc.).

Mr. Adkins stated the forfeited Honda would be a practical and economical choice as a secondary vehicle for the county, suggesting that the Planner Connor LaVelle could make good use of a smaller car. Mr. Adkins intends to contact Prosecutor Keller Blackburn via email or text to formally express interest in acquiring the vehicle for county use.

Mr. Adkins concludes by saying that once the vehicle is obtained, we will take care of cleaning it up and getting it ready for use.

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to contact Prosecutor Keller Blackburn via email or text to formally express interest in acquiring the Forfeited Vehicle (2022 Honda Passport).

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

Port Authority - Board Appointment

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to authorize Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to send a letter thanking Austin Phillips for his service as a member of the Athens County Port Authority:
June 12, 2025

Austin Phillips
99 University Estates Blvd
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Mr. Phillips,

The Board of Athens County Commissioners would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your service as a member of the Athens County Port Authority. Dedicated and reliable board members like you are a rare find, and your hard work and commitment have been truly invaluable.

Your contributions will be greatly missed, but we deeply appreciate everything you have done for the people of Athens County. Thank you once again for your service, and we extend our warmest wishes to you in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

/s/Chris Chmiel

ACC:jr

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, with its offices located at 15 S. Court St, Athens, Ohio 45701, does hereby certify that the following described MORTGAGE DEED(S) have been fully satisfied, and the County Recorder is authorized to discharge the same of record.

Name of Mortgagor(s)	Date of Mortgage	Date Recorded	Athens Co. Records Vol./Ref. Page
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority 41 Broad St. Glouster, OH, 45732	07/08/2022	07/18/2022	596 2400-2402

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set hand this 12 day of June, 2025, by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, State of Ohio

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRESIDENT

BY: Lenny Eliason
Lenny Eliason

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 12 day of June, 2025, by Lenny Eliason, President of the Athens County Board of Commissioners, in the individual and official capacities.

Jelko Beckovic
Notary Public

This document was prepared by Hocking Athens Perry Community Action Agency Housing Program

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Name of Mortgagor(s)	Date of Mortgage	Date Recorded	Athens Co. Records Vol./Ref. Page
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority 11 W. Third St. The Plains, OH, 45780	07/29/2022	08/03/2022	597 1586-1588

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set hand this 12 day of June, 2025, by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, State of Ohio

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRESIDENT

BY: Lenny Eliason
Lenny Eliason

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Name of Mortgagor(s)	Date of Mortgage	Date Recorded	Athens Co. Records Vol./Ref. Page
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority 20 Union Lane The Plains, OH, 45780	07/29/2022	08/03/2022	597 1589-1591

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set hand this 12 day of June, 2025, by the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, State of Ohio

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PRESIDENT

BY: Lenny Eliason
Lenny Eliason

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Credit Card - Employee Add/Remove

A motion was made by Mr Adkins and seconded by Mr Chmiel to Add or Remove the following employees from Juvenile Court Huntington Bank Credit Cards:

- Add: Margaret Huck
- Remove: Jonathan M. Perrin & Laina Fetherolf-Rogers

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

Health Insurance RFQ - Update

Mr. Chmiel reports that they received eight responses to the RFQ for health insurance. Interviews with the candidates are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, with most being in-person and one virtual. They plan to record the sessions, use a scoring system developed with Tom Campanella, and will report results next week.

Travel

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

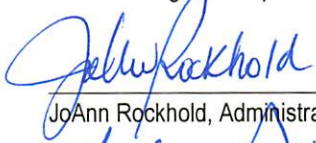
- WIOA Morgan DeLay; OWA Business Meeting, Columbus OH; 06/18/25
- WIOA Morgan DeLay; GRIT 4.0 OMJ Informational Meeting, Marietta OH; 06/23/25
- ACSO Crystal Allen; VOCA Conference, Columbus OH; 05/19/25 - 05/20/25

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

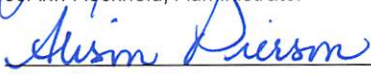
Adjourn

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

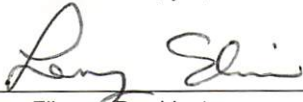
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.



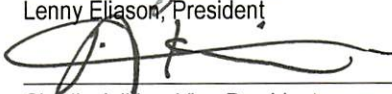
 JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



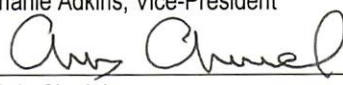
 Alison Pierson, Clerk



 Lenny Eliason, President



 Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



 Chris Chmiel