

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, May 20, 2025 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes May 6, 2025

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

Fund to Fund: 317 Board - \$1,111,051.86 from 707.2707.580100 Transfers Out to 718.2718.422100 Transfers In

Fund to Fund: Comm - \$68,465.63 from 001.1194.589000 B&G Trans Out to 016.2016.422101 BLDG Renov. Transfer In

- 9:30 Veteran's - 1st Budget Request
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 Bid Opening - CR46 Bridge
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 11:00 EMS - Levy & Resignation
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Utility Permits
- Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day Appropriation Application
- 911 Full-Time Dispatcher Resignation
- T-CAP Grant Statement Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Chmiel's Signature)
- Surplus - Prosecutor
- Proclamation for Jon Perrin
- Surplus - Juvenile/Probate Court
- W&S New Hire
- Notice of Public Hearings
- Engineer - Award Bid CR29 Chip Seal Project to The Shelly Company \$217,404.90
- Surplus - Veteran's
- Common Pleas

- add- John Branner
- add- Auditor/GIS Service

~TRAVEL

- Treasurer Ric Wasserman; Ohio Treasurer's Assoc Spring Conf, Columbus OH; 05/13/25 - 05/15/25
- Auditor Jill Davidson & Katherine Smith; Meeting with Senator Brenner, Columbus OH; 05/21/25
- Engineer Donnie Stevens; CEAO Land Records & Surveying Conf, Westerville OH; 05/20/25
- Engineer Garrett Maiden; CEAO Land Records & Surveying Conf, Westerville OH; 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 May 6, 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: Fund to Fund: 317 Board - \$1,111,051.86 from 707.2707.580100 Transfers Out to 718.2718.422100 Transfers In, Fund to Fund: Comm - \$68,465.63 from 001.1194.589000 B&G Trans Out to 016.2016.422101 BLDG Renov. Transfer In and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 05/08/2025 To: 05/13/2025, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 05/13/2025 To: 05/15/2025 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.

Veteran's - 1st Budget Request

Kim Spencer presented the 1st Budget Request for the upcoming fiscal year for the Veteran's Office:

- * Primary Focus – Grave Marker Line Item:
 - * This line item is managed by the Veterans Office, but it is part of the commissioners' budget.
 - * For the past 15 years, the allocation has remained at \$26,000.
 - * This year, spending nearly exhausted the full amount, with only \$333.11 remaining
 - * Formally requesting an increase of the grave marker line item to approximately \$30,000 to meet next year's needs
 - * Standard price per flag/marker is \$85, but due to volume, they receive a discounted price of \$38

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Demosky provided the following weekly updates:

1. Upcoming Events & Program Highlights

- * Annual Job Fair
 - * Date: Thursday, June 12
 - * Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 - * Location: Athens Community Center
 - * Note: 21st annual event, organized by a vote of two out of three agencies.
- * Workshops at the Community Care Center
 - * Canva Workshop:
 - * Date: May 27
 - * Time: 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM
 - * Focus: Teaching the use of Canva, a user-friendly, AI-powered design platform used to create flyers and presentations.
- * Small Business Session:
 - * Upcoming, though the exact date was not recalled. The session will provide information on starting your own business.
- * Back to School Bash
 - * Date: July 23
 - * Volunteer Opportunities:
 - * Setup on Monday & Tuesday
 - * Tear down on Thursday & Friday

2. State Program Announcement – Summer EBT / Sun Bucks

- * Announced by State: New round of Summer EBT benefits, branded as "Sun Bucks".
- * Eligibility: Children ages 6–18 who are already enrolled in:
 - * SNAP
 - * Ohio Works First
 - * Medicaid
 - * Free/Reduced School Lunch
- * Benefit Amount: \$120 one-time grocery benefit
- * Distribution: Automatically applied—no application required. Funds go on an existing EBT or prior summer EBT card.

3. Nelsonville Farmers Market Launch

- * Hosted by: Nelsonville facility
- * Schedule: First Wednesday of the month, June–October
- * Time: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- * Features: Vendors, food trucks, artisans, and community programs
- * Funding: Supported by a grant to launch the initiative.
- * Also mentioned a discussion about repairing a wall at the Nelsonville site.

4. Staffing Update

- * Open Position:
 - * Fiscal Specialist (due to internal promotion of the previous specialist to HR Officer)

5. Countywide Leadership & Succession Training Proposal

- * Proposed by Commissioner Adkins & Jean Demosky:
 - * A countywide training program aimed at non-managers across EMS, 911, and other departments
 - * Would include training in management, HR basics, fiscal responsibility, and employee relations
 - * Could result in a certification upon completion
- * Dir Demosky's Response and Expansion
 - * Support & Integration:
 - * Dir Demosky supports the idea and suggests aligning it with succession and progression planning.
 - * Mentioned the need for "assistant manager" training and internal promotion pipelines, particularly in retail sectors.
 - * Training Details:
 - * Proposed offering free training if businesses are willing to pay their employees during training.
 - * Emphasized skills like:
 - * Excel spreadsheet creation and interpretation
 - * Soft skills and communication
 - * HR topics, like time sheets and FMLA
 - * Inspiration from Walmart:

* Learned that Walmart doesn't advertise assistant manager roles because they train internally via "Walmart University"

6. "Support to Success" Program Overview

- * A holistic development initiative aligned with For Benefit Bridge and 360-degree support model.
- * Includes training modules in:
 - * Healthy communication
 - * Healthy body
 - * Healthy mind
 - * Healthy finances
- * These modules could be reused and repurposed for broader leadership training.

Utility Permits

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

Permit No. 25-606
 From: AEP
 9135 SR 682
 Athens, Ohio 45701

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

Location of work: Co Rd # 73, Co Rd Name: Wolfe-Bennett Rd

Description of Work: Electric

Type of Installation: Utility Pole Installation

Estimated Project Schedule: 06/07/2025 - 12/07/2025

Agreed to by: /s/James Graham, AEP

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.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day Appropriation Application

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the request from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Memorial Day Appropriation.

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

911 Full-Time Dispatcher Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the 911 Full-Time Dispatcher Resignation of Ashley Lenigar effective July 31, 2025.

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

T-CAP Grant Statement Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Chmiel's Signature on the T-CAP Grant Statement Agreement.

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 declare Surplus for the Prosecutor's Office and destroy:

- Description
- Outdated Ohio Criminal Practice and Procedure Manuals
- Outdated Search and Seizure Manuals
- Outdated Appellate Practice and ProdecEDURE Manuals

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

Proclamation for Jon Perrin

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Proclamation for Jon Perrin:

ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION
 HONORING MAGISTRATE JON PERRIN

WHEREAS, Magistrate Jonathan M. Perrin has faithfully and honorably served the Athens County Court of Common Pleas, General and

Probate-Juvenile Division, for thirty-two (32) years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Magistrate Perrin has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the fair and impartial administration of justice, upholding the rule of law with integrity, wisdom, and compassion; and

WHEREAS, his work has positively impacted the lives of countless Athens County residents, particularly the children and families who appeared before the Probate-Juvenile Division; and

WHEREAS, Magistrate Perrin has been a valued colleague, mentor, and public servant whose dedication to the legal system and public service has strengthened the trust and confidence of the people in their local courts; and

WHEREAS, he will retire from his duties on May 30, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of professionalism, humility, and excellence in judicial service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Athens County Commissioners hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation to Magistrate Jonathan M. Perrin for his distinguished 32 years of service to Athens County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby proclaim May 30, 2025, as "Jonathan M. Perrin Day" in Athens County, in celebration of his retirement and in honor of his lasting contributions to the Athens County court system and community;

Signed this 27th day of May 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.

Surplus - Juvenile/Probate Court

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declaring surplus, some will be redistributed and the rest will get destroyed:

Description:	Model#:
(3) Metal arm office chairs	Tag# 0195-00047, 0195-000046, & 0115-000112
small metal office cabinet (door broke)	Tag# 0150-000055
Two seater brown leather & metal cushion bench	Tag# 0150-000179
Gray metal chair	Tag# 0160-000281

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

W&S New Hire

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to move forward with hiring for the W&S Office Clerk: Kelly Casto with a start date of May 21, 2025 and a rate of pay \$20.00/hr.

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

Notice of Public Hearings

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Notice of Public Hearings for the Auditor's Office and Engineer: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Athens County Auditor and Athens County Engineer of Athens County, Ohio will hold two public hearings concerning the adoption of Standards Governing the Conveyance of Real Property in Athens County, Ohio. The public hearings will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 and Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Conference Room, Second Floor, Courthouse Annex, for the adoption of Standards Governing the Conveyance of Real Property in Athens County, Ohio. The proposed Standards Governing the Conveyance of Real Property in Athens County, Ohio can be found on the Athens County Auditor and Athens County Engineers websites.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO:

/s/JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator

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

Engineer - Award Bid CR29 Chip Seal Project to The Shelly Company \$217,404.90

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to award the CR29 Chip Seal Project to The Shelly Company for \$217,404.90 as recommended by Engineer Jeff Maiden.

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

Surplus - Veteran's

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Surplus for the Veteran's Office to recycled:

Description:

1 Alum Marker

18 Brass Markers

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

Common Pleas

The commissioners are not providing new funds for the magistrate wage increase but have no objection if the court can cover it by reallocating within its existing budget. A formal response will be sent by Administrator JoAnn Rockhold, to notify the court of this decision.

Travel

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

Treasurer Ric Wasserman; Ohio Treasurer's Assoc Spring Conf, Columbus OH; 05/13/25 - 05/15/25

Auditor Jill Davidson & Katherine Smith; Meeting with Senator Brenner, Columbus OH; 05/21/25

Engineer Donnie Stevens; CEAO Land Records & Surveying Conf, Westerville OH; 05/20/25

Engineer Garrett Maiden; CEAO Land Records & Surveying Conf, Westerville OH; 05/20/25

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

Topic 1: New Marshfield Easement and Resident Concern

- * A resident with an older home near the road in New Marshfield raised concerns about proposed sewer line placement.
 - * Her house is only ~10 feet from the road, with two large trees and an electric pole in the front yard.
 - * The plan involves putting the sewer line very close to her house, which would require removing those elements.
- * Supt Carson contacted the resident and empathized with her frustration.
- * A lift station is also planned for the corner of her yard, which the resident may accept if the main line is moved away from her home.
- * Awaiting a response from Gary before contacting Waterloo Township trustees to discuss the right-of-way.
- * Frank supported the current approach of trying to find a compromise with the resident.

Topic 2: Unresolved PTI for Lift Station 2

- * PTI (Permit-To-Install) for Lift Station 2 remains unresolved.
- * This was part of a previous violation, and Gary has been unresponsive despite multiple reminders.
- * The cost to resolve the PTI is around \$1,500, and the speaker has offered to cover the cost to move things forward.
- * Will email Gary again and escalate if needed. Frustration was expressed at the lack of follow-through.

Topic 3: Diffuser Issues and E. coli Problems

- * Diffusers in Tank 3 are underperforming, leading to E. coli problems in the treatment results.
- * Four diffusers are not supplying adequate air despite efforts like:
 - * Replacing bulbs
 - * Weekly cleanings
- * Plan: Replace all diffusers and piping in Tank 3 to address the issue comprehensively.
- * Brandon was notified and agreed it was the right course of action, appreciating the communication.

Topic 4: Water Leaks on Fisher and Hibbardsville Roads

- * Ongoing issue with water surfacing through the asphalt on both Fisher Road and Hibbardsville Road:
 - * Likely caused by hydraulic pressure from sewer trenches on hillsides.
 - * Water bubbling up from sewer trench stone beds.
 - * Suspected natural springs might also be contributing.
- * County provided support on Fisher Road (e.g., outlet construction, materials).
- * Concern from Engineer Jeff Maiden raised over paving Hibbardsville Road soon, as it won't hold up if the water issue persists.
- * Supt Carson agreed to call Gary to assess the situation and see if he has engineering solutions, given his experience.
- * Acknowledged this is likely not the first time he's dealt with such an issue.

Bid Opening - CR46 Bridge

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge receipt of the following Bid Openings for CR46 Bridge, Engineer's Estimate is \$892,929.45:

The Righter Co with a bid of \$1,062,883.00

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

Suspend Rules add John Branner

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:

John Branner

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

John Branner - Community Concerns Multi-Story Apartment Development

John Branner presented concerns:

1. Scale and Compatibility
2. Community Exclusion
3. Traffic and Infrastructure Impact
4. Lack of Community-Oriented Design
5. Petition Circulated (See back of page 172)

Commissioners' Response & Broader Discussion

- * Jurisdictional Limitations
 - * County commissioners do not control zoning in The Plains — that responsibility lies with the township trustees.
 - * Commissioner Eliason clarified that while they can share concerns, they do not oversee township decisions or zoning laws.
- * Communication with Developers and State Agencies
 - * The county had limited involvement:
 - * They received a formal letter from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) about the LIHTC application.
 - * Commissioners now regret not inviting the developer to a public meeting earlier in the process.
 - * Commissioners offered to share the petition and comments with OHFA and possibly draft a letter expressing community concerns.
- * Limitations of Current Laws
 - * A recent change in Ohio law eliminated the requirement for public hearings on such projects.
 - * Developers now only need to notify local jurisdictions — not seek approval or hold meetings.
 - * Commissioners expressed interest in advocating for changes to the law, including reinstating public meetings and approvals.
- * Next Steps Discussed
 - * Commissioners plan to:
 - * Submit comments to OHFA within the next 10 days
 - * Possibly ask the developer to attend a future public meeting
 - * Support township trustees if they pursue any planning or zoning objections
 - * Consider urging state legislators to restore public input requirements

Suspend the 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:

Auditor Contract with Mapped Out GIS Service

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

Auditor Contract with Mapped Out GIS Services

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the contract with the Auditor's Office and Mapped Out GIS Service with the proposed fee not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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

EMS - Tactical Medics

1: Request to Add Two More Tactical Medics

- * Assist Chief Crossen proposed adding two additional tactical (tac) medics to the team.
- * Estimated cost: ~\$10,000/year per medic including all training and operational expenses.
- * Justification:
 - * One medic isn't sufficient for high-risk incidents.

**Petition to the Athens County Commissioners, Athens Township Trustees,
Athens Township Zoning Commission, HAPCAP**

Subject: Request for Redesign of Proposed Apartment Developments

To the Athens County Commissioners, Athens Township Trustees, Athens
Township Zoning Commission, HAPCAP

We, the undersigned residents, property owners, and community members of
Athens County, respectfully petition you to reconsider the proposed multi-story
apartment complexes planned by out-of-town developers for our East First St.
neighborhood.

These developments, as currently designed, are *entirely out of scale* with the
surrounding residential area. Our neighborhood is characterized by modest, one-
and two-story homes that reflect the historic character and small-town feel of East
First Street. Introducing these over-sized structures—designed without meaningful
community input and by developers unfamiliar with our local context—threaten
the character, livability, and cohesion of our neighborhood.

While we recognize the need for additional housing and support thoughtful
affordable development, we believe these projects must be re-evaluated to ensure
they align with the scale, aesthetic, and values of our community. We urge you to
require a redesign of these projects that:

- Reflect the architectural scale and character of the existing neighborhood,
- Includes meaningful input from nearby residents and stakeholders,
- Minimizes disruption to the existing streetscape and infrastructure, and
- Contributes positively to the long-term vision of sustainable and community-
centered development in Athens.

We appreciate your commitment to equitable housing and community-driven
planning. Please stand with us in ensuring that development is both appropriate in
scale and respectful of the communities it seeks to join.

Sincerely,

- * Additional medics ensure coverage during vacations or unavailability.
- * Aimed at reducing civil liability and increasing safety.
- * Training Requirements:
 - * ADAMS training (Advanced Tactical Operational Medical Specialist).
 - * 40-hour OPOTA Peace Officer Certification, especially if the medic is to be armed.
 - * Goal is not for medics to be combatants, but to defend themselves if separated during active situations.
- * Operational Role:
 - * Medics primarily remain in the Bearcat (armored vehicle) until it's safe to provide aid.
 - * However, scene conditions vary, and medics may need to enter buildings or move within unsecured zones.
- * Medical Role in the Field:
 - * The embedded medic can treat life-threatening bleeds in the red/hot zone, stabilizing victims until safer conditions are available.

2: Union Considerations

- * Commissioner Adkins raised concern about union rules:
 - * The position adds new duties not negotiated with the union.
 - * Need to draft and sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining:
 - * Duties and responsibilities.
 - * Compensation.
 - * Eligibility and classification (union vs management).
 - * Cannot assign new duties to union employees without bargaining.
- * Assist Chief Crossen acknowledged no current contract language exists for this role but committed to engaging with the union formally before proceeding.

EMS - Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the resignation from Rick Trask as a part time paramedic.

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

EMS - Medicaid Reimbursement Update and Levy

Medicaid Reimbursement Update

- * Original Expectation: The department anticipated receiving \$600,000 to \$1 million from Medicaid reimbursement.
- * Current Reality: Due to billing changes at the state level, the expected reimbursement has dropped drastically—down to roughly 10% of the original projection (approx. \$16,000).
- * Reason: Changes implemented by Medicaid, with clarification and confirmation from PCG (an accounting group), significantly impacted projected revenue.
- * Mitigation Efforts: EMS Chiefs Association is staying engaged, and PCG/MediCount will continue advocating for a percentage increase, but prospects are limited in the near term.
- * Cost to the Department: PCG and MediCount will take 10% of whatever amount is recouped, but no fees are paid upfront.

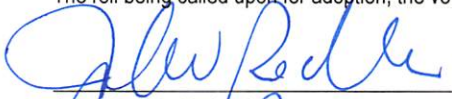
Levy Planning and Financial Forecast

- * Current Financial Trajectory:
 - * Without any levy changes (just renewals), the department is projected to be -\$530,000 by end of 2028.
 - * They would remain solvent through 2028 but face significant financial strain toward the end.
- * Levy Options Analyzed:
 - * Replacement + 0.5 Mills: Best-case scenario under current assumptions; would result in \$2.6 million surplus by end of 2028.
 - * Renewal + 0.5 Mills: Would yield approximately \$1.7 million by end of 2028.
- * Carryover Needs: To remain financially stable, the department requires a \$1.6 million carryover to get through until the March tax settlement.
- * State Legislative Change Alert:
 - * There is a potential legal change underway that might eliminate the option of "replacement levies."
 - * It has passed the House but not yet the Senate.
 - * If passed, replacement levies would no longer be allowed, which impacts planning.

Adjourn

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

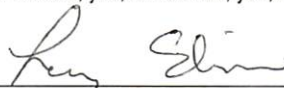
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.



JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel