

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, October 14, 2025 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes October 7, 2025

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
New Fund 317 Board: 2708 - SAMI Project Fund; Other 708.2708.417100

- 9:30 Engineer Jeff Maiden
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 Health Dept Patrick McGarry
- 10:15 Bid Opening New Marshfield Sewer Project
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:45 Tritt Hatt - school mapping grant
- 11:00 NFP
- 11:15 NFP
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Amended Certificate
- Utility Permits
- W&S Extensions
- Engineer- OPWC landslides
- OWDA Payment Request (Ratify Commissioner Chmiel's & Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
- DJFS Inv for Reno to Nelsonville CARES Building to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Surplus - Treasurer
- Engineer Truck Purchase
- Buckeye457/Burba
- DD Board Appointments
- Merchant McIntyre Assoc
- Resolution for Stacy Strauss
- DOJ STOP grant
- Re-Appointment Area 14 WDB
- EMS Resignation - Joshua Crihfield
- HAPCAP - Stockmeister Contract
- HAPCAP- CHIP Admin agreement
- HAPCAP- Bid Award New Leaf
- PSI Grant Agreement
- add- Meigs Co Letter

~TRAVEL

- Common Pleas: Judge McCarthy; OJC Winter Conference, Embassy Suites Dublin OH; 12/02 - 12/05/25
- Common Pleas: Judge Lang; OJC Winter Conference, Hilton Dublin OH; 12/02 - 12/05/25
- Engineer: Garrett Maiden; P Exam, Gahanna OH; 10/13 - 10/14/25
- W&S: Owen Arix; Water Distribution 1 Exam, Columbus OH; 10/10/25

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 Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of October 7, 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 317 Board: 2708 - SAMI Project Fund; Other 708.2708.417100 and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 10/02/2025 To: 10/07/2025, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 10/07/2025 To: 10/09/2025 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.

Engineer Jeff Maiden

No Show

William Holland - Complaint Sheriff's Dept

Complaint: Mr. Holland reported alleged harassment by the County Sheriff's Office at Lake Snowden on Saturday evening. He stated he had paid to camp, was shirtless due to arthritis, and wearing lounge pants (not boxers) when deputies arrived.

Incident details: A deputy (identified verbally as "Deputy Pearson/Person") allegedly told him he must leave immediately or be cited for trespass; additional cruisers arrived. Mr. Holland said deputies claimed the Hocking College director wanted him barred and that he is banned from the property (camping, fishing, swimming). He questioned the probable cause for trespass and requested the name/authority of the Hocking College official.

Board authority question: Mr. Holland asked what latitude the Commissioners have over the Sheriff and requested an explanation of the Board's statutory role.

Commissioners' response:

The Sheriff is an independently elected official; the Board has no supervisory authority. The Board can request/arrange a meeting with the Sheriff but cannot direct actions.

Board responsibilities (high-level): budgeting/taxing authority, buildings & grounds, contracts/legal authority, and oversight of Job & Family Services.

Outcome: Chair ended the exchange after reiterating limits of Board authority and moved to the next agenda item. Potential follow-up offered: facilitating contact with the Sheriff's Office.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Demosky provided the following weekly updates:

1. Program Updates
 - * Winterfest recap: Well attended; thanks extended to volunteers from OUCU, Walmart, private citizens, and agency staff. Photos shared; many children received and wore coats onsite.
2. SNAP / Federal Funding Updates
 - * Policy changes (non-citizen eligibility): State notified counties of federal SNAP eligibility updates affecting certain refugees/parolees. Local impact appears low so far (1 case flagged for manual review). A printed summary of changes was provided.
 - * Potential federal shutdown impact on SNAP:
 - * October SNAP benefits already issued.
 - * If the federal shutdown continues past October, November SNAP may not fund. In prior shutdowns, USDA sometimes issued November benefits late October (e.g., ~Oct 29); if that occurs, county must notify clients that funds are for November use.
 - * Anticipated local effects: significant strain on food pantries/food banks; agency will explore Operation Full Belly expansions (e.g., Thanksgiving-type distribution).

3. Action items

* Chair requested proactive public education without creating panic; consider messaging on stretching SNAP dollars and how to contact federal representatives.

Director to seek state guidance on approved messaging (past posts have been removed by state monitors) and to contact Dan Schoreder/ODJFS regarding the statewide communication plan.

HR / Facilities

No HR issues requiring board discussion.

510 West Union auction: Scheduled Nov 6 at 5:00 PM at the building. Signage posted; drone and interior photos underway. Contact info for the auctioneer to be provided to commissioners.

Surplus - DJFS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the declared DJFS Surplus and redistribution:

Description	Model #	Serial #
2 Drawer Black Metal Filing Cabinet	4278JFS Tag	1412JFS Tag
80 Black Stacking Chairs		
15 Rolling Chairs		
4 Filing Cabinets		
4 Book shelves		
4 Office Chairs		
2 Desks		

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

DJFS Letter to State Auditor

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve Dir Jean Demosky to draft and send a letter to the State Auditor regarding a RMS (random moment sampling) miscoding/misappropriation concern so auditor can determine if further review is warranted.

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

DJFS Contract Amendment - Green Cab

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following Amendment Contract with Green Cab: Amendment # 1

Name of Contract Organization:	59 Green LTD. Dba Green Cab
Total \$ Value:	\$200,001.54 (additional \$100,000.00)
Contract Period:	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged:	Medicaid NET 850/510050 Title XX 735/510050
Billing Procedure:	Submits bi-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 Contract Amendment - Hopewell Health Centers, Inc

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following Amendment Contract with Hopewell Health Centers, Inc:

Amendment # 1	
Name of Contract Organization:	Hopewell Health Centers, Inc
Total \$ Value:	\$200,000.00 (additional \$100,000.00)
Contract Period:	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged:	Medicaid NET 850/510050
Billing Procedure:	Hopewell 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 Contract Amendment - C.O.A.D., Sponsor of RSVP

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the following Amendment Contract with C.O.A.D, Sponsor of RSVP:

Amendment # 1

Name of Contract Organization:	C.O.A.D., Sponsor of RSVP
Total \$ Value:	\$200,000.00 (additional \$100,000.00)
Contract Period:	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged:	Medicaid NET 850/510050 Title XX 735/510050
Billing Procedure:	Submits bi-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.

Amended Certificate

None

Health Dept - Patrick McGarry

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to award the following HSTS Bids as presented by Health Dept Patrick McGarry:

See back of page 345.

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

Health Dept Updates - Patrick McGarry

Commissioner Adkins requested information on a resident that lived on Whitland, Health Dept Patrick McGarry stated that she has been approved for 100% funding for the sewer connection. Commissioner Adkins stated that she has told him that she hasn't signed paperwork and can't afford fees. Commissioner Adkins will follow up with the resident about the unpaid bills and reiterate what funding covers.

Tanner Sewer Issues

County scope & policy:

- * County will extend the line to the property line (within easement).
- * Homeowner is responsible from property line to the house (consistent with past practice).
- * Credit/Reimbursement of Assessment will be issued once W&S Manager confirms with County Treasurer that it had been paid.

Utility Permits

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

Permit No.	25-629
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 # 1, Co Rd Name: Kimberley Rd
Description of Work:	Electric
Type of Installation:	Utility Pole Installation
Estimated Project Schedule:	09/27/2025 - 03/27/2026

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

WPCLF HSTS Replacement Project Bids

WPCLF HSTS Replacement Project Soil Evaluation Bids

Project Information:

Qiliang Wu
7245 Whittlind Lane
Athens OH 45701

Project Information:

Olivia Di Khetan
14510 Scatter Ridge Rd.
Athens, OH 45701

Contractor	Price
Davidson Bush Plumbing LLC	\$20702.50
JC Excavating	\$23800

Contractor	Price
Carlos Cole	\$500

Above are responsible and approved bids this office received for this project that was posted on September 18, 2025. This office recommends awarding this project to the lowest complete bid, Davidson Bush Plumbing LLC.

Above are responsible and approved bids this office received for this project that was posted on September 20, 2025. This office recommends awarding this project to the lowest complete bid, Carlos Cole.

All bids reflect the abandonment of the existing STS, installation of a grinder pump to a public sewer, including the cost of equipment, materials, site work, grading, seeding and strawing, and permits fees.

All bids reflected a complete site and soil evaluation to determine the size of a replacement septic system for the above addresses.

This project will be 85% funded through the Ohio EPA WPCLF.

This project will be 100% funded.

Carl Ortman, MD
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WPCLF HSTS Replacement Project Bids

Project Information:

Angela and Roy Mosher
16239 Fleming Rd.
Amesville, OH 45711

Contractor	Price
JC's Excavating	\$19,575

Above are responsible and approved bids this office received for this project that was posted on September 22, 2025. This office recommends awarding this project to the lowest complete bid, JC's Excavating.

All bids reflected the replacement of the existing STS, including the cost of equipment, materials, site work, grading, seeding and strawing, and permits fees.

This project will be 50% funded through the Ohio EPA WPCLF.



Permit No. 25-630
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 # 2, Co Rd Name: Connett Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Utility Pole Installation
Estimated Project Schedule: 09/27/2025 - 03/27/2026

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

Permit No. 25-633
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 # 22, Co Rd Name: Vore Ridge Rd
Description of Work: Electric
Type of Installation: Install Overhead Transformer on Existing Pole
Estimated Project Schedule: 11/01/2025 - 04/01/2026

Agreed to by: /s/Blake Lindner, 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.

Engineer - OPWC Landslides

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the OPWC Landslides and a Resolution authorizing Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer to prepare and submit an application in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as required.

See back of page 346 for documents and resolution.

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

OWDA Payment Request

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Adkins and Commissioner Chmiel's Signatures on the OWDA Payment Request # 14 for US 50 New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer & # 19 for US 50 Sanitary Sewer Improvements Phases 6/7.

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

DJFS Inv for Reno to Nelsonville CARES Building to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Invoice for Reno to Nelsonville CARES Building in the amount of \$290,202.19 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

Surplus - Treasurer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the declared Treasurer Surplus to Redistribute or Destroy as recommended by Treasurer Taylor Sappington:

Description	Model #	Serial #
File Cabinet Beige damaged		Athens Co 0110-000179
File Cabinet Beige		Athens Co 0110-000180
File Cabinet Beige		Athens Co 0110-00199
File Cabinet Beige		Athens Co Unavailable
File Cabinet Beige		Athens Co Unavailable
File Cabinet Black		Athens Co 0100-000049
File Cabinet Black		Athens Co 0100-000048
VeriFone Pin Pad	1000SE	292-142-582
VeriFone Credit Card Machine	Omni 5700	B32MM02BVF1007

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

Bid Opening - New Marshfield Sewer Project

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge receipt of the bid for New Marshfield Sewer Project from DV Weber Construction in the amount of \$4,934,095.00 with the Engineer's Estimate of \$4,125,000.00 (with allowable ceiling; project allowed up to \$4,950,000.00).

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

W&S - Pay Rate Change

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the pay rate change of \$21.60/hr. for Owen Arix, effective October 23, 2025.

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

W&S - Weekly Updates

Supt Oscar Carson provided the following weekly updates:

- 1) Mr. Funk – Request to Purchase EDUs
 - * Draft worksheet presented showing capacity fee = \$3,000 per EDU and a proposal using 61 EDUs (\$183,000).
 - * Board deferred action; additional information required before selling taps/capacity:
 - * Project approvals (building commission, etc.).
 - * Construction timeline/benchmarks.
 - * Contingencies if project does not proceed (refund terms, lapse dates).
 - * Funding dependencies (e.g., state awards) and what happens if funding fails.
 - * Direction: Create a standard checklist/terms to apply for any future EDU sale to private projects.
- 2) Commercial EDU Methodology (Country Club, Warehouse Tire, Gas/Convenience)
 - * Staff provided three scenarios for key accounts:
 1. Original engineering counts (e.g., 200 members for the club),
 2. 80-member scenario, and
 3. Actual metered water usage (year-to-date table on reverse).
 - * Discussion points:
 - * Current policy references EPA suggested flow guide (e.g., 50 gal/person/day) which accounts for higher-strength/commercial waste vs residential.
 - * Commissioners noted fairness concerns; actual usage is fact-based but may understate strength/impact (grease, BOD, concentration).
 - * Debt service was originally allocated by EDUs from the design phase; changing EDUs now alters systemwide allocations. If EDUs are reduced for some, overall revenue gap could require rate adjustments elsewhere unless offset by more EDUs connecting.
 - * Warehouse Tire now largely auto service; gas station is convenience/snack only (no oil changes) — potentially different strength profiles.
 - * Requested follow-ups:
 - * From Country Club: Provide member counts in writing, by membership type (golf/restaurant/pool) to substantiate the calculation.
 - * From staff (Stephanie/Oscar):

- * Calculate debt-service-per-EDU under both original and revised (usage-based) counts; show bill impact deltas.
- * Confirm any sewer-use strength charges or pretreatment/grease trap requirements via City agreement and whether the City has flagged any issues.
- * Bring forward a policy update draft reconciling EPA guide vs. metered usage (and how to treat commercial strength).

3) Plant & System Operations

- * Tank evaluations: Vendor coming next week to begin assessments.
- * UV disinfection/equalization status:
 - * Recent effluent results declined; staff engaged vendor (Brandon).
 - * The secondary UV bank has now been installed/activated; new bulbs/sleeves in place.
 - * Performance has stabilized; staff will monitor and report any further issues.

4) Tap/Parcel Issues & Stormwater Complaint

- * Tap relocation after parcel split (Leoda area; addresses noted as 66/68):
 - * Resident reports new runoff to house; investigation indicates neighbor regraded driveway (added fill) and diverted water.
 - * Determination: Not a sewer project issue; runoff caused by private driveway work.

5) Safety & Risk Management

- * Incident: County employee flagging traffic at a wreck while on duty and in a county truck.
- * Direction (firm): Employees must not engage in traffic control/emergency response while on county time/equipment; fire/EMS handle scene safety.
- * Work comp exposure noted if employee is injured during non-assigned activities.
- * Action: Supervisor to counsel employee; reinforce guidance across the department.

6) Data Provided / Worksheets

- * Supt Carson shared usage breakdowns for three highest-use commercial accounts:
 - * Current charge basis, member/square-foot bases, and meter-based recalculations (Jan–Oct usage).
- * W&S Office Manger Morris to retrieve the system manual/policy draft previously circulated for possible updates to EDU methodology.

Trint Hatt - School Mapping Grant

Presenter: Lee (Critical Response Group, CRG) – former Marine Special Operations; company builds gridded emergency response maps for schools/critical sites.

Product: North-oriented, aerial + floorplan “grid reference” maps (Battleship-style) with labeled doors, halls, utilities, AEDs, shutoffs; used by public safety, 911/CAD, Axon/Fusus, school apps; CRG handles site walks and data accuracy.

Purpose/Benefit: Creates a common operating picture for responders; fixes floorplan inaccuracy/access issues noted in after-actions (e.g., Uvalde).

Funding: BJA STOP School Violence grant (up to \$1M; no local match; CRG assists writing). Deadline noted as Oct 27 (federal shutdown may shift). Awards expected Spring 2026, then a 3-month prep/start window.

County Scope: ~All schools in Athens County targeted.

Workload/Process: CRG provides copy-paste narratives, handles school coordination/legwork and reporting templates; County provides standard grants portal items (SAM/Grants.gov, fiscal details).

Concerns/Clarifications: Sheriff's Office asked about staff burden; CRG confirmed POC only, CRG does fieldwork and grant drafting.

Action/POC: Captain Maynard (Sheriff's Office) to serve as point of contact (transition to Lt. Morris after Captain's retirement). CRG (Zach) to contact POC immediately to begin grant inputs.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve to proceed with CRG to submit a STOP Grant application for Athens County Schools.

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

NFP

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel to adopt NFP/MMO self-funded recommendation, Failed - No Second.

See back of page 349 for NFP Cost Comparison.

CEBCO Renewal

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason to renew with CEBCO.

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

Engineer - Truck Purchase

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the Engineer Truck Purchase 2026 Ford Super Duty F-550 DRW (1FD0X5HT1TEC76956) from Don Wood in the amount of \$67,472.00. Commissioner Chmiel will sign additional documents from Don Wood for the truck.

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

Buckeye457 - Burba

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the distribution request for qualified retirement plans for Michael E. Burba.

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

DD Board Appointments

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve Re-Appointing Barry Oches and Dr. Gutt-Zippert to the DD Board:

October 14, 2025

Barry Oches
14595 East Scatter Ridge Rd
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Mr. Oches:

At its regular meeting on October 14, 2025, the Board of Athens County Commissioners reappointed you to the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities as a member representing Athens County. Your new term will begin on January 1, 2026, and end on December 31, 2029.

Thank you for your continued service to Athens County and for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

/s/Chris Chmiel

ACC:jr

Healthcare Program Costs Comparison

ATHENS COUNTY	CEBCO RENWAL	MMO
Medical/Rx	\$10,258,098	\$9,238,230
Life/AD&D	\$25,152	\$25,152
Dental Guardian Admin	\$27,497	\$27,497
Vision VSP Admin	\$30,631	\$30,631
EAP	Included	\$6,144
Telemedicine (FSH)*	Included	\$18,533
Wellness**	Included	\$9,024
Total	\$10,341,378	\$9,355,211
Savings	N/A	\$986,167

**MMO no cost option also available*

***There is a \$25,000 Wellness Credit available through MMO Annually for 3 years*

10/14/2025

October 14, 2025

Dr. Gutt-Zippert
17565 Bell Road
Millfield, Ohio 45761

Dear Dr. Gut-Zippert:

At its regular meeting on October 14, 2025, the Board of Athens County Commissioners reappointed you to the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities as a member representing Athens County. Your new term will begin on January 1, 2026, and end on December 31, 2029.

Thank you for your continued service to Athens County and for your commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice-President

/s/Chris Chmiel

ACC:jr

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

Merchant McIntyre Assoc.

Discussion: Proposal to hire for three months (\$30,000) to pursue grants; immediate need is help writing the AFG Firefighter grant. Budget concerns noted given other county obligations.

Action: Tabled comprehensive engagement. Commissioner Chmiel will contact the firm to obtain a price for drafting the single Firefighter grant only, then bring back a specific quote/proposal.

Resolution for Stacy Strauss

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Resolution for Stacy Strauss:

WHEREAS, Stacy Strauss was appointed to the Athens County Port Authority Board in November 2016, and has served the people of Athens County with distinction for nearly ten years, during her tenure, Ms. Strauss provided invaluable insight and guidance on critical building projects and the federal funding associated with those projects, strengthening the County's economic development infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Strauss also served on the ACPA Building Committee for the last several years, contributing her expertise, diligence, and steadfast commitment to quality and accountability; and the Board of Athens County Commissioners wishes to formally acknowledge Ms. Strauss's exemplary public service and the positive impact of her contributions to Athens County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Athens County Commissioners, that the Board hereby recognizes and expresses its sincere appreciation to Stacy Strauss for her dedicated service to the Athens County Port Authority Board since November 2016, and for her leadership on critical building projects, associated federal funding, and on the ACPA Building Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be presented to Ms. Strauss and entered into the official records of the Board of Athens County Commissioners.

Signed this 14th day of October 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.

Re-Appointment Area 14 WDB

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge the Re-Appointment Area 14 WDB Jennifer Pollard for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027.

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

EMS Resignation - Joshua Crihfield

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the EMS Resignation from Joshua Crihfield, effective 10/22/2025.

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

HAPCAP - Stockmeister Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the HAPCAP - Notice of Award for Stockmeister Contract.

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

HAPCAP - CHIP Admin Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to award HAPCAP the CHIP Admin Agreement.

See document on back of page 351.

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

HAPCAP - Bid Award New Leaf Project

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to award the bid for the New Leaf Project to Kalkreuth Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc in the amount of \$142,951.00.

Estimate: \$138,600.00

Maximum Allowable Bid: \$154,000.00

B-D-22-1AE-4

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

PSI Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the PSI Grant Agreement.

See PSI Agreement on back of page 352.

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

Travel

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

Common Pleas: Judge McCarthy; OJC Winter Conference, Embassy Suites Dublin OH; 12/02 - 12/05/25

Common Pleas: Judge Lang; OJC Winter Conference, Hilton Dublin OH; 12/02 - 12/05/25

Engineer: Garrett Maiden; P Exam, Gahanna OH; 10/13 - 10/14/25

W&S: Owen Arix; Water Distribution 1 Exam, Columbus OH; 10/10/25

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

Letter to Meigs County Commissioners & Sheriff

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve a Thank You Letter to the Meigs County Commissioners and Sheriff for housing inmates at the regional jail. Commissioner Adkins and Sheriff Smith will draft a letter:

October 27, 2025

Sheriff Scott Fitch
Meigs County Sheriff's Office
104 E. Second Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Sheriff Rodney Smith
Athens County Sheriff's Office
13 West Washington Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Meigs County Commissioners
104 E. Second Street
Pomeroy, Ohio 45769

Dear Sheriff Fitch, Sheriff Smith, and the Meigs County Commissioners,

On behalf of the Athens County Commissioners, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your decision to house Meigs County inmates at the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail (SEORJ). Your willingness to collaborate has made a significant difference to Athens County and other member counties served by SEORJ.

By agreeing to utilize SEORJ for your inmate housing, you have helped stabilize and reduce costs for Athens County Commissioners and taxpayers. This collaboration is not only mutually beneficial to both Athens and Meigs counties but also strengthens our shared commitment to work together efficiently and responsibly. We are truly grateful for your leadership and for the spirit of teamwork that you bring to this partnership.

We look forward to continuing to build upon this strong working relationship between Athens and Meigs Counties in the months and years ahead. Thank you once again for your cooperation and partnership.

With gratitude,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice President

/s/Chris Chmiel, Commissioner

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.




Jo Ann Rockhold, Administrator



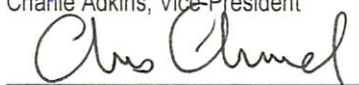
Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel

Addendum to Community-Based Corrections Subsidy Grant Agreement

This Addendum is between the State of Ohio, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and ATHENS COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS (name of organization) located at 1 SOUTH COURT STREET, ATHENS, OHIO 45701 (address). ODRC and the Grantee entered into an agreement effective the original date of approval. ODRC and the Grantee now desire to amend the original fiscal year 2026/2027 Community Corrections Grant Agreement to modify the award amounts as listed below and add paragraphs 27 and 28:

	Base Award	PSI Award	Incentive Award	Addendum Increase	Addendum Decrease	New Total Award
CCA 2.0	\$0.00	\$83,790.00	\$0.00	\$6,170.00	\$0.00	\$89,960.00
TCAP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PSG	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

This addendum shall be effective on the date of the last signature. Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2026/2027 will not in any case exceed **\$89,960.00** (total grant award amount).

27. Liability: To the extent allowable by law, each party agrees to be responsible for any liability, suits, losses, judgments, damages, or other demands brought as a result of its own negligent actions or omissions in the performance of this Agreement.

28. Civil Rights Assurance: The parties hereby agree that they will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.) and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.).

Terms of the Original Contract: All other terms and conditions of the original Contract are not modified by this amendment and shall remain in full force and effect and be considered incorporated herein as part of the First Amendment.

Matthew Morris

Matthew Morris, Chief
Bureau of Community Sanctions

Liz Shi 10/14/25
County Commissioner Date

Roger Wilson

Roger Wilson, Deputy Director
Division of Parole and Community Services

[Signature] 10-14-25
County Commissioner Date

[Signature] 10-14-25
County Commissioner Date

County Executive Date

As to Form:

[Signature] 10/14/25
City Manager/Mayor Date

County Prosecutor