

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, April 14, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes April 7, 2026

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
Fund to Fund: Comm \$61,885.50 from 001.1236.589000 Transfer Out to 571.2571.417100 Other Rev-Pub Assist

- 9:30 Age-Friendly Update - Amy Lipka
- 9:45 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:00 911 Proclamation National Telecommunicator Week April 12-18
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
- Surplus - BOE
- OneOhio Distribution
- Buckeye Hills Board Appointment Clayton Newman
- DJFS Mandated Share
- LEPC Membership
- CORSA Employee Dishonesty Coverage

~TRAVEL

- Auditor: Marsha Few; CAAO Summer Conference, Columbus OH; 06/03/26
- Comm: Chris Chmiel; Ohio Land Bank Assoc Conf, Toledo OH; 04/21 - 04/24/26
- Auditor: Jill Davidson; CAAO Summer Conf, Columbus OH; 06/02 - 06/05/26
- EMS: Assist Chief Randy Crossen & Capt. Robert Sochia; Medix Ambulance Factory, South Bend IN; 04/14 - 04/15/26
- Common Pleas: Judge Patrick Lang; OCPJA Summer Conf, Mason OH; 06/02 - 06/05/26

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026 with adjournment included.

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: Comm \$61,885.50 from 001.1236.589000 Transfer Out to 571.2571.417100 Other Rev-Pub Assist and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 04/02/2026 To: 04/07/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 04/07/2026 To: 04/09/2026 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.

Age-Friendly Update - Amy Lipka

Amy Lipka provided the following Age-Friendly Updates (Documents on back of page 131):

1. Presented 2025 annual report highlighting key initiatives, including transportation efforts.
2. Shared a one-page overview clarifying the mission, focus areas, and partnerships of Age-Friendly Athens County.
3. Provided Q1 2026 activity report: 95 engagements (meetings, collaborations), along with ongoing connections and referrals, demonstrating continued role as a community hub.
4. Current Focus Areas:
 - * Housing: Monthly co-creation group for senior-friendly housing at The Ridges; collaboration with community partners.
 - * Dementia/Brain Health: Planning two community convenings (June/July) in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association to promote brain health awareness.
 - * Health Navigation: Exploring improved access and coordination of services; potential development of an Age-Friendly community health worker role.
 - * Grant Activity: Submitted grant for creative aging and folk arts programming (decision expected June).
5. Communications & Outreach:
 - * Continues monthly "Age-Friendly Athens County Corner" in JFS newsletter highlighting inclusive community programs.
 - * Increased social media engagement attributed to more targeted posting and high-interest community events.
6. Additional Updates:
 - * Planning intergenerational board game testing project with international partners (Slovenia), potential future community event.

W&S Clothing Allowance Request

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the purchase of work clothing and boots for three (3) employees:

- Oscar Carson - 5 pairs of pants and work boots
- Owen Arix - 5 pairs of pants, muck boots, & work boots
- Travis Taylor - 5 pairs of pants, muck boots, & work boots

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

W&S - Job Posting

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve moving forward with posting for a Water and Sewer Operator Position (non-supervisory).

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

W&S - Hopewell Letter

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the revised letter to Hopewell as provided by Supt Carson.

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

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Weekly Updates

Supt Oscar Carson provided the following W&S Weekly Updates:

1. Country Club
 - * Ongoing inquiries regarding billing adjustment and potential credit.
 - * No prior approval for credit; Commissioner Eliason directed Supt Carson to calculate potential refund amount for future consideration.
2. Plant Operations Update:
 - * Ongoing repairs and cleaning at treatment plant progressing; vacuum truck in use to remove grit and debris.
 - * New diffusers to be installed; tank expected to be operational by the following day.
3. Fire Suppression Meter Policy Discussion:
 - * Reviewed need for policy regarding fire line meters.
 - * Current practice provides initial meters, but future policy likely to require property owners to pay for fire suppression meters.
 - * Retroactive application not recommended; policy to apply moving forward.
 - * Discussion included liability, maintenance, and potential loss scenarios.
 - * Supt Carson, Office Manager Morris, & Administrator Rockhold to draft updated policy for review.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS

Transportation

- Age-Friendly Athens County partnered with Creating Healthy Communities and HARPAC's Mobility Management team to increase public transportation education and resources for Athens County seniors.
- Over the course of the year we conducted a transportation survey with older adults in Athens County, hosted two bus ride field trips, provided three travel training events (partnering with OhioHealth UpBEAT, United Seniors of Athens County, and Nelsonville Senior Center), and hosted a focus group. We also studied existing transportation information and conducted a bus shelter assessment.
- Based on what we learned, we worked with Mobility Management to update the Athens County Transportation Directory and to install signage and maps at seven bus shelters.

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Participants in a senior bus field trip prepare to get on an Athens Public Transit bus on Court Street in Athens.

2025 Participating Organizations

Alzheimer's Association, Athens City-County Health Department, Athens County Foundation, Athens County 911, Athens County Commissioners, Athens County Department of Job and Family Services, Athens County Planner, Athens County Public Libraries, Athens Township, Buckeye Hills Regional Council, City of Athens, COMCorps Program, COAD, Helping Hands of Southeast Ohio, HARPAC, Hoopewill, Integrate Athens, OhioHealth, Ohio Senior Health Insurance Program, Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, Ohio University Volinovich School of Leadership and Public Service, PassionWorks, ProSeniors, Regional Falls Prevention Coalition, The Athens Village, United Seniors of Athens County, UpBEAT, Village of Albany, Village of Amesville, Village of Chasuncey, and individual community members.

2025 HIGHLIGHTS, CONTINUED

Community Engagement

- Quarterly coalition meetings provided structured opportunities for community members, planners, service providers, and advocates to share updates, identify gaps, and coordinate efforts.
- Age-Friendly Athens County Corner, a monthly feature in the Athens County Job & Family Services Senior Newsletter, highlighted local examples of age-friendliness across the county.
- The Community & Health Services Subcommittee worked on advocacy for older adult services and learned about barriers to essential supports such as food, housing, and social connection.
- Convened community leaders, older residents, and housing organizations to prioritize senior housing needs.



Global Learning for Health Equity

- A delegation of seven Athens County leaders traveled to Slovenia to learn from Age-Friendly communities working on housing, intergenerational programming, transportation, and volunteer engagement. The visit provided practical ideas that align directly with Athens County's Age-Friendly Action Plan priorities.
- Later in the year, we hosted a Slovenian delegation in Athens County, creating opportunities for local leaders, service providers, and community members to exchange ideas and build lasting relationships.
- We also continued relationship-building through the Social Welfare International Exchange, maintaining connections with partners in Japan and exploring shared approaches to aging and community belonging.
- In May, Athens County joined the WHO Global Network for Age-Friendly Cities and Communities, committing to sharing local practices and learning from other communities around the world.



Members of Age-Friendly Athens County with members of the Age-Friendly Slovenian Delegation.

Financial support for Age-Friendly Athens County provided by: Athens County Senior Levy, Athens County Commissioners, City of Athens, Ohio University College of Health Sciences and Professions, University of Maryland Baltimore, Athens County Health Department



What It Is

A community-wide effort that brings together organizations, agencies, and residents to coordinate services, resources, and efforts that support people as they age.

Why It Matters

By improving coordination and focusing on what matters most, this work helps people stay active, connected, and supported as they age in Athens County.

Who is Involved

Led by the Athens City-County Health Department, with a growing coalition of organizations, agencies, and residents working together across Athens County.

What We Do

- Listen to older adults and community members through surveys, meetings, and outreach.
- Bring people and organizations together to share information and coordinate efforts.
- Identify gaps and priorities based on community input and local data.
- Bring an aging lens to local planning and decision making.
- Learn from and share ideas with age-friendly communities locally and around the world.

What we focus on

- Housing
- Transportation
- Community & Health Services

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Age-Friendly Athens County
 January-March 2025

The role continues to function as a hub, helping organizations work together more effectively. These numbers reflect the day-to-day work of coordinating across partners and responding to community needs.

- 85 Engagements** - Actions taken to support projects, respond to local ideas, or to move efforts forward.
- 17 Connections** - Linking people or groups for meaningful collaboration
- 5 Referrals** - Connecting people with resources or organizations that can help

Below are examples of how these engagements, connections, and referrals contribute to progress toward our goals and objectives.

Housing

Continued coordination of age-friendly housing efforts, including planning for the Senior Housing on the Ridge Working Group. Throughout 2024 and 2025, the Age-Friendly Housing Subcommittee held smaller meetings to better understand needs and opportunities. A larger collaborative effort launched in February 2026, bringing together partners across sectors. At the March meeting, participants discussed what is needed to support senior housing development at the Ridge, with emphasis on aligning housing with age-friendly principles and community needs, and strong interest in cross-sector collaboration to support housing, services, and infrastructure.

Dementia Risk Reduction

The Dementia Risk Reduction Learning Collaborative addresses dementia as a public health issue by convening local partners across healthcare, aging services, and community organizations. In February and March, facilitated two planning meetings to map existing efforts related to brain health, including physical activity, chronic disease management, and healthy eating. This work is leading to a two-part community convening designed to align local resources, prioritize actions, and strengthen a shared approach to supported brain health and reducing dementia risk in Athens County.

Community & Health Services

Supported subcommittee work, including finalizing a partner survey to better understand services for older adults and facilitating a coalition activity to gather input that will directly inform priorities.

Age-Friendly Athens County Corner

Athens County is part of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities - an effort to help people stay active, engaged, and supported as they grow older. Needs and realities may change with age, but that shouldn't mean feeling left out or disconnected. This monthly series will spotlight a local example of what age-friendliness looks like in action - right here in Athens County.

This Month's Highlight: Monday Lunch at First United Methodist Church

Age-friendly communities include places where people can meet basic needs and stay socially connected. Monday Lunch at First United Methodist Church is one example of this happening in Athens County. Every Monday from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, a free meal is offered to the community. The program began in 1998 and has been serving the community for more than 25 years.

The meal is prepared, served, and supported entirely by volunteers. What started small has grown into a weekly gathering serving more than 200 people each Monday. Guests can expect a full, nutritious meal, that includes:

- A fresh lettuce salad
- Roasted vegetables
- A meat entree and a vegetarian entree
- Dessert
- Take-home options

By offering a welcoming place to gather for a free meal, Monday Lunch provides consistency, dignity, and connection. Guests of all ages & ages to enjoy and share conversation. Volunteers greet people by name. A piano often plays during lunch. There is also a basic needs area with clothing and useful items, a free book table, and a blessing box outside for anyone in need.

Community members who would like to help are welcome to volunteer with food preparation, serving, or clean up.

Location: 25 S. College Avenue, Athens

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This Month's Highlight: Village Productions

Age-friendly communities create space for people of all ages to participate, connect, and belong. Village Productions in Amesville is a strong local example of this. Their mission is to enhance community connections and provide learning opportunities in and around Amesville, Ohio, by offering classes, workshops, and events for the well-being of our rural community.

By offering arts and cultural opportunities close to home, Village Productions helps support aging in place. Residents can stay active and engaged in their own community without needing to travel far.

Current and upcoming offerings include:

- Swing Dance, Salsa, Oaxaca, and Zumba
- Pilates, Yoga and Meditation
- Monthly Cookbook Club
- Special art workshops, such as the February 17th Zentangle workshop, focused on mindful drawing and creative expression

Village Productions is also home to the Amesville Senior Center, which meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the first-floor space from 9 am to Noon. Coffee and breakfast are served at 9 am. Monthly activities include chair yoga, guest speakers, computer and technology support, conversation, games, and other creative activities.

To see the full schedule, visit www.village-productions.org.
 Location: 16 State St. (SR 550), Amesville
 Email: villageproductions.amesvill@gmail.com

Senior Center members enjoying a community event

Senior Center members Gary Gosman and Roxanne Groff cooking together

911 Proclamation National Telecommunicator Week April 12-18, 2026

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the 911 Proclamation for National Telecommunicator Week April 12-18, 2026:

PROCLAMATION

**National 9-1-1 Telecommunicator Week
April 12-18, 2026**

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, it takes a special strength to be the calm voice when lives are on the line. To take control of an emergency using just a phone. To get the right kind of help to the right location. To give instructions that make a difference, no matter what the situation; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and medical personnel is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers, medical personnel, and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and assured accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Athens County 9-1-1 Emergency Communications center; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, emergency medical personnel, and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and insuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Athens County 911 Emergency Communications have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

NOW, therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Athens County Commissioners declares the week of April 12 through 18, 2020 to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week in Athens County, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and citizens safe.

Signed this 14 day of April, 2026

/s/Lenny Eliason, Commissioner

/s/Charlie Adkins, Commissioner

/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.

911-EMA Updates

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

1. Full-Scale Exercise

- * Update provided on the county's upcoming full-scale emergency exercise, scheduled for Sunday at the fairgrounds.
- * Scenario will involve a truck collision and rollover.
- * Participating agencies include:
 - * Richland Fire Department
 - * Athens City Fire Department
 - * Albany Fire Department
 - * Red Cross
 - * Public Information Officers
 - * EPA

- * Ohio University Police
 - * Other local response partners
 - * Public notice will be sent to local agencies due to expected emergency response activity.
2. Senior Safety Day
- * Announced Senior Safety Day for May 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Athens Community Center.
3. Tower Repair
- * Report given on storm damage to a communications tower, where the top bracket of a simulcast antenna was blown upside down and left hanging.
 - * Although the system remained operational, finding a repair contractor was difficult due to statewide demand for tower construction crews.
 - * After extensive outreach, a company from Pennsylvania completed the repair.
 - * Cost of repair was approximately \$7,500.
 - * Tower is now fully repaired and operational.
4. Coolville Tower Generator
- * Update provided that Trout Electric is finishing generator work at the Coolville Tower site.
 - * Current radio system remains fully operational while preparations continue for the transition to MARCS.
 - * It was noted that the current system will not be immediately shut down during transition, but will instead be phased out over time as equipment is upgraded.
5. System Maintenance
- * Ongoing maintenance continues across all sites, including:
 - * UPS systems
 - * HVAC systems
 - * Monthly site inspections
 - * Preventive checks for issues such as pests or equipment failures
6. Staff Development / Training
- * Report shared that a dispatcher successfully applied for a scholarship for the 9-1-1 Chaplain Initiative and completed training in Texas.
 - * Athens County now has a certified chaplain for emergency response personnel.
 - * Additional update given regarding recertification requirements for emergency number professional certification:
 - * Requires volunteer service at a national or regional conference
 - * A scholarship application was submitted and awarded
 - * Scholarship will cover:
 - * Full conference registration
 - * Full class registration
 - * \$1,500 travel stipend
 - * It was proposed that one day of conference attendance be offered to the Telecommunicator of the Year, with an estimated cost of \$150.
 - * It was noted that existing budget authority should be sufficient for this.
7. Training Budget and Certification
- * Emphasis placed on the importance of continuing education:
 - * Approximately 20 employees require ongoing training
 - * State certification standards continue to evolve
 - * It was also reported that the agency recently passed both:
 - * The 9-1-1 state audit
 - * The LEADS security audit
8. Audio Recorder / Quality Assurance Improvements
- * Update provided on implementation of a new RevCord extension to the current audio recording system.
 - * Current challenges include:
 - * Time-intensive public records processing
 - * Manual review of calls for quality assurance
 - * New system will:
 - * Use artificial intelligence to review 100% of calls
 - * Identify calls requiring attention based on established scoring thresholds
 - * Generate complete call transcripts
 - * Support training and quality assurance
 - * Staff will continue reviewing required calls, but the new system will improve consistency and efficiency.
9. Debris Management Planning
- * Through EMA, the office is working to finalize an annex to the county's debris management plan.
 - * Purpose is to identify locations where debris would be managed in the event of a major storm or disaster.

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Rita Howland for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$109.81 with \$57.56 to be paid by 04/20/2026. 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.

Surplus - BOE

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

Description	Model #	Serial #
Tennsco Metal 6 Drawer Card Filing Cabinet		
HP Laser Jet Pro M402n Printer	M402n	PHBH702826
HP Laser Jet 600 Printer with second tray	M602	CNBCD6315F
HP Laser Jet M608 Printer with second tray	M608	CNBCM5F1Z1
3 Toner Cartridges for HP Laser Jet M608		

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

OneOhio Distribution

Commissioners review continued on pending OneOhio funding requests.

- * It was noted that:
 - * A health department-related request appeared more promotional/sales-related and would not be pursued.
 - * Sheriff's Department requests included:
 - * One request for a position and vehicle
 - * One request for furniture
- * Consensus supported funding the position and vehicle, but not the furniture request, which was considered outside the intended guidelines.
- * It was also agreed that a press release would be prepared once funding decisions were finalized, including a call for additional proposals.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve funding for the Sheriff's request for the position and vehicle.

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

Buckeye Hills Board Appointment Clayton Newman

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to appoint Clayton Newman to the Buckeye Hills Regional Council Board.

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

LEPC Membership

Melissa Blank provided changes for the LEPC Membership as follows (See back of page 134 for LEPC Membership List):

- Hospital - Remove Lori Price and replace with Ken Cline
- Environmental - Add Connor LaVelle
- Community Group - Remove Jean Demosky, Replace Taylor Anderson with Evan Anthony

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the LEPC list of membership changes.

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

CORSA Employee Dishonesty Coverage

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve using employee dishonesty coverage in lieu of surety bonds for elected officials with County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA). See back of page 134 for Document.

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

Ohio State Emergency Response Commission		Local Emergency Planning Committee Application of LEPC Member Appointments for Multiple Members		
c/o Ohio LPA, Laramie Government Center 50 W. Town St., Ste. 202 PO Box 1049 Columbus, OH 43216-1049		Local Emergency Planning Committee: Athens		
		from 4 / 10 / 2026 through 8 / 1 / 2027		
Representing	Name	Title	Employer	LEPC Officer*
Fire	Robert Rymer	Chief	Athens City Fire	2
	Harry Barber	Chief	Nelsonville Fire Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Law	Nick Magruder	Chief	Athens City Police Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Steven Daugherty	Lt.	OSP	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elected Official	Charlie Adkins	Commissioner	Athens County	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ted Linscott	Trustee	Athens Township	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency Management	Teresa Fouts-Imler	Director	Athens County 911/EMA	3
	Melissa Blank	Dep. Director	Athens County EMA	1
Hospital	Cosalia Jenkins	Emergency Management	Ohio Health, O'Bleness	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Ken Cline	Emergency Management	Memorial Health System	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Aid	Amber Pyle	Chief	Athens Co. EMS	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Randy Crossen	Asst. Chief	Athens Co. EMS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health	Jack Pepper	Administrator	Athens City/County Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kate Cottrill	Emergency Response Coord.	Athens City/County Health	5
Environmental	Pat McGarry	Director of Environmental	Athens City/County Health	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Connor Lavelle	Co. Planner/Flood Plain Mgr	Athens County	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation	Jeff Maiden	County Engineer	Athens County Engineer's	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Scott Sanders	Transportation Admin.	ODOT	<input type="checkbox"/>
Media	Thom Williams	VP/Co-Owner	TMCR Broadcasting, LLC	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Group				<input type="checkbox"/>
	Evan Anthony	Comm. Disaster Prog. Mgr.	American Red Cross	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industry	Travis Anderson	Director	Le-Ax Water District	<input type="checkbox"/>
				<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	Jeff Slattery	Volunteer	Amateur Radio/Red Cross	4
	Andrew Powers	Chief	Ohio University Police	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	Jill Harris	Emergency Manager	Ohio University	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Josh Clegg	Coordinator	Athens County 911	<input type="checkbox"/>
*Indicate if following officer positions: (1) information coordinator; (2) chairperson; (3) emergency coordinator; (4) vice chairperson; and (5) secretary				
County Commissioner Name Lenny Elason		Signature <i>Lenny Elason</i>	Date Signed 4/14/26	

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APPROVE USING EMPLOYEE DISHONESTY COVERAGE IN LIEU OF SURETY BONDS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS WITH COUNTY RISK SHARING AUTHORITY, INC. (CORSA)

The Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, met in regular session in the office of said Board on the 14th day of April, 2026, with the following members present: Mr. Elason, Mr. Adkins and Mr. Chmiel;

WHEREAS, liability insurance coverage for Athens County is of high importance to this Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board has approved a Participation Agreement with County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) to provide liability insurance coverage to Athens County; and

WHEREAS, CORSA affers employee dishonesty coverage in lieu of surety bonds to elected officials at no extra cost to the County, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Board of Athens County Commissioners does hereby approve the attached Schedule of Individuals Utilizing Employee Dishonesty Coverage in Lieu of a Surety Bond with CORSA.

Lenny Elason	Commissioner	12/31/2026
Chris Chmiel	Commissioner	1/2/2029
Charlie Adkins	Commissioner	1/1/2029
Jill Davidson	Auditor	3/12/2027
Taylor Sappington	Treasurer	9/1/2025-8/31/2029
Jessie Markins	Recorder	1/3/2029
Candy Russell	Clerk of Court	1/5/2029
Keller J Blackburn	Prosecutor	1/5/2029
Rodney Smith	Sheriff	1/5/2029
Carl Ortman	Coroner	1/5/2029
Jeff Maiden	Engineer	1/5/2029
Zachary Saunders	Juvenile/Probate Court Judge	2/8/2027
Walter Dits Crockron	Director of Children Services	
Ryan Gillette	Dog Warden	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County does hereby approve the following changes to the Schedule of Individuals Utilizing Employee Dishonesty Coverage in Lieu of Surety Bonds with CORSA:

Removing: Jean Demosky, Director of Job and Family Services, effective 4/7/2026
Adding: Keith Wiens, Interim Director of Job and Family Services, 4/7/2026

Signed this 14th day of April 2026

Lenny Elason
Lenny Elason, President
Charlie Adkins
Charlie Adkins
Chris Chmiel
Chris Chmiel

JoAnn Rockhold
JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the Prosecutor's VAWA Grant Pre-Award Conditions Packet with the changes from last weeks meeting.

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

DJFS Meeting Time with Sabrina Jamison

- * Update provided that Sabrina responded with available times for a special meeting.
- * Board agreed to schedule a special public meeting for Monday, April 20 at 9:00 a.m.
- * Topic of the meeting will be limited to discussion of the JFS report on adjustments.
- * It was emphasized that:
 - * This will be a public meeting
 - * Relevant JFS personnel, including Keith and financial staff, should be present
- * Direction given to communicate the meeting details accordingly.

Travel

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

- Auditor: Marsha Few; CAAO Summer Conference, Columbus OH; 06/03/26
- Comm: Chris Chmiel; Ohio Land Bank Assoc Conf, Toledo OH; 04/21 - 04/24/26
- Auditor: Jill Davidson; CAAO Summer Conf, Columbus OH; 06/02 - 06/05/26
- EMS: Assist Chief Randy Crossen & Capt. Robert Sochia; Medix Ambulance Factory, South Bend IN; 04/14 - 04/15/26
- Common Pleas: Judge Patrick Lang; OCPJA Summer Conf, Mason OH; 06/02 - 06/05/26

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

Suspend Rules

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

DJFS Interim Director Keith Wiens - Pay Adjustment

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

DJFS Interim Director Keith Wiens - Pay Adjustment

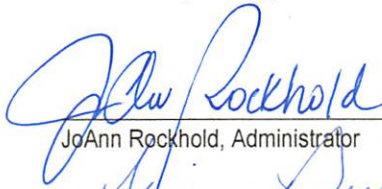
A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Eliason to approve the temporary pay rate increase for the DJFS Interim Director Keith Wiens from \$36.16 to \$50.50. This adjustment will remain in effect only during the interim appointment, then return to prior rate.

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


Adjourn

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

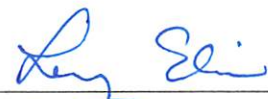
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.



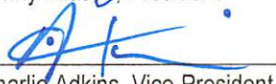
 JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator




 Alison Pierson, Clerk



 Lenny Eliason, President



 Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



 Chris Chmiel