

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, August 11, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes August 4, 2026

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

New Line Item: Comm

Expenditures: DJFS - State Repayment 001.1194.530550

Fund to Fund: W&S \$12,982.98 from 605.3605.580100 Unapp Cash Transfer Out to 604.2604.422100 Plains Water Transfer In

Fund to Fund: W&S \$5,324.74 from 605.3605.580100 Unapp Cash Transfer Out to 603.2603.422100 Plains Sewer Transfer In

Fund to Fund: W&S \$15,808.51 from 605.3605.580100 Unapp Cash Transfer Out to 619.2619.422100 Rt 50 Sewer Transfer In

9:30 Dalton Skinner - Fairfield and Hampton Lodging Fees
9:45 DJFS - Weekly Updates
10:00 Broadband
10:15 Broadband
10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
10:45 June & July Accounts & Fund Recap - Treasurer Sappington
11:00 Christine Hughes - Athens ReThink Plastics
11:15 Christine Hughes - Athens ReThink Plastics
11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Adkins & Eliason's Signatures)

Surplus - Maintenance

New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Contract "B" Award

Surplus - BOE

HVCRC Grant Agreement

LOS Rural Hospital Funding

MOU with Athens County During Emergencies (City of Athens, Athens PD, & City of Nelsonville)

EMS Resignation

add- Engineer - OPWC Disbursement 65AB

~TRAVEL

Engineer: Garrett Maiden; FS Exam (Professional Surveyor Exam) Gahanna OH; 08/16 - 08/17/26

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 August 4, 2026.

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 New Line Item: Comm - Expenditures: DJFS - State Repayment 001.1194.530550, Fund to Fund: W&S \$12,982.98 from 605.3605.580100 Unapp Cash Transfer Out to 604.2604.422100 Plains Water Transfer In, Fund to Fund: W&S \$5,324.74 from 605.3605.580100 Unapp Cash Transfer Out to 603.2603.422100 Plains Sewer Transfer In, Fund to Fund: W&S \$15,808.51 from 605.3605.580100 Unapp Cash Transfer Out to 619.2619.422100 Rt 50 Sewer Transfer In and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/30/2026 To: 08/04/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 08/04/2026 To: 08/06/2026 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.

W&S Extensions/Payment Agreements

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an Extension as requested by Coler for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$636.70 with \$443.54 to be paid 08/14/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins Signature authorizing an Extension as requested by Courtney Doughty for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$238.53 with \$227.17 to be paid 08/21/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an Extension as requested by Steven Harlan for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$136.44 with \$72.64 to be paid 08/18/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Adkins 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 \$109.38 with \$57.13 to be paid 08/15/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an Extension as requested by Margaret Maynard for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$173.06 with \$81.54 to be paid 08/21/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an Extension as requested by Laura Plotner for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$165.26 with \$80.67 to be paid 08/24/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Eliason's Signature authorizing an Extension as requested by Hailey Sands for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$348.59 with \$168.86 to be paid 08/14/26. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the

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

Surplus - Maintenance

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Maintenance items as surplus property and authorize their sale through bids. Any items not sold through bids shall be disposed of in accordance with county policy. See the list of surplus items on page 290.

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

New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Contract "B" Award

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to award the New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer Construction Contract "B" to TAM Construction, Inc for the low bid amount of \$1,109,154.00 See Resolution on back of page 290.

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 declare the BOE items as surplus property and authorize Redistribution of surplus property. Any items not redistributed shall be disposed of in accordance with county policy. See the list of surplus items on page 291.

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

HVCRC Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the HVCRC Grant Agreement, pending review from the Prosecutor's Office.

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

LOS Rural Hospital Funding

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve a Letter of Support for the Ohio High Value Network Rural Health Transformation Program Proposal.

See LOS on back of page 292.

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

MOU with Athens County During Emergencies

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify the commissioners' signatures on the MOU with Athens County During Emergencies with Athens PD, City of Athens, & City of Nelsonville. See documents on back of page 292.

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

EMS Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the EMS Resignation from Part-time EMT Michael Kelly with the last day being August 24, 2026.

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

OPWC Disbursement 65AB - Engineer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the OPWC Disbursement CU65AB, request #2 in the amount of \$186,216.71.

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



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8/11/26

Redistribute Surplus Property

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Destroy Surplus Property

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RESOLUTION 124-811

A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE NEW MARSHFIELD - SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT "B" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENGINEER'S LETTER OF BID RECOMMENDATION, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Athens County Board of Commissioners seeks to construct the NEW MARSHFIELD - SANITARY SEWER CONTRACT "B" Project; and

WHEREAS, the Athens County Board of Commissioners has intent to utilize outside funding for a portion(s) of the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS, ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That the Athens County Board of Commissioners tentatively award the **NEW MARSHFIELD - SANITARY SEWER CONTRACT "B"** to **TAM CONSTRUCTION, INC.** in accordance with the Engineer's Letter of Bid Recommendation, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, subject to final approval of funding agencies of the Project.
2. The foregoing Resolution was adopted in open session to the public and complies with all applicable legal requirements.
3. This Resolution is being passed as an emergency measure to preserve the health and safety of the public in relation to the Project and to accommodate the timely completion of the bidding and contracting processes of this body, the State, and funding agencies.

Duly enacted by the Athens County Board of Commissioners on first reading under suspension of the rules on

this 11th day of August, 2006

Athena County Board of Commissioners

President

Clerk

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Travel

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

Engineer: Garrett Maiden; FS Exam (Professional Surveyor Exam) Gahanna OH; 08/16 - 08/17/26

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Fairfield and Hampton Lodging Fees - Dalton Skinner

No Show

DJFS Re-Advertising - 10 W. Washington Street Building Nelsonville

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve Re-Advertising the DJFS 10 W. Washington Building Nelsonville with a minimum bid of \$775,000.00. Sealed bids will be opened August 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

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

Broadband

Tom Reid from Reid Consulting Group outlining the current status of broadband expansion in Athens County. Representatives reviewed recent progress, remaining service gaps, and ongoing broadband projects using data from FCC maps, state funding awards, and speed test results. The presentation highlighted significant improvements in broadband availability while identifying locations likely to remain underserved, particularly where Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite service may be unreliable due to terrain and tree cover. Discussion also addressed fiber deployment, broadband affordability following the expiration of the Affordable Connectivity Program, and the importance of broadband as essential infrastructure for economic development, education, healthcare, and quality of life. Commissioners were recognized for their continued support of local broadband expansion efforts.

See documents on page 293.

W&S Weekly Updates - Supt. Oscar Carson

1. Water Tank Rehabilitation Project

Supt Carson reported that he and staff recently met with representatives of USG Water Solutions to discuss the inspection, rehabilitation, and repainting of the county's drinking water storage tanks. The contractor advised that, due to its current workload, work could not begin until 2028. Preliminary estimates indicate that the complete rehabilitation project, including inspections, interior and exterior surface preparation, sandblasting where necessary, and repainting, is expected to cost approximately \$1 million. The company also offers financing, which would allow the county to spread the cost over approximately ten years at an estimated annual payment of \$100,000. Staff indicated that a formal proposal outlining the work, financing options, and project schedule would be submitted for the Board's review in late September.

Supt Carson explained that the contractor specializes in water tower rehabilitation and will inspect each tank before prioritizing repairs. Representatives from USG Water Solutions are scheduled to return on August 26 to inspect the tops of the water tanks, repair a damaged screen, and install new security locks. Commissioners discussed whether competitive bidding would be required for a project of this size but were advised that only a limited number of companies perform this specialized work and that similar projects have historically not been competitively bid.

2. Wastewater Plant Operations

Supt Carson reported that Tank No. 3 at the wastewater treatment plant had recently been drained in preparation for cleaning. However, recent heavy rainfall has significantly increased plant flows, requiring operators to return another treatment tank to service to maintain capacity. Despite the unusually high inflows caused by the storms, the department reported that no solids had been lost, no sanitary sewer overflows had occurred, and all lift stations continued operating successfully.

3. Future Utility Rates

Commissioner Adkins and Supt Carson discussed the financial impact of the anticipated water tank rehabilitation project and acknowledged that future water and sewer rate adjustments may be necessary. Staff indicated that if the proposed financing requires annual payments of approximately \$100,000, a modest increase of approximately \$5 per customer, in addition to regular rate adjustments, could potentially generate sufficient revenue to finance the project over the proposed repayment period. Commissioners agreed to revisit utility rates after receiving the contractor's final proposal and during upcoming budget discussions.

4. Staffing and Operational Needs

Supt Carson provided an update on department staffing, reporting that newly hired employee Jared had begun work the previous day. Although the new employee experienced a difficult first day because of demanding field conditions, he successfully

completed the workday and returned the following day. Staff noted that the department continues to operate at minimum staffing levels, particularly with the additional responsibilities associated with the New Marshfield sewer project. Commissioners indicated that future staffing requirements should be discussed further as workload continues to increase.

5. EPA Compliance Update

Commissioner Eliason requested an update regarding recent Ohio EPA inspection findings. Supt Carson advised that responses had been submitted to the agency and no additional correspondence had been received. The most significant remaining issue involves cleaning and inspecting the water storage tanks, which is why the department prioritized contacting the tank rehabilitation contractor. Commissioner Eliason requested that future EPA compliance items be summarized in a weekly written status report to simplify tracking outstanding issues and corrective actions. Staff agreed to prepare regular progress reports for the Board.

6. Bladensburg Wastewater Facility Review

Before concluding the report, Supt Carson discussed a recent visit to a wastewater treatment facility in Bladensburg as part of ongoing planning for future wastewater improvements. Supt Carson described the facility as well-designed, oversized for future expansion, and operating without noticeable odors. However, he expressed concern that the facility is located within a flood-prone area adjacent to a railroad embankment. Discussed the need to determine whether floodwaters have historically reached the railroad grade and whether an elevated access road would be required to ensure year-round access to the facility during flooding events. Supt Carson also noted that the proposed project may include funding for a pump truck capable of transporting wastewater from the site back to the county's existing treatment plant if needed in the future.

7185 Beechwood Drive Sewer Bill Adjustment Request

The Board considered a request involving a customer on Beechwood who had filled a residential swimming pool twice during the billing period, resulting in unusually high water consumption. W&S Manager Stephanie Morris reported that the customer's normal monthly sewer usage averages approximately 9,700 gallons, while the current billing reflected 39,500 gallons, representing an increase of nearly 29,800 gallons attributable to filling the pool rather than wastewater discharged into the sewer system.

Manager Morris recommended providing a one-time sewer credit totaling \$175.82 based on the excess water usage. Commissioners discussed the request and noted that while similar adjustments have been considered previously, no formal policy currently exists. They agreed the adjustment should be treated as a one-time exception, with staff directed to notify the customer in writing that future pool-filling events would not automatically qualify for additional sewer billing adjustments.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the one-time sewer bill adjustment totaling \$175.82 for 7185 Beechwood Drive. See documents on back of page 294

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

June & July Accounts & Fund Recaps - Treasurer Sappington

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge Receipt of the Treasurer Accounts & Fund Recap June & July 2026 and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign.

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

Athens Re Think Plastics - Christine Hughes

Community members did a presentation regarding the proposed CCC Plastics facility, focusing on public health, environmental, and worker safety concerns associated with plastics manufacturing. Presenters discussed the potential health effects of plastics, plastic additives, microplastics, and nanoplastics, citing scientific research on their presence in the environment and human body. Additional comments addressed CCC's toll-mixing manufacturing process, the use of plastic resins and chemical additives, potential impacts on workers and emergency responders, concerns regarding proprietary chemical formulations, plastic pellet (nurdle) pollution, recycling limitations, chemical recycling technologies, and the company's business relationships with other manufacturers. Commissioners asked clarifying questions throughout the presentations and requested that supporting research, reference materials, and additional information be submitted for review and shared with the Port Authority. Document on back of page 293.



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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH ATHENS COUNTY DURING EMERGENCIES

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Our organization's resources include our employees, equipment, materials, and any other means of assistance we can provide.

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We understand that if Athens County becomes eligible for State and/or federal assistance as a result of the emergency, every attempt will be made to reimburse our organization's resource contributions. We agree to keep careful records of any assistance that we provide and make such information available to the Athens County Commissioners.

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Commissioner *Ly Sen* 7/6/26 Date
Commissioner *AK* 7-29-26 Date
Commissioner *Chris Chmiel* 7-31-26 Date
Authorized Agent *AK* 7/6/26 Date
City of Athens
Name of Agency/Organization
Witness *Doreen Babin* 6-26-26 Date
Emergency Manager *Teresa Fouts-Imler* 7/15/26 Date

75 Connott Rd.
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Ohio Department of Health
Center of Public Health Excellence - Rural Health Transformation Program

RE: Letter of Support for the Ohio High Value Network Rural Health Transformation Program Proposal

To the Proposal Review Committee:

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, we are pleased to express our strong support for the Ohio High Value Network (OHVN) and its proposal under the Ohio Department of Health Rural Health Transformation Program for Rural Ohio Clinically Integrated Networks and Rural Health Innovation Hubs.

We work with Memorial Health System and understand the essential role the hospital plays in maintaining access to high-quality care, supporting the local workforce, and strengthening the economic and social well-being of our community.

Our community continues to face rural healthcare challenges, most notably workforce shortages, chronic disease burden, and maternal health access. These challenges cannot be solved by any one organization or hospital acting alone. A coordinated regional approach is needed to connect healthcare providers and community organizations, improve access, close care gaps, and ensure rural residents receive the right care in the right place at the right time.

The OHVN proposal would create shared infrastructure and services that independent rural hospitals could not efficiently build alone. The proposed work includes a shared data lakehouse and population health platform, an accountable referral hub, expanded payer and value-based care capabilities, and network leadership and operations.

We believe this investment would benefit our community by keeping appropriate care closer to home, reducing avoidable travel, increasing maternal care access, and keeping our hospital independent.

For these reasons, we respectfully encourage the Ohio Department of Health to fund the Ohio High Value Network's proposal. This initiative represents a meaningful opportunity to strengthen rural healthcare infrastructure, improve outcomes, expand access, and preserve high-quality local care for the rural residents of Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely
Ly Sen
Lenny Eliason, President

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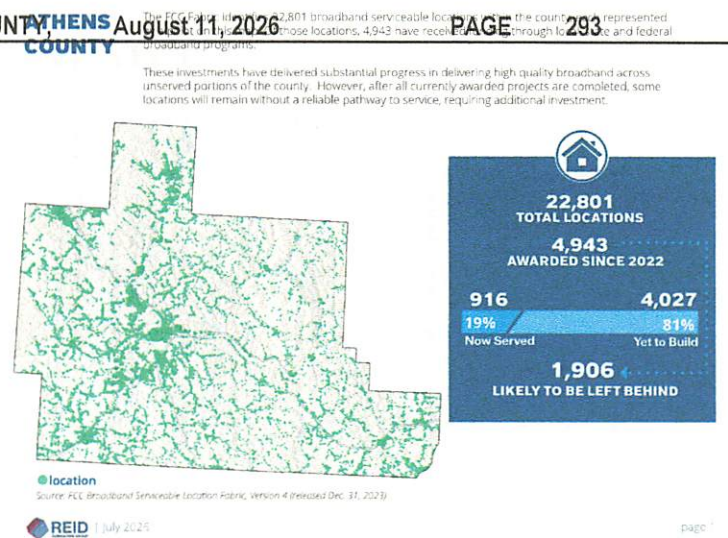
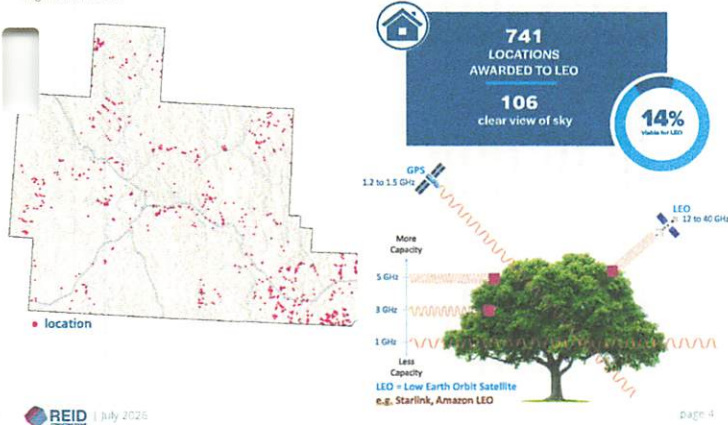
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Commissioner *Chris Chmiel* 7-31-26 Date
Authorized Agent *Doreen Babin* 7/14/26 Date
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Witness *Teresa Fouts-Imler* 7/15/26 Date
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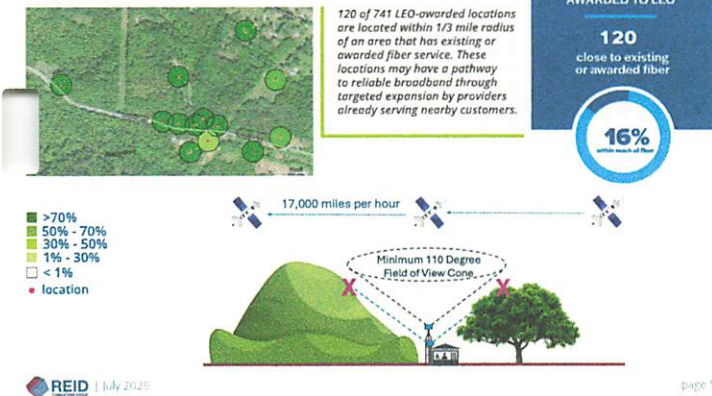
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Many locations assigned to LEO service are in areas with poor service viability. LEO service depends on an unobstructed view of the sky. Each red dot represents a BEAD-awarded LEO location. In many parts of the county, terrain and dense canopy create obstacles that can prevent reliable LEO connectivity. LEO systems operate at high frequencies (typically 12-40 GHz), where radio signals are readily attenuated by water contained in leaves and branches. Lower-frequency wireless systems and GPS are generally able to tolerate substantially more vegetation before signal degradation occurs.



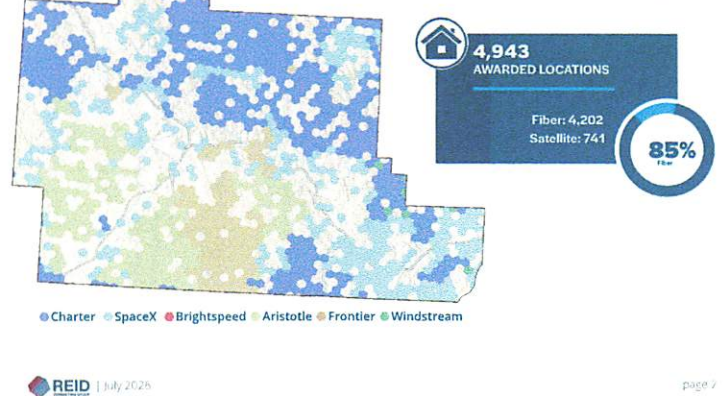
FOLIAGE AND TERRAIN CAN BLOCK RELIABLE LEO SERVICE

Each red dot represents a BEAD-awarded LEO location. The surrounding 140-foot radius illustrates the required clearance for LEO reception. The color shading around the dot indicates the estimated tree canopy density based on the National Land Cover Database (NLCD). Locations 0% canopy cover are most likely to receive stable LEO services as long as terrain does not eclipse the required view of the sky. Locations with any level of canopy cover may not be able to connect or will experience frequent service interruptions. For such obstructed locations, significant tree removal or the construction of a tower would be required to receive stable LEO services.



WHERE BROADBAND INVESTMENTS ARE OCCURRING

Federal, state and local broadband programs have directed funding to thousands of locations across the county. This map identifies award recipients by ISP, highlighting where broadband expansion projects are planned and where residents should see future service improvements. While awards indicate where funding has been directed, project completion and network performance vary by provider and program. The map on the next page highlights where these investments are already translating into measurable improvements in broadband speeds.

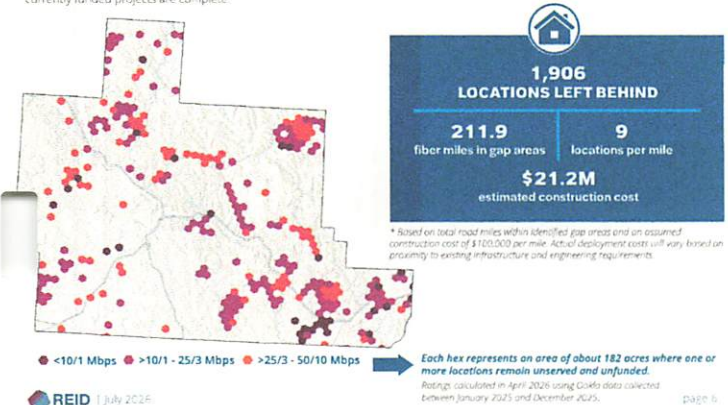


AREAS UNLIKELY TO RECEIVE RELIABLE BROADBAND

Despite substantial public and private investment, not every location has a clear pathway to reliable broadband service.

Remaining gaps include locations where service claims by ISPs appear overstated as well as awarded locations where the selected technology will not provide ubiquitous service for all locations. These include, in particular, Low Earth Orbit satellite service which requires an unobstructed view of the sky often impacted by terrain and foliage.

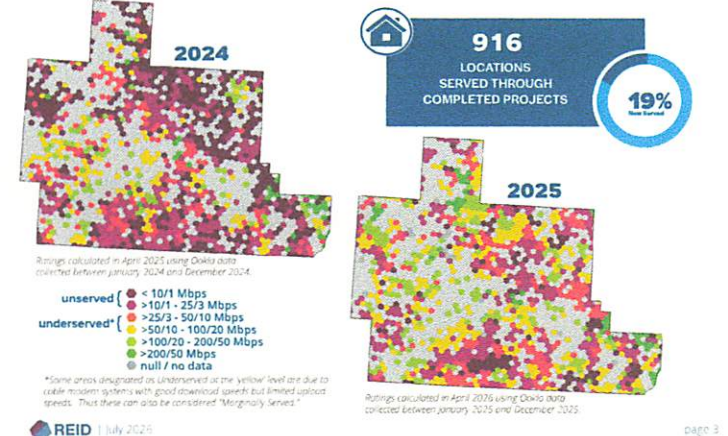
Without additional investment or alternative deployment strategies, some communities remain at risk of being left behind even after currently funded projects are complete.



EXPANSION PROJECTS DELIVERING RESULTS

On-the-ground speed test results reflecting real-world service experience

As broadband projects move from planning to deployment, periodic analysis of Ookla Speedtest Intelligence® data tracks changes in broadband performance over time. Green areas indicate locations where speeds now exceed 100/20 Mbps, demonstrating measurable progress from network upgrades and expansion projects.



To get a better understanding of the specific health risks from this facility, we need to start by looking at CCC's manufacturing process.

CCC does toll mixing for other companies. Toll mixing is a manufacturing process. A company making plastic products outsources the blending of its plastic material to another company, the toll mixer (in this case to CCC), and provides the raw materials while CCC handles the mixing process. In other companies pay CCC to make this particular color or quality of plastic that they need to make their product

The Athens County CCC facility will carry a full line of **plastic resins**, to which they add the chemical formulas requested by their customers. These include the followings:

Polyethylene, Polystyrene, Polypropylene, PVC, EVA and more

Polyethylene and Polypropylene are not toxic by themselves. But the chemicals used during the mixing process will contaminate them on site.

Polystyrene: Polystyrene does contain styrene, benzene, and ethylbenzene are used, putting workers at production sites at risk of exposure. These toxic air pollutants also impact frontline communities living nearby.

PVC: CCC says that PVC (Polyvinyl chloride) will not be produced at the Athens facility. But this **wording** is inaccurate. They do list that they use PVC, a synthetic resin, to which they add chemicals as needed by the customer. And PVC contains phthalates, which Lee has explained, are known endocrine disruptors. CCC also states, in its fact sheet to PA, that it does not use phthalates.

(Keep in mind what Lee has said about the 16,000 chemicals used in making plastics, that many are toxic and most are untested, and that half the weight of any plastic product is these chemicals. (show poster)

CCC's production process is adding chemicals to these plastic resins. **SO, importantly, the fact is that we have no way of knowing what chemicals will be added due to industry standards on proprietary**

CCC has stated its support for a circular economy for plastics, meaning that plastics don't end up as waste and pollution.

The end-stage of a plastic product affects human health in ways Lee has referenced, so let's examine the end-stage of products manufactured from a CCC made product

The evidence is clear that very little plastic is ever recycled—only 5 to 6%

Why? Because the 16,000 mostly unidentified and toxic chemicals in plastic products. Which means that our individual items, that we put into the recycling bin, can't be recycled together because of their varying chemical content. (LEE)

The small amount of plastic that is melted for park benches and decking contain unidentified chemicals, and these park benches and decking break down into polluting micro- and nanoplastics.

Even products that can be recycled, such as water bottles and other #1 and 2 plastics, can only be used once or twice at the most because the plastic polymers break down in the recycling process.

So now there is a new recycling technology, chemical recycling, also known as Advanced Recycling, or pyrolysis, or waste to energy recycling...

Chemical recycling is mostly burning or melting plastics. And, to burn plastics, even more fossil fuels are required. The other less used process is using chemical solvents to recycle plastic waste.

Chemical recycling projects are **very expensive to build, and require public funds to build and become operational.**

But unfortunately, chemical recycling doesn't work. The facilities currently operating are recycling around 1% of plastic produced in this country.

formula secrecy. There will be no way for the Port Authority to monitor what is in the mixing formulas used at the Poston site.

REGULATIONS:

We know that all types of federal and state environmental protections are being greatly reduced, including those that protect from harms caused by plastics: from production, from use and from waste. And we know that Canada is strengthening their public health protections.

But CCC says it will maintain the same standards and regulations at the US facility as they do at their Canadian facilities. As these protections increase for Canadians, will the CCC Athens facility match these Canadian protections?

Canada has designated plastics as toxic, and banned many single use plastics because of their negative impact on health and the environment. A federal appeals court, in response to a lawsuit brought by several stakeholders and a chemical industry association of which CCC is a member, has recently upheld this new regulation. About half of plastics produced globally are single use plastics. **To clarify**, can CCC Plastics give assurance they will not produce these problematic single use plastics at the Athens County facility?

CCC Plastics will receive its plastic resins and transport their finished products in the form of pellets or NURDLES. Nurdles are not regulated in the US or in Canada, as they are in the EU. When nurdles spill, these lightweight floaters end up in waterways, where they kill wildlife and carry chemicals and pathogens. Citizens in Pennsylvania discovered a huge influx of nurdles into the Ohio River and its tributaries over the last few years. After citizens found the source, two non-profits, not the EPA, sued Styropek and its facility in Monaca PA for discharging pellets. In 2025, the community received a settlement of \$2.6 million from Styropek for cleanup and remediation. <https://publicinterestnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/PennEnvironment-fall2025-newsletter.pdf>

CCCPlastics has a partnership with Chemours, formerly known as Dupont. It is a fact that approximately 70,000 people in our area of Ohio and West Virginia had their water systems contaminated with PFOA, caused by Dupont dumping chemical waste into the Ohio River. After years of research and testing, a link was found between drinking the PFOA and a multitude of serious and deadly diseases. A class action and private lawsuits resulted in more than \$850 million paid by

Recently, there were 11 Chemical Recycling facilities in the U.S. But as of today, at least 5 have shut down. They weren't working.

Three of the US chemical recycling facilities are in Ohio

One is PureCycle chemical recycling facility in Ironton. CCC said on its CCC Processes & Materials sheet that it would explore a partnership with PureCycle, both for supplying plastic waste and purchasing recycled resin.

PureCycle uses a chemical solvent process to recycle plastic waste into polypropylene pellets, used in the production of candy bar wrappers, carpeting and other products.

But there are problems with PureCycle that CCC may not be aware of. PureCycle is out of compliance with its state wastewater discharge permit, requiring specified treatment before it is discharged to a local sewer system. It was cited for 19 permit violations according in January of this year according to Ohio EPA.

The report also states that " ... polypropylene pellets (nurdles) were observed on the ground throughout the facility [and] good housekeeping measures for pellet clean up" were not in place.

<https://www.morningstar.com/news/dow-jones/202604078151/plastic-recycler-purecycle-out-of-compl>

Also, PureCycle claims the process produces no byproduct. However, government records show that toxic solvents are used in the process, and that these spent solvents — along with the waste plastic's toxic additives, dyes, pigments, and other contaminants — are part of the hazardous waste stream produced by this facility." <https://www.beyondplastics.org/publications/chemical-recycling>

Dupont, now Chemour. These water systems include Tupper Plains and Little Hocking. These water systems, despite money for cleanup, still have to deal with expensive filters to provide clean water.

WORKER SAFETY

Plastics fires are hugely dangerous to firefighters because of the chemicals released. In this case, with CCCPlastics handling the toll mixing for different customers, and receiving the proprietary chemical mixes from them, firefighters and emergency personnel can't know what chemicals are involved on a given day. And research documents that these chemicals can combine to form new toxic chemicals when plastics are burned.

Compare to fracking waste—trade secrets

SAFETY OF PLASTIC FACILITY WORKERS

Since January 2025, safety protections, including cuts to OSHA, have significantly weakened worker protections in every industry.

Workplace exposures to hazardous chemicals are a threat to the health and safety of workers. Health impacts to workers in plastic production have been linked to hazardous plastic additives exposure, including cancers, cardiovascular disease, respiratory conditions and endocrine disruption. But diseases related to hazardous additives are often not diagnosed until years after exposure so frequently are not documented.

<https://myitemusa.com/top-respiratory-hazards-in-a-plastic-factory/>
<https://www.lia.org/publications/hazardous-exposures-plastics-world-wide>

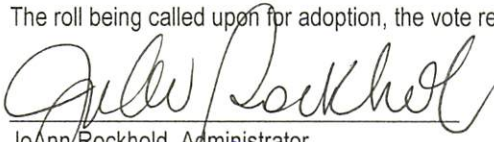
Workers can be exposed to chemical fumes, fine dust, and microplastics. They are dependent on adequate ventilation and protective controls. Workers of reproductive age face additional risks from exposure to plastic manufacturing. Historically, debilitating health conditions from industrial dust exposure develops over years, and cannot be cured. CCC plastics states that dust will be "collected through a state-of-the-art dust collection system."

Will there be a way that Athens County can monitor that this dust collection system is in optimal working condition? What resources do we have locally to assure protection for these workers?

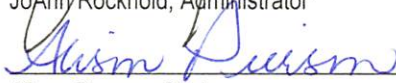
Adjourn

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



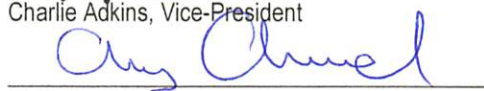
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August 12, 2026

Marcia Cornell
10106 State Route 682
Athens, OH 45701

Dear Marcia Cornell,

The Athens County Commissioners have approved a one-time credit for filling the swimming pool at 7185 Beechwood Drive. A credit of \$175.82 will be applied to account 504-00175-0.

The Athens County Water and Sewer District policy states that no credit will be given for filling swimming pools. This credit is being granted as a one-time exception and should not be considered standard practice or a change in the District's existing policy. This exception does not establish a precedent and will not be extended to this or any other customer on the system for future swimming pool fills.

Enclosed is the current bill. Once the credit is applied, the total amount due will be \$267.61.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Morris

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