

THE BOARD OF ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, met in regular session, with Lenny Eliason presiding, Chris Chmiel and Charlie Adkins in attendance.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ELECT PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel nominating Commissioner Eliason as Pro-Tem Elect for President of the Organizational Meeting.

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

AGENDA

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

AGENDA

JANUARY 12th, 2026

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 9:30 a.m.

- ~Call Meeting to Order
- ~Elect President Pro-Tem
- ~Approve Agenda
- ~Elect President
- ~Elect Vice President
- ~Set Meeting Date & Time
- ~Set Board Assignments
- ~Set County Holidays
- ~Adjournment

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

2026 ELECT PRESIDENT - Lenny Eliason

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel electing Commissioner Lenny Eliason as President of the Athens County Board of Commissioners during the year of 2026.

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

2026 ELECT VICE PRESIDENT

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel electing Commissioner Adkins as Vice President of the Athens County Board of Commissioners during the year of 2026.

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

2026 SET MEETING DATE & TIME

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to continue the Commissioners Regular Session Meetings for Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for the year 2026. Except for meeting dates February 24, 2026, May 26, 2026, September 8, 2026, & October 13, 2026.

- Tuesday February 24, 2026 moved to Wednesday February 25, 2026
- Tuesday May 26, 2026 moved to Wednesday May 27, 2026
- Tuesday September 8, 2026 moved to Wednesday September 9, 2026
- Tuesday October 13, 2026 moved to Wednesday October 14, 2026

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

2026 SET BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approving the following amended 2026 Board Duties & Responsibilities:

**ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2026 DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES****Lenny Eliason, President:**

Investment Advisory Board
Records Commission
Microfilm Board
Victims Assistance
Solid Waste Policy Committee (Alternate Chris Chmiel)
Child Fatality Board
Buckeye Hills HVRDD Executive Committee (Alternate Charlie Adkins)
OPWC Integrating Committee (Alternate Chris Chmiel)
Investment Advisory Board
EDC Council
Land Bank (Alternate Charlie Adkins)
Tax Incentive Review Committee
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Charlie Adkins (Vice-President)

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Corrections Commission of S.E. Ohio (CCSEO) (JoAnn Rockhold Alternate)
Buckeye Hills HVRDD - Dist. 18 Issue I Integrating Committee (Alternate Chris Chmiel)
HAPCAP (Alternate Jack Pepper)
Local Integrating Committee
Tax Incentive Review Committee
Land Bank(Alternate for Lenny Eliason)
Buckeye Hills HVRDD Executive Committee (Alternate for Lenny Eliason)
Board of Revision (Alternate for Chris Chmiel)

Chris Chmiel

Buckeye Hills RAC Council on Aging (Alternate JoAnn Rockhold)
Visit Athens County Board
HAPCAP (Alternate JoAnn Rockhold)
Family & Children First Council
Solid Waste Policy Committee (Alternate for Lenny Eliason)
Buckeye Hills HVRDD - Dist. 18 Issue I Integrating Committee (Alternate for Charlie Adkins)
Investment Advisory Board (Additional Appointment)
Land Bank(Alternate JoAnn Rockhold)
Tax Incentive Review Committee
Board of Revision (Alternate Charlie Adkins)
United Seniors
SOPEC (Conner Lavelle Alternate)
OPWC Integrating Committee (Alternate for Lenny Eliason)

All three Commissioners serve on the Buckeye Hills HVRDD General Policy Board, Planning Commission, and the Athens Hocking Solid Waste Board. The President of the Board presides over meetings, oversees agendas and meeting schedules, inter-office coordination, budget supervision.

The Board chose to oversee the departments as follows:

Athens County Water and Sewer Department	All 3 Commissioners
Maintenance.....	All 3 Commissioners
9-1-1.....	All 3 Commissioners
EMA.....	All 3 Commissioners
EMS.....	All 3 Commissioners
Records Center.....	All 3 Commissioners

JoAnn Rockhold: Alternate

- Microfilm & Records
- HAPCAP (Alternate for Chris Chmiel)
- BOW - Charlie Adkins Appointment
- Council on Aging (Alternate)
- Buckeye Hills RAC Council on Aging (Alternate JoAnn Rockhold)
- Land Bank(Alternate for Chris Chmiel)
- Corrections Commission of S.E. Ohio (CCSEO) (Alternate for Charlie Adkins)

2026 SET COUNTY HOLIDAYS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel approving the following County Holidays for the county in 2026.

2026 County Holiday Schedule

New Year's Day	January 1st	Thursday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	January 19th	Monday
Presidents Day	February 16th	Monday
Memorial Day	May 25th	Monday
Juneteenth	June 19th	Friday
Independence Day	July 3rd	Friday
Labor Day	September 7th	Monday
Columbus Day	October 12th	Monday
Veterans Day	November 11th	Wednesday
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 26th & 27th	Thursday & Friday
Christmas	December 24th & 25th	Thursday & Friday

2027

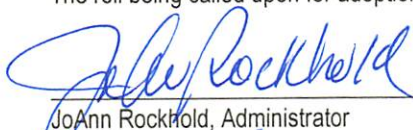
New Year's Day	January 1st, 2027	Friday
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The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Adjourn

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

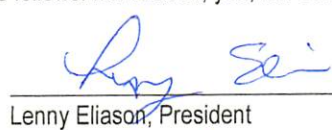
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 JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator



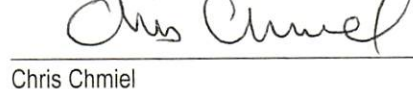
 Alison Pierson, Clerk



 Lenny Eliason, President



 Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



 Chris Chmiel