

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, June 16, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes June 9, 2026

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
Fund to Fund: Prosecutor \$14,278.77 from 001.1115.580200 P.A. VAP County Match to 169.2169.422101 Transfers In

- 9:30 Sheriff
- 9:45 EMS - Ambulances Purchases
- 10:00 HAPCAP Glen Crippen- CHIP Application paperwork
- 10:15 Treasurer Sappington - May Financials
- 10:45 Lynn Garbo - Nelsonville Building
- 11:00 Bikeway Committee - Bikeway Speed Limit Proposal
- 11:15 Otis Crockron - Building Update
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Surplus - COC
- OWDA Payment Request #1 US50 New Marshfield Gravity Sanitary Sewer (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)
- Surplus - Prosecutor
- Resolution approving issuance of credit cards DD Board
- USDA Adoption of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Cards
- Colonial Life Group Insurance Application Update
- Add- Move Meeting July 14 to July 15

~TRAVEL

911: Teresa Fouts-Imler; APCO Conference & CPE 404 Class, San Antonio TX; 08/05 - 08/08/26

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 June 9, 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 Fund to Fund: Prosecutor \$14,278.77 from 001.1115.580200 P.A. VAP County Match to 169.2169.422101 Transfers In and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/04/2026 To: 06/09/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/09/2026 To: 06/11/2026 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.

Flock Camera Program Discussion

Sheriff Smith and members of the Athens County Sheriff's Office appeared before the Board to discuss the county's use of Flock cameras and respond to public concerns regarding privacy and data retention. The Sheriff explained that the cameras are used as an investigative tool to assist with locating missing persons, victims of human trafficking, and criminal suspects, emphasizing that vehicles are only flagged when information has been entered as part of an active investigation. Sheriff's Office personnel provided examples of successful investigations involving abducted children, human trafficking cases, and locating missing individuals suffering from dementia.

Discussion included the cost of the program, which is funded through a federal grant obtained by a coalition of six sheriffs, as well as concerns raised by members of the public regarding data privacy, retention policies, and the practices of the Flock company. Law enforcement representatives stated that the system retains data for approximately 30 days and that current contracts contain privacy protections. Commissioners and Sheriff's Office staff noted the value of the technology in solving crimes and protecting vulnerable individuals, while acknowledging public concerns about third-party data management. Members of the public submitted a petition and thanked the board for the opportunity to discuss the issue.

See petition on back of page 223.

Surplus - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the following EMS Surplus for redistribution, auction, or disposal:

| Description | Model # | Serial # |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Refrigerator | LFHT2131QFO | 4A53130668 |

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

Emergency Vehicle Purchase Agreement - EMS

EMS Assist. Chief Crossen presented quotes from Braun and AEV for future ambulance purchases and recommended transitioning from the current van-style ambulances to a pickup truck chassis platform. The proposal would reduce purchases from two ambulances per year to one ambulance per year on a six-year replacement cycle, resulting in lower annual expenditures, reduced maintenance costs, and longer vehicle service life. Assist Chief Crossen recommended Braun due to its durability, safety features, remounting capabilities, price lock guarantee, and availability for delivery beginning next year. Discussion also included the recommendation to utilize gas-powered Ford F-550 chassis because of lower maintenance costs and improved performance in Athens County's terrain.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Emergency Vehicle Purchase Agreement, contingent upon review and approval by the Prosecutor's Office.. See agreement with Emergency Vehicle Purchase Agreement on back of page 225.

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

Executive Session - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chief to enter into executive session at 10:00 with Assist Chief Crossen to discuss employment of a public employee.

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

Regular Session

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to return to regular session at 10:04.

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

Termination - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the recommendation from Assist Chief Crossen to terminate Part Time Paramedic Dawson Steenrod effective June 16, 2026.

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

Petition to the Athens County Sheriff and Board of Commissioners

Subject: Request to Deny Auto-Renewal of the Flock Safety Network Contract

To the Office of the Sheriff and the Athens County Board of Commissioners:

We, the undersigned citizens of Athens County, respectfully request that the County Sheriff and Board of Commissioners immediately halt the auto-renewal of the contract with Flock Safety Network, scheduled to take effect on June 18, 2026. Following the town hall meeting held on June 11th, where the concerns regarding this contract were extensively discussed, it is evident that the current agreement fails to serve the best interests of our community, our budget, and our civil liberties.

Financial Accountability and Resource Allocation

Athens County is currently facing significant economic challenges and is ranked as one of the poorest counties in the state. To date, the Flock contract has cost the county approximately \$70,000. The proposed renewal would incur an additional \$30,000 in expenses. Given the limited return on investment, we question the allocation of these critical funds. The community seeks assurance that these resources could be better utilized for services that directly improve public safety and quality of life, such as community policing, infrastructure repairs, or social services, rather than funding a surveillance network with unproven efficacy.

Lack of Proven Results and Effectiveness

Since the implementation of the Flock camera network in 2024, the system has resulted in only three arrests, none of which involved violent crimes. This data suggests that the current deployment is not delivering the promised public safety outcomes. Furthermore, the contract lacks clear accountability for damaged equipment, with the county liable for costs up to \$10,000 per damaged camera.

Civil Liberties, Privacy, and Lack of Oversight

The town hall meeting highlighted serious concerns regarding privacy and the lack of regulatory oversight:

- Insufficient Training:** There are currently no mandatory training requirements for law enforcement officers to analyze data generated by AI-powered cameras, increasing the risk of misidentification and false accusations.
- Data Retention and Access:** All data captured by Flock cameras is stored for a minimum of 30 days. There is no clear restriction on who can access this data beyond local law enforcement, city, state, and federal agencies may have access to citizen information without transparency.
- Surveillance vs. Safety:** As noted by representatives from Strong Towns and the ACLU, the business model of Flock relies on continuous 24/7 surveillance of citizens, raising fundamental concerns about the right to privacy in public spaces.
- Contractual Ambiguity:** Even if the contract is terminated, there is no defined timeframe for the removal of Flock cameras. This ambiguity leaves the county uncertain whether the cameras remain active and continue to capture data post-termination.

Community Input and Transparency

The decision to renew this contract without further community input contradicts the principles of good governance. The Sheriff's office received notice of the town hall meeting in May but did not attend, missing a critical opportunity to engage with constituents. The community has expressed a clear desire to be consulted before incurring further expenses on a service they may not want or need.

Our Request:

We respectfully petition the Sheriff and the Board of Commissioners to:

- Immediately veto the auto-renewal of the Flock Safety Network contract scheduled for June 18th.
- Conduct a comprehensive audit of the current contract's performance, costs, and data privacy implications.
- Establish a public working group involving community members, legal experts, and law enforcement to determine future public safety strategies that balance safety with privacy and fiscal responsibility.

We urge you to prioritize the financial well-being and civil liberties of Athens County residents over a contract that has yielded minimal results and significant concerns. Respectfully Submitted, The Citizens of Athens County

| No. | Name | Address | City | State | Zip | Date |
|-----|-----------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Carol Gibbons | 2615 Spring | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 2 | Debra Deibel | 14 Stone Rd | Fergus | GA | 30701 | 6/14/26 |
| 3 | Michelle Morris | 33 Egan Pl | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 4 | Quincy Dickey | 7 Martello Ln | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/15/26 |
| 5 | Wendy Hanson | 1101 | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |

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|-----|----------------|---------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 6 | Julia Lindgren | 71 Grosvenor | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 7 | Christina | 19 Oak | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/15/2026 |
| 8 | Abigail Rose | 16 Church St | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-26 |
| 9 | Michelle | 105 Second St | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/15/2026 |
| 10 | Rick Greenwald | 105 Second St | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/15/2026 |
| 11 | Michelle | 105 Second St | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/15/2026 |
| 12 | Melissa Link | 105 Second St | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-26 |

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|-----|------------------|----------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| 13 | Steve Whitley | 7 Monticello Dr | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 14 | Solveig Sjeldnes | 77 University Estates Blvd | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 15 | Ashe Greenewald | 105 Second Street | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 16 | Jim Fisher | 43 Redwood Ln | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 17 | Tom ERLING | 45 STROUPS RUN RD | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 18 | Erilwine | 41 Stroups Run Rd | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |
| 19 | Sammy | 11133 | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6/14/26 |

| No. | Name | Address | City | State | Zip | Date |
|-----|-------------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|
| 20 | Grace | 4000 N 17th Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |
| 21 | Jamie Black | 4011 City Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |
| 22 | Trish | 4011 City Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |
| 23 | Kim Hagan | 4011 City Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |
| 24 | Frank | 4011 City Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |
| 25 | Frank | 4011 City Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |
| 26 | Frank | 4011 City Lane | Athens | GA | 30601 | 6-15-2026 |

| No. | Name | Address | City | State | Zip | Date |
|-----|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|------------|
| 27 | Jeff Lyons | 5550 Gun Club Road | Athens | GA | 30601 | 06/16/2026 |
| 28 | Mica Morley | 36 Poston Rd | Athens | GA | 30601 | 06/16 |

McKee Paving - EMS Glouster Station Driveway

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the McKee Paving estimate for the EMS Glouster Station Driveway in the amount of \$15,000.00.

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

CHIP Program Public Hearing Rescheduling

Glen Crippen HAPCAP advised the Board that the public hearing previously scheduled for that day had been postponed and rescheduled for the following week.

The hearing was re-advertised after the City of Nelsonville was added back into the CHIP Program partnership, requiring updated public participation procedures and revised grant documentation. Staff informed any members of the public and media present that the hearing would occur at the rescheduled date of June 23.

Program Year 2026 CHIP Grant Application - HAPCAP

Glen Crippen requested approval of the authorizing legislation required by the Ohio Department of Development for submission of the Program Year 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant application.

The resolution authorizes Athens County to submit the grant application and serve as the applicant for the program.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the resolution authorizing submission of the PY2026 CHIP Application. See Document on back of page 224.

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

CHIP Partnership Agreement - HAPCAP

Glen Crippen next presented the CHIP Partnership Agreement involving:

- * Athens County
- * City of Athens
- * City of Nelsonville

The agreement establishes:

- * Athens County as the official grant applicant and recipient
- * County responsibility for fiscal administration and legal oversight of the grant
- * The activities proposed within each participating jurisdiction

It was noted that:

- * The agreement had already been reviewed and approved by the Prosecutor's Office.
- * The City of Athens had already executed the agreement.
- * Additional signatures were being obtained from participating entities.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the CHIP Partnership Agreement and authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the document. See Document on back of page 224.

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

Environmental Review Certification - HAPCAP

The Board reviewed an Environmental Review Certification form required as part of the CHIP grant application.

Glen Crippen explained that:

- * Housing administration, planning, and fair housing activities included in the application are exempt from environmental review requirements.
- * The certification acknowledges the county's understanding of those requirements and satisfies state grant application requirements.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Program Year 2026 CHIP Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form. See Document on back of page 224.

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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2026-2029 Partnership Agreement For Athens County, the City of Athens, and the City of Nelsonville Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program

- It is agreed by all jurisdictions that Athens County will serve as applicant and grantee for the partnership if funded. Athens County will be responsible to prepare and submit the 2026 CHIP application on behalf of the partnership.
- The partnership agreement is between Athens County, the City of Athens and the City of Nelsonville for the submission of a 2026 - 2029 (PY26) Community Housing Impact and Preservation Grant to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements.
- This agreement will become effective upon signing by all parties. Partners will become part of the grantee's program for purposes of program planning, administration, regulatory compliance fiscal operation and all terms of the grant agreement. The partnership will remain in effect until all CHIP funds are expended and the funded activities are complete and the program has been officially closed out by the State of Ohio. Partners cannot terminate or withdraw from this partnership agreement while it remains in effect.
- The CHIP program is funded by the State of Ohio's allocation of CDBG, HOME and DHTF dollars.
- Funding levels and proposed outcomes are outlined in a distribution budget attached to this document. All funds are awarded to the grantee, not jurisdictions. A commitment of guaranteed grant funds to partners is prohibited.
- Program income will be retained by the jurisdiction in which the income was received. Redistributing program income will be determined by the jurisdiction in which it was received.
- The jurisdictions/partners within the partnership will be responsible and proactive to provide the grantee all required information needed for reporting purposes. The grantee will be responsible for compiling and submitting all reports. The grantee will be responsible for mortgage filing and will be responsible to maintain all files as required by the grant agreement after final closeout. The grantee will insure all records are maintained and are available for monitoring purposes.

AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION: PY26 CHIP Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program.

A motion was approved by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Chmiel authorizing the submission of a Program Year (PY) 2026 Community Housing Impact & Preservation Program (CHIP) grant application to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Enhancements. Athens County is applying on behalf of itself, and its partners which are the City of Athens and the City of Nelsonville. Athens County fully understands its authority for and over the entire grant award if funded, including all aspects of program administration and delivery.

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

I, JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator for the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on June 16, 2026, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 123.

JoAnn Rockhold
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Administrator, Board of Commissioners
Athens County, Ohio

- The grantee will be responsible to process pay requests and to draw funds for all jurisdictions in the partnership. Fiscal obligations will be the sole responsibility of the grantee for the entire partnership. The grantee will provide all partners quarterly or bi-annual reports to include fiscal expenditures/obligations and outcome status. Any shortcomings in expending funds or achieving outcomes in a jurisdiction will be addressed by the grantee. Should any partner or the grantee have concerns at any time during the grant period, a meeting with the grantee and jurisdictions will be held within 10 days of notice. The grantee will have final authority.
- The current City of Athens CHIP Policies and Procedures Manual will be adopted for this partnership.

Leney Eliason 6/16/26
Leney Eliason, President, Athens County Commissioners Date

Steve Patterson
Steve Patterson, Mayor, City of Athens Date

Danette Miller
Danette Miller, City Manager, City of Nelsonville Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Office of Keller Blackburn 6/11/26
Office of Keller Blackburn, Prosecutor Date
Athens County

Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, FAIR HOUSING AND PLANNING

Instructions:

The Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning activities (only) is the:

- Environmental Review
- Environmental Review Certification
- Notice of Project Specific Release of Funds Respecting Environmental Grant Conditions

Applicants executing an Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for General Administration, Fair Housing and Planning are certifying that the environmental review evaluation and the exemption determination are accurate for general administration, fair housing and planning activities funded with administrative dollars. This will satisfy the grantee's environmental review documentation process for these select activities. Applicants must submit an original, executed Environmental Review Documentation and Certification Form for General Administration, Fair Housing, and Planning with the application and keep one original, executed form on file. Once the grant agreement is fully executed, grant recipients will be able to access grant funds for these three activities. Please refer to Policy Program 06-01 for further information and guidance.

General Administration, Fair Housing and Planning Defined

General administration and fair housing activities are defined as "Exempt" per 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 58.34(a)(1). Environmental and other studies, resource identification and plans and strategies development are defined as "Exempt" per 24 CFR 58.34(a)(1).

By executing this form, the certifying officer is certifying the project description listed below is accurate; an environmental evaluation for general administration, fair housing, and planning activities was completed; and a determination of exemption was found for general administration, fair housing and planning activities.

Project Description

Planning activities include environmental and other studies, resource identification and the plans and strategies development. Program administration activities for this project include all or some of the following: staff and related costs required for overall program management, coordination, monitoring, reporting and evaluation; citizen participation costs; fair housing activities; indirect costs charged using an accepted cost allocation plan; developing submissions or applications for federal programs; and staff and overhead costs for project delivery and certain costs to administer (check all applicable):

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME); or
- Emergency Shelter (ESG) Programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DOCUMENTATION AND CERTIFICATION FORM GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, FAIR HOUSING AND PLANNING

Certification

An environmental evaluation has been conducted for general administration, fair housing and planning activities. Pursuant to the review, it is the finding of the responsible entity that the activities listed in the project description above are exempt. Therefore, per 24 CFR 58.34, the responsible entity does not have to undertake any environmental review, consultation, or other action under NEPA, and the other provisions of law or authorities cited in 24 CFR 58.5 and 58.6 for these projects.

I certify the accuracy of these statements:

Grant Recipient: Athens County

Grant Number or Project Type and Name: PY 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP)

Name and Title of Certifying Officer: Leney Eliason, PRESIDENT

Mailing Address: 15 S Court Street Athens, OH 45701

Signature of Certifying Officer: *Leney Eliason, PRESIDENT*

Date of Signature: 6.18.26

Program Administrator Name: Glen Crippen, HAPCAP

Email Address of Program Administrator: glen.crippen@hacap.org

Administrator's Phone Number: 740-747-4300

PY 2026 Grant Fund Budget and Outcomes

| Athens County | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Admin | \$48,000 |
| 4- Owner Rehab | \$273,282 |
| 1- Rental Home Repair | \$26,218 |
| 2- Owner Home Repair | \$52,500 |
| Total | \$400,000 |
| City of Athens | |
| Admin | \$42,000 |
| 1- Owner Rehab | \$76,718 |
| 1- Rental Rehab | \$85,000 |
| 5- Owner Home Repair | \$146,282 |
| Total | \$350,000 |
| City of Nelsonville | |
| Admin | \$36,000 |
| 3- Owner Rehab | \$174,000 |
| 3-Owner Home Repair | \$90,000 |
| Total | \$300,000 |
| Total Grant | \$1,050,000 |

Surplus - Clerk of Courts

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Clerk of Courts Surplus to destroy:

| Description | Model # | Serial # |
|-------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| Dell Keyboard (still in box) | KB4021/KB4022 | |
| Toner Cartridge | FBTN 221K | |
| Brother Color Toner Cartridge | TN221C | |
| Dell Keyboard | KB212B | |
| Fujitsu Scanner | FI5110C | |
| Dell Monitor | E196FPF | |
| 4 Used Brother Toners | | |
| 1 Computer Mouse | | |

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

OWDA Payment Request #1 US50 New Marshfield Gravity Sanitary Sewer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature on the OWDA Payment Request #1 US50 New Marshfield Gravity Sanitary Sewer.

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

Surplus - Prosecutor

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Prosecutor's Surplus that usable item be reviewed for auction, redistribution, or destruction. Supt Biggins was directed to inspect the items and determine their condition before final disposition.

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

Resolution approving issuance of credit cards DD Board

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize a Resolution approving issuance of credit cards for DD Board:

Whereas, the Board of Athens County Commissioners desires to authorize the use of credit cards pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 301.27; and

Whereas, the Board, on April 24, 2024, adopted formal policies and procedures concerning credit card usage and oversight, including, but not limited to, a list of authorized employees, which may be amended from time to time, custody of the cards, allowable and authorized purchases, penalties for improper usage, and reconciliation of purchases; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that this Board hereby approves the applications for issuance of a credit card, subject to the adopted policies and stated credit limits, of the following departments/employees:

ACBDD Department Card \$10,000.00

Signed this 16th day of June 2026

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins

/s/Chris Chmiel

I, JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator for the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board June 16, 2026, and appears in the Commissioners' Journal 123.

/s/JoAnn Rockhold,
Administrator, Board of Commissioners
Athens County, Ohio

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



EMERGENCY VEHICLE PURCHASE AGREEMENT
Effective Date: June 9th, 2026

Purchaser:
Athens County EMS
21 Kenny Drive
Athens, OH 45701

Seller:
Penn Care, Inc.
1317 North Road
Niles, OH 44446

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Purchaser agrees to buy and the Seller agrees to sell the following emergency vehicle(s) under the terms and conditions set forth herein:

- Quantity: (1)
- Vehicle Model: (Braun Chief XL)
- Chassis Model: (Ford F-550 Gas 4x4)

The specifications, technical drawings, graphic designs, and any other required documents are incorporated by reference and form part of this Agreement. Any changes, additions, or deletions to the specifications must be agreed to in writing by both parties, and may result in delays or additional charges.

2. PRICING

| Description | Amount (USD) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Ambulance Conversion | \$358,204.00 |
| Total Amount Due at Delivery | \$358,204.00 |

Note: All pricing and incentives related to the chassis are preliminary estimates and are subject to confirmation upon arrival at the manufacturing facility.

3. DELIVERY TERMS

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The delivery timelines provided by Penn Care, Inc. are estimates only and are not guaranteed. Delivery schedules may be affected by:

- Changes requested by the Purchaser
- Delays from the chassis Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)
- Unforeseeable events under the "Force Majeure" clause

4. TRADE-IN TERMS

If the Purchaser opts to trade in a used vehicle as part of the consideration:

- The trade-in vehicle will be appraised at the time of the order.
- Penn Care, Inc. reserves the right to reappraise the trade-in at delivery if there is:
 - A decrease in value beyond normal wear and tear
 - A change in mechanical performance
 - Removal of equipment without prior written agreement
 - Misrepresentation of the vehicle's condition or equipment

5. WARRANTIES

Penn Care, Inc. provides no additional warranties beyond those stated herein. All warranties are issued directly by the chassis manufacturer, ambulance builder, and component suppliers. Penn Care, Inc. assumes no liability for these warranties. Used vehicles are sold "as-is," without any warranties, express or implied.

6. PAYMENT TERMS

- Invoicing:**
 - Penn Care, Inc. will issue an invoice 30 days before the expected delivery date.
- Payment:**
 - Payment is due upon acceptance and/or delivery of the vehicle(s) unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- Taxes:**
 - Sales and Use Taxes (federal, state, or local) are not included in the stated purchase price unless explicitly mentioned. The Purchaser shall assume responsibility for any applicable taxes.
- Payment Methods:**
 - All payments shall be made in U.S. dollars via certified check or wire transfer. Credit card payments are not accepted without prior written authorization and may incur additional fees.
- Interest:**
 - Interest will accrue at the rate of prime + 2% starting 16 days after delivery if payment has not been made in full.

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6. Title Transfer:

- Title and Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO) will be released to the Purchaser only upon full payment, including any accrued interest and additional costs.

7. SECURITY INTEREST

The Purchaser grants Penn Care, Inc. a security interest in the purchased vehicle(s) as collateral for the purchase price. This security interest extends to all components, modifications, and proceeds, including insurance payouts. This constitutes a **Purchase Money Security Interest** under the Ohio Uniform Commercial Code.

8. ORDER CANCELLATION

- Penn Care, Inc. may cancel the order at its sole discretion without liability.
- Once engineering begins, the Purchaser shall be liable for the full purchase price.
- If the Purchaser cancels the order, it reserves the right to recover lost profits and other damages resulting from the cancellation.

9. FORCE MAJEURE

Penn Care, Inc. shall not be held liable for delays or non-performance resulting from events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to:

- Natural disasters (e.g., fire, flood, earthquake)
- Government actions or regulations
- War, terrorism, or civil unrest
- Labor strikes or disruptions in supply chains
- Epidemics, pandemics, or national emergencies

10. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

- Default:**
 - The Purchaser shall be considered in default if:
 - The Purchaser fails to fulfill any obligations outlined in this Agreement.
 - Penn Care, Inc. reasonably believes the Purchaser is unable or unwilling to meet its obligations.
- Remedies:**
 - In the event of default, Penn Care, Inc. may:
 - Demand immediate payment of the outstanding balance.
 - Repossess the vehicle(s) through legal means or self-help, provided no unlawful entry occurs.

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- Sell the repossessed vehicle(s) and apply the proceeds toward outstanding obligations.
- Pursue legal action for any remaining balance or damages.

3. Attorney's Fees:

- The Purchaser shall be responsible for all reasonable costs associated with enforcing this Agreement, including attorney's fees, court costs, and repossession expenses.

11. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the **State of Ohio**, without regard to its conflict of law principles.

12. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

- The Purchaser shall inspect the vehicle(s) within 10 days of being notified of completion.
- If the Purchaser fails to conduct an inspection within the specified timeframe, the vehicle(s) will be deemed accepted, and payment will become due.
- Any issues discovered after the 10-day window will be handled as warranty claims, and such claims shall not delay payment.

13. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements, representations, or warranties, whether oral or written. Amendments must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

Purchaser:
Signature: [Signature]
Name/Title: President
Date: 6/16/24

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Developmental Disabilities Credit Card Users

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Scott Zielinski and Amy Sheridan to be approved users of the DD Credit Cards.

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

USDA Adoption of Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Cards

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to adopt the USDA Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Cards. Administrator Rockhold will get laminated language identification sheets prepared and distributed to departments for use when needed.

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

Colonial Life Group Insurance Application Update

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the renewal documentation for Colonial Life Group Insurance Application.

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:

911: Teresa Fouts-Imler; APCO Conference & CPE 404 Class, San Antonio TX; 08/05 - 08/08/26

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

Move Commissioner Meeting of July 14 to July 15

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to reschedule the Commissioners' Meeting from Tuesday, July 14, to Wednesday, July 15.

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

DJFS Fund Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize the DJFS Fund transfer to their operating budget upon receipt of the necessary court approval.

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

W&S Billing Policy Discussion

Commissioners discussed a request from a resident who anticipates draining and refilling a swimming pool, resulting in the use of approximately 25,000 gallons of water.

The resident expressed concern regarding sewer charges associated with water that would not actually enter the sewer system.

Discussion noted that:

- * The county currently does not provide sewer bill adjustments for this type of water usage.
- * Similar situations have arisen in the past.
- * Other jurisdictions sometimes utilize affidavits or notification procedures to verify non-sewer water use.

Commissioners directed staff to draft a proposed policy for future consideration. Potential provisions discussed included:

- * Annual limits on adjustments
- * Notification requirements
- * Verification procedures before credits are granted

No formal action was taken at this time.

W&S Agricultural Meter Policy Review

Commissioners also discussed revisiting previous conversations regarding agricultural water use and separate metering.

Review the status of earlier discussions and determine whether a separate agricultural metering policy had been implemented or requires further action.

No formal action was taken.

DJFS - 10 W. Washington Nelsonville Building - Lynn Garbo

Lynn Garbo presented historical information regarding Lot 48 in Nelsonville, the former site of Central School, and raised questions about whether deed restrictions originally dedicating the property for educational and public purposes may have been violated when the property was sold. Lynn Garbo proposed exploring the creation of a pocket park and historical memorial area on the site and requested consideration of delaying the sale of the county-owned building while the matter is reviewed. Commissioners advised that questions regarding deed restrictions and ownership would require legal review and noted that the county must continue the current property sale process. The Board acknowledged the proposal and encouraged Lynn Garbo to continue researching the matter and consulting legal counsel.

Athens County Bikeway Speed and Safety Discussion

Athens County Bikeway Committee appeared before the Board to discuss concerns regarding increasing speeds on the Hockhocking Adena Bikeway, particularly involving electric bicycles and other motorized devices.

The committee explained that the issue has been discussed for several years but has become more pressing due to the growing use of e-bikes and other electric-powered transportation devices. Committee members reported receiving complaints from bikeway users regarding individuals traveling at high speeds, creating potential safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and other users.

Proposed Speed Limit Resolution

The committee presented a proposed resolution establishing an official speed limit of 20 miles per hour on the bikeway.

Committee representatives explained that:

- * Ohio law recognizes three classes of e-bikes.
- * Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes are generally limited to 20 miles per hour and are permitted on multi-use paths.
- * Class 3 e-bikes can travel at higher speeds and are not generally permitted on multi-use pathways.
- * Some users may also be operating electric motorcycles or modified devices that exceed legal speed limits.

The committee stated that the proposed speed limit was intended to:

- * Improve safety for all bikeway users.
- * Provide clearer guidance through additional signage.
- * Encourage voluntary compliance by users.
- * Provide law enforcement with an additional tool when responding to dangerous behavior on the trail.

Committee members emphasized that the proposal was intended primarily as an educational and safety measure rather than an enforcement initiative.

Commissioner Discussion

Commissioners expressed concern about the practicality of enforcing a speed limit on a recreational trail.

Discussion focused on:

- * The difficulty of measuring bicycle speeds.
- * The likelihood that users would expect active speed enforcement if a speed limit were established.
- * Whether law enforcement agencies would realistically have the resources to monitor speeds on the bikeway.

Commissioner Eliason suggested that a more effective approach might be to focus on prohibiting certain classes of vehicles rather than establishing a speed limit. Specifically, discussion centered on:

- * Prohibiting Class 3 e-bikes.
- * Prohibiting electric motorcycles and similar devices.
- * Expanding signage to clearly identify which vehicles are not permitted on the trail.

Commissioners noted that prohibiting certain vehicle types may be easier to understand and enforce than attempting to

determine whether a cyclist or scooter operator is traveling a few miles per hour above a posted limit.

Alternative Signage Proposal

As discussion continued, participants explored the possibility of a phased approach.

Suggestions included:

- * Enhancing existing "No Motor Vehicles" signage.
- * Adding language specifically prohibiting Class 3 e-bikes and electric motorcycles.
- * Including prominent messaging that vehicles exceeding 20 miles per hour are not permitted.
- * Designing signage that clearly communicates safe operating expectations without relying solely on a posted speed limit.

Committee representatives acknowledged that enforcement challenges exist but reiterated that the primary goal is to improve safety and reduce dangerous behavior on the trail.

Coordination with Other Bikeway Jurisdictions

The committee noted that the bikeway is owned and managed by multiple entities, including:

- * Athens County
- * City of Athens
- * Ohio University
- * Hocking College
- * Other participating jurisdictions

Committee representatives explained that they began discussions with the County because it oversees the largest section of the bikeway.

Commissioners expressed interest in learning the positions of other participating entities before taking action and suggested obtaining feedback from:

- * The Sheriff's Office
- * Ohio University
- * Hocking College
- * The City of Athens
- * Other bikeway stakeholders

Discussion also referenced Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) guidance regarding speed recommendations for shared-use paths and acknowledged that different sections of the bikeway may have different usage patterns and safety concerns.

Children Services Building Project Update

Otis Crockron & Shelly Ramey from Athens County Children Services appeared before the Board to provide an update on the agency's new building project.

Otis reported that construction continues to progress well and that the building is beginning to take shape with the installation of doors, door frames, painting, and other interior finishes. Although the project had originally been on schedule for substantial completion in October with occupancy in mid-November, recent construction updates indicate the project is running slightly behind schedule. Current estimates place substantial completion in late October or early November, with occupancy and move-in anticipated in early December.

Despite minor delays, agency representatives expressed satisfaction with the overall progress and noted that the project remains in good condition from both a construction and budget standpoint.

1. Construction Budget and Project Costs

Otis provided a financial update on the project, noting that the original construction contract was reduced through value engineering efforts, bringing the project cost to approximately \$12.7 million.

Otis reported that:

- * Construction costs remain below the revised contract amount.
- * The project is currently approximately \$140,000 under the adjusted construction budget.
- * Several anticipated owner expenses, including data cabling and technology infrastructure, were always expected to

be paid from agency operating funds rather than bond proceeds.

One unexpected expense involved boring beneath East State Street to install electrical service, resulting in an additional cost of approximately \$59,000. Despite that unanticipated expense, project finances remain favorable overall.

Shelly Ramey also advised that requests for proposals are being prepared for furniture and furnishings needed for the new facility, with several qualified vendors identified to participate in the procurement process.

2. Budget Challenges and Placement Costs

Otis discussed broader financial challenges facing Children Services.

The primary concern continues to be the cost of out-of-home placements for children in agency custody.

Otis reported that:

- * Placement expenses remain one of the largest financial pressures on the agency.
- * A growing number of children are not eligible for federal Title IV-E reimbursement funding.
- * Current non-reimbursable placement costs are estimated at approximately \$1.9 million annually.

Otis explained that even with careful budgeting and planning, placement decisions are often driven by court orders and child welfare needs rather than financial considerations. As a result, the agency must continue providing services regardless of reimbursement eligibility.

To help manage costs, the agency currently has approximately nine to ten vacant positions under a hiring freeze. While this approach reduces expenditures, it places additional workload demands on existing staff.

3. Transportation Cost Review

Otis reported that they are evaluating transportation costs associated with caseworkers traveling throughout Ohio and occasionally to neighboring states to conduct required face-to-face visits with children in agency custody.

One employee alone receives approximately \$27,000 annually in mileage reimbursement due to extensive travel requirements.

Otis indicated they are exploring whether leasing agency vehicles could provide long-term cost savings compared to mileage reimbursement. Commissioners discussed the issue and noted that:

- * Vehicle ownership also includes maintenance, fuel, insurance, and operating expenses.
- * Reimbursement rates are generally designed to reflect actual vehicle operating costs.
- * Any analysis should include all associated ownership expenses before determining whether a fleet vehicle program would be beneficial.

Administrator Rockhold suggested consulting CORSA and other counties that utilize fleet vehicles for similar purposes before pursuing any changes. No action was taken, but agency staff agreed to continue evaluating the issue.

4. County Credit Card Program

Discussion also included implementation of the county credit card program within Children Services.

Representatives reported that:

- * The agency is the final county department transitioning into the credit card system.
- * Staff are evaluating whether cards should be assigned by work unit rather than individual employees.
- * Multiple employees may need access depending on operational responsibilities.

Administrator Rockhold advised that cards can be established in departmental or unit-specific formats and offered assistance in completing the transition process. Otis indicated they expect to provide final recommendations regarding card assignments in the near future.

5. Neighborhood and Construction Concerns

Commissioner Eliason asked whether concerns previously raised by neighboring property owners had been resolved.

Agency representatives reported that:

- * Overall construction activities have proceeded smoothly.
- * Contractors have maintained clean streets and have generally been good neighbors.

- * One neighboring property owner continues to express concerns regarding stormwater runoff.

Otis clarified that:

- * The runoff issue predates construction activities.
- * The area generating concern is located outside the construction footprint.
- * No construction-related land disturbance occurred in the area identified by the resident.

Otis indicated they have continued discussions with the affected property owner and are exploring additional avenues for communication and clarification.

6. Agency Programs and Future Financial Outlook

Commissioner Adkins requested an update regarding agency programs and future financial needs.

Children Services reported that:

- * Most core programs remain active and operational.
- * The school outreach program will be reduced after the City of Athens informed the agency that it can no longer support one of the outreach positions.
- * The affected employee will be reassigned to another agency role rather than laid off.

Otis also discussed the agency's treatment foster care program, which is designed to transition children from residential placements into less restrictive foster care settings. Representatives stated that:

- * The program continues to perform well.
- * It provides improved outcomes for children while helping reduce placement costs.

Despite these efforts, agency officials emphasized that placement expenses continue to be the most significant financial challenge facing Children Services statewide.

Commissioner Adkins requested additional information regarding discretionary programs and associated costs in the event future levy discussions occur. Otis agreed to provide documentation outlining program expenditures, funding sources, and community-supported initiatives.

Otis noted that several community-based programs, including holiday assistance and summer support programs, are largely funded through private donations and community contributions rather than county tax dollars.

Adjourn

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

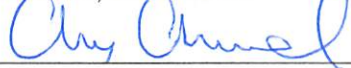
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, yea; Mr. Adkins, yea.


JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator


Alison Pierson, Clerk


Lenny Eliason, President


Charlie Adkins, Vice-President


Chris Chmiel