

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 23, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes June 16, 2026

Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills
Fund to Fund: Comm \$331,307.40 from 493.3493.550101 Cap Imp to 571.2571.422101 JFS Trans In
New Line Item: Juv Court
Support Activity - 283.2283.412523
Restitution - 283.3283.5602500

- 9:45 DJFS - Weekly Updates - Lease Agreement 10W. Washington and POTH Lease
- 10:15 Treasurer Accounts & Fund Recap May 2026 - Taylor Sappington
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:45 HAPCAP Glen Crippen-Chip Public hearing #2
- 11:00 EMA - Debris Management Plan
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Surplus - Commissioners
- CRB Water Invoice in the amount of \$593.68 to be paid with ARPA Funds
- DeBra-Kuempel Invoice in the amount of \$53,100.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds
- Surplus - Commissioners
- LOS - The Local Butcher
- add- Port Authority Spec Building - Industrial Dr.

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- Auditor: Jill Davidson & Brandi Coey; '26 Annual GFOA Conf, Cleveland OH; 09/29 - 10/02/26
- Sheriff: Doug Crites; Prisoner Transport, Wilmington NC; 06/24 - 06/25/26
- Auditor: Jill Davidson & Katherine Smith; CAAO SE District Meeting, Coal Grove OH; 07/10/26

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 16, 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: Comm \$331,307.40 from 493.3493.550101 Cap Imp to 571.2571.422101 JFS Trans In, New Line Item: Juv Court - Support Activity - 283.2283.412523 Restitution - 283.3283.5602500 and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/11/2026 To: 06/16/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 06/16/2026 To: 06/18/2026 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.

Surplus - Commissioners

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

Description	Model #	Serial #
iPad	A1709	DMPX22ATJ2D1
Typecase	KB201T-102	2ATD0K8201T

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

CRB Water Invoice in the amount of \$593.68 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the CRB Water Invoice in the amount of \$593.68 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

DeBra-Kuempel Invoice in the amount of \$53,100.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DeBra-Kuempel Invoice in the amount of \$53,100.00 to be paid with ARPA Funds.

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

LOS - The Local Butcher

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Letter of Support for The Local Butcher: June 23, 2026

The Athens County Board of Commissioners is pleased to provide this letter of support for Meeks Family Meats, LLC dba The Local Butcher and its application for funding through the MPPEP Phase 4 Grant Program.

The Local Butcher is a family-owned and operated business located on Pleasant Hill Road in Athens County and serves as the only meat processing facility in both Athens and Meigs Counties. The proposed project will support the expansion of inspected smoked meat production through the purchase and installation of a commercial smokehouse and related equipment, allowing the business to meet USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) standards and offer a complete line of inspected smoked meat products.

This project represents a significant investment in our local agricultural economy. By expanding inspected processing capabilities, The Local Butcher will create additional opportunities for area livestock producers to add value to locally raised cattle and hogs while strengthening the regional food supply chain. The project will also increase processing capacity, allowing more small and underserved producers access to inspected meat processing services.

The anticipated benefits of this project extend beyond the business itself. The Local Butcher currently employs three full-time and five part-time employees and expects to create one to two additional full-time positions within the first year of operation following project completion.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of supporting local food systems, agricultural entrepreneurship, and rural economic development. We believe this project aligns with those goals and will have a positive and lasting impact on our farming community, local economy, and food security efforts.

Thank you for considering our letter of support. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

/s/Lenny Eliason, President /s/Charlie Adkins /s/Chris Chmiel

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

Surplus - Commissioners

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to declare the Commissioners Surplus and proceed with the sealed bid process. Sealed bids will be opened on June 30, 2026 at 10:05 See back of page 233 for surplus.

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:

- Auditor: Jill Davidson & Brandi Coey; '26 Annual GFOA Conf, Cleveland OH; 09/29 - 10/02/26
- Sheriff: Doug Crites; Prisoner Transport, Wilmington NC; 06/24 - 06/25/26
- Auditor: Jill Davidson & Katherine Smith; CAAO SE District Meeting, Coal Grove OH; 07/10/26

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

Port Authority Spec Building - Industrial Dr.

Commissioner Adkins discussed recent public inquiries regarding the proposed Port Authority spec building and Poston Road Industrial Park project following media coverage of the proposal.

Commissioner Adkins reported receiving calls from residents seeking additional information about:

- * The project itself.
- * Environmental considerations.
- * Potential impacts associated with the development.

Commissioner Adkins noted that public interest in the project appears to be increasing and expressed a desire to proactively provide information before concerns escalate.

Discussion centered on:

- * Holding a public informational discussion.
- * Inviting Mollie Fitzgerald to explain the project and answer questions.
- * Providing additional details regarding environmental review and project operations.

Commissioner Eliason identified Mollie as a key resource who could provide information regarding the project and environmental considerations. Commissioner Eliason agreed to contact her and invite her to attend a future meeting.

Additional discussion referenced inquiries from local residents, including individuals from Amesville, who had contacted commissioners seeking more information about the proposed facility.

The Board agreed that obtaining additional information and providing opportunities for public discussion would be beneficial as the project moves forward.

DJFS IV-D Contract - Athens County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division, Amendment #1

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS IV-D Contract with Athens County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division, Amendment #1:

Name of Organization	Athens County Common Pleas Court Juvenile Division
Total \$ Value	\$120,294.08 (additional \$692.32 - 2026 CAP)
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	241/510052 Administrative Cost Pool, CSEA
Billing Procedure	Submits monthly billing for 100% of the contract unit rate and the CSEA reimburses at 66%

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

DJFS IV-D Contract - Domestic Relations Court, Amendment #1

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS IV-D Contract with Athens County Common Pleas Court Domestic Relations Division, Amendment #1:

Name of Organization	Athens County Common Pleas Court Domestic Relations Division
Total \$ Value	\$297,207.15 (additional \$4,920.55 - 2026 CAP)
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	251/510052 Administrative Cost Pool, CSEA
Billing Procedure	Submits monthly billing for 100% of the contract unit rate and the CSEA reimburses at 66%

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

DJFS IV-D Contract - Prosecuting Attorney, Amendment #1

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS IV-D Contract with Athens County Prosecuting Attorney, Amendment #1:

Name of Organization	Athens County Prosecuting Attorney
Total \$ Value	\$390,128.41 (additional \$142.88 - 2026 CAP)
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	225/510052 Legal Services, CSEA
Billing Procedure	Submits monthly billing for 100% of the contract unit rate and the CSEA reimburses at 66%

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

DJFS NET Contract - C.O.A.D., Sponsor of RSVP, Amendment #4

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS NET Contract with C.O.A.D., Sponsor of RSVP, Amendment #4:

Name of Organization	C.O.A.D., Sponsor of RSVP
Total \$ Value	\$365,000.00 (additional \$35,000)
Contract Period	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Medicaid NET 850/510050 Title XX 735/510050
Billing Procedure	Submits bi-monthly invoices, Payment made within 30 days

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

DJFS NET Contract - 59 Green LTD, DbA Green Cab, Amendment #4

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS NET Contract with 59 Green LTD, DbA Green Cab, Amendment #4:

Name of Organization	59 Green LTD, DbA Green Cab
Total \$ Value	\$407,556.38 (additional \$30,000)
Contract Period	07/01/2025 - 06/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Medicaid NET 850/510050 Title XX 735/510050
Billing Procedure	Submits bi-monthly invoices, Payment made within 30 days

Full Contract on file in the Commissioners Office.

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

DJFS - Weekly Updates - Lease Agreement 10W. Washington and POTH Lease

1. NET-Title XX Transportation Contract

Commissioner Adkins asked about the status of the previously discussed Green Cab transportation contract. Assist Dir Lisa Radford advised that:

- * The new contract has been revised.
- * The revised agreement is currently under review by the Prosecutor's Office.
- * Discussions regarding contract language and operational details have been ongoing for several months.

2. Parade of the Hills Facility Use Request

Discussion also occurred regarding a separate facility-use request involving Parade of the Hills and use of county-owned property later in the year.

Commissioners noted that:

- * A request had already been approved earlier in the year.
- * The county-owned building involved in the request is currently being offered for sale.
- * Depending on the outcome of the pending property sale, the county may no longer control the facility by the time the event occurs.

Because of that uncertainty, commissioners agreed to delay action on the request until additional information becomes available following the upcoming bid opening.

Dir Tami Collins indicated they would notify the event organizers regarding the situation and provide updates as more information becomes available. No formal action was taken on the Prairie Hills request at this time.

3. Job and Family Services Budget and Financial Updates

Commissioner Adkins thanked Job and Family Services staff for ongoing communication regarding departmental finances and program operations.

Dir Collins reported that:

- * Another departmental update is expected to be distributed later in the week.
- * Additional financial information will become available once the current fiscal quarter closes.
- * Ongoing cost analyses are being conducted to evaluate programs and expenditures.

Commissioners requested continued updates regarding:

- * Program costs
- * Operational efficiencies
- * Areas where expenditures may be reduced

Dir Collins advised that information from those analyses would be provided to the Board as it becomes available.

DJFS Lease Agreement - Daisy Carlson of Rolling Tour Bus

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve DJFS Lease Agreement with Daisy Carlson of Rolling Tour Bus. See Agreement on back of page 235.

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

Treasurer Accounts & Fund Recap May 2026 - Taylor Sappington

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to acknowledge Receipt of the Treasurer Accounts & Fund Recap May 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.

Treasurer Updates

Treasurer Sappington presented the May 2026 financial recap, reporting a smooth month-end reconciliation process with no major issues. He also advised that second-half property tax bills are delayed statewide due to ongoing property tax reform changes and pending calculations from the Ohio Department of Taxation. Treasurer Sappington introduced Nick Smith as the office's new employee following Diane's retirement and discussed plans to increase efforts related to delinquent tax collection and foreclosure activities.

Commissioners and the Treasurer also discussed the growing issue of delinquent mobile home taxes and abandoned mobile homes throughout the county. The Treasurer reported that delinquent mobile home taxes exceed \$4 million and outlined

LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this 10th day of June, 2026, pursuant to Sections 307.09, by and between the Athens County Board of Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "Lessor" and Daisy Carlson of Rolling Tour Bus, hereinafter referred to as "Lessee", hereinafter referred to as the "Parties".

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the covenants, considerations, promises and agreements herein contained, said Lessor agree to lease to Lessee the following: 10 W. Washington, Nelsonville, Ohio for use by Lessee, hereinafter referred to as the "Parking Lot", in their discretion and as they determine is reasonably necessary for said use, and which said covenants, considerations, promises and agreements are as follows:

- 1. TERM. The term of the Agreement is for a period of 3 days commencing the 19 day of June 2026, and terminating on the 21 day of June, 2026. Lessor, however, may cancel at any time without repercussion as the parking lot being leased is public land, and if the public needs the parking lot for public use, Lessor shall have the right to immediate terminate the Lease. Lessor shall give at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of intention to terminate the Lease for immediate public use.
2. RENT. Lessee agrees to pay as the fee for the lease of said Parking Lot, the sum of ZERO Dollars (\$ 0.00) as a onetime lump sum. Said fees shall become effective and be due the NA day of NA, 2026. Lease rental payment shall be made to Athens County.
3. USE OF PREMISES. The Parking Lot is to be used for Nelsonville Music Festival Shuttle Services. Lessee agrees to permit Lessor or agents of Lessor at reasonable times to enter the Parking Lot to examine the condition thereof.
4. CONDITION OF PREMISES. Lessee shall be responsible for cleaning and maintenance of the parking lot during the Lease period. At the conclusion of the Lease, Lessee shall remove all debris and other materials on the Parking Lot and Lessee shall restore the Parking Lot to the condition at least equal to the condition as the same existed as of the date hereof.

INSURANCE: Lessee shall procure and maintain, at its own expense, liability insurance covering

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any and all of their operations on the Parking Lot.

- 5. INDEMNIFICATION. Lessee shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Lessor, its officers, departments, employees, agents their successors and assigns harmless from any liability from claims, demands, damages to any property, or actions or causes of actions whatsoever, resulting or arising hereafter from the actions of Lessee, their agents, employees, customers, clients, or anyone acting under their direction, control, or on their behalf. Responsibility for said Parking Lot shall lie with Lessee.
6. NO PARTNERSHIP. This Lease Agreement shall not create an association, partnership, joint venture or a principal and agency relationship between the Parties hereunder or any of their successors and assigns.
7. BINDING EFFECT. All the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, successors and assigns of the parties hereto.
8. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Lease Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties and there are no other terms express or implied, except as contained herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed this day of June, 2026.

SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

LESSOR ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Witness Witness

Lenny Eliason Charles Adkins Chris Chmiel

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STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ATHENS, ss

Before me a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the above-named Lenny Eliason, Charles Adkins, and Chris Chmiel, as Athens County Commissioners, who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument, and that the same was their voluntary act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name and official seal this 11th day of June, 2026.

SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

Notary Public

LESSEE Daisy Carlson Authorized Representative

Witness Witness

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ATHENS, ss

Before me a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the above-named LESSEE, who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument, and that the same was their voluntary act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name and official seal this 15th day of June, 2026.



Allana J. Young Notary Public State of Ohio My Comm. Expires June 3, 2031

Notary Public

This instrument prepared by: Keller J. Blackburn Athens County Prosecuting Attorney

potential strategies for improving collections, including researching programs used in other Ohio counties and utilizing DRETAC funds to support enforcement efforts. The Board expressed support for continued evaluation of collection methods.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates

1. Sanitary Sewer Overflow and EPA Reporting

Supt. Carson reported that recent heavy rainfall caused a sanitary sewer overflow at The Plains wastewater treatment plant. An additional issue occurred at a manhole on Harbor Drive, which serves as the main trunk line entering the plant and contributed to the backup. Required sanitary sewer overflow reports were submitted to the Ohio EPA for both locations, along with photographs documenting the incidents. Supt Carson identified a former trailer service lateral as a source of inflow and advised that the line simply requires a cap. The county will either complete the repair or coordinate with the property owner to have the service line properly capped.

2. EPA Water Distribution Inspection

Supt Carson advised that the Ohio EPA recently completed a water distribution system inspection. Overall, the inspection went well with only two minor findings:

- * A separate water system log book was needed for documentation purposes.
- * The county must establish a formal backflow prevention program.

Supt Carson has already obtained the required log book and begun addressing the backflow prevention requirement. The program will involve verifying that facilities requiring backflow prevention devices have them installed and ensuring annual testing is being completed. Facilities identified as having backflow prevention devices include local schools, the Lindley Inn, Hickory Creek, the 9-1-1 Center, newer apartment complexes, and commercial properties in The Plains.

3. New Marshfield Sewer Project

Supt Carson reported that construction on the New Marshfield Sewer Project continues to progress. Contractors remain in difficult rock excavation areas and are currently installing manholes. To improve efficiency and reduce rock excavation, project engineers approved raising a portion of the sewer line approximately three feet because adequate depth remains available to serve nearby residences.

Heavy construction activity and rock excavation have caused significant deterioration to portions of local roadways, particularly in the Steinmeyer area. Contractors have brought in larger excavation equipment to address the rock conditions, and road surfaces have begun to crumble under the heavy equipment traffic. Supt Carson indicated that portions of the roadway will likely require full repaving once construction is complete.

4. Water Usage and Swimming Pool Discussion

Supt Carson and Office Manager Morris revisited the discussion from the previous meeting regarding requests for sewer bill adjustments associated with filling swimming pools. Office Manager Morris explained that certain county water systems purchase water directly from the City of Athens and are billed based on total water consumption rather than separate metering arrangements. Because the county must pay for all water received, providing sewer credits for pool filling could create financial losses for the utility system.

Commissioner Adkins noted that one resident had already been advised that an adjustment would be provided based on prior discussion with commissioners. Given that commitment, commissioners agreed the county should honor the arrangement for that specific resident. However, Office Manager Morris reiterated that the current billing structure presents challenges for establishing a broader adjustment policy.

Executive Session - W&S

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 10:20 with Jeff Stankunas, W&S Supt Oscar Carson, Office Manager Stephanie Morris, & Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to discuss discipline 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 10:48 a.m. and to authorize County Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to proceed with the disciplinary action discussed during executive session involving the W&S Department, with W&S Office Manager Stephanie Morris and W&S Supt. Oscar Carson assisting as necessary throughout the process.

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

HAPCAP Glen Crippen-Chip Public hearing #2

The Board then opened Public Hearing No. 2 regarding the Program Year 2026 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) grant application. See back of page 237 for details of the CHIP Public Hearing #2.

Glen Crippen, Director of Housing and Community Development for Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP), conducted the hearing and explained that HAPCAP partners with Athens County in administering federally funded affordable housing programs.

HAPCAP Discussion

Commissioner Chmiel discussion included the possibility of:

- * Targeting neighborhoods with numerous homes requiring repairs.
- * Coordinating housing improvements with other infrastructure projects.
- * Combining housing rehabilitation with sewer, roadway, or neighborhood revitalization efforts.
- * Increasing the visual and community impact of the program through concentrated investment.

Examples discussed included areas such as New Marshfield, where ongoing sewer improvements could potentially be complemented by housing rehabilitation efforts, as well as neighborhoods in Nelsonville experiencing significant housing needs.

Mr. Crippen responded that he believed the concept was worth exploring but indicated that HAPCAP would first need to review CHIP policies and Ohio Department of Development requirements to determine whether geographic targeting would be permissible under program guidelines. He agreed to research the issue and report back to the Board with additional information and recommendations.

Authorization to Submit CHIP Application

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorizing submission of the CHIP Application for Program Year 2026.

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

EMA - Debris Management Plan

Emergency Management Debris Management Plan

Dir Teresa Fouts-Imler and Melissa Blank from the Athens County Emergency Management Agency presented a newly developed County Debris Management Plan for Board approval. Staff explained that the plan was created through a collaborative effort involving Athens County EMA, Hocking County EMA, the Athens-Hocking Solid Waste District, and the Athens County Planning Office. The plan establishes procedures for managing debris generated during natural disasters and other emergency events.

Dir Fouts-Imler noted that Athens County has not previously maintained a formal debris management plan and explained that the document provides guidance on debris collection, separation, temporary storage locations, disposal methods, coordination with the Ohio EPA, and documentation requirements following disasters. The plan was developed in response to lessons learned while assisting Logan County after a tornado, where officials encountered significant challenges managing large volumes of debris and limited landfill capacity.

Plan Highlights

Representatives explained that the plan:

- * Identifies temporary debris storage locations throughout the county.
- * Establishes procedures for separating woody debris, construction materials, appliances, and hazardous waste.
- * Prioritizes clearing roadways for emergency responders in coordination with the County Engineer's Office and ODOT.
- * Identifies local contractors, mutual aid partners, and other resources that may be needed when county resources are exhausted.
- * Emphasizes thorough documentation of all response activities to ensure compliance with state and federal reimbursement requirements.

Dir Fouts-Imler also reported that existing Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with county partners had not been updated since approximately 2010 or 2011. New MOUs have been prepared, reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office, and will be distributed

**CHIP Second Public Hearing
Athens County in Partnership with the City of Athens and City of
Nelsonville
15 S. Court Street, Athens Ohio
June 23, 2026
10:45 AM**

National Objective:

- Primarily benefit Low- and moderate income families
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight conditions

Goal:

- To provide funding for a flexible , community wide approach to the improvement of affordable housing for low- and moderate income persons and to develop local administrative capacity.

Available Funding

- \$18,700,000 Federal CDBG and Home Investment Partnership Program Funds are available statewide. In addition Ohio Housing Trust Fund (OHTF) dollars may be utilized but this amount is to be determined. CHIP Funds will be distributed in one competitive funding round. A community / partnership is allowed to submit only one application.

Grant Ceiling

- \$1,050,000 (partnership)

Activities

8 Owner Rehabilitation	\$524,000
1 Rental Rehab	\$85,000
15 Owner Home Repair	\$288,782
1 Rental Home Repair	\$26,218
Administration & Fair Housing	\$126,000

Application Deadline

June 24, 2026

Questions

to community partners, churches, and other stakeholders to clarify roles and responsibilities during future emergency responses.

Melissa Blank stated that development of the plan has taken more than a year and noted that Athens County began work before the State of Ohio announced that all counties would be required to have debris management plans. Because of that effort, other counties have already requested copies of Athens County's plan as a model for developing their own.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Athens County Debris Management Plan. Copy of Athens County Debris Management Plan on file in the Commissioners' Office.

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

911-EMA Updates

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

Dir Fouts-Imler reported that the county's Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) application had been successfully submitted the previous day.

The application includes funding requests for:

- * Athens County EMS
- * Emergency Management Agency
- * 9-1-1 Communications

Dir Fouts-Imler explained that the grant includes equipment intended to improve communications and operations for county fire departments. Dir Fouts-Imler noted that grant awards are announced in phases and advised that funding decisions may take several months, potentially up to a year, before final determinations are made.

2. Solar Energy System Update

An update was provided regarding the solar panel system installed at the county's emergency communications facility.

Dir Fouts-Imler reported that:

- * The solar installation has significantly reduced monthly electric costs.
- * Initial monthly electric bills exceeded \$3,000.
- * Recent monthly electric costs have decreased to approximately \$1,100.

Commissioners discussed the substantial savings generated by the system and explored whether similar solar installations might be appropriate at other county facilities in the future. Discussion included evaluating electric usage at various county buildings, available grant funding opportunities, roof conditions, and the potential return on investment before expanding solar infrastructure.

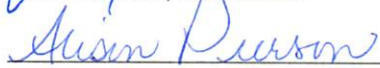
Adjourn

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



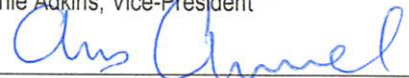
 Alison Pierson, Clerk



 Lenny Eliason, President



 Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



 Chris Chmiel