

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, March 10, 2026 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Approve Agenda

Approve Minutes February 25, 2026

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

- New Fund and Line-Items: Stewart/Guysville Sanitary Sewer
 - Receipts: Proceeds of Loans and Grants 629.2629.418150, Transfers In 629.2629.422101
 - Expenditures: Design and Engineering 629.3629.550205
- New Fund and Line-Items: New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer
 - Receipts: Transfers In 626.2626.422101
 - Expenditures: Capital Outlay 626.3626.550130
- Fund to Fund: 911 \$173,670.98 from 593.3593.580100 Transfers out to 591.3591.422101 Transfers In
- Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$7,500.00 from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 221.2221.422100 Transfers In
- Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$7,233.28 from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 224.2224.422101 Transfers In
- Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$125,000.00 from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 229.2229.422101 Transfers In

- 9:30 New Marshfield Sewer
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 Bid Approval HVAC Courthouse & Annex
- 10:15 HAPCAP - Glen Crippen (Sunset Shelter)
- 10:30 W&S Supt Oscar Carson - weekly updates
- 10:45 Children Services Appointment Interview - Jonathan Robe
- 11:00 HAPCAP Public hearing one CDBG
- 11:15 Mike Noel - Housing Project in Athens County (Letter of Support)
- 11:30 LUNCH

Agenda Items

- Utility Permits (2 AEP)
- W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Chmiel's Signature)
- Common Pleas Transfer to Transcript Fee Line
- 2026 Frost Law Letter
- Buckeye Hills Regional Commission Appointments
- Children Services Appointments
- Clark Schaefer Hackett Contract (Ratify Commissioners Signatures)
- Engineer - Bid Advertisement - Notice to All Stone Vendors
- Engineer - Bid Advertisement - Notice to All Asphalt Vendors
- HSTS Authorizing Resolution
- Auditor - Tyler Technologies Appraisal Services Agreement
- Davidson and Bush Shut Off and Traps
- Guardian Ad Litem Agreement
- The Tower Clock Co.
- Gwyneth Philips Resolution
- PWS Tile Quote
- National Opioid Settlement
- Area 14 Workforce Development Board Resolution
- Moral Obligation Resolution

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- Common Pleas: Melinda Bradford; OAM Spring Conference, Independence OH; 04/14 - 04/17/26
- Common Pleas: Magistrate Meg Saunders; OAM Spring Conference, Independence OH; 04/15 - 04/17/26
- Clerk of Courts: Candy Russell; OCCA Meetings, Ohio Hotel and Event Center; 03/17 - 03/18/26
- add- Commissioner: Lenny Eliason; NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans LA; 07/16 - 07/21/26

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 February 25, 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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, including New Fund and Line-Items: Stewart/Guysville Sanitary Sewer, Receipts: Proceeds of Loans and Grants 629.2629.418150, Transfers In 629.2629.422101, Expenditures: Design and Engineering 629.3629.550205, New Fund and Line-Items: New Marshfield Sanitary Sewer, Receipts: Transfers In 626.2626.422101, Expenditures: Capital Outlay 626.3626.550130, Fund to Fund: 911 \$173,670.98 from 593.3593.580100 Transfers out to 591.3591.422101 Transfers In, Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$7,500.00 from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 221.2221.422100 Transfers In, Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$7,233.28 from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 224.2224.422101 Transfers In, Fund to Fund: Sheriff \$125,000.00 from 001.1180.580100 Transfers Out to 229.2229.422101 Transfers In and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 02/24/2026 To: 02/26/2026, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 02/26/2026 To: 03/03/2026 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.

Executive Session - Opioid Settlement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to enter into executive session at 9:30 with Asst Prosecutor Nicole Clay to discuss legal.

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 9:43 with No Action to be taken.

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

Aaron McVey

Aaron McVey asked the Board to begin discussing whether emergency personnel could legally and safely use UTVs/side-by-sides on county roads. He explained the department received a grant for a side-by-side and that using a smaller UTV for tasks like clearing trees or responding to certain calls would be safer and more practical than using a large, expensive apparatus. He said he had already spoken with insurance, and was told coverage would apply as long as road use is permitted.

Aaron McVey noted he has heard the term "UTV-friendly" and is also coordinating with the township (which he believes may allow UTV use), but he is still gathering information. He referenced the Ohio Revised Code as indicating UTVs may be allowed under certain conditions (proper equipment such as lights/turn signals, and possibly operating on the berm), but said the BMV/State Patrol guidance he received on a personal vehicle was more restrictive, creating uncertainty.

Asst. Prosecutor Nicole Clay advised she would review the legal requirements and asked Aaron McVey to provide specific details on the UTV model and intended use so she can cross-check compliance. Aaron indicated they are considering a Polaris Ranger 1500 (utility vehicle with bed for hauling equipment/personnel) and described potential uses including quicker response for backcountry rescues without needing to trailer the unit. Contact information was exchanged, and Aaron agreed to send supporting code references and vehicle details.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Demosky provided the following DJFS Weekly Updates:

1. Title XX & PRC planning: Staff are updating the Title XX plan (last plan was sent to the commissioners for review/comments) and will finalize it with the Family Services Planning Committee. They are also revising the PRC plan after it was trimmed back; staff want to increase PRC benefits because PRC can help offset TANF expenses.
2. 4D contract disruption & current plan: Discussion focused on what happened during Oct-Dec when 4D contracts were terminated. Domestic Relations continued working and now has an unreimbursable bill per the state (Jason Frisbee). To clarify next steps, Jason Terry joined the meeting.

- * Current operational plan (confirmed in a meeting with Keller): Keller's office will continue handling contempt and motions to impose hearings; Keith will handle more complex hearings (terminations, modifications, redirects) for now. Long-term, more difficult hearings may be phased to the Prosecutor's Office so Keith can focus more on administrative/supervisory duties.
- * Staffing capacity for hearing prep: Jason explained hearing prep is done by legal secretaries (15-25 minutes per hearing; 20-minute average). With 60 hearings/month, that's about 5-6 hours/week, and he believes one legal secretary can handle it, though there is a temporary backlog due to continued hearings.
- * Why hearings were continued: Hearings were pushed to January because the 4D contracts ended at the end of September, so Keller-handled items (contempt/motions to impose) were continued. Other hearings Keith was handling continued as scheduled, per magistrates' decisions.
- * Unreimbursed Domestic Relations cost: The state is currently saying the county cannot be reimbursed for Oct-Dec services

because contracts were terminated. Estimated amount is \$52,000–\$53,000 under the DR4 contract. Commissioners requested clarification on where/when the related revenue was projected (2025 vs. 2026 projections) to understand the budget impact.

* 2026 4D contracts status & deadlines: All 2026 contracts except the Clerk have been submitted to the Office of Child Support (OCS). Clerk's budget arrived late last week; the contract is being drafted and expected for sign-off next Tuesday. Goal is to submit everything to OCS before March 31 so partners can be reimbursed back to Jan. 1.

* Maximus (Sheriff service of process): A meeting was scheduled (12:30 pm same day) with Jill/Tate/Chris Breeze to move forward on the Maximus service-of-process contract for the Sheriff. Commissioners discussed possibly expanding Maximus later to other courts, but priority is meeting the March 31 submission deadline; staff will ask whether amendments can be done later.

3. Community CARES & Back-to-School Bash: Staff noted Community CARES funds will be moved to the county instead of the foundation. If the 510 sale closes, staff recommend earmarking \$40,000 of equity for Back-to-School Bash as legitimate TANF expenses to help reduce the projected 2026 overdraw. Closing may be shortened to 30 days but depends on environmental reviews (could take 6 weeks).

4. Fiscal department reorganization proposal (JFS): Staff proposed reorganizing fiscal/HR roles to avoid increasing shared cost pool expenses: promote Angie Hayes to Fiscal Manager (no chief fiscal officer hire), move HR Officer to Fiscal Officer, and expand PR Specialist (Georgi Wolf) duties to include HR officer functions. Proposal also referenced restoring non-bargaining staff to 40 hours with a 3% increase while still showing overall savings. Commissioners asked to review and continue discussion next week.

5. Repayment agreement (issue): Commissioners requested the detailed report/calculation supporting the repayment number (higher than expected) before taking action; item will be revisited next week.

DJFS Contract - Baum Law Amendment # 1

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Amendment #1 Contract with Baum Law Office, LLC

Name of Organization	Baum Law Office, LLC
Total \$ Value	\$60,000.00 (No new funds)
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 09/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Title XX base - 734/510050 Title XX transfer - 884/51005
Billing Procedure	Monthly invoices to be paid 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 Contract - Limbach

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Original Contract with Limbach Company, LLC:

Name of Organization	Limbach Company, LLC
Total \$ Value	\$12,472.00
Contract Period	12/01/2025 - 11/30/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Heating and Cooling system maintenance 010/510050
Billing Procedure	\$12,472 per year in advanced installments of \$3,118.00 Per Quarter beginning on the effective date of 12/01/25 Thru 11/30/2026

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 Contract - Athens County Sheriff

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Original Contract with Athens County Sheriff:

Name of Organization	Athens County Sheriff
Total \$ Value	\$28,208.13
Contract Period	01/01/2026 - 12/31/2026
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	263/510052 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 Contract - Athens County Common Pleas Court - Juvenile Division

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the DJFS Original Contract with Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division:

Name of Organization	Athens County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division
Total \$ Value	\$119,601.76
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 Contract - Farmer's Market

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Eliason to approve the DJFS Original Contract with Athens Farmer's Market:

Name of Organization	Athens Farmer's Market
Total \$ Value	\$15,240.00
Contract Period	07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027
Program Accts & Codes to be charged	Food Stamp Outreach and NEFM grant Code: 600/510050, 899/510050
Billing Procedure	Quarterly payments of \$3,810.00 with the first payment to be paid by July 15, 2026, second payment by October 15, 2026, third payment by January 15, 2027, and final payment by April 15, 2027.

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, abstain; Mr. Adkins, yea.

Bid Approval HVAC Courthouse & Annex

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to accept the recommendation, award the HVAC Courthouse & Annex Bid plus Alternates #1 & #2 to DeBra-Kuempel for a total of \$1,997,200.00 and authorize all necessary signatures. See Bid Recommendation Letter on back of page 87.

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

HAPCAP - Glen Crippen (Sunset Shelter)

Glen Crippen gave a brief update on the Sunset Shelter Project, noting the significant community need for shelter options. The project has been bid out three times unsuccessfully, so HAPCAP is now trying to close a funding gap.

Capital budget request + support letter: HAPCAP plans to submit a State of Ohio capital budget request for \$250,000, but the application requires a state agency sponsor (ODOB, OMAS, DAS, etc.). If a sponsor can be secured by the deadline (Thursday), HAPCAP requested the County's support via a support letter.

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve providing support letters for the Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) Sunset Shelter Project in Athens, Ohio and respectfully request your support in sponsoring this request through the Capital Budget FY27-28 process. See Support Letters on back of page 88.

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 PY26)

Glen Crippen said there has been no NOFA yet for the PY-26 CHIP cycle and asked if the County wants him to start preparing anyway (public hearings, application materials, etc.) so the County is ready once the NOFA is released. The response was supportive/okay to proceed.

W&S Supt Oscar Carson - Weekly Updates

Supt Carson provided the following W&S Weekly Updates:

1. Letter approval / Water system update
 - * Supt Carson provided the previously discussed letter was approved (Commissioner Eliason stated letter was good) and Supt Carson would send out.
 - * Water department reported they were digging up a leak near Dollar Tree after hearing a noisy service line; noted ongoing pattern of fixing leaks and new ones appearing (seasonal).
2. EPA Notice – Plant Log / Operator-of-Record Issue
 - * Supt Carson discussed an EPA letter/notice about discrepancies related to the operator's time and plant logs.



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March 9, 2026

County Commissioners
Albion County
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Reference: Albion County Courthouse and Annex HVAC Upgrade

Subject: Bid Recommendation Letter

Dear County Commissioners,

Proposals were received on March 2, 2026, for the Courthouse and Annex HVAC Improvements located at the Albion County Courthouse and Annex in Athens, OH.

We received one (1) proposal for the project. The proposal breakdown is as follows:

Bidder	Base Bid - Courthouse Fan Coil and Branch Piping Replacement	Alternate #1 - Replacement of Annex Small Unit Valves	Alternate #2 Annex Fan Coil Replacement
Debra Kuempel	\$1,087,200.00	\$165,800.00	\$411,400.00

We reviewed the Debra Kuempel proposal in detail to confirm that both contractors have the scope covered. From our analysis and our call with Debra Kuempel for clarifications, we feel that they have the scope covered.

Based on our review of the proposal and the scope being provided by the contractor, we believe that Debra Kuempel has the scope covered and they will provide Albion County with complete and operational project that is successful. We recommend awarding the base bid plus the two alternates for a total contract amount of \$1,997,200 to Debra Kuempel.

Sincerely,

Eric Booher, P.E., LEED AP

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Albion County Commissioners

PRICE PROPOSAL FORM

1.01 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY:

Debra Kuempel
(Contractor)
Date bid submitted: 2/3/26

1.02 DELIVER TO:

Albion County Commissioners
ATTN: Brian Rockhold
Albion County Commissioners Office
15 S Court Street, Ohio 45701

1.03 Having carefully reviewed the Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents for the Project listed Albion County HVAC Improvements Project including having visited, read, and taken into account the following Address:

Addendum No. _____ Date: 2-9-26
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and likewise having inspected the site and the conditions affecting and governing the Project, the undersigned hereby program to furnish all materials and to perform all labor, as specified and described in the said Specifications and/or as shown on the said Drawings for all Work necessary to complete the Project on a timely basis and in accordance with the Contract Documents regardless of whether explicitly provided for in such Specifications and Drawings.

1.04 The base bid will be used for evaluation and budgetary purposes and should not be construed as a guaranteed cost. Identify any additional cost in detail. Albion County will pay only for goods or services provided.

1.05 BID ITEM #1:

Base Scope of Work: Albion County HVAC Improvements Project for material, equipment and labor work in the Courthouse and Annex Building. Proposer agrees to furnish equipment, materials & labor for all the services/work necessary, as described in the specifications/drawings.

Base Bid: \$1,087,200.00
Alternate #1: \$165,800.00
Alternate #2: \$411,400.00
Total: \$1,997,200.00

Alternate #1 Scope of Work: All material, equipment and labor for work located in the Annex building to replace the shut off valves at the Fan coils and unit heaters. Proposer agrees to furnish equipment, materials & labor for all the services/work necessary, as described in the specifications/drawings.

Alternate #2 Scope of Work: All material, equipment and labor for work located in the Annex building to remove and replace the existing fan coil units and unit heaters. Proposer agrees to furnish equipment, materials & labor for all the services/work necessary, as described in the specifications/drawings.

BIDDER IS (check one) sole proprietor partnership corporation other legal entity

NAME & TITLE OF PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO BIND BIDDER TO A CONTRACT:

Donovan Least Account Manager

SIGNATURE: [Signature]

ADDRESS: 819 Redeman Dr. Paris, KY

TELEPHONE: 740-447-2611

EMAIL: dleast@redman.com

FEDERAL TAX ID # 31-1615991

DATE SIGNED: 2/3/26



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This proposal is based upon all work being performed during the normal working hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Unless otherwise noted, all invoices will be rendered in work progress and all amounts are payable upon receipt. This quotation is subject to revision if not accepted within 30 days.

Base Bid Scope & Clarifications: Courthouse

SCOPE OF WORK

- Base bid only includes the Albion County Courthouse. The Annex is included in Alternate #2.
- All equipment is pulled from Carrier.
- Debra Kuempel is responsible to replace the (45) Fan Coil Units and Piping & valves from the existing marks.
- Electrical work for the previous equipment is included.
- Installation of equipment is included in this bid.
- Conduit is included in the price. (See attached scope & clarifications for conduit work)
- Clean up work area daily. Debra Kuempel assumes that we will have to remove demolished equipment & debris daily.
- Coordinate with Courthouse staff weekly as to where we will be working.

- Mutually agreeable contract terms, including a cash flow.
- No additional Change Order work will be performed unless agreed to in writing.
- Debra Kuempel will perform an equipment assessment prior to start of the project. As of now we are bidding (45) Fan Coil Units. If the count of FCUs changes, we will advise with a Change Order.
- Other HVAC equipment can also be added to the project via Change Order.
- One year warranty is included for equipment & materials furnished by Debra Kuempel.
- Addressed request 1.
- Approximate 22% of man hours in the base bid are included as night shift.
- The proposal is contingent upon the acknowledgment and award within 30 days of the proposal date.
- Debra Kuempel reserves the right to remove any pricing according to current market conditions thereafter.
- Debra Kuempel assumes that we will be able to use existing facilities, public utilities.

- Removal of any hazardous material.
- Roofing.
- Painting.
- Galvalume cladding.
- Fire Protection.
- Dust Cleaning.

- OH Electrical (P&C) - System & Control
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Alternate #1 & #2 Scope & Clarifications: Annex

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CUSTOM CONTROLS GROUP, LLC

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We are pleased to provide the following Building Automation System (BAS) Temperature Control proposal for the Albion County HVAC Improvements project.

The scope of work associated with Proposal No. CCG-RM10M32-01 includes the following:

Courthouse BAS Tridium Front-End

- Furnish and install a Tridium JACE enclosure complete with perforated sub-panel. The JACE controller and transformer shall be provided by the Master System Integrator (MSI) and turned over to CCG for installation.
- Furnish and install new BASnet MSTP and/or BASnet IP network communication cabling, as required, to support integration and control of the Building Automation System (BAS).
- Extend the existing BASnet MSTP and/or BASnet IP BAS network infrastructure as required to accommodate the new system components.
- Install and configure BAS gateways, routers, and repeaters as necessary to establish connectivity to the existing front-end via the BAS network. BAS gateways, routers, and repeaters shall be provided by the Master System Integrator (MSI) and turned over to CCG for installation.
- Install, terminate, and test all communication bus wiring required for proper BAS network operation.

(45) Fan Coil Units (FCUs)

- Install the factory-provided Carrier 24V Wall-Mounted Proportional BACnet Thermostat / Controller.
- The BACnet thermostat / controller shall be shipped loose with its associated Fan Coil Unit.
- Site project electrical contractor shall be responsible for providing 120V to permit transformation.
- CCG will configure the BACnet thermostat to its associated Fan Coil Unit, if required.
- Thermostats shall be shipped ready for onsite configuration.
- Provide BAS duct sensors, relays, switches, and associated devices as required.
- Provide BAS programming and commissioning as required for control and monitoring of the FCUs.
- Furnish, install, and terminate all required low-voltage (24VAC) control wiring.



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NOTES AND EXCLUSIONS

- Any labor, materials, equipment, supervision, services, or coordination not expressly included in the above Scope of Work is specifically excluded from this proposal.
- Any equipment located in areas not included and is excluded unless authorized in writing and approved as a change order.
- Any control work and controls integration associated with Hot Water Radiation Heating is not included and is excluded unless authorized in writing and approved as a change order.
- Line voltage wiring greater than 24 VAC is excluded.
- Furnishing or installing control dampers is excluded.
- Any fire measuring stations are excluded.
- Equipment furnished with factory-installed controls shall be configured and commissioned at factory start-up by the Mechanical Contractor supplying such equipment.
- Programming, configuration, commissioning, or start-up of controls devices or equipment (including, but not limited to, VFDs) furnished by others is excluded.
- The Owner is solely responsible for providing and maintaining all IT and internet infrastructure required to support controller communication and system integration.
- Integration with lighting control systems is excluded.
- Applicable pre-writing stage items are included in this proposal.
- Any work involving structural dampers, fire dampers, or combination smoke/heat dampers beyond the expressly stated Scope of Work is excluded.
- Integration or connectivity to the fire alarm system is excluded.
- Pipe cutting, insulation, system drain-down, painting, painting, rust prevention, access panels, and installation of finishes are excluded.
- Rigid conduit is excluded. Piping is based on installation utilizing EMT conduit only.
- All concrete cutting, sawing, removal, and replacement shall be performed by others.
- Prevention of dust and debris removal contractors shall be by others.
- Prevention of leaks, bad bonds, payment bonds, and expediting or design services are excluded unless specifically stated otherwise in writing.
- 25% of total project includes Overhaul, second shift, or third-shift labor.
- Overhaul, including, second-shift, or third-shift labor beyond normal hours is excluded unless authorized in writing and approved as a change order.
- This proposal shall remain valid for sixty (60) calendar days from the date of issuance, after which it may be subject to revision.

Basis of Proposal

- This proposal is based upon plans marked "For Proposal" released for "Bidding" dated January 26, 2026, as provided by Palmer Conservation Consulting.
- This proposal is subject to the Custom Controls Group, LLC Terms and Conditions dated 12/15/2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to quote this project.

Rob Miller
Custom Controls Group
Sales, Project Manager
Cell: 740.596.1133

- * Clarified issue: operator must log everything done at the plant. When absent, Supt Carson had staff summarize work later and then entered it with staff initials—but EPA compared time away (vacation/sick/personal leave) and questioned how the operator was signing/logging entries while not onsite.
- * Specific period cited: operator of record was on leave Aug. 4–8, 2025 (Supt Carson stated he was in Canada).
- * Proposed solution discussed:
 - * Designate an alternate operator of record (named: Travis) when the primary operator is away.
 - * Have the alternate sign/log those days so the primary operator does not sign for work while absent.
 - * Supt Carson acknowledged fault and agreed to respond and correct the process ("should have added him a long time ago").
- * Commissioners emphasized: don't take inspectors lightly, keep the response professional, and provide copies of correspondence.

Utility Permits

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

Permit No. 26-686
 From: AEP Ohio
 700 Morrison Rd
 Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
 Location of work: Co Rd # 19, Co Rd Name: Hebbardsville Rd
 Description of Work: Electric
 Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Rd & Utility Pole Installation
 Estimated Project Schedule: 02/16/2026 - 08/21/2026
 Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, AEP
 Athens County Commissioners
 /s/ Lenny Eliason
 /s/ Chris Chmiel
 /s/ Charlie Adkins
 /s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

Permit No. 26-687
 From: AEP Ohio
 700 Morrison Rd
 Gahanna, OH 43230

We hereby request permission to install utility lines within public right-of-way limits.
 Location of work: Co Rd # 80, Co Rd Name: Enlow Rd
 Description of Work: Electric
 Type of Installation: Overhead Line Crossing Rd & Utility Pole Installation
 Estimated Project Schedule: 02/16/2026 - 08/21/2026
 Agreed to by: /s/Chris Postle & Michelle Provandie, AEP
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 /s/ Lenny Eliason
 /s/ Chris Chmiel
 /s/ Charlie Adkins
 /s/Jeff Maiden, Athens County Engineer

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

W&S Extensions

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Chmiel's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Denise McKibben for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$327.14 with \$127.64 to be paid by 03/12/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Chmiel's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by John Smith Jr. for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$324.21 with \$308.77 to be paid by 03/16/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel ratifying Commissioner Chmiel's Signature authorizing an extension as requested by Stacey Valentine for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due

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The Honorable Brian Chavez:

I am writing to express support for the Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (HAPCAP) Sunset Shelter Project in Athens, Ohio and respectfully request your support in sponsoring this request through the Capital Budget FY27-28 process. The Shelter project is an urgently needed renovation of the former Sunset Motel into a non-congregate low-barrier emergency homeless shelter.

Our region of Southeast Ohio currently has no low-barrier shelters to house individuals and families facing homelessness. As a result, vulnerable Ohioans—including seniors, children, people living with chronic illness and disability, and veterans—are left in unsafe and/or untenable living conditions. The Sunset Shelter addresses this critical gap by converting existing infrastructure into individual living units and shared common areas, to provide residents with safe, dignified, and stable temporary housing.

Low-barrier housing options have proven effective at reducing homelessness and increasing voluntary engagement with services and treatments that not only reduce repeated stays at shelters, but also strengthen community health and public safety. This, in turn, reduces reliance on emergency services. The Sunset Shelter will give our neighbors-in-need access to critical resources needed to rebuild their lives and to maintain that stability.

HAPCAP has a long-standing history of service to the communities of Southeast Ohio. The Sunset Shelter Project continues this tradition by providing support to the most vulnerable Ohioans that promotes long-term stability, safety, and community building. This is why it is crucial that HAPCAP receive the necessary funding for the Sunset Motel renovations. State capital funds would bridge the current funding gap through the entire renovation process and into full operations.

Sincerely,

Lenny Eliason
President, Athens County Commissioners

The Honorable Kevin Ritter:

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The Honorable Ty Moore:

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is \$422.42 with \$220.99 to be paid by 03/16/2026. If the terms of this agreement are not met, the account will be considered delinquent and service could be shut off.

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

Common Pleas Transfer

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Common Pleas Transfer to Transcript Fee Line in the amount of \$8,850.30.

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

2026 Frost Law Letter

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the 2026 Frost Law Letter to request that the legal load limit be reduced by 30% on All County Roads, with the exceptions. See back of page 89 for the 2026 Frost Law Letter.

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

Buckeye Hills Regional Commission Appointment

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to appoint Molly Fitzgerald to the Buckeye Hills Regional Commission.

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

Clark Schaefer Hackett Contract

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to ratify the commissioners signatures on the Clark Schaefer Hackett Contract for the State Audit. Contract available 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.

Engineer - Bid Advertisement - Notice to All Stone Vendors

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Engineer Bid Advertisement for Notice to All Stone Vendors. See bid notice on back of page 89.

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

Engineer - Bid Advertisement - Notice to All Asphalt Vendors

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Engineer Bid Advertisement for Notice to All Asphalt Vendors. See bid notice on back of page 89.

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

HSTS Authorizing Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize participation in the HSTS Authorizing Resolution. See back of page 89 for the HSTS Authorizing Resolution.

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

Tyler Technologies Appraisal Services Agreement - Auditor

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Tyler Technologies Appraisal Services Agreement provided by the Auditor's Office.

Agreement 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.

Davidson & Bush- Shut Off & Traps

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve 2 invoices from Davidson & Bush, Invoice #2593 in the amount of \$2,533.78 and Invoice #2594 in the amount of \$1,289.53.

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

Guardian Ad Litem Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the Guardian Ad Litem Agreement for Sirena Robinson. See Agreement on back of page 89.

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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March 4th, 2026

TO: Athens County Commissioners
Lenny Eliason, MPA, President
Charlie Adkins, Vice-President
Chris Chmiel, Board Member

Re: 30% Load Reduction

I respectfully request that the legal load limit be reduced by 30% on ALL county roads, with the exceptions of (1) Athens CR 33A- Old State Route 33 (2) Athens CR 33B- Diamond Brick Road (3) Athens CR 19- Radford Road (4) Athens CR 110- Poston Station Road, (5) Athens CR 110A- Industrial Drive, in accordance with Section 5577 of the Ohio Revised Code. This load limit reduction will become effective on March 11th, 2026, and end on April 30th, 2026.

This reduction is intended to reduce the amount of road damage which occurs annually during the freeze-thaw cycle. Special Hauling Permits may be obtained from my office for companies and individuals that wish to exceed the 30% load limit reduction provided that a "Road Repair Agreement" is filed with this office in which the hauler agrees to pay for any road damage caused by their operations. Companies that have signed a "Road User Maintenance Agreement" (RUMA) have already agreed to pay for road damages caused by their hauling operations, and therefore do not need to apply for a special haul permit.

I also respectfully request that you endorse this procedure and encourage enforcement of this load limit reduction by the Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully,

Jeff Maiden
Jeff Maiden, PE, PS
Athens County Engineer

Notice To All Limestone Vendors

Sealed bids to supply various grades of limestone aggregate will be received by the Board of Athens County Commissioners in their office at 15 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio 45701 until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be opened and read aloud. The purpose of these specifications is to provide Athens County and all villages and townships with limestone aggregate products that meet or exceed the bid specifications. The bids submitted will be valid for the period from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. The products offered are required to meet or exceed ODOT specifications. The criteria for awarding the successful bid shall be the lowest and best bid as determined by the Athens County Engineer.

The limestone shall not contain flint, soapstone or sharp edges, and shall not contain dirt or other fine materials, shall be washed if necessary, and must meet or exceed ODOT specifications. The bid sheet will include separate pricing for material only, for trucking only, and for material delivered. The criteria for awarding the successful bid shall be based on the lowest and best price as determined by the Athens County Engineer. The price per ton shall cover all grades of limestone and shall include the cost of pickup and delivery to any point in Athens County specified by the Engineer or his representative at the time of the order. Delivery must begin within 24 hours of the order and be concluded within a reasonable time period acceptable to the Engineer or his representative. Grades most often needed shall be #8, #67, #67, 617, 304 and Class C Rip Rap, but we will accept bids for all grades. Delivery sites shall most often be the Canaanville yard, but prices will also be received to deliver limestone aggregates to the Coolville and Redtown outposts.

- All applicable local, State and Federal laws regarding hauling permits and rules must be adhered to.
- Athens County shall continue to purchase small quantities of stone as needed for localized projects and special needs from various vendors.
- The successful bidder must haul legal loads according to State of Ohio laws, and must deliver materials of satisfactory quality, as determined by the Engineer or his representative.
- Any successful bidder not adhering to the above guidelines shall have their bid revoked, and any substandard materials will be rejected without payment of any sort.
- The Engineer, upon revoking a successful bidder, will award the bid to the next lowest bidder, or rebid as necessary, to obtain quality materials.
- All bids are to be clearly marked "Stone Bid" on the outside of the envelope, and submitted to the Athens County Commissioners, 15 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio 45701.
- All pertinent plans, specifications and other relative information can be obtained or examined at the office of the Athens County Engineer, 16000 Canaanville Road, Athens, Ohio 45701, 7:00am-3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
- The Athens County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Athens County Board of Commissioners

This notice to be advertised: Saturday, March 14, 2026 and Saturday, March 21, 2026 in The Athens Messenger.

Notice To All Asphalt Vendors

Sealed bids to supply all grades of RC, MC, Primers and Emulsions will be received by The Board of Athens County Commissioners in their office at 15 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio 45701 until 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at which time and place the bids will be opened and read aloud. The purpose of these specifications is to provide Athens County and all villages and townships with asphalt products that meet or exceed the bid specifications. The bids submitted will be valid for the period from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. The products offered are required to meet or exceed ODOT specifications. The criteria for awarding the successful bid shall be the lowest and best bid as determined by the Athens County Engineer.

- The Athens County Engineer, Jeff Maiden, or his designated representative, may sample material at any time and require testing by an approved laboratory, with all expenses paid by the successful bidder. Materials to be sampled and tested are various grades of liquid asphalt being supplied by the successful bidder of ensure compatibility.
- Performance in use is the primary concern of the Athens County Highway Department. The material test limits are designed to assist in the selection and use of the products which provide the most satisfactory service and which best meets the requirements of the Athens County Engineer. Those firms wishing to supply Athens County must be prepared to provide an ongoing, dependable supply of the products in the quantities required.
- Successful bidder must provide Material Safety Data Sheets for each type of material supplied.
- Any successful bidder not adhering to the above guidelines shall have their bid revoked, and any substandard materials will be rejected without payment of any sort.
- The Engineer, upon revoking a successful bidder, will award the bid to the next lowest bidder, or rebid as necessary, to obtain quality materials.
- All bids are to be clearly marked "Asphalt Bid" on the outside of the envelope, and submitted to the Athens County Commissioners, 15 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio 45701.
- All pertinent plans, specifications and other relative information can be obtained or examined at the office of the Athens County Engineer, 16000 Canaanville Road, Athens, Ohio 45701, 7:00am-3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.
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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATHENS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ATHENS COUNTY FOR THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT OF HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS:

Whereas, the County/Health District of Athens seeks to repair and/or replace failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the County/Health District of Athens County intends to apply to the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPLF) for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems; and

Whereas, the Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund requires the government authority to pass legislation for application of a loan and the execution of a WPLF assistance agreement; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County/Health District of Athens County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That Lenny Eliason be and is hereby authorized to apply for a WPLF assistance agreement, sign all documents for and enter into a Water Pollution Control Loan Fund with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency for the repair and/or replacement of failing home sewage treatment systems on behalf of the County/Health District of Athens, Ohio.

SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Signed this 10th of March 2026

Lenny Eliason
Lenny Eliason, President

Chris Chmiel
Chris Chmiel

GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROCEDURE

Sirena Robinson hereby agrees to accept appointments by the Domestic Relations Division of the Athens County Court of Common Pleas to serve as a guardian ad litem for the Court when available to do so.

The Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby agrees to extend the General Liability and Public Officials Liability coverage provided by CORSAs to Athens County to cover *Sirena Robinson* while performing services for, and while acting within the scope of authority granted by, the Domestic Relations Division of the Athens County Court of Common Pleas.

[Signature]
Guardian ad Litem
[Signature]
Administrative Judge
[Signature]
President, Board of Commissioners
3/10/26
Date Fully Signed

The Tower Clock Co

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve The Tower Clock Co Annual Preventative Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$900.00.

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

Gwyneth Philips Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve a Resolution Honoring Gwyneth Philips:
RESOLUTION HONORING GWYNETH PHILIPS

WHEREAS, Gwyneth Philips, a proud native of Athens County, Ohio, served as a goaltender for the United States Women's Olympic Ice Hockey Team at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games in Milan, Italy; and

WHEREAS, during the 2026 Olympic Games, she appeared in two games, recording two shutouts and contributing to a combined Olympic shutout streak of 331 minutes and 23 seconds, helping pave the way for Team USA to capture the gold medal; and

WHEREAS, Gwyneth Philips was selected as the first goaltender in the 2024 Professional Women's Hockey League (PWHL) Draft by the Ottawa Charge, marking a significant milestone in her professional career; and

WHEREAS, following a season-ending injury to the starting goaltender, rookie Gwyneth stepped into a critical role, helping lead the Ottawa Charge to the PWHL Playoff Championships; and

WHEREAS, although the Charge ultimately fell to the Minnesota Frost in overtime, Gwyneth's exceptional performance earned her the PWHL Playoff Most Valuable Player Award, the Ilana Kloss Award, which is presented by tennis legend and PWHL advisory board member Billie Jean King; and

WHEREAS, Gwyneth earned a scholarship to Northeastern University, a nationally recognized women's hockey program, where she served three seasons as backup to fellow future U.S. Olympian Aerin Frankel before assuming the starting role and leading the Huskies to the NCAA Frozen Four; and

WHEREAS, she concluded her collegiate career with a .958 career save percentage, the highest in NCAA history, along with multiple conference and national honors; and

WHEREAS, Gwyneth attended Shady Side Academy, where she followed her brother Guy and helped lead the girls' hockey team to three Prep School League championships in four seasons; and

WHEREAS, she began her hockey journey at Ohio University's Bird Arena with the Athens Youth Hockey Association and further developed her skills with programs in Logan, Columbus, and Pittsburgh, including Pittsburgh Penguins Elite, whose teams regularly competed in USA Hockey National Championships; and

WHEREAS, beyond hockey, she participated in numerous youth sports throughout Athens County—including baseball, track, volleyball, and soccer—benefiting from the dedication of volunteer coaches and community supporters; and

WHEREAS, despite now residing in Ottawa, Canada, Gwyneth proudly represents her hometown, honoring Athens County through personal tributes such as a matching tattoo with her brother, Guy, featuring a map of Athens County, and through the design of her goalie helmets, which include the iconic Athens "block" brick in the paintwork; and

WHEREAS, during the 2026 Olympic Games, Gwyneth was inspired by the Athens County community's unwavering pride and support, including banners, social media messages, and local watch parties throughout the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and celebrates Gwyneth Philips for her extraordinary achievements, her commitment to excellence, and her outstanding representation of Athens County, the State of Ohio, and the United States of America on the world stage.

Signed this 10th day of March, 2026

/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.

PWS Tile Quote

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve the PWS Tile Quote from Carpet One Floor and Moore in the amount of \$2,240.92.

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

National Opioid Settlement

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the National Opioid Settlements: Six Remnant Defendants Settlement.

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

Area 14 Workforce Development Board Resolution

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to appoint Trevis Thompson:

Resolution

Whereas, on July 22, 2014, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act was signed into federal law; and

Whereas, the members of the local workforce development board must be selected by the chief elected officials in each local area.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, The Athens County Board of Commissioners hereby reappoints the following to serve on the Area 14 Workforce Development Board for terms commencing on April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028:

Trevis Thompson, Manufacturing Lead at Sunpower, serving as a business representative.

It was moved by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel, to adopt the foregoing.

Signed this 10th day of March 2026

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice President

/s/Chris Chmiel

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

Moral Obligation Resolution - Auditor

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel for Recognizing a Moral Obligation and Authorizing Payment to Athens County Soil and Water Conservation District for CAUV Inspection Services. See Resolution on back of page 91.

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

Suspend Rules

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

Lenny Eliason Travel for NACo July 16-21

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:

- Common Pleas: Melinda Bradford; OAM Spring Conference, Independence OH; 04/14 - 04/17/26
- Common Pleas: Magistrate Meg Saunders; OAM Spring Conference, Independence OH; 04/15 - 04/17/26
- Clerk of Courts: Candy Russell; OCCA Meetings, Ohio Hotel and Event Center; 03/17 - 03/18/26
- Commissioner: Lenny Eliason; NACo Annual Conference, New Orleans LA; 07/16 - 07/21/26

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

Meeting Moved

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve moving meeting date Tuesday, March 24, 2026 to Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

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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RE: RECOGNIZING A MORAL OBLIGATION AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO ATHENS COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR CAUV INSPECTION SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Athens County Auditor has a statutory duty to administer the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program, and has historically engaged the Athens County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to perform CAUV inspection services to assist in fulfilling this mandate; and

WHEREAS, through an administrative omission, a formal contract for the current inspection cycle was not executed and a purchase order was not certified by the County Auditor prior to the commencement of services, rendering the agreement void *ab initio* pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D); and

WHEREAS, Athens County SWCD continued to provide the CAUV inspection services in good faith, and the Athens County Auditor's Office—and by extension, the taxpayers of Athens County—received a direct, tangible, and valuable public benefit from the completion of these inspections; and

WHEREAS, as this transaction occurred between two public entities operating in the public interest, there is a clear and complete absence of fraud, bad faith, or collusion; and

WHEREAS, both parties worked in good faith based on the fact that valid contracts had been completed between the parties in previous years for the same services and had been previously approved with no issues; and

WHEREAS, Ohio jurisprudence and Attorney General Opinions (including O.A.G. 1939-1330 and O.A.G. 1931-3467) establish that a Board of County Commissioners possesses the discretionary legislative authority to recognize and pay a claim as a "moral obligation" when a legally enforceable obligation is barred by a technical statutory defect, such as the lack of prior Auditor certification, provided the County received a direct benefit;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County, Ohio, formally recognizes a moral obligation to compensate the Athens County Soil and Water Conservation District for the CAUV inspection services actually rendered and received by the Athens County Auditor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Athens County Auditor to draw a warrant upon the county's Real Estate Assessment Fund in the amount of \$15,000.00 payable to the Athens County Soil and Water Conservation District to satisfy this moral obligation.

Signed this 10th day of March 2026


Lenny Eliason, President


Charlie Adkins


Chris Chmiel

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Children Services Appointment Interview - Jonathan Robe

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to appoint Jonathan Robe to the Children's Services Board:

Jonathan Robe
14 West Washington Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Mr. Robe

The Board of Athens County Commissioners, in its regular session on March 10, 2026, appointed you to serve on the Athens County Children Services Board. You will be filling an unexpired term that will end on December 31, 2029.

Thank you for being willing to serve the citizens of Athens County in this capacity.

/s/Lenny Eliason, President

/s/Charlie Adkins, Vice President

/s/Chris Chmiel

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

HAPCAP Public Hearing #1 CDBG

Nathan Simons provided the following HAPCAP Public Hearing #1 CDBG.

See document on back of page 92.

Mike Noel - Housing Project in Athens County (Letter of Support)

A motion was made by Mr. Adkins and seconded by Mr. Chmiel to approve a Support Letter for the Margaret Creek Adena Townhouses (MCAT) project and the request for federal funding assistance through the Fiscal Year 2027 appropriations process.

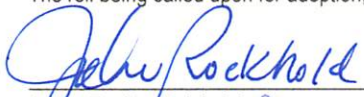
See Letter of Support on back of page 92.

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.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1

Athens County intends to apply to the Ohio Department of Development for program year 2026 funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program. The below mentioned CDBG programs are federally funded and administered by the state. CDBG programs can fund a broad range of planning, community improvement and housing related activities. These activities must be designed to primarily benefit low-moderate income persons or aid in the prevention of elimination of slum and blight. The County is eligible for funds in 2026 as follows:

- CDBG Allocation Program: The Fiscal Year 2026 allocation is undetermined at this time. However, the County's 2024 allocation was \$218,000.00. The Allocation Program is a community development and infrastructure improvement program that is available to all incorporated and unincorporated areas as well as community organizations, provided they meet all applicable requirements.
- CDBG Residential Public Infrastructure Program: Maximum funding is \$750,000.00. This program is competitive and designed to help small rural areas that are working to update their water and sanitary sewer systems.
- CDBG Critical Infrastructure Program: Maximum funding is \$500,000.00 under the Critical Infrastructure Program which is a competitive set-aside of the Allocation Program. Projects are designed to assist communities with high-priority, single-component projects such as roads, flood and drainage and other public infrastructure improvements with a high community-wide impact.
- CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Program: The County may be eligible to apply for up to one \$750,000 awards under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, which is a competitive set-aside of the Allocation Program. The purpose of this program is to target community development improvements to one community or neighborhood that meets program eligibility requirements.
- CDBG Discretionary Program: Provides a means to fund worthwhile "targets of opportunity" projects and activities that do not fit within the structure of existing programs, and to provide supplemental resources to resolve immediate and unforeseen needs.

The first of two public information meetings regarding these programs will be held on **March 10, 2026 at 11:00 AM** at the office of the Athens Co. Commissioners, 15 South Court Street Athens, OH 45701. This meeting will provide citizens with pertinent information about all of these programs, including an explanation of eligible activities, applicable program requirements, and application due dates. Program information is also available at www.hapcap.org.

Additionally, Athens County will host the Community Development Implementation Strategy Meeting on **March 25, 2026 at 5:30 PM** at the Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, Conference Room, located at 3 Cardaras Dr., Glouster, OH. Program information is also available at www.hapcap.org.

Citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings to provide input on the County's programs.

For further information or to request special accommodations please contact Nathan Simons at Hocking Athens Perry Community Action (740-767-4500).