

THE BOARD OF ATHENS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, met in regular session June 20, 2023, with Lenny Eliason presiding, Chris Chmiel and Charlie Adkins in attendance.

AGENDA

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

Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 Convenes at 9:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda

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

- 9:00 Public Defenders office
- 9:30 Laura Olbers- Easement and Bike Rack
- 9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
- 10:00 Joe Sokol Palmer Consulting updates
- 10:15 Weston Lombard - land lease
- 10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kastler - weekly updates

~Agenda Items

- Auditor Vacation Payout
- Common Pleas PSI Grant Agreement
- Change Meeting 7/5-7/6 and 7/25-7/27
- Chauncey ARPA Agreement
- Children Services Subgrant Agreement with Ohio DJFS, Ohio Medicaid

~TRAVEL

WIOA Laurie McKnight; meet with business on apprenticeship, Ricart Groveport; June 27, 2023

JoAnn Rockhold & Stephanie Morris; BWC Safety Council, Logan, Ohio; 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20/2023

Commissioners; CCAO, Newark Ohio; 8/16-8/18/2023

ADJOURNMENT

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 & Bills

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - from: 06/13/2023 to: 06/20/2023 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.

Public Defenders office

Joe Medici, Doug Francis and Casey Garand discussed the 2024 Public Defender contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins to approve a contract with the Public Defender to allow the additional staff member however not change the language from the last contract of the assignment of 2 attorneys in the Common Pleas court.

The motion dies for lack of a second.

Mr. Medici stated the assignment of 2 attorneys in the Common Pleas court did not work for their office operations and is not stated in the new contract. Commissioner Chmiel suggested the Commissioners allow additional time for the Public Defenders Office to follow up with Prosecutor Blackburn. Mr. Medici stated their office will be in contact with Prosecutor Blackburn this week and will provide an update at next weeks Commissioners meeting.

Chauncey ARPA Resolution

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 620-117

AUTHORIZING THE ALLOCATION OF ARPA REVENUE

REPLACEMENT FUNDING FOR THE VILLAGE OF CHAUNCEY SEWER EXPANTION

LOCATED ON SR 13 ACROSS FROM BAILEYS TRAIL WITH CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

AS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 was signed into law on March 11, 2021, to provide additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Section 9901 of ARPA amended Title VI of the Social Security Act to add section 603, which establishes the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF); and

WHEREAS, the Athens County Board of Commissioners (Board) created a separate Local Fiscal Recovery Fund per Resolution 608-113 for the purpose of receiving ARPA monies and to track allocations and expenditures consistent with the requirements of ARPA. The Board adopted Resolution 126-115 Electing to take the Standard Allowance of \$10,000,000.00 as the amount of revenue loss for use for the provision of governmental services under section 603(c)(1)(C), and;

WHEREAS, supporting documentation has been received and reviewed, and this Board now finds that it is in the best interest and necessary to authorize up to \$100,721.00 (one hundred thousand seven hundred and twenty-one dollars) for the Village of Chauncey, sewer expansion on SR 13 across from Bailey's Trail, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Athens County Ohio, that up to \$100,721.00 (one hundred thousand seven hundred and twenty-one dollars) of ARPA revenue replacement funding shall be appropriated for the purpose of sewer expansion on SR 13 across from Bailey's Trail, in the Village of Chauncey.

Signed this 20th day of June 2023

/s/ Lenny Eliason, President

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

/s/ Keller J Blackburn, Prosecuting Attorney

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

Auditor Vacation Payout

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to reimburse the Auditors expense line for payroll due to the payout for Kristen Andrews from her resignation effective April 28, 2023 as follows: vacation: \$1,871.54; comp: \$7.28; insurance incentive \$600.00 for a total payout of \$2478.82.

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

Common Pleas PSI Grant Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize the following PSI Grant Agreement: Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Community Corrections Grant Agreement between Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Division of Parole and Community Services, Bureau of Community Sanctions (the Grantor) and Athens County Court of Common Pleas. The agreement is effective as of the date indicated on the grant approval letter and shall expire June 30, 2025.

Funding, maximum amount: \$79,800.00.

Purpose: The Grantor is authorized to determine and award grant funds to assist local governments in community-based corrections program services that are designed to reduce or divert the number of persons committed to state penal institutions and/or detained in and/or committed to local corrections agencies.

Complete 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.

Change Meeting 7/5-7/6 and 7/25-7/27

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to change the meeting dates of July 5 to July 6 and July 25 to July 27.

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

Children Services Subgrant Agreement with Ohio DJFS, Ohio Medicaid

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Subgrant Agreement G-2425-11-6109 as follows:

This Subgrant Agreement is entered into between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter referred to as "ODJFS"), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (hereinafter referred to as "ODM") and the Athens County Board of County Commissioners and Athens County Children Services Board (hereinafter referred to as "Board") in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 307.98, 5101.21, and 5160.30.

The intent of this Subgrant Agreement is to establish between ODJFS, ODM and the Board the relationship of two "pass-through entities" and a "subrecipient" as those terms are used in 2 CFR 200, promulgated by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This Subgrant Agreement is applicable to all subawards by ODJFS and ODM to Athens County for the operation of the Athens County Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) that is a standalone agency and performs all duties assigned to a public children services agency.

Effective date: July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

Complete 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.

TRAVEL

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the following travel:

WIOA Laurie McKnight; meet with business on apprenticeship, Ricart Groveport; June 27, 2023

JoAnn Rockhold & Stephanie Morris; BWC Safety Council, Logan, Ohio; 7/19, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/20/2023

Commissioners; CCAO, Newark Ohio; 8/16-8/18/2023

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

Planner Laura Olbers- updates

Planner Laura Olbers stated the bike rack that was installed at Eclipse is not being used as intended, people seem to be putting their bikes on Eclipse property. Ms. Olbers recommended that gravel be purchased to entice bikers to use the bike rack however Commissioner Adkins stated that he would prefer to put concrete around the bike rack which had no objection from the other Commissioners. Ms. Olbers will coordinate with the maintenance department.

The Frost Road Easement has not been approved through legal counsel however Ms. Olbers wanted the board to know that there was a threat of legal action. Commissioner Eliason stated the board will wait until legal counsel approves the easement before they take any action.

DJFS updates

Culture Climate survey - morale scored lowed however follow up survey did not have many responses. Dir. Demosky plans to do a team building activity: "dog days of summer" in the lower parking lot of the County Home to cook hot dogs and have shelter dogs visit. Labor Management meeting scheduled for 6/29

DJFS Contract Amendment #1 with Green Cab

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following contract amendment:
Amendment #1

Contract Organization: 59 Green LTD dba Green Cab
Total \$ Value: \$526,756.69 (addition of \$64,938.01)
Contract period: 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023

Whereas, ACDJFS seeks to purchase Non-Emergency Transportation Services for eligible individuals as determined by ACDJFS, and Contractor seeks to provide such services, the parties hereby enter into the following Contract, whereby ACDJFS agrees to purchase, and Contractor agrees to provide such services.

Whereas the parties seek to amend Article 3 paragraph 3.1 Contract Price so that it reads as follows:

Article 3: Duties and Obligations of ACDJFS

3.1 Contract Price: ACDJFS shall pay to Contractor the sum on the monthly invoice for services rendered by Contractor pursuant to Article 2 of this Contract, subject to the terms and conditions specified elsewhere in this contract. The maximum amount payable under this Contract will be \$526,756.69.

Complete contract amendment 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 with Green Cab

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following contract:

Contract Organization: 59 Green LTD dba Green Cab
Total \$ Value: \$518,322.55
Contract Period: 7/1/23 to 6/30/24

Whereas, ACDJFS seeks to purchase Non-Emergency Transportation Services for eligible individuals as determined by ACDJFS, and Contractor seeks to provide such services, the parties hereby enter into the following Contract, whereby ACDJFS agrees to purchase, and Contractor agrees to provide such services.

Complete 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 with Hopewell

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following contract:

Contract Organization: Hopewell Health Centers, Inc
Total \$ Value: \$343,463.02
Contract Period: 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

Whereas, ACDJFS seeks to purchase Non-Emergency Transportation Services for Medicaid eligible individuals, and Contractor seeks to provide such services, the parties hereby enter into the following Contract, whereby ACDJFS agrees to purchase, and Contractor agrees to provide such services.

Complete 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 Amendment with Serenity Grove

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following contract amendment:
Amendment #1

Contract Organization: Serenity Grove Women's Recovery House
Total \$ Value: \$50,000.00 (additional \$10,000)
Contract Period: July 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024

Whereas, the parties seek to amend Article IV. Effective date of the subgrant Paragraph A.

Article IV: Effective date of the subgrant

A. This Subgrant Agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2022 through January 31, 2024 unless this Subgrant Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to Article VIII prior to the above termination date. In accordance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Article V Amount of Subgrant/Payments

A. This grant is in the total amount of \$50,000.00 for the Subgrant period.

All other terms and agreements of the original Subgrant remain in-place and unchanged.

Complete contract amendment 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 Amendment with HAPCAP

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following contract amendment:
Amendment #2

Contract Organization: Hocking Athens Perry Community Action
Total \$ Value: \$100,000.00 (addition of \$50,000.00)
Contract Period: 5/31/22 to 4/30/24

Whereas, the parties seek to amend Article V. Amount of Subgrant/Payments effective date of the subgrant Paragraph A.

Article V: Amount of Subgrant/Payments

A. This grant is in the total amount of \$100,000.00 for the Subgrant period.

Complete contract amendment 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 with COAD

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following contract:

Contract Organization: C.O.A.D Sponsor of RSVP

Total \$ Value: \$311,897.00

Contract Period: 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024

Whereas, ACDJFS seeks to purchase Non-Emergency Transportation Services for Medicaid or Title XX eligible individuals, and Contractor seeks to provide such services, the parties hereby enter into the following Contract, whereby ACDJFS agrees to purchase, and Contractor agrees to provide such services.

Complete 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 Surplus

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to declare the following as surplus as requested by Dir. Demosky and approve to redistribute the property to the Village of Gloucester:

Property Description

Desk partition with glass shield and storage shelf, Grey

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

Resolution for Claire Abraham

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Athens County Commissioners desire to recognize Claire Abraham for her dedication and loyalty to honor a longtime friend Kathryn McCoy, a music teacher who was always giving back to children, and;

Whereas, Claire started the non-profit Kathryn McCoy Resource Project with the goal to give back and supply students with essential healthcare items. These supplies are given out to local youths and have been made available at hygiene cabinets at Athens County Juvenile Court, Trimble and Federal Hocking high schools, The Hive, Nelsonville Police Department, and;

Whereas, Claire will be a junior this year at Nelsonville York, she is in band, archery and volunteers at The Hive and The First United Methodist Church, and;

Whereas, that we, the Athens County Commissioners offer our wholehearted appreciation to Claire Abraham for her generosity and thoughtfulness for others; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Athens County Commissioners do hereby declare July 12th

to be "Claire Abraham Day" in Athens County, Ohio.

Signed this 20th day of June 2023

/s/ Lenny Eliason

/s/ Chris Chmiel

/s/ Charlie Adkins

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

Joe Sokol Palmer Consulting updates

Joe Sokol provided an update on the Athens County HVAC Improvements Project. Mr. Sokol provided a proposed scheduled time which is dependent upon supplies being available. Will Reed attended with Mr. Sokol, he previously worked with Johnson Controls.

Criteria Engineer Package (10 weeks) estimated start date 6/5/2023

Bidding (4 weeks) estimated start date 8/14/2023

Bid Engineering/Permitting (6 weeks) estimated start date 9/11/2023

Equipment Pre-Purchase (3 weeks) estimated start date 10/2/2023

Construction (52 weeks) estimated start date 10/16/2023

Pre-Purchase leadtime (45 weeks) estimated start date 10/23/2023

Commissioning (4 weeks) estimated start date 9/20/2024

Mr. Sokol will provide monthly updates to the board as necessary.

SUSPEND

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to suspend the rules and declare an emergency and add the following to the agenda:
Therese Lackey Federal Valley Resource Center

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

Therese Lackey FVRC

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to allocate \$2,100 as requested by Therese Lackey to support the FVRC Senior Program. Commissioner Eliason stated there will need to be an annual contract with FVRC to provide funds from the Senior Levy which will need to be approved by the Prosecutors Office.

Ms. Lackey, Program Director for the Federal Valley Resource Center, supplied the following proposed Wednesday weekly senior activities:

Week 1 Social Activities followed by a relaxation exercise (puzzles, board games, group discussions)

Week 2 Speaker- Pertinent information for Aging Residents

Week 3 Craft and Lunch or Bingo and Snacks

Week 4 Movement Class with Instructor

Stretching & exercise for overall strength & flexibility

\$5700 proposed total budget

\$3600 requested already sponsored

\$2100 requested

\$900 12 @ \$75 Monthly Speaker

\$600 12 @ \$50 Movement Instructor

\$600 12 @ \$50 relaxation exercise

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

Weston Lombard - land lease

Weston Lombard from Solid Ground Farms is an Athens native, a local business owner, and a community organizer with a proposal request. Mr. Weston lives on Liars Comer Rd on Chuck Shields' old property and runs a farm/education and recreation center. Through a non-profit organization, he offers a number of agriculture education and outdoor adventure programs for youth and young adults. He hosts classes for Hocking College, offers internships, and workforce development opportunities for people interested in natural resource management and offers classes and workshops to the general public. For a long time, he dreamed of building a stronger, more resilient local economy based on thoughtful natural resource management and has developed the framework for a plan to create meaningful work opportunities for local residents, supply the surrounding neighborhoods with food and other forest products, while increasing the value and productivity of a piece of land. Mr. Lombard stated they have some great grant proposals in the works and all they need is a nice piece of forested land to try out this new strategy for community economic development. Mr. Lombard would like to lease the land across from his farm which is county owned property at Parcel #: G010010039200, G010010039300, and if available G010010039500. Commissioner Eliason stated the bottom land is unavailable as it is already leased to Burr Oak Water. Commissioner Eliason stated the board is limited to leasing the land for 5 years however it could be a lease-purchase option for a longer period of time but it would have to go through the bidding process. Commissioner Adkins stated that he would like to sell the property. Commissioner Eliason will discuss with the Prosecutors Office what options are available to the Commissioners.

W&S Supt Rich Kasler

Morgan Vis and Ina Slone were in attendance regarding the elimination of properties on Edgewood Lane. Ms. Vis wanted clarification from the letter that was delivered to her home. Ms. Slone lives on Brookside Way, she is concerned of any potential slips that could result if the sewer line goes up the hill behind her house through the woods. Mr. Kasler stated there have been different options discussed with the contractor and the engineer to be able to serve this area. Some of the homes could only be served with grinder pumps instead of gravity so the homeowner would have the option to not be serviced by the sanitary sewer project.

Commissioner Adkins asked Mr. Kasler the estimated cost to serve the homes at this time. Mr. Kasler did not have an exact figure but the fact that there is a lot of rock in the area will make the cost of a bore increase tremendously. Commissioner Eliason requested the cost to install the sanitary sewer line in the road. Commissioner Eliason stated there needs to be a meeting with the residents to discuss their willingness to be in the project if a grinder pump would be necessary for their property. Ms. Slone offered to host the meeting on her porch. Mr. Kasler attempted to contact Gary Silcott to conduct a site visit. Commissioners recessed the meeting until 1:00 to arrange a site visit with Gary Silcott.

Suspend

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

EMS Levy

Senior Nutrition Services Levy

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

EMS Levy

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Clerk Rockhold to obtain an estimated certificate of revenue for a 1.5 mil levy for EMS from Auditor Jill Davidson.

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

Senior Citizens Levy

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to authorize Clerk Rockhold to obtain an estimated certificate of revenue for the renewal of the current levy and a .25 mil increase for the Senior Citizens levy for Nutrition Services.

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

Suspend

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to suspend the rules and declare an emergency and add the following to the agenda:
Travel for Auditors Office

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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins approving the following travel:
Auditors Office: Larry Hines, Stephen Roach, Scott Dunfee; 2023 Regional Weights and Measures Training, Dayton, OH; June 21

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

Recess Meeting until 1:00pm

Commissioner Chmiel did not attend the meeting after the recess.

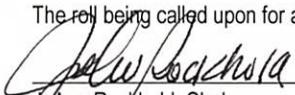
Schedule Site Visit for Edgewood Lane

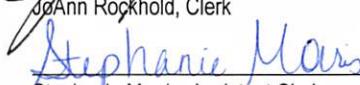
Commissioner Eliason was informed that Gary Silcott could not attend a site visit until next Tuesday at 6pm. Commissioners will notify the owners by email who have contacted them and inform the other home owners by notice to be hand delivered.

ADJOURN

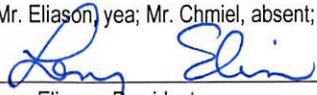
A motion was made by Commissioner Adkins and seconded by Commissioner Eliason to adjourn the above meeting.

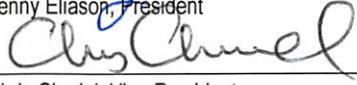
The roll being called upon for adoption, the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Eliason, yea; Mr. Chmiel, absent; Mr. Adkins, yea.



JoAnn Rockhold, Clerk


Stephanie Morris, Assistant Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President


Chris Chmiel, Vice-President


Charlie Adkins