

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 Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins to approve the following agenda:
Athens County Board of County Commissioners

Meeting Agenda for Thursday, July 18, 2024 Convenes at 9:30 a.m.
Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes July 2, 2024
Approve Appropriations, Transfers, New Line Items Requests/Changes, Then & Nows, & Bills

9:30 Therese Lackey - Federal Valley Resource Center
9:45 DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - weekly updates
10:00 EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Resignation
10:15 Planner Laura Olbers - Nelsonville Senior Property
10:30 W&S Supt Rich Kasler - weekly updates
10:45 Blake Hodgson- Insurance
11:00 Blake Hodgson- Insurance
11:30 LUNCH
1:30 Solid Waste
add-2:00 Planner Laura Olbers
add-2:15 Roxanne Groff

Agenda Items

Amended Certificate
W&S Extensions (Ratify Commissioner Eliason & Commissioner Adkins Signature)
Rome Twp road vacation
Children Services Tax Levy
Violent Crime Reduction Grant Award Letter
Clerk of Courts - Surplus
Tablertown ODOT letter
State Senator Brian Chavez
OWDA Payment Request (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

~TRAVEL

WIOA Joe Frazier; Ohio Workforce Assoc Conf, Nationwide Conf Center, Columbus Oh; Sept 18-20, 2024

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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the minutes of July 2, 2024.

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, Then & Nows, and approving the payment of the required County Bills, which are included in the Auditor's Office INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/09/24 To: 07/11/24, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/11/24 To: 07/16/24, INVOICE TRACKING REPORT - From: 07/16/24 To: 07/18/24, 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.

Therese Lackey - Federal Valley Resource Center

Therese Lackey came in to discuss senior levy money for the Federal Valley Resource Center, last year they received an MOU and wanted to see if they could get money this year. Therese Lackey is requesting \$7,800.00 from the senior levy money for Federal Valley Resource Center.

DJFS Dir Jean Demosky - Weekly Updates

Dir Jean Demosky presented the following weekly updates:

1. Program Updates
Athens County Community Cares Resource Center Proclamation
Friday Aspire Graduation at OMJ 5:00 pm. Please Come!

BTSB 07/31/24

2. Contracts/Business/Grants
None

3. Facilities

Custodial Needs - opening that up to the custodial team at the county level. Possible hiring a part timer.

4. Human Resources

DJFS Jean Demosky - Office Hours Change

Dir. Jean Demosky is requesting to change the office hours of all 3 DJFS offices from 8:00 - 5:00 to 8:00 - 4:30, effective September 1, 2024.

Executive Session - DJFS Dir Jean Demosky

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to enter into executive session at 9:55 with Dir Jean Demosky to discuss employment of a public employee.

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

Regular Session - DJFS Dir Jean Demosky

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to return to regular session at 10:16 no action taken.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Employee Resignation

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to accept the resignations as presented by Chief Amber Pyle:

EMT Eric King - resigning his full time position but would like to stay on part time while in medic school.

Paramedic Rick Trask - resigning his full time position but would like to stay on part time.

Paramedic Steve Pallo - resigning his full time position.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Purchase 6 Microsoft Surface Go 3 for Patient Reports

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the purchase of Six (6) Microsoft Surface Go 3 for \$5,676.15 that will go on the 6 frontline squads.

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

EMS Assist Chief Randy Crossen Jr. - BWC Grant Award

Assist Chief Randy Crossen Jr. stated he received confirmation that they received the \$40,000.00 BWC Grant for the stair chairs from Stryker, so Athens County EMS would need to pay the difference of \$61,758.26.

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the \$61,758.26 to purchase the stair chairs from Stryker.

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

EMS Chief Amber Pyle - Operational Directive

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Operational Directive as presented by Chief Amber Pyle:

Operational Directive
Effective July 18, 2024

Until further notice Athens County EMS will no longer mandate employees to work the second ambulance at station 51. The second ambulance will be staffed as normal when possible without mandating. We are trying something new to help ease the number of mandations that we have been having. If there is an open shift at one of the other 4 stations and it is unable to be filled up to mandation, a crew member will be moved to fill that position from 51 if possible so no mandation will occur. This will be a temporary directive that will be revisited every 30 days, but may be terminated at any time. Notice of termination of the policy will be emailed to all individuals and posted at all stations when it is terminated.

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

Executive Session - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to enter into executive session at 10:26 with Chief Amber Pyle, Assist Chief Randy Crossen Jr., & Keller Blackburn to discuss employment.

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

Regular Session - EMS

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to return to regular session at 11:36 no action taken.

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 that we didn't get the ACPG grant for the County Home Pond, but Jefferson County is working a Amler Grant which is a smaller grant that will include Athens, Meigs, and Vinton. Kathy Bobo and Laura Olbers met to skim down what the ACPG grant was to fit Jefferson County's grant request. The ACPG Grant was for 1.8 Million and Jefferson County asked us to cut it to 1 Million.

Planner Laura Olbers stated that the Nelsonville Seniors reached out to Commissioner Adkins about a parcel that is next to the senior center that has a run down mobile home on it. The gentleman passed away and the son now has ownership, the seniors would like to purchase the parcel, but they would like to do it through the county commissioners. Property owner is asking \$10,000.00, the seniors say they have the funds but they want to do it through the county commissioners. Commissioner Eliason stated that they can write check to the commissioners and we'll make an offer.

Commissioner Adkins and Planner Laura Olbers received a call about a guy that says he got the right away or bought it from LeAx, he is planning on setting up tents or campers along the river near the bikepath on Beaumont where Engineer Jeff Maiden just fixed the bridge. The gentleman thought that this guy was going to have to come across the bikepath to get to the land but Planner Olbers looked and this guy doesn't need to come across the bikepath. Commissioner Eliason stated that he wouldn't get access to cross the bikepath. Planner Olbers feels that he can access his property from Hamley Run Rd.

W&S Supt Rich Kasler - Weekly Updates

Supt Rich Kasler couldn't make it.

Amended Certificate

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins acknowledging receipt of the Amended Certificate, dated July 15, 2024 prepared by Jill Davidson, Athens County Auditor.

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

W&S Payment Agreement (Ratify Commissioner Eliason & Commissioner Adkins Signature)

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Angel Martin for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$893.36 with \$150.00 on 08/01/24; \$150.00 on 09/01/24; \$150.00 on 10/01/24; \$150.00 on 11/01/24; \$150.00 on 12/01/24; \$143.36 on 01/01/25. 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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Nick Gross for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$478.80 with \$127.00 on 08/01/24; \$127.00 on 09/01/24; \$124.80 on 10/01/24. 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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins authorizing a payment agreement as requested by Julie Conrad/John Grossenbaugh for monies owed the Athens County Water and Sewer District for water and sewer service, the total amount due is \$1,039.79 with \$107.00 on 08/01/24; \$107.00 on 09/01/24; \$107.00 on 10/01/24; \$107.00 on 11/01/24; \$107.00 on 12/01/24; \$104.79 on 01/01/25. 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.

Blake Hodgson - Insurance

Blake Hodgson came in to discuss the proposal that he submitted for the RFP. Mr. Hodgson stated his goal is not to move from CEBCO. My goal is to come in, analyze your plan, look at some additional ways of some cost savings without sacrificing benefits for the employees. Commissioner Adkins wanted to understand more but was asking Blake Hodgson if he was willing to get in and look at it for about \$6 an employee and doing on a month to month agreement. Mr. Hodgson feels like there is ways to save on the PBM (Pharmacy Benefit Manager) side that handles all the prescription drugs. Mr. Hodgson suggested self funded plans and Commissioner Eliason stated that they have done the self funded before and he's not going there.

Commissioner Eliason stated that in a previous meeting it was decided that Commissioner Eliason and Jack Pepper were going to draft up a new RFP and submit it.

Commissioner Chmiel made a motion to hire Blake Hodgson but dies to lack of second.

Commissioner Eliason wants to work with Jack Pepper on submitting a new RFP.

Rome Twp Road Vacation

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to set the vacation of Rome Twp Road:
July 24, 2024

The Athens Messenger
Rt. 33 North & Johnson Rd.
Athens, Oh 45701

RE: Public Notice

PUBLIC VIEWING AND HEARING

The Athens County Commissioners will hold a public viewing at 8:30a.m., September 3, 2024, in Rome Township, the public hearing will be held on September 3 at 9:30a.m., in the Athens County Board of Commissioners meeting room, 2nd Floor Courthouse Annex, 15 South Court Street, Athens, Ohio for the purpose TO VACATE PORTIONS OF ALLEYS IN FAIRFAX ROME TOWNSHIP ATHENS COUNTY, OHIO AS DESCRIBED BELOW VACATE A PORTION OF AMESVILLE STREET (NOW REFERRED TO AS SECOND STREET) IN THE FAIRFAX ADDITION TO STEWART THAT LIES BETWEEN LOTS 191 AND 192 AND 193 ON ORIGINAL PLAT IN ENVELOPE 187A. THE PORTION OF THE STREET TO BE VACATED IS 40 FEET WIDE AND BEGINS AT NORTH SIDE OF NELSONVILLE STREET AND RUNS 131 FEET TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF A 20-FOOT WIDE ALLEY.

By Order of the Athens County Commissioners
Lenny Eliason, President
JoAnn Rockhold, Administrator

Publish 7/27 and 8/3

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

Children Services Tax Levy

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to place the Children Service Levy on the ballot.

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

Violent Crime Reduction Grant Award Letter

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Commissioner Eliason to sign the Sheriff's Award for \$42,500.00 award period of 01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024. Subgrant Number: 2024-ST-VCR-383.

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

Clerk of Courts - Surplus

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following Clerk of Courts Surplus to destroy as requested by Candy Russell:

Property Description	Model #	Serial #
Broken Office Chair	UNK	UNK

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

Tablertown ODOT Letter

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to send a letter to ODOT to change the sign from Kilvert to Tablertown:
July 23, 2024

ODOT
Mitch Blackford, Assistant Director of Fields Operations
Rich Oster, District 10 Deputy Director
1980 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Subject: Tablertown Signs

The Board of Athens County Commissioners has approved the request from David Butcher and the residents to change the signs on State Route 329 from Kilvert to Tablertown. Attached are the petitions requesting this change and a letter from David Butcher.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Lenny Eliason, President

Chris Chmiel

Charlie Adkins

ACC:jr

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

State Senator Brian Chavez

Commissioner Eliason received an email with a request from Caitlyn Looby (Senior Legislative Aide) for Senator Chavez requesting to meet with the commissioners to share updates from the legislature.

OWDA Payment Request (Ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature)

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to ratify Commissioner Eliason's Signature on OWDA Payment Request #13.

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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to approve the following travel:

WIOA Joe Frazier; Ohio Workforce Assoc Conf, Nationwide Conf Center, Columbus Oh; Sept 18-20, 2024

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

Suspend the Rules

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

Planner Laura Olbers
Roxanne Groff

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

Solid Waste

Jane Forrest-Redfern the board of Athens Hocking Solid Waste District approved moving forward with consideration of a parcel fee to subsidize and support the Solid Waste District, as well as purchasing the Athens Hocking Recycling Center. According to the revised code, we held 3 public meetings, one in Athens, one in Hocking, and one in Nelsonville. They were very well attended. And now it is time for all of you to consider the resolution to pass a parcel fee for improved parcels in Athens County. For the record Hocking County voted three to zero against the parcel fee this morning, so therefore the parcel fee is essentially dead. But it is a matter of record that we would like some kind of whether you table it or something since it was an action done by process.

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to table for the parcel fee.

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

Planner Laura Olbers

A motion was made by Mr. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to accept Planner Laura Olbers Resignation.

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. Chmiel and seconded by Mr. Adkins to authorize Administrator JoAnn Rockhold to advertise the Planner Position.

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

Roxanne Groff - Injection Wells (K&H)

Roxanne Groff has been trying for some time now to have a story written on the fact that K&H Well got suspended and ordered to plug, the involvement of the public officials and the support they gave to the community was really important. Roxanne asked Megan Henry from Ohio Capital Journal to come in and interview the Commissioners on their thoughts about the injection wells.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Commissioner Chmiel and seconded by Commissioner Adkins 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



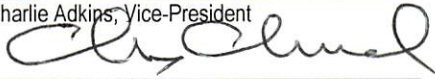
Alison Pierson, Clerk



Lenny Eliason, President



Charlie Adkins, Vice-President



Chris Chmiel