

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
F&P Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
Beacon School – 801 W. Union Street

In attendance:

- Board members Margaret Demko (virtual), Pam Bond, Barry Oches
 - ACBDD staff Kevin Davis, Scott Zielinski, Gwen Brooks, Arian Smedley
1. Zielinski walked the committee through a presentation on agency finances. It was a similar presentation to the one he has done during department meetings over the last year. Both he and Dr. Davis fielded questions along the way. Both stressed that while financial forecasting is important, it is just as important to understand the unpredictability that is inherent in the practice. Cost projections are based on a long list of assumptions.

Dr. Davis added that changes implemented over the last few years have improved the agency's financial outlook, and that similar efforts will need to continue into the future.
 2. Dr. Davis walked the committee through the "Review of our Budget Steps" document, which outlines what has been done over the last several years. The document also outlined things that are unknown and are cause for concern.
 3. Dr. Davis walked the committee through the agency's 10-year cost projections. The document assumes we pass the agency's term levy as a renewal. He said these numbers are shared with the board, the state, with staff, and with the community. He added so much can change from year to year, but the cost projection tool is what county board's of dd have for planning. He highlighted the fact that the cost saving measures have helped to "push" the red numbers back a few years.
 4. Dr. Davis walked the committee through the timeline and options for the term levy. Because of the type of levy, the soonest we could run a levy would be in the fall of 2025, which will be our plan. It is critical for our operations to pass the levy.
 5. Dr. Davis walked the committee through a document that offers salary comparisons for teachers, drivers, and SSAs. The document compares these positions to other county boards of DD and to similar local agencies.
 6. Next steps:
 - a. How often do we meet? Meet in the fall of this year. Then, every other month starting in January 2025.
 - b. What else do board members need / want to see? No comments provided.
 - c. Questions and / or action items? Questions were addressed during the presentations.