Mayors’ Partnership for Progress  
December 13, 2012  
Leadership Conference Room  
Building 221, The Ridges  
Athens, Ohio

**Member**  
Mayor Paul Wiehl  
City of Athens

**Attendees:**  
Mayor Doug Heitman  
Village of Zaleski  
City Manager Randy Finney  
Village of Gallipolis  
Mayor Gary Goosman  
Village of Amesville  
Mayor Mike Lorentz  
City of Belpre  
Mayor Martin Irvine  
City of Logan  
Rex Kenyon  
Village of Beverly

**Representative**  
Jeanne Wilson  
Office of Senator Sherrod Brown

**Attendees:**  
Nick Gatz  
Office of Governor John Kasich  
Rick Hindman  
Buckeye Hills LDD  
Fred Davis  
Athens Co. Emergency Management Agency  
Dan Pfeiffer  
Athens EMA Public Information Officer  
Scott Warner  
Athens County 911

**Voinovich School:**  
Robert Gordon  
Voinovich School

**SUMMARY**

Mayor Doug Heitman called the meeting to order. He welcomed the attendees and introduced the guest speakers.

**Disaster Planning and Emergency Preparedness**

Fred Davis, Director, Athens County Emergency Management Agency spoke to the Partnership regarding the value of disaster planning and emergency preparedness within the region. He emphasized the importance of organized efforts coordinated by a centralized entity such as the EMS office located in each county. Fred Davis illustrated his points using recent events common to the area.

Fred Davis was joined by Dan Pfeiffer, Public Information Officer (PIO) and Scott Warner, Director, Athens County 911. Dan Pfeiffer presented “Crisis and Emergency Risk Communication: Good Public Information.” His material offers clear steps through what was defined as the “crisis communication lifecycle.” See attached PowerPoint slides for details.

Scott Warner offered closing comments in support of the on-going efforts in Athens County and throughout the region to respond proactively and effectively to disasters and emergencies as they occur.

Fred Davis distributed Athens County Emergency Management Agency 2013 Preparedness Calendars to Partnership members at the close of his presentation.

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Approval of Minutes
Mayor Heitman called for the approval of the November 8, 2012 minutes
   Motion: Mayor Paul Wiehl    Second: Mayor Randy Finney

Financial Report
Mayor Paul Wiehl, Secretary/Treasurer reported the current treasury amount: $2,864.08
   Motion: Mayor Irvin    Second: Mayor Gary Goosman

Old Business
There was no old business brought to the table.

Report of Committees

Website Committee
Partnership members were again reminded to send photos, bios, and other content to Robert Gordon or Kelsey Doyle for inclusion on the website.

New Business

2013 Meeting Schedule
Members were asked to volunteer as host communities for the 2013 evening meetings in May and October. Mayor Heitman suggested Lake Hope Lodge (Wellston) for May. City Manager Randy Finney offered the Gallipolis Justice Center (Gallipolis) for October. Members plan to have dinner and tour each facility as part of the visits.

Meeting Topics
January Meeting Topic: The Partnership approved a presentation on the Youth in Government Program by David King.

February Meeting Topic: TBA

March Meeting Topic: The Governor’s Office of Appalachia and the Ohio Development Services Agency will provide agency updates.

HB 523 and SB 254
Mayor Goosman led a discussion regarding information on the current legislation in Ohio: HB 523 and SB 254, Representative Combs’ and Senator Patton's legislation that deals with Mayor's Court population levels. HB 523 was passed by the House Judiciary Committee on November 27 and now rests in the House Rules committee, awaiting the call to be considered by the full House membership. Sen. Patton's bill that would set the population limit at 200 for communities to be eligible to hold Mayor's Court was passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee and also is waiting to be called to the floor for consideration by the full Senate membership.

Members of the Partnership agreed to consider a letter articulating disagreement with the reduction given the additional financial impacts to some local governments.

Information Roundtable
Participants were invited to share information from their respective offices and communities.

Adjournment
Mayor Irvin offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.