

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW  
Form 8-K  
June 22, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): June 20, 2012**

**Athersys, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
  
of Incorporation)

**001-33876**  
(Commission  
  
File Number)

**20-4864095**  
(IRS Employer  
  
Identification No.)

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**3201 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900**

**44115-2634**

**(Zip Code)**

**(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

The Company held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 20, 2012. Set forth below are the voting results for each of the matters submitted to a vote of the Company's stockholders.

*Proposal One Election of Directors.*

All nominees for election to the Company's Board of Directors named in the Company's proxy statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 23, 2012 were elected, each to a one-year term, with the following votes:

	<b>Shares Voted For</b>	<b>Shares Withheld</b>	<b>Broker Non-Votes</b>
Gil Van Bokkelen	8,775,275	568,538	12,615,599
John J. Harrington	8,759,586	584,227	12,615,599
Kenneth H. Traub	8,526,484	817,329	12,615,599
Lee E. Babiss	8,478,898	864,915	12,615,599
Ismail Kola	8,762,853	580,960	12,615,599
Lorin J. Randall	8,536,131	807,682	12,615,599
Jack L. Wyszomierski	8,773,334	570,479	12,615,599

*Proposal Two Ratification of the Appointment of the Company's Independent Auditors.*

The Company's stockholders ratified the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012 with the following votes:

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
21,831,310	110,645	17,457

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ATHERSYS, INC.

Date: June 22, 2012

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell  
Name: Laura K. Campbell  
Title: Vice President of Finance