

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: J. P. Dutton, Josh Meyer and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board.

**MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING RECORDED**  
**ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE SUMMARIZED. FOR COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS**  
**PLEASE SEE CORRESPONDING CD FOR THIS MEETING DAY.**

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING RECAPITULATION OF VOUCHERS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign all bills that have been certified in the Auditor's office and considered by the Board. It is hereby ordered that the County Auditor issue his warrant on the County Treasurer in payment of the bills allowed:

**IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$528,449.79**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the following transfers within fund for the following funds:

**A00 GENERAL FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0141-A001-C03.010 Supplies	E-0141-A001-C04.012 Equipment	\$1,100.00
E-0170-A006-G02.002 Salaries	E-0170-A006-G09.003 PERS	\$2,600.00

**00 M.V.G.T./ENGINEERS**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2813-K000-K30.013 Cont-Project	E-2812-K000-K13.012 Equipment	\$32,388.74

**S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E8010-S030-S51.002 Salaries	E-8010-S030-S63.000 General	\$1,600.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Dutton	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE/AUDITOR'S**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated July 25, 2018, presented by the County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.41(d) 1, and authorizing the drawing of warrant(s) in payment of amounts due upon contract to order.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer granting permission for county employees to travel as follows:

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION**-Noah Atkinson to Columbus, OH, on August 6-10, 2018, to attend Parent Project Training.

**DJFS**-Michael Schlanz to Cadiz, OH, on July 30, 2018, to attend the Workforce Operator meeting. Estimated expenses: \$15.00. Jon Purtiman to Reynoldsburg, OH, on September 6-7, 2018, to attend the APS Statewide meeting. Estimated expenses: \$197.40. County vehicles will be used for travel.

**SENIORS**-Mary Beth Tennant to Wheeling, WV, on August 8, 2018, for a senior outing to TJ's Restaurant. Kathy Perticarini to Washington, PA, on August 14, 2018, for a senior outing to the Washington Trolley Museum. Susan Hines to Zanesville, OH, on August 14, 2018, for a senior outing to the Zanesville Mall and Golden Corral. Tish Kinney to Pittsburgh, PA, on August 16, 2018, for a senior outing to Robinson Town Centre. Kelly Ann Fetzer to Woodsfield, OH, on August 21, 2018, for a senior outing to the Monroe County Fair. Daisy Braun to Valley Grove, WV, for a senior outing to the Country Pride Restaurant and to Triadelphia, WV, to the Cold Stone Creamery & Russell Stover. County vehicles will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of July 18, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM BEARCOM/ BELMONT COUNTY 9-1-1 CENTER**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept proposal from BEARCOM in the amount of \$896,604.63 for paging and microwave link upgrades at the Belmont County 9-1-1 Center.

*Note: This will be paid for by 9-1-1 levy funds.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

Bryan Minder, 9-1-1 Director, said this is just moving forward since the last levy was renewed for an additional five years. They got quotes back in late 2016, early 2017 of what it was going to cost to do the upgrades to the 9-1-1 radio system. The microwave on all six towers in the county, which is the communication for the whole system in the county, will be replaced and the paging system, which is utilized by the fire departments and EMS in the county, will be upgraded so they can receive call for service. In addition to the paging system each tower has a paging terminal at each site that will be upgraded. All fire pagers will also be replaced, they are approximately six years old. They are becoming more unreliable for the first responders. The quotes came in under what they were told 1 ½ years ago. A paging terminal will be added to the Alledonia site for better coverage. This is the first phase of the upgrade.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION AND REDEDICATION OF A PORTION OF T-801 (SHANNON ROAD) WARREN TWP. SEC. 22 & 23, T-8, R-6/RD IMP 1166**

**Office of County Commissioners  
Belmont County, Ohio**

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met in Regular session on the 25th day of July, 2018, at the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

<u>Mr. Dutton</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Meyer</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Thomas</u>	_____

**RESOLUTION – ORDER TO CLOSE ROAD  
Sec. 5553.10 O.R.C.**

Mr. Dutton moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, At least ten days have elapsed since the final order of the board in the matter of this improvement, and  
WHEREAS, No person, firm or corporation interested, has effected an appeal from our orders in the matter of the above named improvement, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is hereby ordered that the proceedings be recorded as provided by law, and that said road be vacated and rededicated, as ordered heretofore, made on journal of the date of July 11, 2018, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Warren Township Trustees.

Mr. Meyer seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote was as follows:

<u>Mr. Dutton</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Meyer</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Thomas</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Adopted the 25th day of July, 2018.

Jayne Long /s/  
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners  
Belmont County, Ohio

1. “locating,””establishing,””altering,””widening,””straightening,””vacating” or “changing the direction of.”

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF CHERRY ALLEY RICHLAND TWP. SEC.3, T-7, R-4/RD IMP 1167**

**Office of County Commissioners  
Belmont County, Ohio**

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<u>Mr. Dutton</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Meyer</u>	_____
<u>Mr. Thomas</u>	_____

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WHEREAS, No person, firm or corporation interested, has effected an appeal from our orders in the matter of the above named improvement, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is hereby ordered that the proceedings be recorded as provided by law, and that said road be vacated, as ordered heretofore, made on journal of the date of July 11, 2018, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Richland Township Trustees.

Mr. Meyer seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote was as follows:

<u>Mr. Dutton</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Meyer</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Thomas</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Adopted the 25th day of July, 2018.

Jayne Long /s/  
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners  
Belmont County, Ohio

1. “locating,””establishing,””altering,””widening,””straightening,””vacating” or “changing the direction of.”

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the appointment of Mary Ellen Gust to the Mental Health and Recovery Board, effective immediately through June 30, 2019, to fill the unexpired term of Marsha McCort based upon the recommendation of the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**Discussion-Road Issues & Severance Tax letter**

Present: Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively

Mr. Dutton said they are trying to provide some additional funds to the County Engineer outside of the funds he does have. The gasoline tax has not been altered at the federal or state level for several years. He said the Board decided to increase the license fee and they are looking at other avenues to address the issue. Mr. Dutton said Commissioner Thomas testified, last year, regarding the bill Representative Jack Cera had on the severance tax. They decided to make another push to the legislature to try to have them understand what we are dealing with in Belmont -County as it pertains to oil and gas development and our needs from a road infrastructure standpoint and other issues that have arisen. Mr. Dutton gave a quick summary of the letter that was sent to all legislators in Columbus and the Governor. They are asking for a portion of the funds that are being held in Columbus to be used to assist counties going through the production of oil and gas and will continue to make this push. Mr. Meyer said, “This is the right thing to do for Belmont County. We’re just asking for our fair share at the end of the day.” Mr. Thomas

said the severance tax fund took in \$52.1 million during the state's last fiscal year. He added this letter is to also serve as an educational purpose to educate leaders who may not recognize what is transpiring here in Belmont County. He said a year ago the General Assembly raided the fund \$15 million was taken to settle a flooding lawsuit by landowners in another county. He said that is not what the fund is for. Mr. Thomas said the purpose of the severance tax was established was to fix infrastructure and Belmont County deserves its fair share. Mr. Lively agreed the purpose of the severance tax is to help counties affected by oil and gas and we haven't seen it directed where it should be directed. Mr. Dutton said they extended an offer to any legislator to visit and show them firsthand the issues they are discussing in the letter. Mr. Dutton said some legislators say they don't know what happens when money is returned to the counties. He said we'd be happy with strict strings attached saying it could only be used for road issues.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE STATE HIGHWAY EMERGENCY REPAIR CONSENT AND PARTICIPATION LEGISLATION RESOLUTION, PID NO. 108710; BEL-CR46-1.77/2.29**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the State Highway Emergency Repair Consent and Participation Legislation resolution for the emergency project consisting of two landslide repairs on CR 46 (New Cut Road); PID No. 108710; BEL-CR46-1.77/2.29; Total estimated cost: \$ 394,460.00.

*Note: Federal funding sources will cover 100% of the total project cost up to August 11, 2018. After this date, federal funding drops to 80% with Belmont County responsible for the remaining 20%.*

**STATE HIGHWAY EMERGENCY REPAIR  
CONSENT AND PARTICIPATION LEGISLATION**

**Ordinance/Resolution # : N/A**

**PID No. : 108710**

**County/Route/Section : BEL-CR46-1.77/2.29**

The following is a/an Resolution enacted by the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont (Ordinance/Resolution) (Local Public Agency)

County, Ohio, herein referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA).

**WHEREAS**, the (LPA/STATE) has determined the need for the described project:

*Two landslide repairs on C.R. 46: BEL-CR46-1.77-100' long drilled shaft retaining wall with associated pavement repairs. BEL-CR46-2.29 – 88' long drilled shaft retaining wall with associated pavement repairs.*

and;

**WHEREAS**, the LPA concurs in that determination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Director of Transportation has determined a preliminary design concept for the project, and a preliminary cost estimate for the construction work, has identified a qualified and responsible construction contractor for this emergency project; has transmitted this information to the LPA; and is prepared to proceed with the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has set aside Federal-aid funds for the financing this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration U.S. Department of Transportation for emergency highway repairs at One Hundred Per Cent (100%) participation on all costs incurred up to and including on August 11, 2018, with an understanding that participation in financing of all remaining costs incurred after that date through completion of the project by Federal-aid funds will be at Eighty Per Cent (80%), with the LPA participating in such remaining costs at Twenty Per Cent (20%); and

**WHEREAS**, the State has estimated that 10% of construction activities will be completed by August 11, 2018 assuming no changes in scope and no utility delays. This will leave an estimated 90% of all construction activities and construction inspection at the 80/20 split, with the LPA participating in such remaining costs at Twenty Per Cent (20%):

<u>Funding Phase</u>	<u>Total Estimate</u>	<u>Estimate after 8/11/18</u>	<u>Estimated Local Share</u>
Construction Contract (CO)	\$358,600.00	\$322,740.00	\$64,548.00
Construction Inspection (CE)	\$35,860.00	\$32,274.00	\$6,454.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$394,460.00</b>	<b>\$355,014.00</b>	<b>\$71,002.80</b>

; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the current cost estimate and schedule for the project, the LPA will not be required to deposit any funds at this time. The LPA's ultimate share of the cost will be determined by the date of construction completion; and

**WHEREAS**, the LPA is agreeable to cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project; and

**WHEREAS**, the legislative authority of the LPA desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that:

**SECTION I – Project Description**

This emergency project description shall be as follows:

*Two landslide repairs on C.R. 46: BEL-CR46-1.77 – 100' long drilled shaft retaining wall with associated pavement repairs. BEL-CR46-2.29 – 88' long drilled shaft retaining wall with associated pavement repairs.*

**SECTION II – Consent Statement**

It being in the public interest, pursuant to R.C. 5501.03 and/or R.C. 5501.11, the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio gives consent to the Director of Transportation to undertake and to complete the above described project.

**SECTION III – Cooperation Statement**

The LPA hereby agrees to cooperate with the Director of Transportation of the State of Ohio and to participate in all associated costs of the project including preliminary engineering, construction of the identified highway improvement project, together with costs of utility relocation reimbursement, if necessary, and right of way acquisition as needed; and grants consent to the Ohio Department of Transportation for its development and construction of the project in accordance with plans, specifications and estimates as approved by the Director.

The LPA shall participate and cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project on the following basis:

**The State will apply Federal-aid funds for the financing this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration U.S. Department of Transportation for emergency highway repairs at One Hundred Per Cent (100%) participation on all costs incurred up to and including on August 11, 2018, with an understanding that participation in financing of all remaining costs incurred after that date through completion of the project by Federal-aid funds will be at Eighty Per Cent (80%), with the LPA participating in such remaining costs at Twenty Per Cent (20%); and The State has estimated that 10% of construction will be completed by August 11, 2018 assuming no major changes in scope or utility delays; and**

**Therefore, at the time of this legislation and signature of the agreement provided herein, the LPA will not be required to deposit any funds. The LPA's ultimate share of the cost will be determined by the date of construction completion.**

*The LPA further agrees to pay 100% of the cost of those features requested by the LPA which are determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration to be unnecessary for the Project.*

*The LPA further agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required to fulfill the construction contracts shall be processed as needed.*

*The State shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to the LPA. The LPA shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other sections herein.*

**SECTION IV—Appropriation of funds**

It is not necessary at the present time to appropriate funds of the Belmont County Commissioners for construction of the improvement described above; however, when the final costs are adjusted or additional costs are incurred for change orders, the LPA will arrange for the appropriation of sufficient funds to cover payment of such items upon request and involve by requisition of the Director of Transportation.

**SECTION V—Request to Proceed**

The LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

**SECTION VI – Utilities and Right-of-Way Statement**

The LPA agrees to acquire and/or make available to ODOT, in accordance with current State and Federal regulations, all necessary right-of-way required for the described Project. The LPA also understands that right-of-way includes eligible utility costs. The LPA agrees to be responsible for all utility accommodation, relocation and reimbursement and agrees that such accommodation, relocations, and reimbursements shall comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

**SECTION VII – Maintenance**

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

**SECTION VIII- Authority to Sign**

The County Engineer of said Belmont County, Ohio is hereby empowered on behalf of the (Contractual Agent) (LPA)

Belmont County Commissioners to enter into contracts with ODOT pre-qualified consultants for the preliminary (LPA)

engineering phase of the Project, if necessary; and to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation which may be necessary to complete the above described project.

The LPA agrees that if Federal Funds are used to pay the cost of any consultant contract and if the LPA is involved in contracting with such consultant, the LPA shall comply with 23 CFR 172 in the selection of its consultant and administration of the consultant contract. Further the LPA agrees to incorporate ODOT’s “Specifications for Consulting Services” as a contract document in all of such consultant contracts. The LPA agrees to require, as a scope of services clause, that all plans prepared by the consultant must conform to ODOT’s current design standards and that the consultant shall be responsible for ongoing consultant involvement during the construction phase of the Project. The LPA agrees to include a completion schedule acceptable to ODOT and to assist ODOT in rating the consultant’s performance through ODOT’s Consultant Evaluation System.

**SECTION IX—Emergency action**

For the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Resolution is (Ordinance/Resolution)

hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project and to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY  
STATE OF OHIO**

Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio (LPA)

I, Jayne Long, as Clerk of the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont (LPA)

County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution (Ordinance/Resolution)

adopted by the legislative Authority of the said Belmont County Commissioners on the 25th day of (LPA)

July, 2018. That the publication of such Resolution has been made and certified of (Ordinance/Resolution)

record according to Law; that no proceedings looking to a referendum upon such Resolution have (Ordinance/Resolution)

been taken; and that such Resolution and certificate of publication thereof are of record in (Ordinance/Resolution)

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, if applicable, This 25th day of July 2018.

Jayne Long /s/ (Clerk)

(SEAL) Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio (if applicable) (LPA)

The foregoing is accepted as a basis for proceeding with the project herein described. For the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio.

Attested: Bonnie Zuzak /s/ Terry Lively /s/ Date 7-25-18 (Contractual Agent – County Engineer)

..... For the State of Ohio

The foregoing is accepted as a basis for proceeding with the improvement herein described. Attested: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Director, Ohio Department of Transportation)

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:  
Mr. Dutton Yes  
Mr. Meyer Yes  
Mr. Thomas Yes

Mr. Lively explained there are two different entities helping out with the federal disasters we have had here, FEMA and Federal Highways. Federal Highways money is being administered through ODOT. Federal Highways is funding two slip repairs on New Cut Road and it is being done as an Emergency Type A project which means someone can begin work as early as next week. The project does not need to be bid out. If the work is completed by August 11, 2018, there will not be any match money needed by the Engineer. Any work that happens after August 11 will be subject to the 20% match.

**Vince Gianangeli, Director, Belmont Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services  
Re: School Clothes for Kids Program**

Present: Vince Gianangeli, Jack Regis, Jr. DJFS Budget Officer, D.K. Wright, WTRF, Walter Polivka, 106.3, Jaime Baker, WTOV and Robert DeFrank, Times Leader.

Mr. Gianangeli provided a press release and announced this is the fifth year they will be doing the School Clothes for Kids Program. \$700,000 of TANF funds will be available to serve children whose families are at or below 150% of the federal poverty levels. He noted since 2014, not including this year, over 5,000 children have been clothed through this program.

**Dee Phillips, Executive Secretary & Wendy Tronka, Development Director, Wheeling Health Right  
Re: Annual Allocation**

Ms. Phillips said they serve almost 22,000 people in the Ohio Valley with health care, medication and dental services and they are expanding their dental services. Ms. Tronka said their second highest population of patients is from Belmont County. She noted they do not get reimbursed

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for Ohio Medicaid so Belmont County patients are taken care of fully by Health Right funds. They are very appreciative that the Board of Commissioners helps subsidize the program.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ALLOCATION TO WHEELING HEALTH RIGHT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the allocation of \$25,000 to Wheeling Health Right for fiscal year 2018 for the provision of health care services and medication for low-income, uninsured residents.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**Debra Hawkins, Executive Director, Harmony House**

**Re: Annual Allocation**

Present: Debra Hawkins, Harmony House Director, Vince Gianangeli, BCDJFS Director, D.K. Wright, WTRF, Walter Polivka, 106.3, Jaime Baker, WTOV and Robert DeFrank, Times Leader.

Ms. Hawkins said they served almost 600 Belmont County children and non-offending family members last year. They have done forensic interviews, worked with human trafficking victims, sexual and physical abuse and drug abuse. They have been in Belmont County since 2011. She said their services are completely free. The funds the Commissioners put forward in conjunction with Job and Family Services allow them to help families heal and give them hope. Ms. Hawkins said Harmony House is nationally accredited.

Mr. Gianangeli said the Department of Job and Family Services has contracted with Harmony House for seven years. Levy money and the Board of Commissioner's contribution funds that contract. Harmony House helps with the investigation of abuse through forensic interviews.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FORWARDING OF MONIES FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE BCDJFS TO BE USED AS LOCAL FUNDS IN THEIR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the forwarding of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Belmont County General Fund to the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services to be used as local funds in their Public Assistance Fund. These funds can be used as local funds for Federal Food Stamp and Medicaid match, thereby netting an additional twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) from the Federal programs.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**Kelly Porter, Director, Belmont County Water and Sanitary Sewer District re: Water System Update**

Mr. Porter said he wanted to bring attention to some issues they are having with their distribution system. "The Belmont County Water District's primary goal is to provide safe drinking water," said Mr. Porter. He explained that lately with some industries coming into town and some of the construction going on, they have had issues with water haulers connecting illegally to their hydrants. It can create discolored water and it is also a public health concern since it can cause breaks or put some customers out of water. Mr. Porter said if a truck is connected to the system and pressure is lost it is going to pull water, potentially, out of that truck and they don't know what was in the truck which causes a health concern. He said they have 1,300 fire hydrants in the system and can't lock all of them so he is requesting the public assistance by reporting this if they see it by calling the Sheriff's department or the water department. Mr. Thomas said the Prosecutor has been notified and if someone is caught they will be prosecuted. The Commissioners will reach out to as many companies operating in the county as they can to remind them of this issue.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:37 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter executive session with Dan Fry, Belmont County Prosecutor and, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(3) Court Action Exception to discuss pending court action. (Note: Attorney John Lancione joined via phone.)

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:08 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 11:08 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION-NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME**

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:09 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter executive session with Katie Bayness, HR Administrator, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of a public employee.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:31 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 11:31 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION-NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:06 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 12:06 p.m.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2018.

Commissioner J. P. Dutton - Absent

Mark A. Thomas /s/ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/

We, Josh Meyer and Jayne Long, Vice- President and Clerk respectively of the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, do hereby certify the foregoing minutes of the proceedings of said Board have been read, approved and signed as provided for by Sec. 305.11 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Josh Meyer /s/ VICE-PRESIDENT

Jayne Long /s/ CLERK