

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 \$448,281.52

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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| 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

| FROM | TO | AMOUNT |
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| E-0051-A001-A28.000 Other Expenses | E-0055-A004-B18.000 Other Expenses | \$483.00 |
| E-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization | E-0056-A006-E01.002 Salaries | \$222,000.00 |
| E-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization | E-0056-A006-E08.003 PERS | \$31,000.00 |
| E-0131-A006-A04.002 Road-Salaries | E-0131-A006-A25.000 Housing of Prisoners | \$30,000.00 |
| E-0170-A006-G02.002 Salaries | E-0170-A006-G09.003 PERS | \$2,500.00 |

S17 CHILDREN SERVICES/BCDJES

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| E-2765-S017-S31.000 Other Expenses | E-2765-S017-S24.000 Medical Assistance | \$25,000.00 |

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the following transfers between funds as follows:

A00 GENERAL FUND AND THE B00 DOG & KENNEL FUND

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| E-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization | R-1600-B000-B11.574 Transfers | \$79,000.00 |

****Amount was certified and appropriated on 07/18/18 meeting.**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Meyer to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under the September 12, 2018 meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

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| E-0051-A001-A17.000 | Memorial Day Expenses | \$6,930.19 |
| E-0055-A004-B19.000 | County Buildings | \$6,259.96 |
| E-0131-A006-A17.012 | Cruiser | \$315.47 |
| E-0170-A006-G03.010 | Supplies | \$37.49 |

E11 9-1-1 WIRELESS

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| E-2301-E011-E01.011 | Contract Services | \$1,631.62 |
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L01 SOIL CONSERVATION/BSWCD

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| E-1810-L001-L13.005 | FICA Medicare | \$100.00 |
| E-1810-L001-L14.000 | Other Expenses | \$1,833.33 |

JUVENILE COURT/VARIOUS FUNDS

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| E-0400-M062-M02.000 | Other Expenses | \$3,300.00 |
| E-0400-M072-M05.000 | Other Expenses | \$450.00 |
| E-1582-S085-S08.000 | Computer Expenses | \$2,569.28 |

M67 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL/JUVENILE COURT

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| E-0400-M067-M01.002 | Salaries | \$13,000.00 |
| E-0400-M067-M05.008 | Insurances | \$3,000.00 |

AUDITORS/VARIOUS FUNDS

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| E-9250-O050-O03.000 | Issuance Fees | \$3,994.29 |
| E-9254-O054-O03.000 | Issuance Fees | \$18,972.86 |
| E-9255-O054-O13.000 | Issuance Fees | \$11,982.85 |

OAKVIEW JUVENILE/VARIOUS

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| E-8010-S030-S55.010 | Supplies | \$250.00 |
| E-8010-S030-S63.000 | General | \$160.00 |
| E-8011-S031-S02.000 | Food (NSLA/Meal Tickets) | \$1,348.35 |
| E-8012-S032-S00.000 | Activity Fund | \$159.40 |

S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS

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| E-0910-S033-S33.002 | Salaries | \$100,000.00 |
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S96 JUVENILE COURT-GENERAL SPEC PROJECT

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| E-1589-S096-S12.000 | Other Expenses | \$4,784.76 |
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T11 BEL.CO COMMISSIONERS C.D.B.G.

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| E-9702-T011-T01.000 | Grants | \$680.00 |
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF MONIES BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies.
GENERAL FUND/CORSA REIMBURSEMENT-SHERIFF DEPT. 2011 CHEVY TAHOE-\$315.47 deposited into R-0040-A000-Q00.500 on 09/04/18 (*Claim No. 0160029235-Sheriff Dept. 2011 Chevy Tahoe DOL 05/08/18*)
GENERAL FUND/SOUTH CENTRAL POWER CAPITAL CREDIT REFUND-\$6,259.96 deposited into R0050-A000-A45.500 on 9/4/18.
GENERAL FUND/VETERANS-REIMBURSEMENT OF MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES-\$6,930.19 deposited into R-0050-A000-A45.500 Refunds & Reimbursements 08/28/18.
T11 GRANT MONIES-\$680.00 deposited into R-9720-T011-T01.501 on 08/29/18.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton Yes
Mr. Meyer Yes
Mr. Thomas 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 ___September 12, 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:
DJFS-William Marinacci to Cleveland, OH, on September 16-17, 2018, to attend a Juvenile hearing at the Cuyahoga County Courthouse. A county vehicle will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: \$205.10. Vince Gianangeli to Columbus, OH, on October 19, 2018, to attend the ODJFS Fiscal Certification Commencement. Estimated expenses: \$130.80.
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION-Jennifer Shunk to Columbus, OH, on September 21, 2018, to attend a DYS Reclaim meeting. John Markus to Lewis Center, OH, on September 23-24, 2018, to attend the annual Probate Investigator training. Jennifer Shunk and Andrea Ketter to Columbus, OH, on October 9, 2018, to attend an IVE Roundtable meeting. Diane Elerick and John Markus to Columbus, OH, on October 11-12, 2018, to attend the Annual Drug Court Conference. Dave Carter, Kara Mowery and Judge Davies to Columbus, OH, on October 12, 2018, to attend the Annual Drug Court Conference. Judy Winland and Debbie Reed to Columbus, OH, on October 14-15, 2018, to attend the Deputy's Clerk Conference.
SSOBC-Cory Clark, Martina Burkhart and Mindy Flood to Cambridge, OH, on October 3, 2018, to attend the AAA Passport Provider meeting.
VETERANS-Keith Rejonis and Troy Skukan to Columbus, OH, on September 11-14, 2018, to attend Fall Training.

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 September 5, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY-WIDE COST ALLOCATION PLAN FOR MAXIMUS CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve and authorize Commission President J. P. Dutton to sign the **Certificate of County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan** for Maximus Consulting Services, Inc., for the year ending December 31, 2017.

Note: Belmont County contracts with Maximus to prepare the cost allocation plan, which establishes the allowable costs that can be charged back to departments with funding sources outside the General Fund.

WHEREAS, Belmont County’s budget and receipts are more stabilized over the last few years due to an improved economy, sales tax receipts and other revenue generators; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Commission recognizes that recent state local government cuts have crippled all of our local governments and they are in need of financial help; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Commission desires to help all of the county’s political subdivisions for the 2019 year; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Commission is not adopting an alternative funding method but only waiving its 2019 allocation on a one-time basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

1. That the Board of County Commissioners instructs the Belmont County Budget Commission to reduce its allocation, by waiver, of the LGF to 0.00% for calendar year 2019 only.
2. That the Board requests the Belmont County Budget Commission to redistribute its 15 % allocation to the all political subdivisions in proportion as currently allocated within the formula, minus Belmont County.
3. That a certified copy of this resolution be delivered to the Belmont County Budget Commission

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION GRANTING AUTHORITY TO THE DIRECTOR OF BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE PA FUND TO THE CSEA FUND FOR SFY 2018

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) of Belmont County operates an administrative fund for the operation of a child support enforcement program; and

Whereas, the activities of the child support enforcement program are allowable activities as defined by Ohio Administrative Code 5101:9-6-83; and

Whereas, in order to properly access these funds for this purpose, the funds must be transferred from the Public Assistance (PA) Fund in which they are received from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services into the CSEA Fund of the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County on this 12th day of September, 2018, do hereby grant to Vince Gianangeli, Director of the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, the authority to approve the transfer of \$51,000.00 of Income Maintenance money from the PA Fund to the CSEA Fund. This transfer is made available due to a balance remaining in the Income Maintenance allocation at the end of the State Fiscal Year which ended on June 30, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTING LARRY MERRY, BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY DIRECTOR, TO THE EASTERN OHIO DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (EODA) BOARD

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to reappoint Larry Merry, Belmont County Port Authority Director, to the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance (EODA) board for a two (2) year term effective January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING MATTHEW DUDA AS FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN/ANIMAL SHELTER

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the hiring of Matthew Duda as full-time Assistant Dog Warden for Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective September 16, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD FUNKHOUSER, FULL-TIME WATER PLANT OPERATOR I

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the resignation of Richard Funkhouser, full-time Water Plant Operator I at Belmont County Water and Sewer Department, effective September 10, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said they will again be waiving the Local Government Funds received from the state and passing them on to municipalities and townships. He said, “It’s an easy decision, I think, but also a not easy decision. We understand the need of our municipalities and our townships in terms of how much this additional funding really means to them. We have some that are still trying to deal with the budget cuts that occurred over the past several years, in terms of putting off maybe maintenance on equipment or equipment purchases, trying to put band-aids on certain issues and stretching things as far as they can.” He added it’s a substantial amount of money and there are a lot of needs at the county level as well and there is always need for funds. Mr. Thomas said the projected amount for 2019 is \$266,163.66 which is a 15.4% share of the funds. The grand total of the funds proposed for 2019 is \$1.7 which is about a 50% cut over the last five to eight years. Mr. Thomas noted this is the 6th year the Board of Commissioners has done this. Pultney Township Trustee Frank Shaffer said they appreciate it very much. The local government funds are where the townships took budget cuts each year. Mr. Thomas said the Commissioners will continue to fight for the restoration of the local government funds. Mike Bianconi, Pease Township Trustee, also thanked the Board.

CHIP PROGRAM - Rick Healy, Belomar Regional Council, said Belomar submitted an application for funding under the 2018 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program. “Belmont County has been very successful for many years with this program. We’ve rehabbed and provided emergency repairs to many, many houses,” said Mr. Healy. He explained they received a call yesterday that this year’s grant was approved and will be for approximately \$650,000. It will provide funding for low to moderate income residents of owner occupied houses to provide private rehab and emergency home repair assistance.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM- Jim Morrison, resident of Otto Scales Road in York and Mead Township, gave a history on residents' attempts to obtain water in his area. He provided old newspaper articles and asked the board to look into a commitment of \$40,000 by a previous board for the project. Mr. Dutton said the Board will look into this. Mr. Meyer said that Belomar Regional Council is also looking into this matter. Mr. Morrison said there are oil and gas wells in the area and there is a concern that there is no water in the case of a well explosion.

RECESS

**9:30 Larry Merry, Executive Director and Sherri Butler, Asst. Executive Director, Belmont County Port Authority
Re: Department Update**

Mr. Merry gave a history and progress on the Eastern Ohio Regional Industrial Park (EORIP) and the Joint Economic Development District 2 (JEDD2) located in Barnesville. He said a feasibility of having an industrial park there was done 13 years ago. He said the EORIP site, located on former reclaimed strip land off SR 800 near Barnesville, houses four buildings and employs 80 to 100 people and more development is coming. He added Jobs Ohio and a local developer will fund paving. Mr. Merry said JEDD 2 on the east side of Barnesville, was driven by local developers, JeRu Real Estate. The property was transferred to the Port Authority by the county and was sold to local developers. He said the Village of Barnesville, private developers, Port Authority and the county worked together to create employment opportunities and to develop the area. There are now 345 jobs based out of there, 525 jobs should be there by end of year. He added zero jobs were there 6 to 7 years ago. Mr. Merry said it is up to government to create atmosphere for economic development. He said the oil and gas industry is bringing jobs back to the valley and benefits will be received for many generations. Mr. Merry said if the cracker plant happens it will give us another great opportunity for jobs. He is trying to improve the environment where businesses can come here and be successful and use sites and hire people to work in their facilities. He said we need more homes and to fix up our neighborhoods. He noted the CHIP Grant is a great program to help with that. Mr. Dutton said, "Economic development and a stronger economy doesn't cure everything a community has to face, but it sure goes a long way in solving those issues. It is important to work on job retention and job creation because it is vital for a community that wants to push forward." He said what Larry is doing is showing Belmont County is doing everything they can to prepare for more businesses to come here with additional jobs. If the cracker plant comes it will bring a minimum of 350 jobs. He said businesses can't move here if we don't have a place for them. Water, sewer and sites all tie together to take advantage of bringing more advancement to the county.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:12 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:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:23 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 10:23 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

RECESS UNTIL 1:00 P.M. BUDGET HEARINGS

Reconvened at 1:06 p.m. Present: Commissioners Dutton and Meyer, Jayne Long, Clerk, Jaclynn Smolenak and Lisa Vannoy, Fiscal/ Assistant Clerks. Absent: Commissioner Thomas

Budget Hearings

2019 budget requests were reviewed with each department. Mr. Dutton advised all departments during their budget hearing that the Auditor is anticipating the same allocation as last year. He referenced the Sheriff Department's continued need for more funding and the jail overcrowding and said they are trying to come to a long term solution, but it continues to loom over the short term.

AUDITOR-Present: Auditor Roger Conroy, Chief Deputy Auditor Sheila Turner and Deputy Auditor Cheryl Zeno

Mr. Conroy said the Auditor's salary went up \$5,000 with the new appointment (per statute). Last year his salary was done away with when he moved to the Auditor position and his old position was not replaced and they also had a 5% cut to their budget. He said the van they have for Weights and Measures is almost 15 years old and is not compliant according to the state. They are looking to buy a new 2019 Ford Transit Cargo Van and have received an estimate of \$26,355 which includes the modifications needed. They will be replacing an individual who has resigned.

9-1-1-Present: Director Bryan Minder and Assistant Director Jim Delman

Mr. Minder said they are a lot busier now that they took on St. Clairsville's calls. There has been an increase in calls from last year. He said the minimum staff is 3-24/7 dispatchers. All shifts are seeing an increase in calls. They would like to see a fourth dispatcher on all shifts. Two full-time people would add \$88,000 which includes salaries and PERS.

SSOBC- Present: Executive Director Gary Armitage and Cory Clark, Fiscal Administrator

Mr. Armitage said they will be making the final loan payment on the new building in 2019. They have factored in \$1.25 1st year raise as a starting point for the new contract based on the last contract and planned for two additional staff. Mr. Clark said they will end up for this year under budget by \$200,000 overall. Mr. Armitage said their fleet of vehicles is aging and maintenance costs are increasing. They also will need to look at replacing their computers which are 5 years old at an estimated \$25,000.

Commissioner Thomas joined budget hearings at 1:55 p.m.

MAINTENANCE-Present: Jack Regis, Facilities Manager

Mr. Regis provided a list in June for upcoming bigger projects in 2019. He provided the estimates for the top 5 projects. Some new equipment, vehicle, and payout for one retirement were also factored into the budget. Ms. Smolenak said the budget for 2019 is \$300,000 less than 2018.

PORT AUTHORITY- Present: Director Larry Merry and Sherri Butler, Assistant Executive Director

Mr. Merry said he put in a raise for his assistant in the budget, but it is a lean budget. He has contacted a bank and discussed a loan for a property purchase. Need to determine how the property purchase will be made.

CLERK OF COURTS-Present: David Trouton, Clerk of Courts and Bob Hunker

Mr. Trouton said he needs more money for supplies and he thinks his office is understaffed. He said there is a new jury selection process management system computer program that would save them money and would be cheaper than hiring more employees. The program would cost \$30,000 for the first year and then \$15,000 annually; a new employee would cost a minimum of \$46,000 per year which includes salary and PERS.

ENGINEERS-Present: Engineer Terry Lively and Shereza O’Hara, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Lively said they are currently advertising for a GIS Assistant. This is a replacement position and the salary was currently factored into his budget so it should be a wash. He said he is going to be looking at adding a project manager or staff engineer. The Assistant Engineer is tied up with disaster projects which leaves everything else for Mr. Lively. That position would add about \$20,000 to the General Fund request. Mr. Lively said he requested a bit more in the GIS budget for 2019. He said in the past, other departments contributed to costs for aerial photography, but in recent years they do not contribute at all. This needs to be done every three years and it needs to be budgeted for. Mr. Lively said he thinks there are areas to save money with the GIS department working with the Auditor’s office.

Commissioner Thomas left budget hearings.

COMMON PLEAS COURT-Present: Judge Frank Fregiato and Laura Zupko, Clerk

Judge Fregiato said the increase in his budget is to give a raise of \$3,000.00 to each employee for a total of approximately \$35,000.00. He said when they have extra money at the end of the year it is returned to the county. He reminded the Commissioners they owe \$16,000.00 by October 1 for an employee pay-out. He noted the criminal cases are “through the roof”.

Reconvened Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Present: Commissioners Dutton, Meyer and Thomas, Jayne Long, Clerk,

County Engineer and County Treasurer

Re: Funding for FEMA Disaster Repair Projects

Present: Terry Lively, County Engineer, Kathy Kelich, County Treasurer and Robert DeFrank, Times Leader

Mr. Lively gave an overview of the FEMA repair projects. He said a Federal disaster was declared in February. FEMA, ODOT and Federal Highways are all involved. The Federal Highway Grant is the only option to fix the roads on the Federal Highway System. FEMA is the only option for the non-federal roads. There are \$6 million in damages on the Federal Highway roads and \$6 million on FEMA roads. He said they have received some good news on the FEMA roads, the State of Ohio has decided to pick up the local match. On the Federal Highway side, they are responsible for 20% match and some design work needs done. Mr. Lively is asking for permission to borrow money to cover the 20% match and upfront money for the FEMA side. He will get reimbursed for the FEMA portion. He said about \$4.3 million will be needed to get projects moving. The majority will be paid back except for the 20% match and he would like to use the license fees to pay this back. Ms. Kelich ran numbers at 1% interest rate for both \$2 million and \$4.3 million. \$2 million payback would be \$452,000 yearly; \$4.3 million would be about \$900,000 yearly. She can only go five years by law. Mr. Lively said the 20% Federal Highway match is about \$1.2 million. On the FEMA side, he is told that he puts the project out to bid and the contractor will submit invoices and those will be turned in on a monthly basis to FEMA for reimbursement, but they have to pay the contractor first. FEMA could be a couple months behind on reimbursement. He is not sure how many projects will be going at one time. He thinks they need to start at borrowing \$2 million and see how it goes; if more is needed, he wants to make sure it’s available. Mr. Lively said after slips are repaired he can get back on track using the license fees for paving roads and bridge replacements. He said there is no choice but to make this a priority. Mr. Thomas said for residents where roads are closed, slips need fixed. Mr. Lively said he will list the 45 slip projects on his website, the progress and cost.

(Note: Ms. Kelich stepped out at 11:00 a.m.)

Mr. Lively added a pipeline company did a lot of damage to our roads. He is trying to get them to help but he may need to borrow more money for repairs. The company wants proof they caused the damages. The road was in decent shape before company started, now it’s destroyed, said Mr. Lively. He will have to borrow money to keep the road passable and is not sure if he’ll be reimbursed. Commissioners said they will discuss this further.

RECESS UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reconvened Monday, September 17, 2018 at 11:35 a.m. Present: Commissioners Dutton, Meyer and Thomas and Bonnie Zuzak, Assistant Clerk.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:35 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter executive session with Prosecutor Dan Fry, Assistant Prosecutor Dave Liberati and Water and Sewer District Director Kelly Porter pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2) Property Exception to consider the purchase of property.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:17 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 12:17 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Budget Hearings-Present: Jaclynn Smolenak and Lisa Vannoy, Fiscal/Assistant Clerks

2019 budget requests were reviewed with each department. Mr. Dutton advised all departments during their budget hearing that the Auditor is anticipating the same allocation as last year. He referenced the Sheriff Department’s continued need for more funding and the jail overcrowding and said they are trying to come to a long term solution, but it continues to loom over the short term.

PROSECUTOR-Present: Prosecutor Dan Fry

Mr. Fry said raises for his employees are figured in the budget for 2019. They did not receive one in 2018. He said the Matrix system should be up and running in 2019. The cost for the program is \$2,200 per month. He has already invested \$35,000. He noted he paid \$13,000 out of the General Fund for an employee’s retirement payout. Mr. Fry said he uses some of the Furtherance of Justice money for office expenses which is allowed.

RECESS

September 12, 2018

RECORDS-Present: Laura Ellis, Records Manager

A new Records building was discussed. Mr. Dutton suggested holding off on a new building until they see how it goes with the possibility of using PRIME for scanning needs which will create a reduction of records. Ms. Ellis said if she can start scanning records it will reduce the volume of paper that needs to be saved. She said she will need to purchase more boxes at a cost of \$3,000. She would also like to purchase a heavy duty shredder which ranges in cost of \$800 to \$2,000.

BOARD OF ELECTION-Present: Bill Shubat, Director

Mr. Shubat said next year is an odd election year and he doesn't see that any new equipment will be needed. He said a \$250,000 reimbursement will be received for their voting system from the state. Their current building lease is up June 30, 2019.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:45 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 19th day of September, 2018.

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____

Mark A. Thomas /s/ _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/ _____

We, J. P. Dutton and Jayne Long, 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.

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____ PRESIDENT

Jayne Long /s/ _____ CLERK