

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Ryan E. Olexo, Charles R. Probst and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Darlene Pempek, Clerk of the Board. Minutes of the meeting of September 05, 2001, were read, approved and signed.

MEETING HELD AT BELMONT COUNTY FAIR

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: OPEN FORUM AT THE FAIRGROUNDS**

Commissioner Olexo stated the agenda was very light for today's meeting and went on to recognize the young people in the audience, who were introduced to the board as the second grade from South Elementary in Martins Ferry. Commissioner Olexo introduced the Board and stated he was pleased to be having the meeting at the Fairgrounds, continuing, "We like to take the meetings out to the public, where the residents may voice their concerns." Commissioner Thomas stated, "If I am not mistaken, there has never been a Commissioner's meeting held at the Fairgrounds. I think it is interesting, unique and important. We support the Fair Board and wish to thank them for this opportunity, as well as for all those in attendance today." Commissioner Probst also offered his thanks to the audience for the unique experience, stating the Commissioners encourage anyone in attendance to bring their issues before the Board so they may try to solve the problems of the residents of the county. Commissioner Olexo asked if anyone in attendance had a problem or issue they would like to bring before the Board. Diana Shell of Shadyside stated, "I am a bus driver. My route used to be to the JVS (Joint Vocational School) at one point, and the traffic at that exit ramp was bad. Do you plan to do anything to alleviate the traffic at the State Route 331 exit?" Commissioner Olexo stated that Congressman Ney and the Commissioners had been planning changes to that area that have now been put on hold due to the Route 250 project by ODOT. He turned the question over to Commissioner Thomas who had been in contact with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Commissioner Thomas stated that he had been in contact with the ODOT office in New Philadelphia and with Congressman Ney, "The Route 250 Project which is at or near that interchange is now dead. Still there are design issues that need addressed. We have voiced our opinion to (Congressman) Ney and ODOT. This issue needs addressed due to the traffic on Route 40 West and the impending development. In the next ten years it will be improved." Commissioner Olexo stated the money, which had been allocated for the Route 250 Project, must be spent on traffic projects, and if the Route 250 project becomes null and void, then perhaps this money could be used for a related transportation issue. Ms. Shell reiterated that the traffic at that intersection is very heavy.

Ty Justice, Director, Belmont County Fair Board, thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation for having the meeting at the Fairgrounds.

Bill West, second grader, South Elementary, Martins Ferry, thanked the board for letting his class attend the meeting.

Commissioner Olexo explained how the Commissioners do their jobs by using an analogy of parents giving an allowance. Commissioner Olexo then stated the Board had regular business to conduct and offered anyone who wanted to speak to stay and voice his or her concerns.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLOWANCE OF BILLS
AS CERTIFIED IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.**

"BILLS ALLOWED"

The following bills having been certified in the Auditor's office, on motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo all members present voting YES, each bill was considered and it is hereby ordered that the County Auditor issue his warrant on the County Treasurer in payment of bills allowed.

Claim of	Purposes	Amount
First Net	Aug Internet service-General	19.99
The Cima Companies, Inc.	Liability protection progrm/Pub Def-Gen	1,265.85
U.S. Post Office	Postage-General	79,500.00
Electronic Protection Service	Camera repairs/Jail-General	425.00
Dr. Troy W. Balgo	August medical services-General	1,200.00
Window Fashions by Beth	2 Blinds/Prosecutors-General	260.00
Kevin W. Bench, Attorney	Guardianship case-Probate Court	470.00
Green Acres Contracting Co.	End terminal replacement-Engineer's	70,670.00
Ohio Municipal Advisory Council	Bond anticipation notes/New garages, Engineer's Building Construction	397.75
Larry Siebieda, Architect	Architectural services/Neffs Garage, Engineer's Building Construction	7,000.00
Bank One Account 00001-059-1	CDBG Funds	4,700.00

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers for the various funds dated for September 7, 2001 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
General/Sheriff's	\$3,214.52
General/Disaster Services	\$497.01
BCDJFS/PA	\$145,418.21
BCDJFS/Children Services S17	\$4,994.44, \$31,743.70, \$8,649.00, \$1,972.56
BCDJFS/CSEA	\$18,572.83
County Home	\$11,009.05
Oakview Juvenile New Construction	\$145,000.00
Oakview Juvenile Rehabilitation Dist.	\$1,210.20
Oakview Juvenile Aftercare Program	\$7.43

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
OF FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE COMMON PLEAS COURT**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfer of funds within the Belmont County General Fund for the Common Pleas Court.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A002-B03 Supplies	A402-B12 Other Exp	\$1,500.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
OF FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds within the Belmont County General Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A202-D13 Workers Comp	A002-A06 Transcripts	\$1,914.22

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
WITHIN FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY RECORDER'S FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following transfer within fund for the Belmont County Recorder.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
S078-S05 Equipment	S078-S14 Hospitalization	\$985.64

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
WITHIN FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY
WESTERN DIVISION COURT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following transfer within fund for the Belmont County Western Division Court Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
S082-S05 Computer Expenses	S082-S14 Hospitalization	\$1,500.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING
REQUEST TO TRAVEL FOR BCDJFS EMPLOYEES

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst to grant the request to travel for the following employees of Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services.

Name: Jack Cera
Destination: Zanesville, Ohio
Dates: September 17, October 5 and November 14, 2001
Purpose: Contract Management meeting
Estimated expenses: \$54.85 X 3

Name: Jack Cera, Mike Schlantz
Destination: Canton, Ohio
Dates: September 20, 2001
Purpose: WIA One-Stop Networking meeting
Estimated expenses: \$95.90

Name: Jack Cera
Destination: Columbus, Ohio
Dates: October 17-18, 2001
Purpose: WIA Fiscal Conference
Estimated expenses: \$196.80

Name: Mike Schlantz
Destination: Columbus, Ohio
Dates: October 23-24, 2001
Purpose: WIA Youth Conference
Estimated expenses: \$\$196.80

Name: Dwayne Pielech
Destination: Columbus, Ohio
Dates: September 26-28, 2001
Purpose: Human Services Symposium
Estimated expenses: \$327.80

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING
BID FOR PROJECT 15-1 SMITH TOWNSHIP SLIP REPAIR/
ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to award the bid for Project 15-1 Smith Township Slip Repair for the Belmont County Engineer's Department to B.B.R. Drilling Company, Belmont, Ohio in the amount of \$29,180.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING
BID FOR PROJECT 15-2 RESURFACING
PROJECT-COLERAIN, RICHLAND AND WHEELING TOWNSHIPS/
ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst to award the bid for Project 15-2, Resurfacing Colerain, Richland and Wheeling Township Roads to the low bidder, Tri-State Asphalt Co., Rayland, Ohio in the amount of \$75,325.40

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING
BID FOR PROJECT 15-3 RESURFACING
VARIOUS ROADS IN MEAD, PEASE AND YORK TOWNSHIPS/
ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to award the bid for Project 15-3, resurfacing various roads in Mead, Pease and York Townships to the low bidder, Tri-State Asphalt Co., Rayland, Ohio in the amount of \$68,272.26.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING
BID FOR PROJECT 01-6, RESURFACING
COUNTY HIGHWAY 10, FAIRPOINT-MAYNARD RD/
ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to award the bid for Project 01-6 Resurfacing County Highway 10, Fairpoint-Maynard Rd. to the low bidder, Tri-State Asphalt Co., Rayland, Ohio in the amount of \$122,949.42.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING
COMMISSIONER PROBST TO SIGN AND SUBMIT
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RE: OPWC PROJECT #16/
RESURFACING LOCAL ROADS/ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing Commissioner Charles R. Probst to sign and submit an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission to execute the necessary contracts for the following project:

RESURFACING LOCAL ROADS PROJECT #16

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING
COMMISSIONER PROBST TO SIGN AND SUBMIT
NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RE: OPWC PROJECT
BELMONT-30 DIXON HILL SLIP REPAIR/ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing Commissioner Charles R. Probst to sign and submit an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission to execute the necessary contracts for the following project:

BELMONT - 30 DIXON HILL SLIP REPAIR

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

UNDER DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Olexo clarified that there are no projects pending at this time; this motion is just for getting the funding underway.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING
INTO CONTRACT WITH CUMBERLAND TRAIL FIRE DISTRICT
FOR SERVICES TO BELMONT COUNTY JAIL & SARGUS JUVENILE CENTER

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to enter into the following contract for services with the Cumberland Trail Fire District #4.

This contract made and entered into this 7th day of September, 2001, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Party of the first part and Cumberland Trail Fire District, party of the second part.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

Section 1. Cumberland Trail Fire District agrees to answer a maximum of fifty (50) calls yearly to the Belmont County Jail, commencing with the effective date of this contract.

Section 2. Cumberland Trail Fire District may bill the County \$150.00 per call for any calls in excess of the fifty (50) calls referenced in Section 1.

Section 3. Cumberland Trail Fire District will transport inmates at the Belmont County Jail to any local area hospital.

Section 4. When requested, Cumberland Trail will teach any Fire or First aid class the jail may require.

Section 5. Cumberland Trail will continue to respond to any reasonable requests from Belmont County, such as ice or snow removal, or any other situations that Cumberland Trail may assist in.

Belmont County shall pay to Cumberland Trail Fire District #4 an amount of \$2,500.00 (two thousand five hundred dollars) yearly, effective calendar year 2001, for the aforementioned services.

This agreement will be in full force and effect for one year commencing on the date of signing. This agreement can be terminated by either party by providing 90 days written notification.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

CUMBERLAND TRAIL FIRE DISTRICT #4

Ryan E. Olexo /s/
Ryan E. Olexo, President

Frank Sabatino
Frank Sabatino

Mark A. Thomas /s/
Mark A. Thomas, Vice President

Bruce Henderson/s/
Bruce Henderson

Charles R. Probst, Jr. /s/
Charles R. Probst, Jr

David Pugh /s/
David Pugh

Tom Costine /s/
Tom Costine

DATED: September 7, 2001

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Robert Quirk /s/
Belmont County Prosecuting Attorney

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF SALARY
ADJUSTMENT FOR PRIA MYERS, DEPUTY CLERK
WESTERN DIVISION COURT

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve a \$.50 per hour rate increase, new rate of pay \$8.00 per hour, effective with September 5, pay period ending September 8, 2001 for Western Division Court Deputy Clerk Pria Myers based upon the recommendation of Judge Harry White. Ms. Myers has satisfactorily completed the required probationary period.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: CONTRACT BETWEEN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY

Commissioner Probst questioned this agreement asking if it was the first time a city entered into a contract of this nature with the county. Commissioner Thomas attempted to clarify by stating, "During our regular Commissioners meeting held on September 5, 2001, there was a proposed contract between Martins Ferry and the Health Department and the city of Martins Ferry. This contract is for the Health Department to provide service to the city. I asked the Prosecutor to review this contract prior to our approving it. I had also questioned the monetary amount. I was told the city and the health department derived the amount. I was hesitant to review this contract prior to the prosecutor looking it over. Commissioner Probst asked if this was a new contract issue. Commissioner Thomas stated yes, it was a new contract between Health Department and the city. The City of Martins Ferry no longer has a Health Department. Commissioner Probst questioned whether or not the other cities have to pay a fee as well. Commissioner Thomas stated, " The O.R.C. has very defined terms to calculate the charges for this item." Joselyn King, reporter for the Wheeling Intelligencer asked how much money would be paid by the city of Martins Ferry. Commissioner Olexo answered, " \$18,000.00 for the remaining five (5) months of this year. Population and other factors enter into the formula used to arrive at this figure. Next year will be recalculated." Commissioner Probst asked if the county would be doing this from now on for every city. Commissioner Olexo stated that after the first of the year it would be automatic. Commissioner Probst asked if Commissioner Thomas was in agreement with the contract terms. Commissioner Thomas assured him he was.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION RE:
BELMONT COUNTY DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION
TO CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
WITH THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adopt the following resolution.

BELMONT COUNTY DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL AUTHORIZATION
TO CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
WITH THE CITY OF MARTINS FERRY, OHIO

WHEREAS, the City of Martins Ferry, Ohio wishes to contract for public health services with the District Advisory Council of the Belmont County General Health District, through its Agent, the Belmont County Health Department; and

WHEREAS, it is required that a majority of the members of the District Advisory Council vote in the affirmative to permit the Chairman of the District Advisory Council to enter into said contract with the City of Martins Ferry, Ohio through its Mayor; so

THEREFORE, as attested by the signatures below of a majority of District Advisory Council members representing those entities comprising the District Advisory Council for the Belmont County General Health District do affirm that the Chairman of the District Advisory Council may enter into the aforementioned public health services contract with the City of Martins Ferry, Ohio, for the period beginning August 10, 2001 and ending December 31, 2001; and

THAT, the City of Martins Ferry, Ohio shall pay the sum of \$18,000.00 for the public health services rendered exclusive of any and all mandated licensing fees collected by the Belmont County Health Department.

Signed for County Commissioners:
Ryan E. Olexo /s/ Belmont County Commissioner

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING
FOR BIDS FOR LEASING SEVEN (7)
VEHICLES/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to approve the following advertisement for bids.

ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

It appearing to the Board that it would be to the best interest of the Public to ask and receive bids for furnishing the Belmont County Sheriff's Department with seven (7) leased vehicles, the Clerk is hereby directed to have published in the Martins Ferry Times Leader, a newspaper having general circulation in the County, a "Notice to Bidders" as follows:

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO 43950

Sealed bids will be received by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners at the Commissioners office, Belmont County Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio until 9:45 A.M. (Local Time) Friday, September 28, 2001 for furnishing Seven (7) 2001-2002 vehicles for the Belmont County Sheriff's Department, St. Clairsville, Ohio, 43950, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of specifications and proposal for may be obtained at the Commissioners office between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. daily, Monday thru Friday.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bid must be accompanied by a bid Guaranty meeting the requirements of Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code as follows:

- A Bond in accordance with Section 153.54 (B) O.R.C.
- OR**
- A certified check, cashiers check or letter of credit in accordance with Section 153.54 (C) O.R.C. in an amount equal to 5% of the bid.

Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and award a contract to that bidder which is in the best interest of the County.

By order of the Board of Commissioners
Of Belmont County, Ohio.
Darlene Pempek /s/

Darlene Pempek, Clerk of the Board

Times Leader-Adv. (2) Thursdays September 13, 2001 and September 25, 2001

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO ODOT
RE: STATUS OF FINAL REPORT
ON TRAFFIC STUDY OF INTERSTATE 70 EAST
AND MALL ROAD INTERSECTION

September 7, 2001

Mr. Myron Pakish, Director
Ohio Department of Transportation, District 11
2201 Reiser Avenue, S.E.
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Dear Mr. Pakish:

The Board of Commissioners are again inquiring as to the status of the final report in regards to the Richland Township, Belmont County traffic study, which includes the intersection at I-70 East and Mall Road.

The Board would appreciate a reply to its letter dated August 1, 2001, requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation install a new traffic signal at this intersection. We are concerned that, with the major shopping season impending, we will again be faced with major traffic delays at this intersection. The Board is hopeful this matter could be resolved this fall.

The Commission appreciates your anticipated cooperation. If any further information is necessary, please contact our office at (740) 699-2155.

Sincerely,
BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Ryan E. Olexo /s/
Ryan E. Olexo, President

Mark A. Thomas /s/
Mark A. Thomas, Vice President

Charles R. Probst, Jr. /s/
Charles R. Probst, Jr.

REO/MAT/CRP/dp

cc: The Honorable Charlie Wilson
The Honorable James Carnes
The Honorable Bob Ney
The Honorable Fred Bennett
Mr. David C. Schafer, ODOT

IN THE MATTER OF LETTER TO ODOT
RE: FISCAL YEAR 2001 CHIP
CONDITIONAL AWARD LETTER REPLY

September 7, 2001

Ohio Department of Development
Office of Housing and Community Partnerships
P.O. Box 1001
Columbus, OH 43216-1001
Attn: Dana Leas

Dear Mrs. Leas:

We have reviewed the grant agreement profile and special conditions for grant approval listed in your office's August 9, 2001 FY'01 CHIP Conditional Award Letter. Please let this letter serve at the Belmont County Commission's acceptance of the terms and conditions outlined in your letter.

Below are clarifications and/or corrections relevant to our CHIP application and policies and procedures. The issues are addressed in the order listed in your letter.

PROCUREMENT

Darlene Pempek, Belmont County Clerk, is the local government representative responsible for program oversight. Darlene's will assist with the marketing of the CHIP Program as a local contact for general information pertaining to the program. She will also assist with the financial management aspect of processing drawdowns and depositing CHIP receipts into the appropriate accounts. Darlene will also assist Belomar with preparation and disbursements of CHIP funds to contractors. In addition, Darlene will report the status and progress of the CHIP Program to the Belmont County Commissioners.

HOME REPAIR

It will be the policy of the County's CHIP Home Repair program to instruct homeowners to choose three Contractors from a pre-approved Contractors list to bid on all Home Repair work. The Contractor submitting the lowest bid which complies with the work write-up will be awarded the job. The only exception to this process will be in extreme emergency cases which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the occupants and which must be addressed without delay.

ACQUISITION/REHABILITATION

Under the Acquisition/Rehab Program homes will be considered substandard if they fail to meet the State's Residential Rehab Standards. This determination will be made by the program's Rehab Specialist with coordination with the Belmont County CAC Weatherization personnel, the Belmont County Health Department (in cases involving wells and septic systems) and the Program's Lead Risk Assessor. The Rehab Specialist and the Rehab Program Administrator will inspect the home to be purchased prior to committing to Downpayment Assistance to determine whether or not the home can be brought up to RRS with the maximum amount of Rehab funds available. If so, the homebuyer will be awarded downpayment and rehab assistance. If it cannot, the homebuyer will be instructed to look for a different home or lose eligibility in the CHIP Program.

FAIR HOUSING PROGRAM

Attached is a revised Fair Housing Plan which includes the distribution of fair housing materials to all CHIP applicants and participants as instructed. This omission was an oversight. It has always been the County's policy to distribute this information.

We sincerely hope this letter satisfies your concerns and we thank you for your award of our FY'2001 CHIP Program. Please feel free to call Scott Hicks of the Belomar Regional Council at (304) 242-1800 if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,
Ryan E. Olexo/s/
Ryan E. Olexo
President, Belmont County Commissioners

Enclosure

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD**RE: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners regular meetings of August 1, 2001, August 3, 2001, and August 8, 2001. Commissioner Probst asked that this motion be held, pending his review of the minutes. Commissioner Probst stated, "I want to review the meeting minutes. On August third, Commissioner Thomas was journalized as approving a motion, yet he was actually absent from that meeting. I would also like to review the tapes of the meeting minutes pertaining to the Mike Green issue and the Easement with Cafaro."

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD**RE: COMMITTEE ON AGING CONTRACT**

Commissioner Probst stated he had asked Bob Laxton, Director, Belmont County Committee on Aging, for a letter stating the following for the year 2000-2001:

- Financial forms
- Meals on Wheels delivered for the year
- Names and Addresses of all those serviced

Commissioner Probst continued that this letter was present at the meeting in draft form, and he would like all the Commissioners to review and sign the finished form. Commissioner Probst continued that he had previously made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Laxton from the County Prosecutor requesting he abide by the contract between the Belmont County Commissioners and the Committee on Aging. Darlene Pempek, Clerk, Belmont County Commissioners had drafted this letter outlining six (6) specific items, with more to be added. He stated, "It seems to be controversial and we need to dig in and get answers and put this issue to rest." I feel we need to send this letter directing him to abide point by point to this contract.

Commissioner Thomas questioned Commissioner Probst as to his choice of words in the letter pertaining to what he was requesting of Mr. Laxton, "You state you want a copy of the mortgage agreement. There is no such thing, do you mean Real Estate Contract?" Commissioner Probst stated he would like a meeting with Bob Quirk, to discuss a previous purchase and the details. Commissioner Thomas requested that Commissioner Probst set up such a meeting. Commissioner Probst said he would also like for Bob Laxton to be in attendance. Commissioner Olexo asked that this meeting be set up for the following meeting, Wednesday, September 19, 2001. Commissioner Probst said this meeting did not need to be within Executive Session, although he would be fine with that if it needs to be. Commissioner Probst continued, " I asked to send the Laxton letter, if he is starting renovations, he needs to put them on hold and first bring the plans to the Commissioners for review and bid process." Commissioner Olexo assured Commissioner Probst that the Commissioners own the building and Mr. Laxton has to bring all renovations to the Board.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:50 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 A.M.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 7th day of September A.D., 2001.

_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, Ryan E. Olexo and Darlene Pempek, 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.

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ CLERK

