

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 \$1,313,884.74

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0057-A006-F06.011 Vet Services	E-0057-A006-F04.007 Unemployment	\$1,984.64

B00 DOG & KENNEL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1600-B000-B07.000 Vet Services	E-1611-B000-B01.002 Auditor's Clerk Hire & Supply	\$12,000.00
E-1600-B000-B17.011 Contract Services	E-1600-B000-B18.007 Unemployment	\$4,217.36

H05 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND/BCDJFS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2600-H005-H16.000 DOL Coal Grant	E-2600-H005-H04.000 Dislocated Worker	\$175,056.90

M60 CARE AND CUSTODY FUND/JUVENILE COURT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0400-M060-M60.002 Salaries	E-0400-M060-M63.005 Medicare Truancy	\$1,000.00

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maintenance	\$3,000.00

S54 MEDIATION SERVICES FUND/COMMON PLEAS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1544-S054-S01.002 Salary	E-1544-S054-S02.003 PERS	\$3,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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:

C55 MEDIATION FUND/PROBATE COURT AND THE A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1654-C055-C02.000 Other Expenses	R-0400-A000-A47.574 Transfers In	\$5,000.00

S96 SPECIAL PROJECTS/JUVENILE COURT AND THE A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1589-S096-S08.002 Salary	R-0400-A000-A47.574 Transfers In	\$5,000.00

T08 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT AND THE A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-5105-T008-T01.002 Salaries	E-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries	\$7,963.56
E-5105-T008-T02.003 PERS/SPRS	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$1,441.40
E-5105-T008-T03.006 Health Insurance	E-0256-A014-A06.006 Group & Liability	\$2,956.72
E-5105-T008-T04.004 Workers Comp	E-0256-A014-A14.004 Workers Comp	\$11.59
E-5105-T008-T08.005 Medicare	E-0256-A014-A07.005 Medicare	\$79.64

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, 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 January 17, 2018 meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0054-A006-F11.012	Equipment	\$500.00
E-0051-A001-A13.000	Postage	\$1,216.02
E-0061-A002-B05.000	Intense Probation-Clerk of Courts	\$6,762.65
E-0256-A014-A01.000	CORSA Costs	\$31,357.90

H08 WIA AREA 16 FUND/BCDJFS

E-2610-H008-H14.000	Belmont Co. OWIP	\$2,000.00
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L01 SOIL CONSERVATION FUND/BSWCD

E-1810-L001-L01.002	Salaries	\$8,319.33
E-1810-L001-L05.011	Contract Services	\$44.40

S77 COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT

E-1520-S077-S01.002	Salaries	\$17,386.75
E-1520-S077-S02.005	Medicare	\$252.00
E-1520-S077-S03.003	PERS	\$2,434.25
E-1520-S077-S04.006	Hospitalization	\$3,184.00
E-1520-S077-S05.004	Workers Comp	\$313.00

W80 PROSECUTORS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

E-1511-W080-P01.002	Salary	\$1,250.00
E-1511-W080-P02.010	Supplies	\$250.00
E-1511-W080-P03.000	Travel	\$28.00
E-1511-W080-P04.000	Other Expenses	\$132.00

OAKVIEW JUVENILE/VARIOUS FUNDS

E-8010-S030-S40.000	Grant Holding	\$535.32
E-8011-S031-S02.000	Food (NSLA/Meal Tickets)	\$3,729.40
E-8012-S032-S00.000	Activity Fund	\$81.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Thomas	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-E/N COURT FIRE-\$31,357.90** CORSA Reimbursement deposited into R-0040-A000-Q00.500 on 01/03/18. (*Claim No. 0160028175-E/N Court Fire DOL 05/02/17*)

GENERAL FUND/VETERANS-REIMBURSEMENT OF POSTAGE-\$1,216.02 deposited into R-0050-A000-A45.500 Refunds & Reimbursements 01/9/18

OIL & GAS RECEIPTS/DONATION TO EMA-\$500.00 deposited into R-0050-A000-A02.500 on 1/10/18

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 January 17, 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-John LaRoche to Sugarcreek, OH, on March 20-23, 2018, to attend the Annual Supervisor Training. Estimated expenses: \$514.62

HUMAN RESOURCE DEPT.-Katie Bayness to Columbus, OH, on March 6-9, 2018, to attend the BWC Safety Congress & Expo. Estimated expenses: \$486.00. Katie Bayness to attend the NPELRA Academy: Costing a Labor Contract on April 19, 2018 while attending the NPELRA Annual Training Conference. Estimated expense: \$299.00.

SENIORS-Senior Centers to Wheeling, WV, on February 13, 2018, for an outing to Wheeling Downs. 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 ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING AND 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 Annual Reorganization meeting of January 8, 2018 and the regular meeting of January 10, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTING THE MASTER GROUP POLICY WITH THP INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve and authorize Commission President J. P. Dutton to execute the Master Group Policy with THP Insurance Company, Inc., Group Policy #0127254201 & #0127254301 for health insurance coverage for eligible Belmont County employees for a period of one year commencing January 1, 2018.

**THP INSURANCE COMPANY, INC.
MASTER GROUP POLICY
Large Group**

Employer/Group Policy Holder: Belmont County Commission "Group Policy Holder")

Group Policy Number(s): 0127254201, 0127254301

Group Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2018 ("Effective Date")

This Master Group Policy is made between THP Insurance Company, Inc." ("The Health Plan or Plan"), a West Virginia domestic stock insurance company (domiciled in West Virginia, licensed in Ohio and West Virginia), and Group Policy Holder. In consideration of payment by Group Policy Holder of the Premiums due hereunder, The Health Plan accepts the Employer Master Application submitted by Group Policy Holder and agrees to provide group health insurance coverage to eligible insureds, subject to all of the terms, conditions and exclusions described in the Master Group Policy and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

The Master Group Policy is comprised of the following documents: (i) the Group Contract (Attachment 1);

(ii) the Employer Master Application completed and signed by Group Policy Holder (Attachment 2); (iii) the Certificate of Insurance and the Schedule of Benefits (Attachment 3), and any amendments to any of these documents. These documents are referred to collectively as the Master Group Policy.

If the Health Plan is not in receipt of the signed Master Group Policy by the effective date of the contract, The Health Plan will consider remittance of payment as acceptance of the contract and will continue to administer the Group Policy Holder's health benefit plan accordingly. By permitting The Health Plan to do so, the Group Policy Holder accepts the terms of the contract in full and agrees that this contract is binding, even if the Group Policy Holder does not return a signed copy of the Group Master Policy to The Health Plan.

January 17, 2018

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises stated herein, the undersigned have agreed to be bound by this Master Group Policy as of the Effective Date.

THE HEALTH PLAN

By: Dave Mathieu /s/
(Officer)

GROUP POLICY HOLDER

By: J. P. Dutton /s/
Print Name: John P. Dutton
Title: Commissioner
Date: 1/17/18

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO CONTRACT
BETWEEN WSOS COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION, INC AND BELMONT
COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FOR WATER SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the amendment to the contract dated March 15, 2017, between WSOS Community Action Commission, Inc. and the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District for the Water System Upgrade Project revising the Scope of Services to reflect the new section of water line replacement and proposed new treatment plant alternatives to be located at the previously reviewed site for an increase of ~~\$10,500.00~~, ***in Deliverable #1 to \$10,500.00, (an increase of \$2500.00)*** based upon the recommendation of Kelly Porter, Sanitary Sewer District Director. *Note: This will be paid from the N-84 fund.*

Amendment to Contract

Between WSOS Community Action Commission Inc., and Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District

This amendment is to the existing agreement between WSOS Community Action Commission Inc. and the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District dated March 15, 2017.

WHEREAS, WSOS Community Action Commission Inc. is revising the Scope of Services to include a full assessment of the new section of water line replacement with the understanding that the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District will provide the appropriate site photos include the new treatment plant alternatives to be located at the previously reviewed site. WSOS Community action Commission Inc. will re-write the report to reflect these changes.

All other provisions of the agreement remain in force.

NOW THEREFORE, WSOS Community action Commission Inc. and the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District agree that the project Scope will reflect the new section of water line replacement and proposed new treatment plant alternatives to be located at the previously reviewed site. An increase in Deliverable #1 to \$10,500 will be reflected and thus increasing the total of the contract to \$13,500.

AGREED:

Belmont County Commissioners

Mark A. Thomas /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

Josh Meyer /s/

WSOS Community Action Commission Inc.

Debra C Martin /s/

Deb Martin, Director Community Development

Approved as to form:

David K. Liberati /s/ Asst P.A.

Prosecuting Attorney

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Note: The above motion was amended at the January 24, 2018, meeting and changes are in ***bold italics***.

Mr. Dutton explained the above action is in regards to a project that was on the list for future improvements. Due to continued breaks on this section of waterline, the project is being moved up the list and the USDA is changing the scope of services accordingly.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPOINTMENTS
TO THE OMEGA MEMBERSHIP AND OMEGA
EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2018**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the following appointments to the OMEGA Membership and OMEGA Executive Board for 2018:

OMEGA Membership

J. P. Dutton, Commissioner

Josh Meyer, Commissioner

Mark A. Thomas, Commissioner

Roger Conroy, Auditor

Larry Merry, Port Authority Director

Crystal Lorimor, Interim Director, Belmont County CIC/DOD

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD

J. P. Dutton, Commissioner

Josh Meyer, Commissioner-Alternate

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BELMONT
COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to reappoint Glenn D. Giffin to the Belmont County Public Defender Commission, for a four-year term effective February 12, 2018, through February 12, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Frank Papini questioned the Board of Commissioners about a volunteer at the Animal Shelter who was terminated by the director after going on someone's property to put straw down for dogs. Mr. Dutton said the Board spoke to the Dog Warden yesterday and is gathering information on both sides to see what protocol should be and act accordingly.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR HOMEMAKER SERVICES FOR SENIOR SERVICES

This being the day and 9:30 a.m. being the hour that bids was to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the SSOBC Homemaker & Personal Care Services; they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Just Right Home Care 2197 National Road Wheeling, WV 26003	X	\$17.50/hour
Addus Home Care 2300 Warrenville Rd. Suite 100 Downersgrove, IL. 60515	*	\$16.90/hour-Personal care \$15.50/hour-Homemaker services
Advanced Home Health 280 East Main Street St. Clairsville, OH 43950	X	\$17.50/hour

Present: Gary Armitage, Executive Director, Senior Services of Belmont County. Mr. Armitage said the reason they are accepting bids today is part of their Title III Services provides homemaker and personal care through subcontractors who are private entities within the county or nearby. It is a more cost effective way to provide services.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to turn over all bids received for the provision of Homemaker and Personal Care Services to Senior Citizens of Belmont County to Gary Armitage, Executive Director, Senior Services of Belmont County.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

*When opened, the bid appeared to contain a cashier's check, but it was subsequently determined to be a copy of a cashier's check.

RECESS

9:45 Public Hearing-Road Improvement 1163

Re: Vacation of T-277 (Culska Rd), Richland Township

Present: Terry Lively, Belmont County Engineer; Will Eddy and Andrew Hadzima, Engineer's Drafting Technicians; Greg Reline and Rick Ferrell, Richland Township Trustees; Michael and Pria Myers, Petitioners; Paul Antolak, Ed Antolak, Rich Vannelle, M. L. Norris, Channel 9 News and Robert DeFrank, Times Leader.

Mr. Myers said this came about because Rice Energy said they may want to open the road so they thought it best to vacate the road now. A vehicle cannot make it all the way and turn around. He said the road has not been open for 50-60 years plus. Mr. Myers said Mr. Antolak owns property behind him and has plenty of frontage from Henderson Road, but if Mr. Antolak needs to cross his property he has no issue with it. Mrs. Myers said the road dead ends into a field and also stated she has no problem if Mr. Antolak uses her property. She said she was told the road view would take place at the site, but it took place at the bottom of Culska Road and she was not sure how anyone saw the actual site being vacated. Mr. Paul Antolak presented a letter from the Richland Township Trustees that he received in August 2003 stating they have to maintain the property fence line and the only access they have is through the road that is being requested to be vacated. He is concerned that if the Myers' change their mind about letting them cross their property they will not have any access to their fence. Mr. Vannelle said he thinks the road should stay open for safety issues and the amount of traffic that may be going in and out. Mr. Norris also opposes having the road shut down due to safety issues. Mr. Myers said the road has always been a dead end road, as far as he knows. He said the road is not landlocking the Antolak's in any way, they have plenty of access to their property. Mr. Myers said the Antolak's fence line is blocking the right-of-way. He stated Mr. Eddy from the Engineer's office cannot tell him when a road ceases to become a road for public use. He understands the township has a right-of-way, but the road is inaccessible for public use. Mrs. Myers asked if this is a right-of-way for the public, how can there be a fence line across a public township right-of-way? Mr. Paul Antolak said if they decide to develop their property they would have no access to that property. Mr. Eddy reviewed maps of area of the proposed vacation. He stated the reason the viewing wasn't at the site was due to the weather, the vehicles couldn't get in. He said he and Mr. Lively did go up and view the site and could see the remnants of the road. Present at the viewing were Terry Lively, Dan Boltz, William Eddy and Andrew Hadzima, Engineer's office; Commissioners Thomas, Dutton and Meyer, Richard Ferrell and Greg Reline, Richland Township Trustees; George Hickenbottom, Roger Devoure, Bob Gary, Richard Vannelle, Paul Antolak, Edward Antolak and Monty Norris, residents. Mr. Eddy said they are waiting for the Richland Township Trustees to have their meeting to weigh in on their decision. Mr. Lively said he is delaying his recommendation until after the Richland Township Trustees has their meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF T-277 (MAYHUGH ROAD) LOCATED IN RICHLAND TWP. SEC. 13, R-4/RD IMP 1163/ HEARING CONTINUED

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to continue the hearing for Road Improvement #1163 for the vacation of T-277 (Culska Road), Richland Township, Section 13, R4, based on the recommendation of Terry Lively, Belmont County Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Eddy said all will receive notice of continued hearing.

RECESS

**10:15 Barb Ballint, Executive Director
Re: Quarterly Tourism Report**

IN THE MATTER OF QUARTERLY TOURISM REPORT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2017

Ms. Ballint presented her report for the months of October, November and December 2017.

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10:27 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 a.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 24th day of January, 2018.

Mark A. Thomas – Absent

J. P. Dutton /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