

St. Clairsville, Ohio

January 3, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: J. P. Dutton, Josh Meyer and Jerry Echemann, 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.**

Commission President J. P. Dutton welcomed new Commissioner Jerry Echemann to the board and said he is looking forward to an exciting 2019.

**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 \$115,857.71**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	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 3, 2019, 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. Echemann	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**-Lori O'Grady to Lewis Center, OH, on February 3-5, 2019, to attend the OHPELRA 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference. Estimated expenses: \$848.14.

**RECORDS CENTER**-Commissioner Meyer and Laura Ellis to Newark, OH, on January 24, 2019, for a meeting and tour of Licking County Records facility. A county vehicle will be used for travel.

**SARGUS**-Heather Weekley to Canfield, OH, on January 10, 2019, to attend a training provided by Mahoning County Juvenile Court.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	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 December 20, 2018.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR DEPOSIT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WITH HOME SAVINGS BANK**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer, to approve the *Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds* with Home Savings Bank, for the deposit of inactive funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00, interim funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 and active funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00, for a two-year term beginning December 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2020.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR DEPOSITS OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, Home Savings Bank, an Ohio commercial bank, and being located and doing business within the Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana, Huron, Sandusky, Ashland, Richland, Seneca, Erie, Summit, Portage, Lake, Geauga, Stark and Belmont Counties, Ohio, and Beaver County, Pennsylvania and having capital funds as defined by the "Uniform Depository Act" of Ohio of \$5,394,768.00 and deposit liabilities of \$2,352,476,000.00 as provided in said act, and hereinafter referred to as the "state chartered commercial bank" has in writing proposed to, that for the full time beginning December 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2020, both inclusive, it will accept for deposit and safe keeping inactive funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 of which interest shall be governed by the market at time of investment; and interim funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 of which interest shall be governed by the market at time of investment; and active funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 of which interest shall be governed by the market on a day to day basis during the term of deposit, and

**WHEREAS**, the state chartered commercial bank, in said written proposal, and pursuant to the Uniform Depository Act of Ohio, offered to secure the performance of its undertakings under said proposal, if said proposal be accepted, by giving good and sufficient collateral bond supported by the deposit with Belmont County of eligible securities required in a penal sum equal to the minimum amount of collateral required by said Uniform Depository Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Belmont County has accepted the said proposal of the state chartered commercial bank, either as to the whole or part of the amount of deposit proposed for, and has selected the state chartered commercial bank as one of its depositories for and during the period of time beginning December 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2020, both inclusive, and awarded to it, as such depository, a deposit of money which award is as follows: inactive deposits, interim deposits and active deposits.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of said acceptance and award on the part of Belmont County, and in consideration of the deposit and use, as aforesaid, of moneys of Belmont County, the state chartered commercial bank now hereby agrees to receive from Belmont County inactive funds in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.00 of which interest shall be governed by the market at time of investment; and interim funds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.00 of which interest shall be governed by the market at time of investment; and active funds in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 of which interest shall be governed by the market on a day to day basis during the term of deposit, and to safely keep, account for, and on demand of due notice, pay over the same for and to Belmont County all pursuant and subject to the provisions, terms, limitations, conditions and stipulations of the Uniform Depository Act of the Revised Code of Ohio. The state chartered commercial bank further agrees that, to secure the performance of its obligations hereunder and under said proposal, and the observance of all requirements of law applying to such deposits, depositories, contracts, and bond, it will forthwith give to Belmont County for the benefit of Belmont County and to its satisfaction, a good and sufficient collateral bond supported by and in a penal sum equal to the minimum amount of collateral required to be deposited under the provisions of O.R.C. 135.18 and O.R.C. 135.182; or a corporate surety bond or bonds in the penal sum required by said Act.

The state chartered commercial bank will offer the following collateral securities in support of said collateral bond, or the following corporate surety bond or bonds, or both, to secure said award. Type of securities or security offered; securities eligible under provisions of the Uniform Depository Act of Ohio and of the Ohio Revised Code, Section 135.18 and 135.182:

- (a) Negotiable bonds or other interest bearing obligations of the kind permitted to be deposited under the provisions of the Uniform Depository Act, (market value); and
- (b) Corporate surety bond or bonds in the penal sum required by the Uniform Depository Act.

The state chartered commercial bank further understands and agrees that any or all the moneys so awarded to or deposited with it as inactive deposits may be withdrawn on proper order after due notice as prescribed by O.R.C. 135.14; also that said state chartered commercial bank will file with the Treasurer of Belmont County by the last business day of each month during any part of which the awarded is on deposit, a certificate showing the balance of such moneys in its possession. Belmont County, in consideration of agreements of state chartered



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commercial bank, heretofore sets forth, agrees that for and during the period of time beginning on December 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2020, both inclusive, it will and does designate the state chartered commercial bank as a depository of money belonging to it, and that it will, during said term, allow the state chartered commercial bank the full use, for its lawful and proper purposes, of the daily balances, of deposits of the moneys coming into the hands of the Treasurer of Belmont County as such Treasurer, in the said Treasurer's account in the state chartered commercial bank, as aforesaid; all pursuant and subject to the Uniform Depository Act of Ohio herein referred to and all amendments or supplements hereto, and to the terms of the state chartered commercial bank's proposal, and all within the limits, and under, and subject to the terms, conditions and stipulations in this agreement set forth.

The securities deposited, and the corporate bond, or both, shall be and are surety and bond for the compliance by the state chartered commercial bank with each and all of the provisions, terms, limitations, conditions and stipulations hereinbefore mentioned and for the performance hereof by the state chartered commercial bank.

This Agreement shall be binding on the state-chartered bank, its successors and assigns. If another financial institution should purchase the state-chartered bank, the purchasing financial institution shall meet the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds. If there is a violation of the terms of said Agreement, the Belmont County reserves the right to terminate the Agreement. Either party may terminate the Agreement by giving written notice to the other party no less than 30 days prior to the date of termination. Upon the termination of this Agreement, state-chartered bank shall return all deposits to the Belmont County in the manner set forth by the Treasurer.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties have hereunto set their hands by their duly authorized officers as of this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

**HOME SAVINGS BANK**

By: [Signature]  
Robert J. Steele, Jr. – Sr. Vice President – Director of Retail Operations

By: [Signature]  
Barbara J. Radis – Executive Vice President – Retail Banking

By: [Signature]  
Name: J.P. Dutton  
Title: Commissioner

By: [Signature]  
Name: Jerry Echemann  
Title: Commissioner

By: [Signature]  
Name: Joshua M Meyer  
Title: Commissioner



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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

Mr. Dutton noted the previous motion was based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Treasurer in relation to the funds that the Treasurer enters into agreements with different financial institutions for the care of those funds.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH DINSMORE & SHOHL, LLP, TO ACT AS BOND COUNSEL REGARDING NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES, 2019A**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the Engagement Letter with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, to act as Bond Counsel regarding the not to exceed \$4,000,000 Roadway Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, 2019A of the County to Belmont, Ohio.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 OF NOTES TO PAY PART OF COST OF REPAIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$4,000,000 of notes to pay part of the cost of repairing, constructing and reconstructing roadway improvements in the county.

ENTERED IN COMMISSIONERS' JOURNAL  
NO. 101, PAGE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on January 3, 2019, at the commissioners meeting room located in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, with the following members present:

Mr. Dutton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Meyer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Echemann \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

There was presented to the Board a Certificate As To Maximum Maturity of Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes signed by the County Auditor.

Mr. Dutton moved the adoption of the following resolution:

COUNTY OF BELMONT, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO. N/A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,000,000 OF NOTES TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF REPAIRING, CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio (the "County") has heretofore determined the necessity of repairing, constructing and reconstructing roadway improvements in the County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has heretofore estimated that the life of the improvements and assets to be acquired with the proceeds of the notes and bonds hereinafter referred to is at least five (5) years, and certified that the maximum maturity of the bonds issued therefor is twenty (20) years, and of notes to be issued in anticipation thereof is twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners anticipates that debt service on such bonds will be paid from grant moneys to be received by the County with respect to the Project and the general revenues of the County, and on such notes, from the proceeds of such bonds or renewal notes and such grant moneys and general revenues (collectively, the "Revenues");

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

SECTION 1. That it is necessary to issue bonds of this County in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, including "financing costs" as defined in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That such bonds of this County shall be issued in said principal amount for the purpose aforesaid under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code. Said bonds shall be dated approximately January 1, 2020, shall bear interest at the rate of approximately six percent (6%) per annum, payable semiannually, and shall mature in substantially equal annual installments over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby determined that notes (hereinafter called the "Notes") in the principal amount of not to exceed \$4,000,000 shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. The Notes shall (i) be issued in such principal amount, (ii) be dated the date of their issuance, (iii) mature not more than one (1) year from such date of issuance; (iv) bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding five percent (5%) per annum, which interest shall be payable at maturity, (v) be issued in such numbers and denominations of \$100,000 or more as may be requested by the purchaser, and (vi) be payable as to both principal and interest in federal funds of the United States of America at the office of a bank or trust company designated to serve as the paying agent, registrar and transfer agent (the "Paying Agent and Registrar") for the Notes, all as determined by the County Auditor without further action of this Board of County Commissioners in a certificate of award (the "Certificate of Award"), which determinations shall be conclusive.

The Notes shall not be subject to call for redemption at any time prior to maturity.

The Notes shall be issued in fully-registered form, without coupons, and shall be payable without deduction for exchange, collection or service charges to the person whose name appears on the Note registration records to be maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar as the registered holder thereof.

The Notes shall be transferable by the registered holder thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing at the office of the Paying Agent and Registrar upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent and Registrar. No transfer of any Note shall be effective until entered upon the registration records maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar. Upon such transfer, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations of the same maturity and for the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

This County and the Paying Agent and Registrar may deem and treat the registered holders of the Notes as the absolute owners thereof for all purposes, and neither this County nor the Paying Agent and Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

The Notes shall be designated "Roadway Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2019A" or as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Award.

SECTION 4. That the Notes shall bear the signatures of at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, provided that all of such signatures may be facsimiles. The Notes shall express on their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this resolution. The Notes shall bear the manual authenticating signature of an authorized representative of the Paying Agent and Registrar.

SECTION 5. That the Notes shall be sold to one or more entities designated or defined as such in the Certificate of Award (the "Purchaser") at not less than 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery, as determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award without further action of this Board pursuant to the Purchaser's offer to purchase which such officer is hereby authorized to accept. The proceeds from such sale, except any premium or accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose, and for which purpose said proceeds are hereby appropriated. Any premium and accrued interest shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of principal and interest of the Notes in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. That the Notes shall be the full general obligations of this County, and the full faith, credit and revenue of this County are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of the same. The principal amount received from the sale of the bonds anticipated by the Notes and

any excess fund resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used only for the retirement of the Notes at maturity, together with interest thereon and is hereby pledged for such purpose.

SECTION 7. That during the year or years while the Notes run there shall be levied upon all of the taxable property in this County in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually not less than that which would have been levied if bonds had been issued without the prior issue of the Notes; provided, however, that in each year to the extent the Revenues and other moneys are available for the payment of the Notes and bonds and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such tax shall be reduced by the amount of such Revenues and other moneys so available and appropriated.

SECTION 8. That said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from said tax levy hereby required, or from the other described sources, shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which together with all interest collected on the same, shall be pledged irrevocably for the payment of the principal and interest of the Notes or the bonds in anticipation of which they are issued when and as the same fall due.

SECTION 9. That this Board of County Commissioners hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Notes hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations prescribed thereunder and will, to the extent possible, comply with all other applicable provisions of the Code and the regulations thereunder in order to retain the Federal income tax exemption for interest on the Notes, including any expenditure requirements, investment limitations, rebate requirements or use restrictions. The County Auditor or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the Notes is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the County on the date of delivery of the Notes for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

SECTION 10. That the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP be and is hereby retained as bond counsel to the County to prepare the necessary authorization and related closing documents for the issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes and, if appropriate, rendering its approving legal opinion in connection therewith in accordance with the written agreement presently on file with the County which at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are each hereby separately authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County, with such changes thereto not substantially adverse to the County as may be approved by such officers. The approval of such changes by such officers, and that the same are not substantially adverse to the County, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such agreement by such officers. Such law firm shall be compensated by the County for the above services in accordance with such written agreement.

SECTION 11. That for purposes of this resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the beneficial right to payment of principal of and interest on the Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) physical Note certificates in fully registered form are issued only to the Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Notes "immobilized" to the custody of the Depository, and the book entry maintained by others than this County is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Notes and that principal and interest.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, together with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in Notes or principal and interest, and to effect transfers of Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

All or any portion of the Notes may be initially issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system, and the provisions of this Section shall apply to such Notes, notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution. If and as long as a book entry system is utilized with respect to any of such Notes: (i) there shall be a single Note of each maturity; (ii) those Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (iii) the beneficial owners of Notes in book entry form shall have no right to receive Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iv) ownership of beneficial interests in any Notes in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (v) the Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by this County. Debt service charges on Notes in book entry form registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee shall be payable in the manner provided in this County's agreement with the Depository to the Depository or its authorized representative (i) in the case of interest, on each interest payment date, and (ii) in all other cases, upon presentation and surrender of Notes as provided in this resolution.

The Paying Agent and Registrar may, with the approval of this County, enter into an agreement with the beneficial owner or registered owner of any Note in the custody of a Depository providing for making all payments to that owner of principal and interest on that Note or any portion thereof (other than any payment of the entire unpaid principal amount thereof) at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided in this resolution, without prior presentation or surrender of the Note, upon any conditions which shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent and Registrar. That payment in any event shall be made to the person who is the registered owner of that Note on the date that principal is due, or, with respect to the payment of interest, as of the applicable date agreed upon as the case may be. The Paying Agent and Registrar shall furnish a copy of each of those agreements, certified to be correct by the Paying Agent and Registrar, to any other paying agents for the Notes. Any payment of principal or interest pursuant to such an agreement shall constitute payment thereof pursuant to, and for all purposes of, this resolution.

The County Auditor is authorized and directed without further action of this Board of County Commissioners to execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of this County, a blanket letter agreement between this County and The Depository Trust Company, as Depository, to be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Notes to the Depository for use in a book entry system, and to take all other actions they deem appropriate in issuing the Notes under a book entry system.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as Depository for the Notes for use in a book entry system, this County and the Paying Agent and Registrar may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository under this resolution. If this County and the Paying Agent and Registrar do not or are unable to do so, this County and the Paying Agent and Registrar, after the Paying Agent and Registrar has made provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository, shall permit withdrawal of the Notes from the Depository and authenticate and deliver Note certificates in fully registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including costs of printing definitive Notes), if the event is not the result of action or inaction by this County or the Paying Agent and Registrar, of those persons requesting such issuance.

SECTION 12. That at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are separately hereby authorized, alone or with others, to execute and deliver an agreement with the Paying Agent and Registrar for its services as paying agent, registrar and transfer agent for the Notes in such form as such officer may approve, the execution thereof by such officer to be conclusive evidence of such authorization and approval.

SECTION 13. That the Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners, is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor.

SECTION 14. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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SECTION 15. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Meyer seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Mr. Dutton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Meyer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Echemann \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED, this 3rd day of January, 2019.

Jayne Long /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
County of Belmont, Ohio

Discussion-Present: Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively, Belmont County Assistant Engineer Dan Boltz and Auditor Roger Conroy. Mr. Dutton explained the notes taken on by the county will address numerous road issues caused by the extremely wet weather of 2018. The damages are both addressed through assistance from FEMA and ODOT. He added there is a long list of projects that need addressed, most of which will be reimbursed by those entities, but not all. Mr. Lively said, "The disaster that struck February last year caused quite a bit of damage county-wide. We have two entities that are helping us out with those. FEMA is taking some of those damages. When it's all said and done they will pay for 100% of the damages that they deem eligible. Some they have already told us are not eligible." He noted the other entity helping out is Federal Highways, administered through ODOT, and they will pay for 80%. The county is responsible for 20%. "This loan that we're taking out will cover that 20%, which is estimated to be about \$1.2 million, plus it will give us money to begin repairs for the FEMA side of things. The way FEMA works is we have to get projects going, then we get reimbursed for those projects at a later date. We need to get these repairs started as soon as possible. We're still working our way through the FEMA process. This is coming up on a year since the disaster struck, and we're not there yet where they have given us the money to fix them," said Mr. Lively. He added other counties and townships are facing the same problem. He said slips are beginning to worsen so time is of the essence and they are doing what they can to keep things moving. It will be a matter of years before these slips are fixed. Mr. Lively said he doesn't have \$1.2 million in his budget to cover the 20% needed to give to ODOT to begin the work. He added he can use the license plate fees over the next few years to pay the loan off. When a contract is signed for the FEMA side of the work they have to have the money to pay for it and the county will be reimbursed later. Mr. Dutton said the plan, right now, is for a shorter term borrow. He said it wasn't anticipated during the decision last year to increase the license plate fees and they would like to see the funds used for other things such as bridge replacement and paving, but have no choice. He added they will continue to push for the severance tax to be returned to us. A letter was sent last year to the House and Senate and they plan on doing it again now with the new Governor and legislature in place and will talk to other counties to be a part of the effort.

**IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTING MICHAEL DEVAUGHN  
AS THE BELMONT COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR/2019**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to reappoint Mr. Michael DeVaughn as the Belmont County Apiary Inspector for the year 2019 to be compensated a flat fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ESTIMATE FROM RITE CARPET  
AND DECORATING/PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve estimate from Rite Carpet and Decorating in the amount of \$1,447.50 to take up and haul away old carpet and install new carpet in the Belmont County Public Defender's offices.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**-Mike Bianconi asked if open public forum can be extended. Mr. Meyer said open public forum is not a required part of the meeting, it is their business meeting. It is done as an extra thing for the public to potentially ask questions. He said people are free to come up and ask questions any time outside of the public forum. Mr. Bianconi said it is how we learn as a group and it should be extended.

Frank Papini asked for an update on the Health Plan building and move. Mr. Dutton said the design is still being finalized for the renovation project. The final design is pretty much complete on the lower building. The upper building's design is being finalized. The priority of the two buildings will be the lower building which will house the Clerk of Courts and Board of Elections because of the lease arrangements that those entities currently have.

Barbara Amos questioned if County Road 4, Colerain Pike, can get edge lines and center lines and expressed safety concerns. Mr. Dutton said that is a question for the County Engineer. Mr. Lively (who was present) said his office has a grant in the works for 2020 to do additional striping and will work it in if they can. It is one of their higher priority routes.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:40 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 discipline of a public employee.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:02 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 10:02 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10:03 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.

*J. P. Dutton /s/* \_\_\_\_\_

*Jerry Echemann /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