St. Clairsville, Ohio August 14, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Josh Meyer and J. P. Dutton, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board. Absent: Commissioner Jerry Echemann

Commissioner Meyer noted Commissioner Echemann is out today.

#### **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. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton 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 \$637,380.21

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND**

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

### **N29 CAPITAL PROJECTS-FACILITIES**

**FROM AMOUNT** E-9029-N029-N19.055 Renovations-HP Bldg. E-9029-N029-N03.055 Contract Services \$250,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

#### IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

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

#### **A00 GENERAL FUND AND S12 PORT AUTHORITY**

**FROM AMOUNT** TO E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out R-9799-S012-S04.574 Transfers In \$100,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

## IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR

### VARIOUS FUNDS/CLOSED CARRY-OVER PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Meyer to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of August 14, 2019:

## CARRYOVER PURCHASE ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND REQUIRE REAPPROPRIATION

A00 General Fund

E-0051-A001-A17.000 \$ 3,973.28 Memorial Day Expenses

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

## 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 following meeting dates: \*\*JANUARY 2, 2019\*\*

## **AUDITOR/VARIOUS FUNDS**

E-9255-O055-O03.050	Principal Loan Pymt	\$25,000.00
E-9255-O055-O04.051	Interest Pymts	\$89,750.00
**AUGUST 14, 2019**		
A00 GENERAL FUND		
E-0051-A001-A28.000	Other Expenses	\$16.00
E-0057-A006-F06.011	Veterinary Services	\$1,935.84
<b>B00 DOG &amp; KENNEL FUND</b>		
E-1600-B000- B16.000	Expenditure of Estate Donations	\$20,522.01
G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX		
E-1910-G050-G01.000	Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$121,413.87
<b>AUDITOR/VARIOUS FUNDS</b>		
E-9250-O050-O01.050	Principal Loan Pymt	\$1,000,000.00
E-9255-O054-O01.050	Principal Loan Pymt	\$3,750,000.00
E-9255-O054-O11.050	Principal Loan Pymt	\$2,975,000.00
P90 EMERGENCY PLANNING FUNI	<u>D-LEPC</u>	
E-1720-P090-P07.002	Salaries	\$22,000.00
E-1720-P090-P08.003	PERS	\$2,325.00
S12 PORT AUTHORITY		

<b>S12 PORT AUTHORITY</b>		
E-9799-S012-S07.000	Professional Services	\$100,000.00
OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABI	LITATION/VARIOUS FUNDS	

E-8010-S030-S72.000 Capital Repairs \$77,150.00 E-8011-S031-S02.000 Food (NSLA/Meal Ticket) \$75.00

## **S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS**

E-0910-S033-S33.002	Salaries	\$60,000.00
E-0910-S033-S34.010	Supplies	\$5,000.00
E-0910-S033-S38 011	Contract Services	\$20,000,00

E-0910-S033-S39.000	Food Services Expenses	\$10,000.00
E-0910-S033-S40.000	Medical	\$10,000.00
E-0910-S033-S47.006	Hospitalization	\$5,000.00
E-0910-S033-S61.000	Food Services Expenses/GS	\$2,000.00
E-0910-S033-S65.011	Contract Services/GS	\$4,000.00
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:		

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

IN THE MATTER OF Y-95 EMPLOYER'S SHARE PERS/ HOLDING ACCOUNT CHARGEBACK FOR JULY, 2019 Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to make the re PERS/Holding

Account for the month of July 2019.  Gross Wages P/E 7/06/19 THRU 7/20		TO	
General Fund AUDITOR	FROM E-0011-A001-B09.003	TO R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,640.24
AUD EMPL-PERS PROP	E-0011-A001-B09.003 E-0012-A001-B14.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,040.24 851.20
AUD EMPL-REAL PROP	E-0012-A001-B14.003 E-0013-A001-B18.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	795.06
CLERK OF COURTS	E-0021-A002-E09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,200.06
CO. CT. EMPL	E-0021-A002-E09.003 E-0040-A002-G08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,962.40
CO CT. APPT EMP-JUDGES	E-0042-A002-J02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	225.90
COMMISSIONERS	E-0051-A001-A25.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,411.46
NURSES-JAIL	E-0052-A001-A91.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,293.04
COMM-DIS SERV	E-0054-A006-F05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,260.70
COMM-MAINT & OP	E-0055-A004-B16.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,163.89
9-1-1 DEPT	E-0056-A006-E08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	9,173.49
LEPC	E-0058-A006-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	581.32
ANIMAL SHELTER	E-0057-A006-F05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	116.46
COMM PLEAS CT EMPL	E-0057-A006-F03.003 E-0061-A002-B14.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,897.74
MAGISTRATE			1,171.24
ENGINEERS EMPL	E-0063-A002-B28.003 E-0070-A012-A08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500 R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	ŕ
			1,918.71 1,668.48
PROBATE CT EMPL PROBATE CT JUV EMPL	E-0081-A002-D10.003 E-0082-A002-C36.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500 R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,586.48
		R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	·
PROSECUTING ATTNY RECORDER	E-0111-A001-E09.003 E-0121-A006-B09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	7,224.48 3,804.92
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SHERIFF'S (PERS) TREASURER	E-0131-A006-A13.003 E-0141-A001-C09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500 R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	19,021.90
			2,976.48
CORONER SOLDIER'S RELIEF	E-0151-A002-F07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	930.90
	E-0160-A009-D07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,684.57
PUBLIC DEFENDER	E-0170-A006-G09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,706.00
BD OF ELECT/EMPLY	E-0181-A003-A09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,454.50
POLL WORKERS	E-0181-A003-A09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	25 (0
BUDGET COMM	E-0210-A001-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	25.60
T. B. SAN	E-0300-A008-B10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	298.41
			101,045.63
DOG & KENNEL	E-1600-B000-B08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1 247 55
COUNTY HEALTH	E-2210-E001-E10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,347.55 2,230.05
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Pools/Spas Trailer Parks	E-2220-P070-P01.002 E-2211-F069-F04.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500 R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	86.27 105.54
	E-2211-F069-F04.000 E-2227-F074-F06.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500 R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	487.03
Home Sewage Treatment Sys			
Vital Statistics  Public Health Infrastructure	E-2213-F075-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	419.16
Public Health Infrastructure	E-2214-F076-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
Family Planning	E-2215-F077-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	511.01
Tobacco Program	E-2216-F078-F02.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.0

CDC Lead	E-2228-F080-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
PREP	E-2230-F082-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	437.75
PHEP	E-2231-F083-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	461.37
NURSING PROGRAM	E-2232-F084-F02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	507.82
Child & Family Health Serv	E-2233-F085-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	523.05
Safe Communities Program	E-2234-F086-F02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
Get Vaccinated Program	E-2236-F088-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	93.11
Water System	E-2219-N050-N05.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	89.14
Food Service	E-2218-G000-G06.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	749.63
HUMAN SERVICES	E-2510-H000-H12.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	48,517.46
HS/FLOOD GRANT	E-2600-H005-H11.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,886.80
C.S.E.A.	E-2760-H010-H07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,270.16
R.E. ASSESSMENT	E-1310-J000-J04.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,242.48
ENGINEER K-1 & K-2	E-2811-K000-K08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,724.92
ENG EMP-MVGT K-11	E-2812-K000-K21.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	15,570.12
ENG EMP-BRIDGE K-25	E-2813-K000-K34.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,774.13
SOIL CONSERVATION	E-1810-L001-L11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,232.00
Watershed Coordinator	E-1815-L005-L11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	324.80
Care and Custody-C-Cap	E-0400-M060-M26.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,313.77
Care and Custody-CCAP	E-0400-M060-M81.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	447.27
INTAKE COORDINATOR	E-0400-M062-M03.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
Alternative School	E-0400-M067-M02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	411.58
PLACEMENT II	E-0400-M075-M03.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	638.80
Title IV-E	E-0400-M078-M02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,072.01
WW#3	E-3702-P005-P29.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	15,972.84
SSD#2	E-3705-P053-P13.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,508.82
Bel Co Port Authority	E-9799-S012-S08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,400.00
OAKVIEW-JUVENILE	E-8010-S030-S66.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	8,257.76
DIST DET HOME	E-0910-S033-S44.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	8,971.16
MENTAL HEALTH	E-2310-S049-S60.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,655.42
COMM PLEAS/MEDIATION SRV	E-1544-S054-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	320.38
MENTAL RETARDATION	E-2410-S066-S76.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	34,546.62
Bel Co Senior Programs	E-5005-S070-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	18,521.17
MHAS SUBSIDY GRANT	E-1518-S075-S03.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	33.60
CORRECTIONS ACT GRNT	E-1520-S077-S03.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	735.78
CLRK CRTS-TITLE DEPT	E-6010-S079-S06.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,446.14
EASTERN CRT-COMPUTER	E-1570-S084-S11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	268.80
NORTHERN CRT-SPECIAL	E-1561-S086-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	651.82
EASTERN CRT-SPECIAL	E-1571-S087-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	573.40
WEST CRT-SPECIAL	E-1551-S088-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	863.04
COMMON PLEAS CRT-SPEC	E-1572-S089-S07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
JUV COURT - GEN SPEC	E-1589-S096-S09.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	103.97
WIC PROGRAM	E-4110-T075-T52.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,728.96
LAW LIBRARY	E-9720-W020-W03.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	323.08
PROS-VICTIM PROGRAM	E-1511-W080-P05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	559.54
DRETAC-PROSECUTOR	E-1510-W081-P05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	603.08
DRETAC-TREASURER	E-1410-W082-T05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	168.00
			305,733.79
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION**

#### **OF MONIES BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies. **2018 CARRY-OVER POS**—

A00 General Fund

PO# 521853

E-0051-A001-A17.000 Memorial Day Expenses

3,973.28

B00 FUND/DONATION FROM ESTATE-\$20,522.01 deposited into R-1600-B000-B08.500

CONSTRUCTCONNECT/REFUND AND REIMBURSEMENT-\$16.00 deposited into R0050-A000-A45.500 on 08/08/19

G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX-\$121,413.87 deposited into R-1910-G050-G01.500 on various dates

GENERAL FUND/REIMBURSEMENT FROM CAT STRAY SHUN-\$1,935.84 deposited into R-0057-A006-A05.500 Animal Shelter Reimbursement Vet Bills 08/13/19

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

#### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING**

#### THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE/AUDITOR'S

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated August 14, 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. Meyer Yes
Mr. Dutton Yes
Mr. Echemann Absent

#### **IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION**

#### FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

**COURT COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION-**Kelly Carter and Jennifer Shunk to Cambridge, OH, on August 26, 2019, for child welfare training related to court custody.

**SENIORS**-Donna Steadman to Moundsville, WV, on September 3, 10 & 17, 2019, for a senior outing to the Four Seasons Pool. Donna Steadman to Wheeling, WV, on September 16, 2019, for a senior outing at Wheeling Park. Sue Neavin to Washington, PA, on September 26, 23019, for a senior outing at Morgan Raiders Cemetery. County vehicles will be used for travel.

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**-Brian Street & Gary Zavatsky to Cadiz, OH, to attend a GIS Asset Management class at Sally Buffalo Park. A county vehicle will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

### IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of August 7, 2019.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

## IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HIRING OF

### **EQUIPMENT OPERATORS AT WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the hiring of the following as Equipment Operators at the Belmont County Water & Sewer District:

- Garrison Emery and Richard Conner effective August 19, 2019
- Mario DeFelice effective August 26, 2019

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING REQUEST OF AEP OHIO
FOR EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY
Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to grant the request of AEP Ohio for the following easement and right-of-way, based upon the recommendation of the County Engineer Terry Lively:

• Thirty (30) feet wide adjacent to the south road right of way of Sand Hill Road, parcel# 26-01543.001 located in Pultney Township, Section 18, Range 3 for relocating facilities to south side of Sand Hill Road due to a pending slip repair by the county.

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#### Easement & Right of Way

BOARD OF BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, "Grantor(s)", in consideration of \$1.00, the easement terms, and other good and valuable consideration from Ohio Power Company an Ohio corporation and a unit of American Electric Power, 700 Morrison Road, Gahanna, OH 43230, "Grantee", the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, grants and conveys with general warranty covenants to Grantee its successors, assigns, lessees, licensees and tenants, a right of way and easement, "Easement", for electric and other current/future energy or communication purposes, overhead and underground, in, on, over, through and across the following described lands situated in Pultney Township, Belmont County, Ohio, and being a part of the southwest quarter of Section 18, Township 5 North, Range 3 West, of "The Old Seven Ranges Survey", containing 0.2779 acres, more or less, as described in Official Records Volume 647, Pages 174-176 of the Belmont County Recorder's Office (Auditor's Parcel # 26-01543.001).

The easement shall be contained within a strip of land no more than thirty (30) feet wide adjacent to the south road right of way of Sand Hill Road as now or hereafter laid out or widened. The approximate location of said easement is depicted on Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

This Easement conveys all necessary and convenient rights for the Easement's use, including, without limitation, the rights to: construct, operate, maintain, inspect, protect, repair, replace, enlarge, upgrade, extend and remove utility facilities and relocate within the Easement, all necessary and convenient facilities which include but are not limited to: poles, anchors, guys, supporting structures, conductors, grounding systems, transformers, and associated equipment, adding thereto from time to time; perform grading or filling for such facilities; cut, trim, remove and/or otherwise control, with herbicides or by other means, at Grantee's option, (without any liability to Grantor), any trees, limbs or branches, brush, shrubs, undergrowth, of whatever size, buildings, structures, or other obstructions that in Grantee's reasonable judgment endangers or will endanger or interfere with the safety or use of its facilities, both within and adjoining the Easement. Within the Easement, Grantor shall not: place any structures, piles or debris, interfere with lateral support, change the level of the ground by excavation or mounding without Grantee's written consent, allow any construction that would be inconsistent with the National Electrical Safety Code or Grantee's design standards. This Easement also conveys the right of ingress and egress in and over any reasonable routes at all times. If any governmental authority requires Grantee to relocate the

facilities contemplated by this grant, this Easement conveys the right to relocate such facilities to a comparable location of Grantee's choosing, without the need for a new easement.

Grantor may use its property for all purposes not inconsistent with the full enjoyment of the Easement, but Grantor acknowledges high voltage electric lines will be constructed within the Easement and Grantor shall use its property in a manner consistent with all applicable safety rules and regulations for working near electric lines. Safety/required clearance issues may be referred to Grantee's Engineering Group. Grantee shall restore the premises or pay reasonable damages done to fences, drains, seeded lawns (not landscaping), gates, ditches and crops caused by Grantee's use of the Easement. Grantor has authority to grant this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in exercising any right hereunder shall operate as a waiver or forfeiture of such right. This Easement grant is effective and binding upon the parties, their successors, assigns, lessees, licensees, heirs and legal representatives, and if any term hereunder is held invalid, the remainder shall not be affected thereby.

WITNESS, Grantor(s) signed this Easement on the	_ day of	
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner	By: Josh Meyer Commissioner	
By: ABSENT Jerry Echeman	n, Commissioner	
STATE OF OHIO, } COUNTY OF BELMONT }		
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of		
Jayne Long Notary Public, State of Ohlo My Commission Expires October 3, 2022	Notary Public  TAYNE LONG- Printed Name My Commission Expires /0/3/22	
Easement prepared by Ohio Power Company Address: Sand Hill Road, Bellaire, OH 43906 WO W003156701 WR 73932180	CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!!!  Dwg: Exhibit A  Easement	

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-**Rich Hamilka who lives on State Route 149 in Pultney Township asked who was responsible for the 24" water line that broke in February and the damage that was caused by it. Mr. Meyer said a specialized engineer came in to analyze the situation and he determined it was a slip that caused the break to the waterline. Mr. Meyer said he knows Kelly Porter (Director of Belmont County Water & Sewer District) has spoken to him and we are working towards a solution. He said Mr. Porter will continue to work with him to get it taken care of.

Richard Hord of Martins Ferry asked for comments from the board regarding the closing of East Ohio Regional Hospital (EORH). Mr. Meyer said, "It is a devastating blow to the area. A lot of individuals are affected. It hit homes for me personally, I have worked there for 13 years and still do some casual work there occasionally. It is a very difficult situation and I know a lot of talks have gone on. We have reached out to our legislators, we have talked to state legislators, we have talked to Mayor Krajnyak. We are doing everything we can do on our end to help facilitate something to happen. I think East Ohio, along with OVMC, are important cogs in the health care field in this area and thinks it would be very important for those hospitals to stay open. There are 1,100 potential jobs that could be lost and will impact the lives of family members.

The City of Martins Ferry will have an impact to it as far as income tax revenue as well as loss from water revenue." Mr. Meyer added he is optimistic someone will come in and buy EORH and that it is very viable. Mr. Dutton said he has a hard time believing the Ohio Valley can absorb the loss of that many beds and he remains optimistic there is a place for these facilities in the future.

Jason Garczyk of St. Clairsville asked if any correspondence has been received in response to the letter the Board of Commissioners sent to the Governor and State Legislators regarding the severance tax. Mr. Meyer said they haven't received a lot of correspondence back, but as far as the severance tax it is being kept as is at this time. Mr. Dutton said Representative Jack Cera, Senator Frank Hoagland and State Representative Don Jones all were part of efforts thinking that there may be a be small adjustments to the severance tax moving forward through the bill, but it didn't occur. There were conversations with the Governor's office. The prior Governor did not reply to the letter that was sent. Mr. Dutton said they will continue to make the case. He added there has been some positive impact from the oil and gas industry, over 70 miles of roads have been paved over the last several years due to the oil and gas activity.

**BREAK** 

Present: Judge Frank Fregiato, Judge Al Davies, Magistrate Amy Busic, Attorney Grace Hoffman, Assistant Prosecutor Kevin Flanagan and Dept. of Job & Family Services Director Vince Gianangeli and DJFS staff: Dave Badia, Karie Hunkler, Kathy Probst, Sarah Horne, Kim Rico, Cindy Berry, Kara Purtiman, Ginny Noon, Corey Alexander, Elaine Hoffman, Erin Greenwood and Dave McFarlan.

Mr. Gianangeli provided the following press release:

## **Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services**

68145 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville OH 43950 (740) 695-1075



**Director** Vince Gianangeli County Commissioners
J. P. Dutton
Jerry Echemann
Josh Meyer

August 14, 2019

## PRESS RELEASE

## CHILD SUPPORT AFFECTS OVER ONE MILLION CHILDREN IN OHIO

The Belmont County Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services recognizes the month of August 2019 as "Child Support Awareness Month" throughout the State of Ohio.

Child support affects the quality of life of over one million of Ohio's children. The Ohio Child Support Program impacts more children than any other public program in Ohio, except public education. One in three children is involved in the program.

The child support program ensures parents financially support their children when they are living apart. Our core functions are to establish paternity, establish child and medical support orders, enforce support orders, modify support orders, collect arrears, and locate absent parents.

Vince Gianangeli, Director at the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services said, "Ohio bases its child support program on the fundamental belief that children in the program deserve the same financial support as those children in an intact family. If children truly are our future, then it is imperative that the child support program aid in the healthy development of children, including the emotional and financial support of both parents."

The Ohio Child Support Program collections for Federal Fiscal Year 2018 were \$1.7 billion. Locally, the Belmont County Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) has a caseload of 3,907 with collections amounting to \$10,329,232 for the period August 2018 through July 2019. \$7,915,726 of this total is collected by employers. The program's success cannot occur without our excellent management, case managers, and support staff at the Belmont CSEA, totaling 14 workers. In addition, Judge Davies, Judge Fregiato, Judge Vavra, Prosecuting Attorney Dan Fry, Magistrate Amy Busic, and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Grace Hoffman work closely with our staff. It is because of the relationship and partnership we have with these professionals that our agency continues to rank at the top in child support collections as a medium-sized county in Ohio.

Gianangeli stated, "As of July 2019, the collection rate for Ohio was 70.09%, and Belmont County is collecting at a rate of 79.59%. This is up from 78.82% last year, and currently ranks us at 5th. out of the 88 counties in current support."



"Creating a partnership for meaningful change in our customers' lives"

#### CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Ohio is committed to working with families to help them overcome barriers to paying child support so that they can provide for their children's basic needs and ensure that their children have sufficient food, clothing, and shelter; and

WHEREAS, Ohio is dedicated to investing in our children through the Ohio Child Support Program and other programs to help both custodial and noncustodial parents be better parents, partners, and providers so that children can grow up with their parents' love and support; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's parents and caretakers are responsible for providing this support, in partnership with multiple judicial, educational and social service organizations. We honor parents, caretakers and organizations for providing these essential supports; and

WHEREAS, emotional and financial support are key elements not only in children's educational achievement, but in their future socioeconomic success; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Office of Child Support will continue to work with county and federal partners to improve services to children and families; and

WHEREAS, this month is dedicated to highlighting the importance of Child Support and to encourage all citizens to help provide a better future for our children and Ohio.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, does hereby recognize August, 2019 as CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

Throughout Belmont County and encourage everyone to remember that "Support is Key" and to invest in the future of one of our greatest assets: our children. The strength of our families and of our state depends on supporting our children and providing the keys to their success. Adopted on this 14th day of August, 2019.

	BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONE  Josh Meyer /s/  J. P. Dutton /s/	
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:	Mr. Meyer Mr. Dutton Mr. Echemann	Yes Yes Absent

#### **BREAK**

# 10:00 Jane Keyser, OSU Extension 4-H Educator and Junior Fair Board Members Re: Junior Fair Board Update

Ms. Keyser introduced the Junior Fair Board members in attendance-Gage Harris, Brock Fankhauser, Alyssa Betts, Sierra Betts, Megan Garrison and Faith Galavich. Members explained their program started in 1958 and consists of 42 members. They work throughout the year to plan and conduct the Junior Fair portion of the Belmont County Fair. The Junior Fair Board also does community service.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING	
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10.26 A	M

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Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this <u>21st</u> day of <u>August</u> , 2019	).
Josh Meyer /s/	-
Jerry Echemann /s/	_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
J. P. Dutton /s/	-
	espectively of the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, do hereby certify have been read, approved and signed as provided for by Sec. 305.11 of the Revised
Josh Meyer /s/	PRESIDENT
Jayne Long /s/	CLERK