

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: J. P. Dutton, Jerry Echemann and Josh Meyer, Commissioners and Bonnie Zuzak, 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. Echemann 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 \$473,198.69

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

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

G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1910-G050-G01.000 Convention and Vist	E-1910-G050-G10.000 Colerain Twp	\$17.25
E-1910-G050-G01.000 Convention and Vist	E-1910-G050-G11.000 Mead Twp	\$1.60
E-1910-G050-G01.000 Convention and Vist	E-1910-G050-G12.000 Village of Barnesville	\$1.63

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S56.000 Motor Vehicles	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maintenance	\$401.29
E-8010-S030-S57.000 Travel/St. Devel.	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maintenance	\$561.60

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

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

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND THE O60 WATER BOND RET/BCWSD

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9260-O060-O04.574 Transfers In	\$140,000.00

P53 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND THE O61 SEWER BOND RET/BCWSD

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	R-9261-O061-O04.574 Transfers In	\$5,000.00

T71 FEMA FUNDS AND OTHER VARIOUS FUNDS/ENGINEERS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9713-T071-T08.074 Transfers Out	R-0040-A000-A47.0574 Transfers In	\$477.42
E-9713-T071-T08.074 Transfers Out	R-2810-K000-K20.574 Transfers In DR4360	\$11,879.38
E-9713-T071-T08.074 Transfers Out	R-9003-N003-N06.574 Transfers In DR4360	\$12,040.50

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under the May 20, 2020 meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A08.000	Travel and Expenses	\$534.00
E-0051-A001-A09.000	Advertising and Printing	\$477.42
E-0057-A006-F02.010	Supplies	\$800.00
E-0057-A006-F08.000	Other Expenses	\$1,012.59

B00 DOG AND KENNEL FUND

E-1600-B000-B03.010	Supplies	\$1,700.00
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G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX

E-1910-G050-G01.000	Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$106,999.91
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H00 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND/BCDJFS

E-2510-H000-H05.000	Public Assistance	\$130,327.52
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K00 M.V.G.T. FUNDS/ENGINEERS

E-2811-K000-K02.002	Salaries	\$11,879.38
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L01 SOIL CONSERVATION/BSWCD

E-1810-L001-L01.002	Salaries	\$5,186.00
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N03 FEMA FUNDS/ENGINEERS

E-9003-N003-N03.055	FEMA DR4360 Projects	\$12,040.50
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O60 WATER BOND RET/BCWSD

E-9260-O060-O01.050	Principal Payment	\$140,000.00
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O61 SEWER BOND RET/BCWSD

E-9261-O061-O01.050	Principal Payment	\$5,000.00
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S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$1,998.64
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T71 FEMA FUNDS/ENGINEERS

E-9713-T071-T08.074	Transfers Out	\$24,397.30
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W80 PROSECUTORS-VICTIM ASSISTANCE

E-1511-W080-P05.003	PERS	\$449.76
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies. **B00 DOG AND KENNEL FUND-\$1,700.00** deposited into R-1600-B000-B08.500 on 05-06-2020 (*Donation from Equitrans Midstream Corp.*)

GENERAL FUND/ANIMAL SHELTER-\$800.00 deposited into R-0057-A006-A01.500 on 05-06-2020 (*Donation from Equitrans Midstream Corp.*)

GENERAL FUND/ANIMAL SHELTER-\$962.59 deposited into R-0057-A006-A01.500 balance available as of 04/30/2020 (*General donations paid in on various dates in March and April 2020*)

\$50.00 deposited into R-0057-A006-A03.500 balance available as of 04/30/2020 (*Adoption fees paid in on April 20, 2020*)

G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX-\$106,999.91 deposited into R-1910-G050-G01.500 on various dates.

REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS-\$534.00 deposited into R-0050-A000-A45.500 on 05/18/2020 (*Refund of registration fee for the 49th Annual National PELRA Training Conference that was cancelled*)

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE/AUDITOR'S

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated May 20, 2020, 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. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

WATER & SEWER DEPT.-Derrick Baugh, Rich Conner and Mario DeFelice to Zanesville, OH, on May 22, 2020 or May 26, 2020, to take a truck for bed repairs to Ace Truck Equipment.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of May 6, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT #20-2 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM TO YOUNGBLOOD PAVING, INC.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to award the bid for the Belmont County Engineer's Project #20-2 2020 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM to the low bidder, Youngblood Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$570,344.80, based upon the recommendation of Terry Lively, County Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDMENT WITH GREAT LAKES COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership dated February 5, 2020, on behalf of the Belmont County Water and Sewer District, extending the start date from March 1, 2020 to May 15, 2020, based upon the recommendation of Kelly Porter, Director.

Note: This agreement is for a GPS Data Collection and GIS Mapping Project for water and sewer systems.

AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT

This agreement entered into as of MAY 20, 2020, will serve as an amendment to the existing Agreement dated February 5, 2020 between Great Lakes Community Action Partnership hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor", and the Belmont County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "Client".

WHEREAS, Contractor is extending the contract start date from March 1, 2020 to May 15, 2020.

The compensation schedule is adjusted to reflect the change in start date as follows:

\$92,250 to be paid as scheduled below:

- 1. \$20,000 May 31, 2020
- 2. \$20,000 September 30, 2020
- 3. \$20,000 December 31, 2020
- 4. \$10,000 March 30, 2021
- 5. \$10,000 June 30, 2021
- 6. \$12,250 September 30, 2021

NOW THEREFORE, The Client and Contractor agree as follows: Contractor will complete the contract services by September 30, 2021.

The total amount of the agreement has not changed.

This amendment only addresses the item noted above. All other items within the agreement and amendments will remain in effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Belmont County Commissioners and Great Lakes Community Action Partnership have executed this amendment as of the date indicated above.

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
"Contractor"

Belmont County Commissioners
"Client"

Ruthann House
Ruthann House
President/CEO

DP2A

Jerry Edman

Approved as to Form:

[Signature]

By: David K. Hutchins, Assistant

Date: 5-19-2020

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 1 (THROUGH 04/30/2020)
FROM COLAIANNI CONSTRUCTION, INC./DIVISIONAL COURTS RENOVATION PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Pay Request Number 1 (through 04/30/2020) from Colaianni Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$527,804.00 for the Belmont County Divisional Courts Renovation project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said the board regularly attends the construction meetings. The project has gotten off to a good start and most of the demo work has been completed inside of the building. He said the building is getting a complete overhaul and will be a great addition to the facilities in Belmont County. He noted the project should be completed at the end of this year.

IN THE MATTER OF EXTENDING THE CURRENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BELMONT COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve extending the current Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Belmont County Commissioners and the Belmont County Animal Rescue League regarding the provision of Humane Officer duties until May 27, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the reappointment of Erik A. Schramm, Jr. to the Belmont County Public Defender Commission, for a four-year term, effective June 11, 2020 through June 11, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Richard Hord, Martins Ferry, asked for comments regarding the news of the pending reopening of East Ohio Regional Hospital. Mr. Dutton said it is exciting news for the residents of Martins Ferry, the residents of Belmont County and the residents of the Ohio Valley. He said this board or other local officials, especially the city of Martins Ferry, have been saying since East Ohio closed, along with OVMC, that we have been underserved with a facilities standpoint with healthcare locally. He added where we are currently and projecting where we expect to be with the economic growth perspective we don't think we have the facilities to handle the demand we are going to have here. We are encouraged a private group made the purchase to continue down the road to try to have the hospital reopen. Mr. Dutton said, "From our end we will continue to try to work with the project team, if there is a roll for us to play in it, in terms of trying to get to the final step of the doors opening and healthcare services being provided to all of the residents." Mr. Meyer said he worked there for fifteen years and is happy for Belmont County and Martins Ferry. He said it was a big hit to Martins Ferry when the doors closed as it related to water sales and income tax for the city.

Mr. Hord inquired about the proposed Cracker Plant progress and if the coronavirus put any damper on it. Mr. Dutton said it is causing a little delay in PTT making a final determination. He said, "Personally, I have the same amount of confidence as prior to the pandemic." Mr. Echemann added the big thing now is the financing package, it is between PTT and their lenders now.

Martins Ferry Mayor John Davies said the city has agreed to provide a tax incentive and abatements on utilities to the new owner of the hospital and asked what the county can do to help keep it open. Mr. Dutton spoke about their involvement from when East Ohio announced the closing to now. He said they had conversations, as a board or individually, with parties interested in the hospital. They also had conversations with local, state and federal officials to see if there were roles for them to play in potential deals. He said they were even approached about the county purchasing the hospital which they informally discussed, but that was difficult with the purchase price. Mr. Dutton said he spoke with the project team of the current group around six times and told them to let the board know what they may need from them. Mr. Dutton was told they just wanted to keep them informed and it may come to the point they may need their assistance. "It wasn't because of the Belmont County Commission that property was purchased, but we've tried to be engaged with all parties as much as possible. At the end of the day, we want to see that hospital open," said Mr. Dutton. Mayor Davies asked if it was possible to get any Jobs Ohio money to help. Mr. Dutton said they will help with any type of funding that could come through here and has their complete support with any report that would need to go to state officials to make a case for dollars to be brought here. He said Belmont County's Port Authority has also been in touch with Jobs Ohio. Mr. Meyer said he has had many conversations with Dana Saucier, Vice-President of Jobs Ohio, and he will reach out to him again to see if there is anything the board can do to help. He also has had many conversations with David Croft (Attorney for the Johnson Team) to see if there was anything they could do. Mr. Croft said not at this time, but if they do need them to do anything they will contact the board. Mr. Meyer said he will reach out to Jobs Ohio to see what their thoughts are. He added there is a lot of equipment that will need to be replaced which is very expensive. Mr. Meyer said they will do their part in directing the Johnson Team to wherever they may be able to get some grant money. He added they will be glad to help and have been very open to that the whole time. "We're not looking for credit, we're happy for the city of Martins Ferry, we're happy that the valley will hopefully get good medical care that they deserve because there is a huge gap, pre COVID-19, where certain hospitals in the area were over inundated. A hospital like Martins Ferry needs to be open so people can get the adequate health care they deserve and we will continue to do everything on our part moving forward," said Mr. Meyer. He added Jobs Ohio typically doesn't work on hospital operations, but they will give them a call to see what direction they want to go moving forward. Mr. Meyer noted the Johnson Team had a meeting with Jobs Ohio earlier in the year. Martins Ferry Service Director Andy Sutak said it could be a potential of 500 to 600 jobs created when the hospital opens. Mr. Dutton said, "Now the real work begins for this project and if there is a role for us to play we are going to play a role."

RECESS

**Dwayne Pielech, Senior Services of Belmont County Executive Director
Re: Farmers' Market Nutrition Program**

Present: Susan Homan, Nurse/Intake Coordinator

Mr. Pielech announced in Belmont County anyone over the age of 60 and are in the income guidelines will be eligible for \$50 in vouchers to use at approved local farmers' markets. Applications will be taken starting tomorrow and the vouchers will be good starting July 1. They were allocated \$11,382.00 for this program. Mr. Pielech added if other counties don't participate in the program he will try to obtain those dollars to help more seniors in Belmont County.

COVID-19 UPDATE- Rob Sproul, Deputy Health Commissioner, said there are 375 positive cases in the county, 187 of those are out of quarantine, eight hospitalized and twelve deaths. Those who have died had underlying health conditions or otherwise physically compromised. He said there are restrictions with businesses, gyms, swimming pools, non-contact and limited-contact sports leagues opening back up. Mr.

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Sproul said masks, social distancing, hand washing and limited contact are still necessary. He added there are still work groups working on things that are still closed such as entertainment venues and gymnastics. Mr. Sproul said they are trying to get some funding to help with contact tracing. They are still getting some PPE and getting that out to their partners. Mr. Dutton asked for an update on the Job and Family Services employee who tested positive for the virus and is in quarantine. Mr. Sproul said he toured the DJFS facility a few weeks ago to see the precautions in place. "Employees were staying in their offices, wearing masks when they were out. This person was positive as a contact, because another person was positive from a different location. If they are wearing their masks, if they are social distancing and they are doing all of the things they are supposed to be doing, the employees as well as the cleaning crew, etc. there shouldn't be an issue," said Mr. Sproul. He added the DJFS staff is maintaining strict sanitation and public access to DJFS office is limited and employees are doing more work online.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:27 A.M

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter executive session with Katie Bayness, HR Administrator, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment and compensation of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Dwayne Pielech, Senior Services of Belmont County Executive Director, was present for a portion of executive session. He exited at 11:00 a.m. and it continued.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:46 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 11:46 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said as a result of executive session there is no action for the board to consider at this time.

RECESS

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:39 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adjourn the meeting at 1:39 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 4th day of June, 2020.

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____

Josh Meyer /s/ _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dutton – Absent _____

We, Jerry Echemann and Bonnie Zuzak, Vice-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.

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____ VICE-PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/ _____ CLERK