

St. Clairsville, Ohio

August 19, 2020

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

**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 \$524,865.89**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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:

**A00 GENERAL FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0131-A006-A03.002 Jail-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A17.012 Cruiser Repairs	\$15,000.00

**W80 PROSECUTORS-VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1511-W080-P06.004 Workers Comp	E-1511-W080-P08.005 Medicare	\$48.61
E-1511-W080-P07.006 Hospitalization	E-1511-W080-P08.005 Medicare	\$100.00

\*\*2<sup>ND</sup> QTR 2019

**S02 SHERIFF POLICING REVOLVING LOAN/SHERIFF**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-5102-S002-S01.002 Salaries	E-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries	\$23,047.60
E-5102-S002-S02.005 Medicare	E-0256-A014-A07.005 Medicare	\$334.20
E-5102-S002-S03.003 PERS/SPRS	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$3,191.59
E-5102-S002-S04.006 Health Insurance	E-0256-A014-A06.006 Health Insurance	\$74.64

\*\*4<sup>TH</sup> QTR 2019

**S02 SHERIFF POLICING REVOLVING LOAN/SHERIFF**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-5102-S002-S01.002 Salaries	E-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries	\$23,315.45
E-5102-S002-S02.005 Medicare	E-0256-A014-A07.005 Medicare	\$333.94
E-5102-S002-S03.003 PERS/SPRS	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$3,227.09
E-5102-S002-S04.006 Health Insurance	E-0256-A014-A06.006 Health Insurance	\$1,835.27

\*\*1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR 2020

**S02 SHERIFF POLICING REVOLVING LOAN/SHERIFF**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-5102-S002-S01.002 Salaries	E-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries	\$42,338.40
E-5102-S002-S02.005 Medicare	E-0256-A014-A07.005 Medicare	\$612.27
E-5102-S002-S03.003 PERS/SPRS	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$5,927.22
E-5102-S002-S04.006 Health Insurance	E-0256-A014-A06.006 Health Insurance	\$3,918.90

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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 following meeting dates:

**\*\*AUGUST 12, 2020\*\***

**A00 GENERAL FUND**

E-0151-A002-F02.002	Salaries	\$3,343.51
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**\*\*JANUARY 02, 2020\*\***

\*\*1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR 2020

**S02 SHERIFF POLICING REVOLVING LOAN/SHERIFF**

E-5102-S002-S01.002	Salaries	\$42,338.40
E-5102-S002-S02.005	Medicare	\$612.27
E-5102-S002-S03.003	PERS/SPRS	\$5,927.22
E-5102-S002-S04.006	Health Insurance	\$3,918.90

\*\* 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR 2019

**S02 SHERIFF POLICING REVOLVING LOAN/SHERIFF**

E-5102-S002-S01.002	Salaries	\$23,047.60
E-5102-S002-S02.005	Medicare	\$334.20
E-5102-S002-S03.003	PERS/SPRS	\$3,191.59
E-5102-S002-S04.006	Health Insurance	\$74.64

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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:

August 19, 2020

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION**-Dave Carter and John Markus to Cleveland, OH, on August 19, 2020, to pick up a juvenile in a residential placement facility for transport back to the Sargus Detention Center.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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 August 12, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING A RENEWAL OF A VENDOR AGREEMENT, ON BEHALF OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES, WITH SMITH'S SUNOCO AND HILLTOP SUNOCO**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter into a renewal of a Vendor Agreement, on behalf of the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, for the purpose of providing gasoline to Title XIX (19) eligible persons who have medical appointments outside the local area, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 as follows:

<b><u>VENDOR</u></b>	<b><u>MAXIMUM BILLABLE AMOUNT</u></b>
Smith's Sunoco and Hilltop Sunoco	\$10,000.00

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
VENDOR AGREEMENT**

This agreement to provide gasoline is made and entered into this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, hereinafter referred to as Department, and Smith's Sunoco and Hilltop Sunoco, a provider of Title XIX Services, hereinafter referred to as Provider. This agreement will be effective from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021 inclusive unless otherwise terminated.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- A. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of any information concerning qualified recipients for any purpose not directly related to the delivery of purchased services is prohibited except upon written consent of the recipients or their guardians.
- B. The Provider understands that this written agreement supersedes all oral agreements.
- C. The Provider agrees to hold harmless the County Department of Job and Family Services, the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which the Department is located, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services against all liability, loss, damage, and/or related expenses incurred through the provision of services under this agreement.
- D. The Provider agrees that in the performance of this agreement there shall be no discrimination against any client because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or handicapped conditions as specified in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and all subsequent amendments. It is further agreed discrimination and the right to and method of appeal will be made available to all persons served under this agreement.
- E. In the event Provider receives an overpayment, Provider agrees to repay the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services the amount to which he/she was not entitled.
- F. In the event that state and/or federal reimbursement is no longer available to the Department, therefore, requiring changes or termination of this agreement, such changes or termination will be effective on the date that state and/or federal reimbursement is no longer available, or, later as otherwise stipulated by the Department. This agreement may be terminated by the Provider or the Department upon seven (7) days written notice. Failure to honor the terms of this agreement and/or related state, federal, or local regulations shall result in the immediate termination of this agreement. If any of the terms of this agreement change, the Provider must notify the Department immediately.
- G. Policy that the Provider agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and regulations in the Administrative Code governing service delivery, including insurance.
- H. Eligibility for Services: The County Department of Job and Family Services will determine eligibility for all service recipients directly. Eligibility of individuals to receive purchase services shall be determined in accordance with the policy and procedures established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the Administrative Code.
- I. Amendment of Agreement: This agreement may be amended at any time by a written amendment signed by both parties and submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the manner required by state regulations.

**PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

The Department of Job and Family Services agrees to pay the Provider \$ actual cost per gallon Unit for Transportation.

The maximum amount billable under this agreement is \$10,000.00.

The Provider understands that the payment for all services provided in accordance with the provisions of this agreement depends upon the availability of county, state, and federal matching funds.

The Provider understands that a recipient, for whom services are provided, may be required by the Department of Job and Family Services. Other than this fee set by the Department, no additional fees may be charged for services rendered under this agreement.

The Provider agrees to submit an invoice to the Department monthly within five (5) working days following the last working day of the billing period. The Department agrees to review the invoices and authorize with adjustments, if needed, reimbursement for services provided within fifteen (15) to twenty (20) working days of the receipt of the invoice.

Duplicate Billing: Provider warrants that claims made to the County Department of Job and Family Services for payment for purchased services shall be for actual services rendered to eligible individuals and do not duplicate claims made by provider to other sources of funds for the same service.

I hereby understand and agree to the terms of this agreement.

This agreement signed on 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

Jeffery Felton /s/  
Jeffery Felton, Director  
BCDJFS

Signature: Gurinderjit S. Sandhu /s/  
Printed Name: Gurinderjit S. Sandhu

Date: 8-19-2020

Date: 8-14-20

Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services  
68145 Hammond Rd.  
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950  
(740) 695-1075

Signature J. P. Dutton /s/

Date 8/19/20

Signature Jerry Echemann /s/

Date 8-19-20

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Belmont County Commissioners  
Approved as to form David K. Liberati /s/ Assist P. A.  
Prosecutor

Date 8-17-2020

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
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August 19, 2020

Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Absent

Above motion rescinded on August 26, 2020.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT AGREEMENT  
WITH BELMONT COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve and sign the Right-Of-Way Easement agreement with Belmont County Water and Sewer District in the amount of \$1.00, for the right to erect, construct, install and lay, and thereafter use, operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace, enlarge, or remove a sanitary sewer force main over, across and through the land located in Richland Township, Section 27, T-7, R-4.

## RIGHT-OF-WAY-EASEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to the BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS hereinafter referred to as GRANTOR by the Belmont County Water and Sewer District, hereinafter referred to as GRANTEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the GRANTOR does hereby grant, bargain, sell, transfer, and convey unto the GRANTEE, its successor and assigns, a perpetual easement with the right to erect, construct, install and lay, and thereafter use, operate, inspect, repair, maintain, replace, enlarge, or remove, as per GRANTEE specifications, a sanitary sewer force main over, across and through the land of the GRANTOR situated in Belmont County, State of Ohio, said land described as follows and attached Exhibit A:

EASEMENT #1  
UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,  
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO  
PARCEL 1 OF VOL 548, PG 767  
0.2374 ACRES

Located in Belmont County, Ohio, and being in Richland Township, Section 27, Twp 7, Range 4, and being a 20 ft. wide easement to install, remove, replace, and repair utilities in, through, and over a portion of Parcel 1 of Vol 548, pg 767, owned by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, and being more particularly described as follows;

**Beginning for description**, at a point in the centerline of US Route #40 at Station 741+63.49 of Ohio State Right-of-Way Plan Bel-70-14.45, recorded in Cabinet F, Slide 84, where a 1" iron pin found in a highway monument box at Station 753+65.74 bears S88°19'55"E 1201.014 ft., for reference the C/L of said highway bears N87°09'35"E from said highway monument, thence from said point at Station 741+63.49, crossing US Route #40, S6°10'36"W 94.811 ft., to a point where the south R/W line of said road intersects the C/L of Oakview Drive, as the same is recorded in Plat F, Slide 71, thence with the south right-of-way line of US Route #40, N85°58'58"W 23.613 ft., to the west line of said Oak Drive, thence leaving US Route #40, with the westerly line of Oakview Drive, with a non-tangent curve, concave to the southeast, having a radius of 210.000 ft., a central angle of 3°19'37", an arc length of 12.194 ft., and a chord bearing S32°41'38"W 12.192 ft., to a point marking the northeasterly corner and **TRUE PLACE OF BEGINNING**, of the easement here-in described.

Thence crossing over and into Parcel 1 of Vol 548, pg 767, owned by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, the following 4 bearings and distances;

1. N83° 08' 38"W 45.261 ft.
2. S85° 14' 38"W 48.723 ft.
3. N68° 21' 45"W 109.838 ft.
4. N62° 25' 19"E 11.753 ft. to a point in the south right of way line of US Route #40.

Thence with said right of way line, N73° 03' 11"W 28.522 ft.

Thence leaving said right of way line and crossing over and into Parcel 1 of Vol 548, pg 767, owned by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, the following 2 bearings and distances;

1. S62° 25' 19"W 8.672 ft.
2. N68° 21' 45"W 26.249 ft. to a point in said right of way line.

Thence with said right of way line, S89° 05' 37"W 11.003 ft.

Thence leaving said right of way line and crossing over and into Parcel 1 of Vol 548, pg 767, owned by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, the following 2 bearings and distances;

1. S17° 55' 44"W 24.685 ft.
2. N73° 32' 45"W 78.299 ft. to a point in said right of way line.

Thence with said right of way line, S89° 05' 37"W 4.326 ft.

Thence leaving said right of way line and crossing over and into Parcel 1 of Vol 548, pg 767, owned by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, the following 9 bearings and distances;

1. S16° 27' 15"W 18.709 ft.
2. S73° 32' 45"E 82.428 ft.
3. S17° 35' 36"W 117.143 ft.
4. S72° 29' 47"E 20.000 ft.
5. N17° 30' 13"E 118.409 ft.
6. N62° 36' 37"E 34.540 ft.
7. S68° 21' 45"E 131.627 ft.
8. N85° 14' 38"E 51.379 ft.
9. S83° 08' 38"E 35.452 ft. to a point in the west line of Oakview Drive.

Thence with the west line of Oakview Drive, with a non-tangent curve, concave to the southeast, having a radius of 210.000 ft., a central angle of 5°51'26" , an arc length of 21.468 ft., and a chord bearing N28° 06' 07"E 21.458 ft. to the place of beginning, containing 0.2374 acres, more or less, and subject to all legal highways, rights of way, and/or easements, leases and options, and subject to any and all conditions and/or restrictions, and/or reservations, and/or exceptions as may be applicable, and to all applicable zoning regulations, or ordinances.

The bearings given are for angle calculation only, and are not based on any known meridian.

This description from a field survey conducted in June, 2020, by Vincent Dowdle P.S. #7396, a plat of which was made and filed at the mapping office, and any interpretation of the information with-in this description should not be made with-out the inclusion of the information and notes on said plat, said survey being subject to any facts that may be disclosed in a full and accurate title search.

Subject to all prior records.

Subject to any and all prior records, including, but not limited to, any and all coal and/or mineral rights conveyed or leased.

The consideration herein above, plus restoration to land and/or landscape as a result of construction shall constitute payment in full for any damages to the land of the GRANTORS, successors and assigns, by reason of the installation, operation and maintenance of the improvements referred to herein. The GRANTEE covenants to maintain the easement in good repair so that no unreasonable damage will result from its use to the adjacent land of the GRANTORS, successors and assigns.

The grant and other provisions of this easement shall constitute a covenant running with the land for the benefit of the GRANTEE, its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, THE GRANTOR(s) has executed this instrument this

19<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2020

Grantor(s):

[Signature]  
Jerry Echemann

STATE OF OHIO

SS

COUNTY OF BELMONT

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared the above named J.P. DUTTON & JERRY ECHEMANN who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is their free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name at

ST. CLAIRSVILLE Ohio, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2020



Bonnie Zuzak  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My commission expires February 18, 2021

[Signature]

Notary Public

This instrument prepared by:

Belmont County Water and Sewer District

August 19, 2020

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said this is legal clean-up for the right-of way easement for the Water and Sewer District.

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT #20-6 BEL-CR4-24.95/27.38 PAVING & BRIDGE DECK PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to award the bid for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 20-6 BEL-CR4-24.95/27.38 PAVING & BRIDGE DECK project to the low bidder, Shelly & Sands, Inc., in the amount of \$755,500.00, 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	Absent

Mr. Dutton said this project is funded through a 40% grant from Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). The Commissioners provided some General Fund dollars toward the project. The Board of Commissioners tries to add revenue to the County Engineer for the purpose of repairing our roads, said Mr. Dutton. The funds are provided where there is a grant opportunity and a local match is needed. Mr. Dutton said we think this is a way to continue to try to be aggressive to address Belmont County roadways.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTING THE FAA GRANT AGREEMENT, AIP GRANT NUMBER 3-39-0007-014-2020, AS THE CO-SPONSOR FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton, as the co-sponsor for the Belmont County Regional Airport Authority, to authorize the President of the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, J. P. Dutton, to execute the FAA Grant Agreement, AIP Grant Number 3-39-0007-014-2020, in the amount of \$2,917,902.00 for the Barnesville-Bradfield Airport project for runway reconstruction and access road relocation.

*Note: This project will not require a 10% local match due to the CARES Act funding.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said this is an exciting project for the airport and the Airport Board has been working very hard to get to this point.

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING KYLIE LOVINSKI AS FULL-TIME LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE/JAIL**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the hiring of Kylie Lovinski as full-time Licensed Practical Nurse for the Belmont County Jail, effective August 31, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING JEFFERY L. FELTON, DIRECTOR OF BELMONT COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND PATRICIA L. ALLEN, MSW, LISW-S, AS COUNTY PREVENTION SPECIALISTS ON THE CHILD ABUSE AND CHILD NEGLECT REGIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to appoint Jeffery L. Felton, Director of Belmont County Job and Family Services and Patricia L Allen, MSW, LISW-S, as County Prevention Specialists on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council per ORC 3109.172.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton noted this is a two-year appointment.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BCDJFS AND HARMONY HOUSE FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded Mr. Echemann to approve and sign the agreement between the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and Harmony House, for State Fiscal Year 2021, in the amount of \$50,000.00, for the provision of a Children's Advocacy Center.

**Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services  
Children Services Division  
Agreement with Harmony House**

The Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services supports the operation of Harmony House, a children's advocacy center with offices at 66850 Pogue Rd., St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 and 905 National Road, 3rd Floor, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003.

The Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services agrees to provide \$50,000 for State Fiscal Year 2021 to support the care, protection, and placement of abused, neglected, and dependent children. These funds are intended to underwrite part of the costs associated with the child advocacy services and operations of Harmony House. These costs include those associated with the day-to-day expenses of operating Harmony House for the specialized care of abused children.

<u>Mark Garrett /s/</u>	<u>7/9/2020</u>
Mark Garrett, Board President	Date
Harmony House	
<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u>	<u>13 July 2020</u>
Jeffery L. Felton, Director	Date
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	<u>8/19/20</u>
J. P. Dutton, President	Date
Belmont County Board of Commissioners	
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	<u>8-19-20</u>
Jerry Echemann, Commissioner	Date
Belmont County Board of Commissioners	
<u>Josh Meyer, Commissioner</u>	<u>                    </u>
	Date

Belmont County Board of Commissioners

**Approved as to form:**

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

Belmont County Prosecutor

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

8-17-2020  
Date

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

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**-John Drewitt, Lashley Hill Road in Shadyside, asked if the board has tried to get any money to repair his road, it is in terrible condition. Mr. Dutton said they continue to talk to the County Engineer; the process goes through his office. "We have spoken to some federal contacts on our own trying to find out why the process with FEMA and the regional office in Chicago, seemingly, is taking some time to get through these projects. It is not just a Belmont County issue, there's others in our region that is having the same difficulty," said Mr. Dutton. Mr. Drewitt questioned the money being spent on the new judges' building. Mr. Dutton said some entities that moved to that building were paying about \$110,000 a year in rent so they thought it was beneficial to not pay that cost. He said Western Division Court was to be a temporary space when they moved in about 30 years ago. It is not handicap accessible; it is not really set up to be a court. All three courts are being consolidated into one central place with the County Prosecutor. "It is a great project for Belmont County for the future. It is an expensive project; it is the most expensive building project Belmont County has taken on. We don't take that lightly, but two years in it is roughly 25% paid off. We are putting a lot of work into those buildings, we don't want them to be an issue for a board 2,3, 4 years from now. We want them to be set up for the next 10 plus years or so. I'm very proud of that project," said Mr. Dutton. He added one of the primary roles of a County Commissioner is to oversee county buildings and make sure they are doing things that makes sense in the future so you don't have things like the County Home or the Hab Center or Oakview buildings that gets neglected for a very long time because no one wants to take on a new project because they are afraid of what people may think if you take on a project. Instead you end up with projects that become dilapidated and become eyesores and now we're trying to find funding to tear down. Mr. Dutton said on the road projects they have talked a lot about what they have done. Mr. Dutton said, "I know it sounds like passing the buck, but we are not the County Engineer. The County Engineer is also an elected official, just like we are. He gets his funding from two sources which has nothing to do with our board. It comes from gasoline taxes and license plate fees. Both filter through from Columbus, they do not pass through this board, whatsoever. We have no obligation to provide General Fund dollars for county roads, but we have. Prior boards before us has and this board has." Mr. Drewitt said he feels more oil and gas dollars should be kept in Belmont County. Mr. Dutton said the board has sent letters to Ohio House and the Senate members stating that. He said he has also met with the head of the Ohio Oil & Gas Association pleading our case on what they think should be done with the severance tax dollars and has even mentioned it to the Governor's office. "We are advocating for county roads as much as we can," said Mr. Dutton.

Richard Hord, Martins Ferry, asked how the 2020 Census was progressing. Mr. Dutton said census workers are going door to door now and hopefully the numbers get to where they need to be.

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**Fair Board Update**- Tracey Dickerson, OSU Extension 4-H Educator; Amber Cawthorne, Jr. Fair Board Coordinator; Crystal Antill, 4-H Program Assistant; Ed Campbell, Sr. Fair Board President; Dave Jones, Sr. Fair Board member; Alyssa Betts, Jr. Fair Board Treasurer; Sierra Betts, Jr. Fair Board Secretary; Kaylin Burress, Jr. Fair Board Director; Megan Garrison, Jr. Fair Board Assistant Treasurer and Kaytlyn Phillip, Jr. Fair Board President.

Ms. Dickerson said COVID has definitely affected the 4-H program, but they will still be having the Jr. Fair and are taking all precautions they possibly can. Ms. Antill said they had the same amount of kids doing the 4-H livestock projects, but as COVID has continued some of the kids have decided not to bring their projects to the fair, but they did complete them. She said they have been trying to run things as close to normal as possible. Ms. Dickerson said the kids will still show their animals and awards will be given. Mr. Dutton said it is not easy to do a project in the first place, it takes time, hard work and dedication and they deserve some recognition. Mr. Campbell said they are very proud of the Jr. Fair members; they have worked very hard. He said with the support of the community, the Commissioners, the Health Department and Tourism they have got a lot of improvements done. Mr. Dutton said Belmont County's Fair facility is the envy of many across the state. Ms. Cawthorne said this is her first year as Jr. Fair Board Coordinator and Greg Mehlman is her co-coordinator. Ms. Alyssa Betts said the Sr. Fair Board has been working very closely with Belmont County's Health Department to make sure all of the guidelines are being followed so they can have the Jr. Fair. They have invested in hand sanitizing stations; the bleachers will be sanitized before and after every show and signs were purchased to enforce social distancing. Ms. Sierra Betts said a lot of events have been cancelled this year, but they are still hosting the opening ceremonies. Ms. Phillips they will still be have the Jr. Fair show and sale. Ms. Garrison said there will be a 10:00 curfew each night at the fair. Ms. Burress said they are excited to be having a fair and to get to show their animals. Mr. Dutton said many aren't aware of the amount of work they do and the role they play for the fair. They do a lot of work behind the scenes and are a big asset to making the fair happen.

**COVID-19 UPDATE**- Rob Sproul, Deputy Health Commissioner, said there are 691 positive cases, 616 recoveries, 47 isolated, four are hospitalized and 24 deaths. He said the county is still in the yellow stage, changes are made to the color chart by the Governor's office on Thursdays. Mr. Sproul and his department will be working with school districts on the upcoming sports season. At this point Governor DeWine is allowing contact sports. They are waiting on final orders from the state. Mr. Dutton asked if they are hearing more questions and concerns from the schools or parents. Mr. Sproul said both, everyone is doing the best they can to adapt to the situation. He said take all of the precautions that you can. Mr. Sproul said the schools are allowing for kids to do school virtually, but most kids are going back into the classroom.

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**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:51 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter executive session with Jeff Felton, DJFS Director, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Christine Parker, DJFS Administrator also was present for executive session.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:04 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 11:04 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

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Mr. Dutton said there is one more motion for the board to consider.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE QUOTE FROM ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY/  
BELMONT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the quote from ERB Electric Company in the amount of \$14,900.00 to install a Vertical Summit IP 800 Digital Telephone System voicemail processor and supply seven (7) 24-button full duplex digital speakerphones, fifty-one (51) 8-button digital speakerphones one (1) 48 button DSS Console Automated Attendant and training on phone and voicemail set-up, for the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:25 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 26th day of August, 2020.

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

Jerry Echemann /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

We, J. P. Dutton and Bonnie Zuzak, 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

Bonnie Zuzak /s/ \_\_\_\_\_ CLERK