

St. Clairsville, Ohio

September 16, 2020

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. 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 \$1,577,829.63

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:

H00 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND H11 FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL/BCDJFS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2510-H000-H17.000 Other Expenses	R-2770-H011-H06.500 System of Care	\$23,345.00

T71 FEMA FUNDS AND OTHER VARIOUS FUNDS/ENGINEERS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9713-T071-T08.074 Transfers Out	R-9003-N003-N06.574 Transfers In	\$8,835.50
E-9713-T071-T08.074 Transfers Out	R-9045-N045-N05.574 Transfers In	\$168,068.11

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF Y-95 EMPLOYER'S SHARE PERS/HOLDING ACCOUNT CHARGEBACK FOR AUGUST, 2020

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to make the following transfer of funds for the Y-95 Employer's Share PERS/Holding Account for the month of August 2020.

General fund

AUDITOR	E-0011-A001-B09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	7,786.01
AUD EMPL-PERS PROP	E-0012-A001-B14.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	571.20
AUD EMPL-REAL PROP	E-0013-A001-B18.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,444.80
CLERK OF COURTS	E-0021-A002-E09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,856.71
CO. CT. EMPL	E-0040-A002-G08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	9,670.66
CO CT. APPT EMP-JUDGES	E-0042-A002-J02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	579.60
COMMISSIONERS	E-0051-A001-A25.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	8,450.82
NURSES-JAIL	E-0052-A001-A91.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,723.16
COMM-DIS SERV	E-0054-A006-F05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,891.05
COMM-MAINT & OP	E-0055-A004-B16.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	9,896.55
9-1-1 DEPT	E-0056-A006-E08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	12,816.65
ANIMAL SHELTER	E-0057-A006-F05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,006.94
LEPC	E-0058-A006-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	174.69
COMM PLEAS CT EMPL	E-0061-A002-B14.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,310.40
MAGISTRATE	E-0063-A002-B28.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,842.45
ENGINEERS EMPL	E-0070-A012-A08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,888.53
PROBATE CT EMPL	E-0081-A002-D10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,601.78
PROBATE CT JUV EMPL	E-0082-A002-C36.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	9,549.51
PROSECUTING ATTN	E-0111-A001-E09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	10,647.51
RECORDER	E-0121-A006-B09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,679.66
SHERIFF'S (PERS)	E-0131-A006-A13.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	31,067.23
TREASURER	E-0141-A001-C09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,998.63
CORONER	E-0151-A002-F07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,690.35
SOLDIER'S RELIEF	E-0160-A009-D07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,376.50
PUBLIC DEFENDER	E-0170-A006-G09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,116.87
BD OF ELECT/EMPLY	E-0181-A003-A09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,242.29
POLL WORKERS	E-0181-A003-A09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
BUDGET COMM	E-0210-A001-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	32.01
T. B. SAN	E-0300-A008-B10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	351.49

			156,264.05
DOG & KENNEL	E-1600-B000-B08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,433.49
COUNTY HEALTH	E-2210-E001-E10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,345.74
Trailer Parks	E-2211-F069-F04.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	98.12
Home Sewage Treatment Sys	E-2227-F074-F06.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,052.19
Vital Statistics	E-2213-F075-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	535.75
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	949.43
Tobacco Program	E-2216-F078-F02.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
CDC Lead	E-2228-F080-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
PH EMERGENCY READINESS	E-2229-F081-F01.001	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,182.09
PREP	E-2230-F082-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
PHEP	E-2231-F083-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	665.38
NURSING PROGRAM	E-2232-F084-F02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,055.41
Child & Family Health Serv	E-2233-F085-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,144.08
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	187.04
Integrated Naloxone Grant (IN)	E-2237-F089-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	414.97
Food Service	E-2218-G000-G06.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,317.24
Water System	E-2219-N050-N05.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	88.21
Pools/Spas	E-2220-P070-P01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	50.59
HUMAN SERVICES	E-2510-H000-H12.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	53,789.21
HS/FLOOD GRANT	E-2600-H005-H11.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,499.58
C.S.E.A.	E-2760-H010-H07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	28,557.56
R.E. ASSESSMENT	E-1310-J000-J04.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,661.79
ENGINEER K-1 & K-2	E-2811-K000-K08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,058.93
ENG EMP-MVGT K-11	E-2812-K000-K21.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	20,800.28
ENG EMP-BRIDGE K-25	E-2813-K000-K34.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,889.67
SOIL CONSERVATION	E-1810-L001-L11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,495.20
Watershed Coordinator	E-1815-L005-L11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
Care and Custody-C-Cap	E-0400-M060-M26.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,047.10
Care and Custody-CCAP	E-0400-M060-M81.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	930.33
INTAKE COORDINATOR	E-0400-M062-M03.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
M64 PLACEMENT	E-0400-M064-M02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,583.18
Alternative School	E-0400-M067-M02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,077.73
PLACEMENT II	E-0400-M075-M04.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
Title IV-E	E-0400-M078-M02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,155.51
WW#3	E-3702-P005-P29.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	24,831.20
SSD#2	E-3705-P053-P13.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,646.68
Bel Co Port Authority	E-9799-S012-S08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,100.00
OAKVIEW-JUVENILE	E-8010-S030-S66.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	12,287.45
DIST DET HOME	E-0910-S033-S44.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	13,216.56
MENTAL HEALTH	E-2310-S049-S60.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,121.42
COMM PLEAS/MEDIATION SRV	E-1544-S054-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	480.60
TARGETED COMM ALT PRISON	E-1545-S055-S02.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,194.02
PROBATION SERV GRNT-COMM	E-1546-S056-S04.001	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	835.69
BCBDD-MAIN FUND	E-2410-S066-S76.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	54,471.53
Bel Co Senior Programs	E-5005-S070-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	28,798.85
MHAS SUBSIDY GRANT	E-1518-S075-S03.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	0.00
CORRECTIONS ACT GRNT	E-1520-S077-S03.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,103.70
CLRK CRTS-TITLE DEPT	E-6010-S079-S06.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,400.11
NORTHERN CRT-SPECIAL	E-1561-S086-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	936.39

EASTERN CRT-SPECIAL	E-1571-S087-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	782.20
WEST CRT-SPECIAL	E-1551-S088-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,000.71
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	212.52
WIC PROGRAM	E-4110-T075-T52.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,315.67
LAW LIBRARY	E-9720-W020-W03.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	508.86
PROS-VICTIM PROGRAM	E-1511-W080-P05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	839.31
DRETAC-PROSECUTOR	E-1510-W081-P05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,001.55
DRETAC-TREASURER	E-1410-W082-T05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	210.00
			468,624.87

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**WAIVED HOSPITALIZATION CHARGEBACKS FOR
THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER 2020**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to make the following transfer of funds for Waived Hospitalization for the months of July, August & September 2020.

FROM		TO	
E-0256-A014-A08.006	GENERAL	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	8,499.98
E-2210-E001-E15.006	COUNTY HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	24.96
E-2218-G000-G06.003	FOOD SERVICE	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	100.02
E-2227-F074-F06.000	HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	87.51
E2215-F077-F01.002	REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	249.94
E-2233-F085-F01.002	MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	425.04
E-2231-F083-F01.002	PHEP	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	12.51
E-2237-F089-F01.002	INTEG. NALOXONE ACCESS/INFRAT (IN)	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	75.00
E-2211-F069-F04.000	TRAILER PARKS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	12.51
E-2220-P070-P01.002	POOLS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	5.01
E-2219-N050-N05.000	WATER SYSTEMS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	7.50
E-5005-S070-S06.006	SENIOR PROGRAM	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	750.00
E-3702-P005-P31.000	WATER & SEWER WWS#3	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,100.00
E-3705-P053-P15.000	WATER & SEWER SSD #2	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	150.00
E-8010-S030-S68.006	OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHAB	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,000.00
E-0910-S033-S47.006	DISTRICT DETENTION	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	499.99
E-400-M060-M29.008	JUVENILE (INSURANCES CCAP)	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	
E-0400-M067-M05.008	JUVENILE (Alternate)	R-9890-Y091-Y03.500	
E-4110-T075-T52.008	WIC FRINGES	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	500.00
E-2510-H000-H16.006	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	3,500.00
E-2760-H010-H12.006	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/CS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,250.00
E-2310-S049-S63.000	MENTAL HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	
E-2812-K000-K20.006	MVGT-K11 ENGINEERS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	750.00
E-2410-S066-S80.000	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	2,166.66
E-1520-S077-S04.006	CORRECTION ACT GRANT	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	
E-1810-L001-L14.000	SOIL AND WATER	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	500.00
E-0181-A003-A11.000	BOARD OF ELECTIONS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	
E-1210-S078-S14.006	RECORDER/SUPP EQUIPMENT	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	
E-1310-J000-J06.000	REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00
E-6010-S079-S07.006	CERT OF TITLE/CLK OF COURTS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00

E-1551-S088-S03.006	WESTERN CT. GEN. SPEC. PROJECTS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	
E-9799-S012-S02.006	PORT AUTHORITY	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	<u>250.00</u>
		TOTAL	22,416.63

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 September 16, 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 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 September 9, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adopt the Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5705.34, .35 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.

Note: This action is necessary annually as part of the budgetary process. The board is accepting the County Auditor's estimates of revenues to be generated by the tax levies for fiscal year 2021.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR (BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS)

Rev. Code, Secs. 5705.34, .35

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 16th day of September, 2020, at the office of the Belmont County Commissioners with the following members present:

Mr. Dutton
Mr. Echemann
Mr. Meyer

Mr. Dutton moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Belmont County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said County the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION, AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES

FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to be Derived From Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
A. General Fund	\$4,350,564.31		2.30	
D. Children Service Fund		536,970.26		.65
E. Children Service Fund		613,272.18		.35
O. Mental Health Fund		2,190,260.98		1.25

Q. Developmental Disabilities (MRDD)		1,092,927.28		1.00
Q. Developmental Disabilities (MRDD)		2,368,544.67		2.00
Q. Developmental Disabilities (MRDD)		1,776,408.19		1.50
Q. Developmental Disabilities (MRDD)		3,374,721.68		2.50
Q.Senior Services		792,784.13		.50
Q.Senior Services		1,676,183.11		1.00
Q.Senior Services		2,514,273.90		1.50
Q.Road Construction Funds				
Q. Other-Misc. Construction Funds				
S. Relief/Welfare Special Levy Funds				
S. Child Welfare Services Special Levy Funds- Children Services				
S. Mental Health Special Levy Funds				
S. Airports and Commerce Special Levy Funds				
S. Special Levy Funds- Senior Citizens				
S. Other-Miscellaneous Special Levy Funds-MRDD				
S. Other Miscellaneous-911 Upgrade		1,683,783.26		1.00
Total	\$4,350,564.31	\$18,620,129.64	2.30	13.25

**SCHEDULE B
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES**

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized To Be Levied	County Auditor's Estimate of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
GENERAL FUND: YEAR		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on Not to exceed Years.		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on Not to exceed Years		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on Not to exceed Years		
Current expense levy authorized by voters on Not to exceed Years		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OUTSIDE 10 M. LIMITATION		
SPECIAL LEVY FUNDS:		
Levy authorized by voters on Mental Health 11/03/15 not to exceed 10 Years	1.25	2,190,260.98
Levy authorized by voters on Children Services 11/04/14 not to exceed 10 Years	.65	536,970.26
Levy authorized by voters on Children Services 11/03/15 not to exceed 10 Years	.35	613,272.18
Levy authorized by voters on Senior Services 11/08/16 not to exceed 5 Years	1.00	1,676,183.11
Levy authorized by voters on Senior Services 11/05/18 not to exceed 5 Years	1.50	2,514,273.90
Levy authorized by voters on Senior Services 11/03/15 not to exceed 5 Years	.50	792,784.13
Levy authorized by voters on MRDD 11/04/80 not to exceed Continuous Years	1.00	1,092,927.28
Levy authorized by voters on MRDD 05/07/85 not to exceed Continuous Years	2.00	2,368,544.67
Levy authorized by voters on MRDD 11/04/86 not to exceed Continuous Years	1.50	1,776,408.19
Levy authorized by voters on MRDD 05/04/99 not to exceed Continuous Years	2.50	3,374,721.68
Levy authorized by voters on 911 Upgrade 11/08/16 not to exceed 5 Years	1.00	1,683,783.26
Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed 5 Years		
	13.25	18,620,129.64

And be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and she is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of said County.

Mr. Echemann seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption; the vote resulted as follows:

<u>Mr. Dutton</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Echemann</u>	<u>Yes</u>
<u>Mr. Meyer</u>	<u>Yes</u>

Adopted the 16th day of September, 2020 Year.

Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Bonnie Zuzak
Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Commissioner Dutton, seconded by Commissioner Echemann to adopt the following resolutions:

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO RENEW WITH THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CONSORTIUM OF OHIO (CEBCO) AND ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD AS THE HEALTH AND PRESCRIPTION PLAN CARRIER FOR BELMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEES.

The Belmont County Commission has decided to renew with CEBCO/Anthem BCBS as the health and prescription carrier for Belmont County Employees effective January 1, 2021 at the below rates.

Coverage Tier	Plan A – PPO Plan	Plan B – HDHP Plan
Employee Only Coverage	\$776.57	\$701.55
Family Coverage	\$2,047.05	\$1,843.20

This change in rates is to remain in effect through December 31, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COUNTY’S DENTAL PLAN TO INCLUDE AN ORTHODONTIA BENEFIT

The Belmont County Commission has decided to amend the County’s dental plan to include an orthodontia benefit for eligible individuals. Claims for covered orthodontic services shall be paid at 50% to a lifetime maximum benefit of \$1,000 per eligible individual. This benefit change will be effective on January 1, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE COUNTY’S EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Belmont County Commission has decided to offer employees an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through Mutual of Omaha. This benefit change will be effective on January 1, 2021.

J. P. Dutton, President

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____

Jerry Echemann, Vice-President

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____

Josh Meyer

Josh Meyer /s/ _____

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM/COMMUNITY AND OHIO UNIVERSITY’S VOINOVICH SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (VOINOVICH SCHOOL) AND OHIO MID-EASTERN GOVERNMENTS ASSOCIATION (OMEGA)/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Belmont County Commissioners, the Public Water System/Community and Ohio University’s Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (Voinovich School) and Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA), on behalf of the Belmont County Water and Sewer District.

Note: This MOU authorizes the Belmont County Water and Sewer District to participate in the Governor’s Office of Appalachia and Partners Appalachian Drinking Water Initiative project.



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**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Public Water System/Community
And
Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs (Voinovich School)
And
Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association (OMEGA)**

Timeframe: 8/01/2020– 12/31/2021

Project: Governor's Office of Appalachia and Partners - Appalachian Drinking Water Initiative

Goal: Maximize Appalachia households that have access to drinking water in the most cost-effective manner possible.

Objective: To create an ArcGIS geodatabase that identifies Appalachian communities that are served and unserved by an improved water system.

Description: Ohio University's Voinovich School aims to create an ArcGIS geodatabase with information shared from the OMEGA, communities, and/or water systems. The geodatabase will contain multiple layers: areas served and unserved by public water, locations of water fill stations, potential groundwater yields, and/or communities within a licensed water hauler service area in Ohio.

Ohio University needs to receive permission from water systems and/or local governments to share their existing GIS shapefile or geodatabase data layers showing waterlines and/or areas where communities are served with public water access. An area will be digitized surrounding the water lines identifying communities served by public water systems. This data will be compiled into an ArcGIS geodatabase with the purpose of providing the Governor's Office of Appalachia a data analysis report of Appalachian communities served and unserved by an improved water system and demographics of these two areas obtained from Census data (i.e. population, income, education, average cost of sewer/water maintenance cost, etc.). The Governor's Office of Appalachia will utilize this analysis report to inform policymakers and other stakeholders including the Appalachian Regional Commission about the issue of drinking water accessibility, barriers for populations without access, and communities struggling with



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water infrastructure. The ArcGIS geodatabase will be password protected, securely stored behind a Firewall at Ohio University, and used only for the purposes of this initiative.

MOU statement: Partners including the Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs and Belmont County Water & Sewer District (fill-in Public Water System or Community name) desire to work together in a cooperative manner to share GIS shapefile data to be used to identify public water service areas in Appalachia. The Voinovich School will provide a copy of the digitized shapefile identifying the service area to

Belmont County Water & Sewer District (fill-in Public Water System or Community name) for review and input.

Belmont County Water & Sewer District (fill-in Public Water System or Community name) agrees to allow use of their GIS shapefile data directly or through OMEGA.

This MOU is limited to the timeframe outlined herein. Ohio Mid-Eastern Governments Association, Voinovich School and the Belmont County water & Sewer District (fill-in Public Water System or Community name) reserve the right to cancel this MOU at any time by giving thirty (30) days advance notice, in writing, to the other parties.

Agreed to by:

Mark Weinberg
Founding Dean, Voinovich School

Date: _____

Jeanette M. Wierzbicki, P.E.
Executive Director, Ohio Mid-Eastern
Governments Association

Date: _____

Jerry Echemann, OMEA

Name Commissioners
Belmont County Water & Sewer District
Title, Public Water System Name

Date: 9-16-2020



Connecting Communities to Resources

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said OMEGA is an economic development group that the county is a part of and have been for a long time. He explained the goal of this initiative is to maximize Appalachian households that have access to drinking water in the most cost effective manner possible. Ohio University's Voinovich School is aiming to create a geo database with information shared from OMEGA, communities and/or water systems. This geo database will contain multiple layers of areas served and unserved by public water, locations of water fill stations, potential ground water yields and/or communities within a licensed water hauler service area in Ohio. He explained they are just trying to get a better sense of what the situation is from a drinking water standpoint and get a better data base in place to look at how Appalachia is being served from a drinking water standpoint. "It is something we have been working on for a while and will continue to work on it. We have talked about other areas that we want to try to move in the future to try to see if we can get drinking water to those areas. I think this is an important role in all of this and should provide better information for everyone, better information for Belmont County, better information for institutions like Ohio University, better information for the State of Ohio to really get a sense of where things stand from a drinking water standpoint in Appalachia," said Mr. Dutton.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE FINAL RESOLUTION FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT, BEL-CR214 -6.87 PID 10875, DRILLED SHAFT LANDSLIDE REPAIR PROJECT/ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adopt the Final Resolution for the Ohio Department of Transportation Project, BEL-CR214-6.87 PID 108725, Drilled Shaft Landslide Repair Project; Estimated LPA share is \$55,660.00 to be paid from the Engineer's MVGT fund.

Note: This project consists of a landslide repair by drilled shaft retaining wall along Bellaire High Ridge Road (CR 214) just north of Shepard Road, including pavement repair and pavement markings, lying within Belmont County. This project is 80% federally funded, 20% funded by county.

FINAL RESOLUTION

The following Final Resolution enacted by the Board of County Commissioners, County of **Belmont**, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Legislative Authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA", in the matter of the stated described project.

WHEREAS, on **9th day of January, 2019**, the LPA enacted legislation proposing cooperation with the Director of Transportation for the described project:

The project consists of a landslide repair by drilled shaft retaining wall along Bellaire High Ridge Road (C. R. 214) just north of Shepard Road, including pavement repair and pavement markings, lying within Belmont County.

WHEREAS, the LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

The County agrees to assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the entire cost of the improvement, less the amount of Federal-Aid funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.

The share of the cost of the LPA is now estimated in the amount of **Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars, (\$55,660.00)**, but said estimated amount

is to be adjusted in order that the LPA's ultimate share of said improvement shall correspond with said percentages of actual costs when said actual costs are determined; and

WHEREAS, The Director of Transportation has approved said legislation proposing cooperation and has caused to be made plans and specifications and an estimate of cost and expense for improving the above described highway and has transmitted copies of the same to this legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, The LPA desires the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved:

- I. That the estimated sum, of **Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars, (\$55,660.00)** is hereby appropriated for the improvement described above and the fiscal officer is hereby authorized and directed to issue an order on the treasurer for said sum upon the requisition of the Director of Transportation to pay the cost and expense of said improvement. We hereby agree to assume in the first instance, the share of the cost and expense over and above the amount to be paid from **Federal** funds.
- II. That the LPA hereby requests the Director of Transportation to proceed with the aforesaid highway improvement.
- III. That the LPA enter into a contract with the State, and that the **County Engineer** be, and is hereby authorized to execute said contract, providing for the payment of the LPA the sum of money set forth herein above for improving the described project.
- IV. That the LPA transmit to the Director of Transportation a fully executed copy of this Resolution.

This is to certify that we have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution with the original record thereof, found in the record of the proceedings of the LPA, and which Resolution was duly passed by the LPA on the 16th day of September, 2020, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the record of said Resolution and the action of said LPA thereon.

We further certify that said Resolution and the action of said LPA thereon is recorded in the journal of said LPA in Volume 103, at Page N/A, and under date of September 16, 2020.

Legislative Authority of the Board of County Commissioners County of
Belmont, Ohio
Terry Lively /s/
County Engineer
Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Clerk (Secretary Ex-Officio)

CONTRACT

(Chapter 5521, Ohio Revised Code)

This contract is made by and between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, acting through its director (hereinafter referred to as the "STATE"), 1980 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43223, and the Board of County Commissioners, County of **Belmont**, (hereinafter referred to as the legislative authority/Local Public Agency or "LPA").

WITNESSTH:

WHEREAS, Chapter 5521 of the Ohio Revised Code provides that the legislative authority may cooperate with the STATE in a highway project made by and under the supervision of the Director of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, through the enactment of preliminary legislation, the LPA and the STATE have agreed to cooperate in the highway project described below; and

WHEREAS, through the enactment of final legislation, the LPA has committed to pay an estimated amount of money as its share of the total estimated cost and expense of the highway project described below; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal officer of the LPA has filed with the LPA a certificate stating that sufficient moneys are available, as required by Chapter 5521 and Section 5705.41 of the Ohio Revised Code. A duplicate certificate is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the final legislation, the LPA hereby enters into this contract with the STATE to provide for payment of the agreed portion of the cost of the highway project and any additional obligations for the highway project described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the performances of mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by parties hereto as follows:

SECTION I: RECITALS

The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated as a material part of this contract.

SECTION II: PURPOSE

purpose of this contract is to set forth requirements associated with the highway project described below (hereinafter referred to as the "PROJECT") and to establish the responsibilities for the administration of the PROJECT by the LPA and the STATE.

SECTION III: LEGAL REFERENCES

This contract is established pursuant to Chapter 5521 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION IV: SCOPE OF WORK

The work to be performed under this contract shall consist of the following:

The project consists of a landslide repair by drilled shaft retaining wall along Bellaire High Ridge Road (C. R. 214) just north of Shepard Road, including pavement repair and pavement markings, lying within Belmont County; and

SECTION V: FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

1. The STATE agrees to provide the necessary funds as enumerated in this section and allowed by law for the financing of this project.
2. The STATE may allocate the money contributed by the LPA in whatever manner it deems necessary in financing the cost of construction, right-of-way, engineering, and incidental expenses, notwithstanding the percentage basis of contribution by the LPA.
3. The total cost and expenses for the project are only an estimate and the total cost and expenses may be adjusted by the STATE. If any adjustments are required, payment of additional funds shall correspond with the percentages of actual costs when said actual costs are determined, and as requested, by the Director of Transportation.

4. The LPA agrees to pay to the STATE its share of the total estimated cost expense for the above highway project in the amount of **Fifty-Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 00/100 Dollars, (\$55,660.00)**.
5. **The County agrees to assume and bear one hundred percent (100%) of the entire cost of the improvement, less the amount of Federal-Aid funds set aside by the Director of Transportation for the financing of this improvement from funds allocated by the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation.**
6. The LPA agrees to assume and bear One Hundred Percent (100%) of the cost of any construction items required by the LPA on the entire project, which are not necessary for the improvement, as determined by the State and Federal Highway Administration.
7. The LPA agrees that change orders and extra work contracts required fulfilling the construction contracts shall be processed as needed. The STATE shall not approve a change order or extra work contract until it first gives notice, in writing, to the LPA. The LPA shall contribute its share of the cost of these items in accordance with other sections herein.

SECTION VI: RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITIES

1. The LPA agrees that all right-of-way required for the described project will be acquired and/or made available in accordance with current State and Federal regulations. The LPA also understands that right-of-way costs include eligible utility costs.
2. The LPA agrees that all utility accommodation, relocation, and reimbursement will comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual, including that:
 - A. Arrangements have been or will be made with all utilities where facilities are affected by the described PROJECT, that the utilities have agreed to make all necessary removals and/or relocations to clear any construction called for by the plans of this PROJECT, and that the utilities have agreed to make the necessary removals and/or relocations after notification by the LPA or STATE.
 - B. The LPA shall, at its own expense, make all removals and/or relocations of publicly-owned utilities which do not comply with the reimbursement provisions of the ODOT Utilities Manual. Publicly-owned facilities which do comply with the reimbursement provisions of the ODOT Utilities Manual will be removed and/or relocated at project expense, exclusive of betterments.
 - C. The removals and/or relocation of all utilities shall be done in such a manner as not to interfere with the operation of the contractor constructing the PROJECT and that the utility removals and/or relocations shall be approved by the STATE and performed in accordance with the provisions of the ODOT Construction and Materials Specifications.

SECTION VII: ADDITIONAL PROJECT OBLIGATIONS

1. The STATE shall initiate the competitive bid letting process and award the PROJECT in accordance with ODOT's policies and procedures.
2. The LPA agrees:
 - A. To keep said highway open to traffic at all times;
 - B. To maintain the PROJECT in accordance with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116;
 - C. To make ample financial and other provisions for such maintenance of the PROJECT after its completion;
 - D. To maintain the right-of-way and keep it free of obstructions in a manner satisfactory to the STATE and hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes;
 - E. To place and maintain all traffic control devices conforming to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices on the project in compliance with the provisions of Section 4511.11 of the Ohio Revised Code;
 - F. To regulate parking in accordance with Section 4511.66 of the Ohio Revised Code, unless otherwise controlled by local ordinance or resolution.

SECTION VIII: DISPUTES

In the event that any disputes arise between the STATE and LPA concerning interruption of or performance pursuant to this contract, such disputes shall be resolved solely and finally by the Director of Transportation.

SECTION IX: NOTICE

Notice under this contract shall be directed as follows

Board of County Commissioners	Ohio Department of Transportation
County of Belmont	Office of Estimating
101 W. Main Street	1980 West Broad Street, 1st Floor
St. Clairsville, Ohio	Columbus, Ohio 43223

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SECTION X: FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. In carrying out this contract, LPA shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability, or age. LPA will ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex, national origin (ancestry), disability, genetic information, or age (40 years or older), sexual orientation, or military status (past, present, future). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, Upgrading, Demotion, or Transfer; Recruitment or Recruitment Advertising; Layoff or Termination; Rates of Pay or other forms of Compensation; and Selection for Training including Apprenticeship.
2. To the extent necessary under Ohio law, LPA agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. LPA will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of LPA, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex, national origin (ancestry), disability, genetic information, age (40 years or older), sexual orientation, or military status (past, present, future). If applicable, the LPA shall incorporate the foregoing requirements of this paragraph in all of its contracts for any of the work prescribed herein (other than subcontracts for standard commercial supplies or raw materials) and will require all of its subcontractors for any part of such work to incorporate such requirements in all subcontracts for such work.
3. LPA agrees to fully comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sec. 2000. LPA shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin in its programs or activities. The Director of Transportation may monitor the Contractor's compliance with Title VI.

SECTION XI: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This contract constitutes the entire contract between the parties. All prior discussions and understandings between the parties are superseded by this contract.
2. Neither this contract nor any rights, duties or obligations described herein shall be assigned by either party hereto without the prior express written consent of the other party.
3. Any change to the provisions of this contract must be made in a written amendment executed by both parties.
4. This contract and any claims arising out of this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. Any provision of this contract prohibited by the law of Ohio shall be deemed void and of no effect. Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this contract or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Ohio, and the LPA hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that the STATE is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to this contract or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in Franklin County, Ohio.
5. All financial obligations of the State of Ohio, as provided in this contract, are subject to the provisions of Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code. The financial obligations of the State of Ohio shall not be valid and enforceable unless funds are appropriated by the Ohio General Assembly and encumbered by the STATE. Additionally, it is understood that this financial obligation of the LPA shall not be valid and enforceable unless funds are appropriated by the LPA's legislative body. This contract shall be deemed to have been substantially performed only when fully performed according to its terms and conditions and any modification thereof.
6. LPA agrees that it is currently in compliance and will continue to adhere to the requirements of Ohio Ethics law as provided by Section 102.03 and 102.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION XII: SIGNATURES

Any person executing this contract in a representative capacity hereby warrants that he/she has been duly authorized by his/her principal to execute this contract on such principal behalf.

Facsimile Signatures: Any party hereto may deliver a copy of its counterpart signature page to this Agreement via fax or email. Each party hereto shall be entitled to rely upon a facsimile signature on any other party delivered in such a manner as if such signature were an original.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION**

Director of Transportation

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
David K. Liberati /s/ Assist P.A.
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

SEAL
(If Applicable)
LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY
Board of County Commissioners County of Belmont
Terry Lively /s/
County Engineer
Jerry Echemann /s/
County Commissioner
J. P. Dutton /s/
County Commissioner
Josh Meyer /s/
County Commissioner
9-16-2020
Date

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 5 (THROUGH 08/31/2020)
FROM COLAIANNI CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY
DIVISIONAL COURTS RENOVATION PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Pay Request Number 5 (through 08/31/2020) from Colaianni Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$604,738.56 for the Belmont County Divisional Court Renovation project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said they have conversations weekly on this project and organized meetings every two weeks. Work continues, but it is going to be a little past the original deadline due to getting manufacturing components for the building. He said at this point it looks like the completion date could be the end of this year or into the beginning of 2021.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ESTIMATES FROM JUSTIN PRODUCTS
FOR VARIOUS BELMONT COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the following estimates from Justin Products for various Belmont County buildings:

- Estimate #692 in the amount of \$6,809.50 for fifty (50) Automatic Touch Free Hand Sanitizer or Soap Dispensers and fifty (50) Electric Hands Free Universal Towel Dispensers
- Estimate #705 in the amount of \$14,929.50 for fifty (50) High Speed Hand Driers

Note: This purchase will be reimbursed with CARES Act funds.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE #3766 FROM TOTTERDALE BROS.
SUPPLY CO., INC., FOR VARIOUS BELMONT COUNTY BUILDINGS**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Quote #3766 from Totterdale Bros. Supply Co, Inc., in the amount of \$18,994.00, for fifty (50) Sensor Lav Faucets and fifty (50) Auto Sensor kits for various Belmont County buildings.

Note: This purchase will be reimbursed with CARES Act funds.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE NUMBER 1024 FROM
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC/COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Quote Number 1024 from Digital Data Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$1,169.00 for one (1) Lenovo ThinkPad 15" Notebook for the Belmont County Commissioners' office.

Note: This purchase will be reimbursed with CARES Act funds.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said the last three motions will be reimbursed with CARES Act funds. The first two motions are dealing with restrooms in county buildings by moving things to touchless fixtures to further reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM
TMK CONSTRUCTION, LLC/HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to accept proposal from TMK Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$26,322.22 for all material and labor necessary to install six (6) new heavy duty doors at the Belmont County Health Department.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said upgrades have been made to the Health Department building, they got a little bit behind, in general, with the work plan for the building so they have been doing some catch up work. A lot of good improvements have been made to the building. Mr. Dutton said you need to stay on top of county buildings, if you do not you end up with huge issues.

Discussion re: Water and Sewer District MOU-Jim Morrison, Otto Road, commended OMEGA for the efforts they are making to see that water is brought to this county. He said in the twenty-seven years working on getting water to their area they have encountered a lot of people that do not have water and would love to have water. Mr. Morrison said when people or businesses move to an area, they look for churches, schools and transportation. He thinks utilities should be one too. Mr. Dutton said in an ideal world Belmont County Water and Sewer District wants to expand, they want to have more customers and additional revenues coming in. "We don't want individuals in Belmont County that don't have access to reliable drinking water. The problem is there are limitations," said Mr. Dutton. He added that this MOU will provide more data to be shared with people in Columbus and with people in Washington, D.C. Mr. Dutton said there are still parts of the country that there needs to be additional federal resources made available for expansion of drinking water or availability of drinking water. This data will show where there are shortfalls or issues. Frank Shaffer, Pultney Township Trustee, commended the Board of Commissioners on the steps they have taken with infrastructure and he feels it will lead to future development in the county.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM- Richard Hord, Martins Ferry, asked how concerning it is for Belmont County voters regarding the situation with COVID-19 and if it will discourage people from voting. Mr. Dutton said he does not think it is a concern. There are plenty of opportunities for an individual to participate in the voting process. There is early voting, in-person voting or absentee ballots. Mr. Meyer said the Board of Elections is working on this in conjunction with the Secretary of State's office and everyone will have the opportunity to cast their ballot this year.

Mr. Dutton noted the Belmont County Health Department is not in attendance today to provide an update today because they had a meeting that conflicted with today's Commissioners' meeting. They will be back for future updates. Mr. Dutton said we stand in a pretty good spot regarding COVID-19 from the update last week and the daily updates from the Health Department. He said the community spread has been minimal to this point despite the fact the schools have restarted. Mr. Dutton said there are still requirements in place in this building.

John Drewitt, Lashley Hill Road, Shadyside, said Engineer Terry Lively said repairs on his road should be started soon. He said money is also needed for road repairs and the Commissioners need to fight for money. Mr. Dutton said the state is going to have its next budget next year and their next transportation bill next year, that is where we made a strong push last time by reaching out and sending letters to every member of the Ohio House and Ohio Senate. "I will advocate that we do that again next year as the process starts over again and those individuals are all in place. There will be some changes in terms of some of the representatives and they will need to be educated," said Mr. Dutton.

Frank Shaffer, Pultney Township Trustee, commented on the Engineer's Department putting together a bid package for an oil and chip program that the Commissioners approved. He said it worked out tremendous, they saved money and man hours and hopes to do it again in the future. Mr. Dutton said that is another great initiative by teaming together and makes it better for residents.

RECESS

Warren Galbreath, PhD, Interim Associate Dean, Ohio University Eastern

Re: OUE/Belmont County Compact & OUE update

Dr. Galbreath said OUE is here to serve the needs of the local community. He said at present the students are all remote learning except for labs, they feel it is important to have the hands on work. Dr. Galbreath said he feels the trend will be more remote learning in the future. He added they are adhering to all of the COVID guidelines to make sure the students are properly cared for. Dr. Galbreath said Ohio University is starting One Ohio which means they will still be here on the eastern campus providing the services and the teaching and education, but some things will be centralized. "Ohio University and the Belmont County Commissioners will work together to ensure the safety that the citizens of Belmont County are safe during the pandemic," said Dr. Galbreath. Mr. Dutton said he thinks our community has done a phenomenal job addressing the COVID-19 issues. He said the campus has had a long history in Belmont County and has done an unbelievable amount of work in Belmont County, they are a great asset to the county. Dr. Galbreath said the faculty of OUE has a passion for Belmont County.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ENTERING INTO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY EASTERN AND THE COUNTY OF BELMONT COMPACT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve entering into the Ohio University Eastern and the County of Belmont Compact.



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Ohio University Eastern and the Belmont County Commissioners

The COVID-19 pandemic is a serious global medical crisis and we want to do our part to stop the spread of this deadly disease. Our community is impacted both collectively and individually by the repercussions of this pandemic, which has disrupted lives, livelihoods, educational engagement, and activities. However as a collective community, we can encourage actions and practices to reduce the disruption caused by COVID-19 and collectively work to secure a healthier future for all in our community.

Ohio University Eastern and the Belmont County Commissioners' past, present and futures are intertwined. Our interconnectedness is a strength on which we must draw upon in these trying and uncertain times. This strength also allows for our communities to collectively evolve and respond to this fluid and rapidly changing, challenging time.

This time in our history is a stressful and overwhelming time. We all have a role to play. It is up to each of us to conscientiously do our part. We care about each other and we care about the community in which we live, work, study and explore. And we will achieve that by employing patience and understanding, knowing that this is a dynamic situation that is fluid and ever evolving because it is the only way to keep our community open.

In order to work with one another toward mutually beneficial solutions, we recognize our communities must:

- maintain the health and safety of the Ohio University Eastern and Belmont County communities, which are community efforts;
- ensure each member of our communities observe heightened health and safety precautions;
- embrace a culture of care and encourage members of our communities to accept some inconvenience, an essential action in order to keep our community safe, protect our own families and friends, and ensure business continuity;
- support one another – as individuals and in community – by actively listening and assisting one another where possible and safe.



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On behalf of our communities, we are committing to working together to ensure accountability, and cooperation in adhering to policies, ordinances, and public-health practices that will keep our community, and every member of it safe, as well as reduce disruption in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Warren Galbreath, Ph.D.
Interim Associate Dean
Ohio University Eastern

J.P. Dutton
Belmont County Commissioner

9-16-2020

Jerry Echemann
Belmont County Commissioner

9-16-2020

Josh Meyer
Belmont County Commissioner

9-16-2020

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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Dwayne Pielech, Senior Services of Belmont County Executive Director Re: Levy update

Mr. Pielech announced the Board of Commissioners have decided not to renew the ½ mill Senior Services levy. He said they looked at the funding structure of Senior Services, looked at where we were financially and took into consideration how they had to do business differently with the pandemic. He said they are producing 1,100 meals a day and transport seniors thousands of miles. “We know the levy is not needed anymore, we’re going to give the property owners a little relief so we’ve decided going forward that we are going to let the tax levy expire at the end of this year,” said Mr. Pielech. He added it is a reduction of about \$836,000 a year in revenue. Mr. Pielech said the new building was paid off last year. Some of their vehicles will be upgraded next year, there will not be any vehicles older than a 2019 model, the kitchen will also be upgraded with this year’s budget. Mr. Pielech said this could be the first time in Belmont County’s history since there has been levies that there has ever been a reduction in taxes. Mr. Dutton said a lot of work has been put into this decision. “Our Senior Services program in Belmont County really is probably the envy across the state, in terms of what we do. The amount of centers we have, the amount of meals we

produce, the way we get those meals out to individuals, the transportation services we provide. We really go beyond what other counties do in support of their seniors. That has all been accomplished because of the support of the residents of Belmont County for the levies that have been in place. When you consider, potentially, to reduce or eliminate a levy, you don't take that lightly, because we have a great program and we want that program to continue. The effort isn't to eliminate a levy and see services reduced," said Mr. Dutton. He added they felt comfortable after looking at the numbers that this levy wasn't needed. Mr. Pielech said their annual budget is approximately \$4.5 million. That number with other revenue sources is closer to \$5.5 to \$6 million a year. Mr. Pielech said they will continue to budget for general maintenance of the building and will be able to live with the two levies that are left, they generate over a little over \$4 million dollars. Mr. Dutton said, "It would have been an easy decision to leave it on. It would have continued to be supported by the residents of Belmont County, but it comes down to fairness. At what point are you collecting more than you need as a county and we felt we were now in a position if we put this levy on, we were collecting more than we needed. In a matter of fairness for the tax payers of Belmont County, I think it is a great announcement." Mr. Echemann said this is reflective of good management at Senior Services. Mr. Meyer said he appreciates the tax payers for supporting the levies.

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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 Katie Bayness, HR Administrator, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the compensation and employment of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:51 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 12:51 p.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 are two motions for the board to consider.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ANNE BURKHART, PART-TIME KENNEL STAFF, TO START AUTHORIZED UNPAID LEAVE/ANIMAL SHELTER

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Anne Burkhardt, part-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, to start authorized unpaid leave effective September 4, 2020 and ending on September 17, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING RICHARD LAISURE, FULL-TIME NUTRITION DRIVER TO EXTEND AUTHORIZED UNPAID LEAVE/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Richard Laisure, full-time Nutrition Driver at Senior Services of Belmont County, to extend authorized unpaid leave not to exceed September 27, 2020.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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Reconvened Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 10:32 a.m. Present: Commissioners Echemann and Meyer.

Absent: Commissioner Dutton

Mr. Echemann said there is one motion.

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PLAN YEAR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021 FOR BELMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEES CHOOSING THE HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN FOR THE PLAN YEAR JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Motion made by Commissioner Echemann, seconded by Commissioner Meyer to adopt the following resolution:

The Belmont County Commission has decided to contribute \$64.52 per month to the Health Savings Account for single employee contracts and \$175.31 per month to the Health Savings Account for family contracts as long as the employee is enrolled in the High Deductible Health Plan. This monthly contribution amount will be in place for the plan year beginning January 1, 2021.

Signed by Commissioners on

J. P. Dutton, President

Jerry Echemann, Vice-President

Jerry Echemann /s/

Josh Meyer

Josh Meyer /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

September 16, 2020

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10:33 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 23rd day of September, 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