

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Jerry Echemann, Josh Meyer and J. P. Dutton, 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. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign all bills that have been certified in the Auditor's office and considered by the Board. It is hereby ordered that the County Auditor issue her warrant on the County Treasurer in payment of the bills allowed:

IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$301,684.46

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

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

A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0131-A006-A03.002 Jail-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A15.000 Unemployment	\$6,000.00
E-0131-A006-A03.002 Jail-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A25.000 Housing of Inmates	\$12,489.61

H05 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND/BCDJFS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2600-H005-H03.000 Adult	E-2600-H005-H04.000 Dislocated Worker	\$1,481.86
E-2600-H005-H03.000 Adult	E-2600-H005-H06.000 Rapid Response	\$4,291.64

Y91 EMPLOYERS SHARE HOLDING ACCOUNT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.500 HSA Fund	\$415.14

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

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

S02 SHERIFFS POLICING REVOLVING FUND AND THE A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-5102-S002-S01.002 Salaries	E-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries	\$22,936.00
E-5102-S002-S02.005 Medicare	E-0256-A014-A07.005 Medicare	\$128.62
E-5102-S002-S03.003 PERS/SPRS	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$3,274.05
E-5102-S002-S04.006 Health Insurance	E-0256-A014-A06.006 Group and Liability	\$2,023.91

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under the February 24, 2021 meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A51.000	Oil & Gas	\$41,941.17
E-0057-A006-F06.011	Veterinary Services	\$1,056.69

E10 911 FUND

E-2200-E010-E07.000	Other Expenses	\$2,174.70
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E11 9-1-1 WIRELESS

E-2301-E011-E01.011	Contract Services	\$7,500.00
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S02 SHERIFFS POLICING REVOLVING FUND

E-5102-S002-S01.002	Salaries	\$22,936.00
E-5102-S002-S02.005	Medicare	\$338.18
E-5102-S002-S03.003	PERS/SPRS	\$3,274.05
E-5102-S002-S04.006	Health Insurance	\$2,023.91

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$2,665.92
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S32 OAKVIEW JUVENILE/ACTIVITY FUNDS

E-8012-S032-S00.000	Activity Fund	\$212.30
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W80 PROSECUTOR-VICTIM ASSISTANCE

E-1511-W080-P01.002	Salary	\$3,024.48
E-1511-W080-P05.003	PERS	\$600.00
E-1511-W080-P07.006	Hospitalization	\$135.00
E-1511-W080-P08.005	Medicare	\$100.00
E-1511-W080-P15.000	Rent	\$261.35

W98 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT

E-1498-W098-W13.000	2020 Expenses	\$576.74
E-1498-W098-W15.000	2021 Expenses	\$10,648.00

SHERIFF/VARIOUS FUNDS

E-0131-A006-A09.000	Medical	\$1,099.48
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E-0131-A006-A10.000	Transport	\$200.00
E-0131-A006-A17.010	Cruisers	\$1,543.83

E-0131-A006-A21.000	Towing	\$150.00
E-0131-A006-A23.000	Background	\$1,009.50
E-0131-A006-A24.000	E-SORN	\$1,256.00
E-0131-A006-A26.000	K-9	\$73.00
E-0131-A006-A28.000	Shop with a Cop	\$500.00
E-0131-A006-A29.000	Mounted	\$3,500.00
E-0131-A006-A32.000	Warrant Fee	\$2,820.00
E-1652-B016-B02.000	DUI	\$198.00
E-5100-S000-S01.010	Commissary	\$38,623.68
E-5101-S001-S06.000	CCW License	\$7,560.50
E-5101-S001-S07.012	CCW Equipment	\$9,255.00
E-9710-U010-U06.000	Reserve	\$2,626.19

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies. **GENERAL FUND/REIMBURSEMENT FROM CAT STRAY SHUN-\$1,056.69** deposited into R-0057-A006-A05.500 Animal Shelter Reimbursement Vet Bills on 02/16/2021. *(Money was received from Belmont County Cat Stray Shun for the reimbursement of January 2021 New Horizon Animal Hospital vet bills)*

OIL & GAS RECEIPTS FEBRUARY/GENERAL FUND-\$41,941.17 deposited into R-0050-A000-A02.500 on dates below-

02/01/2021	\$21,823.65
02/02/2021	\$154.53
02/02/2021	\$354.10
02/02/2021	\$1,231.09
02/02/2021	\$931.64
02/02/2021	\$6,670.69
02/04/2021	\$1,841.79
02/08/2021	\$179.52
02/12/2021	\$5,949.66
02/12/2021	\$242.88
02/17/2021	\$2,561.62
TOTAL	\$41,941.17

W98 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT FUND-\$576.74 paid into R-1498-W098-W14.501 Grant 2020 on 02/23/2021.

W98 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT FUND-\$10,648.00 paid into R-1498-W098-W16.501 Grant 2021 on 02/17/2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION-Noah Atkinson to Cadiz, OH, on February 24, 2021, to deliver Parent Project books to Harrison County Juvenile Court.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of February 17, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTING THE OAKVIEW JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER'S BUDGET REQUEST FY 2022

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to execute the Oakview Juvenile Residential Center's Budget Request to the Ohio Department of Youth Services-Community Corrections Facilities Grant for FY 2022 in the amount of \$1,399,407.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PRE-AWARD CONDITION FORM FOR 9-1-1/2020 CORONAVIRUS HAZARD PAY GRANT

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign the Pre-Award Condition Form for Belmont County 9-1-1 – 2020 Coronavirus Hazard Pay Grant as follows:

Grant No.: 2020-CE-OTH-2277
Grant Amount: \$21,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF DONATION FROM FOUNDATION FOR APPALACHIAN OHIO/EMA

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to acknowledge receipt of a \$1,000.00 donation from Foundation for Appalachian Ohio to the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency for the purchase of equipment.

Note: This donation is in partnership with the Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING REQUEST OF AEP/OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to grant the request of AEP/Ohio Power Company for the following easement and right-of-way:

- Ten (10) feet wide, lying five (5) feet on each side of the facilities as installed on parcel #33-00032.001 located in Richland Township, Section 32, Range 4 for installing a transformer on an existing pole.

Note: This property is located on Pogue Road.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM BEARCOM/EMA

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the proposal from BEARCOM in the amount of \$6,680.16 to provide and install all necessary uplifting to the 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD Crew Cab for the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency, based upon the recommendation of Director Dave Ivan.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Richard Hord, Martins Ferry, asked if there was any update on an announcement regarding the possible ethane cracker plant in Beech Bottom. Mr. Echemann said, "We're certainly hopeful it will continue. I still think we've got a better chance of it happening than not. It is not being postponed on an indefinite basis and we expect to hear something in mid-year."

Mr. Hord inquired about the winter's impact on county roads and if funding is available for repairs. Mr. Echemann said the board meets with the County Engineer on a regular basis to discuss his budget and the county roads. He added there has been no paving of county roads for quite some time except through the Road Use Maintenance Agreements with the oil and gas companies. Mr. Echemann said money has been received from the Ohio Public Works Commission for an upcoming project. Mr. Meyer said the Engineer's budget has increased by approximately \$1 million per year due to the license plate fee increase a few years ago. There was also an increase in the gas tax revenue last year in the amount of approximately \$675,000. This increase was not as much as anticipated due to COVID-19. Mr. Dutton said, "From a funding standpoint there's not much else that can be done for the Engineer. He gets his funding from two sources, license plate fees and gasoline tax. The license plate fee was taken to the highest level it could be taken to and the state, after a lot of years of not increasing it, under Governor DeWine they recently increased the gas tax. At last look there was a few million dollars in the accounts which are building. It's not the General Fund's place necessarily to pave roads completely, but the general fund was used to bolster grant applications." He added all of the local funding for the OPWC project is coming from the General Fund. The Transportation Improvement District board has another project this year and had one last year. Again, the matching funds are coming from the General Fund as well. There are General Funds going to bring in state and local dollars, but there needs to be paving done, in my opinion, on the annual type basis coming from the funds that are supposed to be doing that paving which is the license plate fees and the gasoline tax the residents are paying, said Mr. Dutton.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:41 A.M

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:23 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 12:23 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said as a result of executive session there is one motion for the board to consider

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF LEE PYTLAK, FULL-TIME FISCAL ADMINISTRATOR/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the resignation of Lee Pytlak, full-time Fiscal Administrator at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective February 26, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:30 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 3rd day of March, 2021.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____

J. P. Dutton /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/_____

We, Jerry Echemann 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.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____ PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/_____ CLERK