

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 \$1,457,355.56

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*:

K00 M.V.G.T. FUND/ENGINEER

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2812-K000-K15.011 Contract Services	E-2812-K000-K20.006 Hospitalization	\$50,760.00
E-2812-K000-K15.011 Contract Services	E-2813-K000-K39.006 Hospitalization	\$29,744.00

W80 PROSECUTORS-VICTIM ASSIST PROGRAM

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1511-W080-P05.003 PERS	E-1511-W080-P07.006 Hospitalization	\$151.43
E-1511-W080-P06.004 Workers Comp	E-1511-W080-P07.006 Hospitalization	\$50.97
E-1511-W080-P08.005 Medicare	E-1511-W080-P07.006 Hospitalization	\$190.95

W81 D.R.E.T.A.C./PROSECUTORS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1510-W081-P02.010 Supplies	E-1510-W081-P07.006 Hospitalization	\$2,000.00

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:

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND N22 WWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/BCSSD

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9022-N022-N08.574 Transfers In	\$182,099.78

P53 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND N14 SSD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT/BCSSD

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	R-9014-N014-N07.574 Transfers In	\$30,312.33

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 October 13, 2021, meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0057-A006-F06.011	Veterinary Services	\$827.06
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B00 DOG AND KENNEL FUND/ANIMAL SHELTER

E-1600-B000-B07.000	Veterinary Services	\$6,235.62
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L05 WATERSHED COORDINATOR/BSWCD

E-1815-L005-L01.002	Salaries	\$30,000.00
E-1815-L005-L11.003	PERS	\$5,000.00

S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS

E-0910-S033-S33.002	Salaries	\$27,666.88
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S86 NORTHERN COURT GEN. SPECIAL PROJECTS

E-1561-S086-S08.000	Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
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W80 PROSECUTOR-VICTIM ASSIST PROGRAM

E-1511-W080-P07.006	Hospitalization	\$3,344.03
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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.

B00/UNSPECIFIED DONATIONS-DOG AND KENNEL FUND-\$6,235.62 deposited into R-1600-B000-B08.5000 from 07/01/2021 – 09/30/2021 *(Acknowledged by the BOC 10/6/2021)*

GENERAL FUND/REIMBURSEMENT FROM CAT STRAY SHUN-\$827.06 deposited into R-0057-A006-A05.500 Animal Shelter Reimbursement Vet Bills on 10-07-2021. *(Money was received from Belmont County Cat Stray Shun for the reimbursement of August 2021 Barnesville/Woodsfield vet bills)*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated October 13, 2021, 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. 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: SSOBC-Donna Steadman to Sugarcreek, OH, on October 21, 2021, for a senior outing. Dorothy Burkhart to Triadelphia, WV, on October 22, 2021, for a senior outing to The Highlands. Jack Timko to Wheeling, WV, on November 4, 2021, for a senior outing to Wheeling Downs. Kay Driscoll to Washington, PA, on November 15, 2021, for a senior outing to Tanger Outlets. County vehicles will be used for travel.

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 October 6, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING JAMES TAYLOR AS FULL-TIME UTILITY WORKER/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to hire James Taylor as full-time Utility Worker at the Belmont County Water & Sewer District, effective October 18, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO THE AUCTION SALE AGREEMENT WITH DAVID JONES, CAI AUCTIONEER/COUNTY AUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter into the Auction Sale Agreement with David Jones, CAI Auctioneer, 400 East High Street, Flushing, OH, 43977, to conduct the annual Belmont County Auction to be held Thursday, October 28, 2021, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at 68401 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio.



AUCTION



AUCTION



400 East High Street • Flushing, OH 43977
Phone: (740) 968-3710 • Fax: (740) 968-3690
Cell: (740) 391-3710

Auction Sale Agreement

Date Oct 11-2021

1. I hereby grant unto David Jones the exclusive right and authority to sell the personal property of Bel City Commissioner described on the auction inventory or auction advertising at public auction. Located at Hammond Rd Ste
County Bel State oh

2. Auction will be held on Oct 28th 2021 4:00
Date Year Time

3. I have the full power and authority to sell the personal property and that the said property is free and clear of all liens and encumbrances Except as follow: None

4. I agree to pay David Jones Auctioneer a commission of 30 percent of the gross proceeds of personal property.

8 percent of Vehicles

5. I the seller agree to pay for all paper ads. Approx. price of 3500.00 and the following other expenses Porta Jon (500.00)

6. The terms and conditions are Cash or a good check day of auction. Collection of bad checks, debts and collection of unpaid money will be the responsibility of David Jones Auctioneer in cooperation of the seller.

7. The auctioneer's policy will ~~not~~ accept absentee bids.

8. All proceeds will be deposited in David Jones escrow account. Settlement will occur within 15 days of the date of the auction unless advised otherwise.

9. Any unsold items will be the responsibility of the seller. The auctioneer will dispose of [Unsold items at our auction center]

10. Auction shall be a reserve auction as defined in ORC 4707.01

11. I AGREE NOT TO SELL OR REMOVE ANY ITEMS FROM THE PREMISES AFTER THE DATE OF THIS CONTRACT EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE ON ANY ADVERTISEMENT

12. The seller agrees to indemnify and save harmless David Jones and his employees, against any and all claims, demands, action or causes of action whatsoever in any manner arising by the execution of this contract.

13. It is mutually agreed that this contract shall be binding upon the undersigned and the separate heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and successors in interest of the undersigned.

14. The auctioneer may hire other auctioneers to assist him in any auctions he may conduct.

15. The undersigned auctioneer is licensed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and bonded by the state of Ohio under the auction recovery fund.

16. In witness whereof the parties have hereunto executed this contract in duplicate on the date set forth above.

17. I have read the above contract and agree to the conditions thereof. I hereby acknowledge receipt of a copy of this agreement.

By [Signature] Address _____ Ph. _____

By [Signature] Address _____ Ph. _____

Auctioneer: David Jones

Probate No: _____

Attorney: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ESTIMATE FROM WESTERN BRANCH DIESEL/BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the estimate from Western Branch Diesel, in the amount of \$2,104.83, for parts and labor for necessary repairs on the generator at the Belmont County Board of Elections.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann Yes
Mr. Meyer Yes

Mr. Dutton Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE FROM BOB’S FAMILY ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA EASI FILE/RECORDER’S OFFICE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the quote from Bob’s Family Enterprises, Inc., DBA Easi File, in the amount of \$10,254.48, for three (3) Easi File systems and filing supplies, for the Belmont County Recorder’s office.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING BELMONT COUNTY AUDITOR TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND FOR THE OPWC PROJECTS LOCAL MATCH MONEY AND PASS THROUGH MONEY FOR OPWC-CU23Y GRANT (WILLOW GROVE ROAD) FOR BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER’S DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to authorize the Belmont County Auditor to establish a new fund for the OPWC Projects local match money and pass through money for the OPWC-CU23Y Grant (Willow Grove Road) for the Belmont County Engineer’s Department.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

**Linda Mehl, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing, Belmont Co. Health Dept.
Re: Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation**

Ms. Mehl said, “Breast cancer is an issue here as it is everywhere. It’s one of the leading causes of death for women, so we’d like to see people get screened earlier.” She explained they offer preventative screenings at their site if a woman qualifies and they can receive a free mammogram referral.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the proclamation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Proclamation

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

WHEREAS, about 30% of the newly diagnosed cancers in women will be breast cancer. In 2021 an estimated 330,840 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, on average, every two minutes a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the overall death rate from breast cancer decreased by 1% per year from 2013 to 2018. This decline can be attributed to treatment advances and earlier detection through screening; and

WHEREAS, at this time there are more than 3.8 million women with a history of breast cancer in the United States, including women still being treated and those who have completed treatment; and

WHEREAS, we recognize breast cancer survivors, those battling the disease, their families, friends, and co-workers who are a source of love, encouragement, and support, and applaud the efforts of medical professionals and researchers working to find a cure for this deadly disease; and

WHEREAS, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an opportunity to unite all citizens in Belmont County to raise awareness of the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Belmont County Commissioners do hereby recognize October as **BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

Adopted this 13th day of October, 2021.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Echemann /s/
Josh Meyer /s/
J. P. Dutton /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

**Dwayne Pielech, Executive Director of Senior Services of Belmont County, Leslie Thompson, Program Coordinator, Karreen Simon, WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital COO/Vice-President and Joe Slavik, Howard Long Wellness Center
Re: SSOBC/WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital Partnership**

Mr. Pielech announced Senior Services of Belmont County will be partnering with WVU Medicine Wheeling Hospital to expand services for the seniors of Belmont County. He said the goal of this partnership will be to help area seniors stay healthy and safe and live in their homes longer. Another goal is to reduce emergency room visits. Services will start out a little at a time and at different senior centers. Possible services include lab blood draws, bone density screening, mobile MRI units, vision and dental screenings, podiatry screenings and educational services. Mr. Pielech said they will also be working with Howard Long Wellness Center for physical activities. He noted most of the seniors’ insurance will cover the cost of the lab draws and other healthcare services. Ms. Simon said, “This is all about community outreach. We are very excited about this partnership.” Mr. Dutton said he is very proud of Senior Services’ programs in Belmont County and the amount of meals, the amount of medical transports that is done each day and the amount of centers we have. They didn’t wait for the pandemic to be over; they took the time to look at what could be done differently.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:59 A.M.

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

Note: The executive session will be held in the Annex III building.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:37 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 11:37 a.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 are no motions for the board to consider at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:37 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer 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.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:19 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 12:19 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 MICHELLE SUCHAN, FULL-TIME DELIVERY WORKER (DRIVER)/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the resignation of Michelle Suchan, full-time Delivery Worker (Driver) with Senior Services of Belmont County, effective October 9, 2021.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:20 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter executive session with Katie Bayness, HR Administrator, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of a public employee.
Note: The executive session will be held in the Annex III building.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:58 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 12:58 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 are no motions for the board to consider at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:58 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter executive session with Katie Bayness, HR Administrator, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of a public employee.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:56 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 1:56 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 are no motions for the board to consider at this time.

RECESS

Reconvened Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 10:04 a.m. Present: Commissioners Echemann, Meyer and Dutton

BUDGET HEARINGS-Present: Jaclynn Smolenak, Accounts Receivable/Accounts Payable

PROSECUTOR-Present: Prosecutor Kevin Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan said the Victim's Advocate grant has been cut by \$21,000. It will be cut 34 ½% for 2022. Victim Advocate Pam Bowman's health insurance had to be paid out of the General Fund and her salary will now be covered out of the General Fund. Mr. Flanagan noted his vacation time had to be paid out when he became Prosecutor which he did not account for in his 2021 budget request. He has been using some DTAC funds to run his office. An additional \$20,000 is needed to finish out the year. They have been applying for grants and will not know what is needed for 2022 until he receives the grant figure that is awarded. He is estimating an additional \$40,000 will be needed for 2022 for a total of \$849,000. Mr. Flanagan said \$64,000 has been paid back to the General Fund through the IV-D contract reimbursements and another \$60,000 should be paid back by the end of the year. The FOJ fund covers mileage, expert witnesses, etc. If any FOJ funds are left over it goes back into the General Fund per ORC.

RECESS

EMA-Present: Director Dave Ivan

Mr. Ivan said an additional \$10,000 is needed for 2022 in the salary line. He will be receiving \$80,000 from the EMPG grant in 2022 which is up from \$55,000 that was received in 2021. The grant can be used to cover salaries, utilities, etc. The grant was increased due to an additional staff member. Items needed were reviewed. Mr. Ivan can get twelve weather stations for \$3,000; these will be put at different locations throughout the county. Digital upgrades on the radios are needed, the cost is approximately \$5,000. Mr. Ivan said they are also working on upgrading their website. These items will be paid for with the money received from the XTO compliance agreement settlement from the Schnegg B Well Pad incident in February 2018.

RECESS

COMMON PLEAS/MAGISTRATE-Present: Judges Vavra and Fregiato, Laura Zupko, Court Administrator, Magistrate Amy Busic and Bob Williams

Judge Fregiato said they did hire an additional court report the first of the year. An increase in wages for the staff is being considered, none has been given for a while. Ms. Busic said the Building and Grounds crew are working on renovating the law library for a Magistrate’s courtroom. It can also be used as an additional jury space. Judge Vavra is taking the lead on the project. The only items that are provided for in the Magistrate’s budget is salary and PERS. Common Pleas has been covering their supplies and operating expenses. Some of these expenses can be reimbursed through the IV-D contract if the Magistrate’s office covers them from their budget.

RECESS

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:26 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 20th day of October, 2021.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____

J. P. Dutton /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Josh Meyer – Absent_____

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