

St. Clairsville, Ohio

October 27, 2021

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 \$741,832.05

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-A02.002 Salaries-Admin	E-0131-A006-A03.000 Salaries-Jail	\$50,000.00
E-0131-A006-A05.002 Salaries- Maintenance	E-0131-A006-A03.000 Salaries-Jail	\$20,000.00
E-0131-A006-A08.000 Food	E-0131-A006-A03.000 Salaries-Jail	\$28,708.58
E-0257-A017-A00.000 Contingencies	E-0021-A002-E02.002 Salaries-Employees	\$62,755.15

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2813-K000-K37.000 Other Expenses	E-2813-K000-K40.074 Transfers Out	\$128,343.00

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

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

Y91 EMPLOYERS SHARE HOLDING ACCOUNT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.500 HSA Fund	\$239.83

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:

A00 GENERAL FUND AND S86 NORTHERN COURT-SPECIAL PROJECTS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0257-A017-A00.000 Contingencies	R-1561-S086-S06.574 Transfers In	\$1,082.05

K00 M.V.G.T. FUND AND O39 BOND RETIREMENT-ENGINEERS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2813-K000-K40.074 Transfers Out	R-9218-O039-O05.574 Transfers In	\$128,343.00

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 27, 2021, meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A51.000	Oil & Gas	\$254,133.49
E-0057-A006-F06.011	Veterinary Services	\$2,010.45

O39 BOND RETIREMENT/ENGINEERS

E-9218-O039-O05.050	Principal Loan Payment	\$117,000.00
E-9218-O039-O06.051	Interest Payment	\$11,343.00

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S40.000	Grant Holding	\$6,809.81
E-8010-S030-S51.002	Salaries	\$200,000.00
E-8010-S030-S53.000	Medical	\$6,000.00
E-8010-S030-S55.010	Supplies	\$2,000.00
E-8010-S030-S56.000	Motor Vehicles	\$500.00
E-8010-S030-S58.000	Communications	\$15,000.00
E-8010-S030-S59.000	Fuel/Utilities	\$23,000.00
E-8010-S030-S60.000	Maintenance & Repairs	\$5,620.02
E-8010-S030-S62.000	Printing	\$200.00
E-8010-S030-S63.000	General	\$6,000.00
E-8010-S030-S66.003	PERS	\$28,000.00
E-8010-S030-S67.004	Workers Comp	\$8,000.00
E-8010-S030-S68.006	Hospitalization	\$60,000.00
E-8010-S030-S69.007	Unemployment Compensation	\$2,000.00
E-8010-S030-S70.005	Medicare	\$2,900.00
E-8010-S030-S71.000	Education/Recreation	\$1,000.00

S55 TARGETED COMM ALTERN TO PRISON/ADULT PROBATION

E-1545-S055-S02.002	Salary/Fringes	\$76,291.00
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S56 PROBATION SERVICES GRANT/ADULT PROBATION

E-1546-S056-S04.001	Salary/Fringes	\$18,750.00
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E-1546-S056-S05.000	Grant Expenses	\$18,750.00
<u>S77 COMM-BASED CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT/ADULT PROBATION</u>		
E-1520-S077-S01.002	Salaries	\$15,289.37
E-1520-S077-S02.005	Medicare	\$252.00
E-1520-S077-S03.003	PERS	\$2,434.25
E-1520-S077-S04.006	Hospitalization	\$5,281.38
E-1520-S077-S05.004	Workers Comp	\$313.00
<u>S81 PROBATE COURT-COMPUTER FUND</u>		
E-1581-S081-S08.000	Computer Expenses	\$16,855.00
<u>T11 BEL.CO COMMISSIONERS C.D.B.G.</u>		
E-9702-T011-T01.000	Grant	\$8,250.00
<u>W80 PROSECUTORS-VICTIM ASSIST PROGRAM</u>		
E-1511-W080-P01.002	Salary	\$7,806.50
<u>W98 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT</u>		
E-1498-W098-W15.000	2021 Expenses	\$666.29

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 27, 2021, meeting:

<u>S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS</u>		
E-0910-S033-S33.002	Salaries	\$38,982.18
E-0910-S033-S39.000	Food Service Expenses	\$3,000.00
E-0910-S033-S44.003	PERS/STRS	\$9,000.00
<u>S86 NORTHERN COURT-SPECIAL PROJECTS</u>		
E-1561-S086-S01.002	Salary	\$1,082.05

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-\$2,010.45** deposited into R-0057-A006-A05.500 Animal Shelter Reimbursement Vet Bills on 10-19-2021 (*Money was received from Belmont County Cat Stray Shun for the reimbursement of September 2021 New Horizon Animal Hospital cat vet bills*)

T11 GRANT MONIES-\$8,250.00 deposited into R-9702-T011-T01.501 on 10/22/2021

OIL & GAS RECEIPTS OCTOBER/GENERAL FUND-\$254,133.49 deposited into R-0050-A000-A02.500 on dates below-

09/27/2021	\$452.99
10/04/2021	\$1,063.03
10/04/2021	\$169.37
10/05/2021	\$13,223.30
10/05/2021	\$775.45
10/05/2021	\$151.82
10/05/2021	\$1,094.08
10/05/2021	\$444.03
10/05/2021	\$495.85
10/05/2021	\$14,580.54
10/05/2021	\$292.58
10/05/2021	\$6,267.14
10/14/2021	\$976.05
10/14/2021	\$214,147.26
TOTAL	\$254,133.49

W98 CEBCO WELLNESS GRANT FUND-\$666.29 paid into R-1498-W098-W16.501, Grant-2021 on 10/25/2021.

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 27, 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:

DJFS-Jeff Felton to Wooster, OH, on October 28, 2021, to attend the ECODA Management Fall Retreat. **Jeff Felton** to Wilmot, OH, on November 2, 2021, to attend the East Central Director's meeting. **Jeff Felton** to November 17, 2021, to attend the Child Abuse Prevention Council meeting.

WATER & SEWER DISTRICT-Mario DeFelice, Josh Materkoski and John Yeager to Minerva, OH, during the week of October 25 and/or November 1, 2021, for the disposal of asbestos material. A county vehicle 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 20, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING MOTION MADE ON OCTOBER 20, 2021, APPROVING TAYLOR MCKIM, DEPUTY CLERK AT EASTERN DIVISIONAL COURT, TO START AUTHORIZED UNPAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to rescind the motion of October 20, 2021, to approve Taylor McKim, Deputy Clerk at the Belmont County Eastern Divisional Court, to start authorized unpaid Family Medical Leave, effective October 22, 2021 through October 26, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HIRING OF MELISSA KENEFICK AS FULL-TIME ACCOUNTS RECEIVING CLERK/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to hire Melissa Kenefick as full-time Accounts Receiving Clerk at the Belmont County Water & Sewer District, effective November 1, 2021.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING JASON LEWIS AS FULL-TIME KENNEL STAFF

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to hire Jason Lewis as full-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective November 1, 2021.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING ALEA KOVACH AS PART-TIME REGISTERED NURSE/JAIL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to hire Alea Kovach as part-time Registered Nurse at the Belmont County Jail, effective November 1, 2021.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITY CLINICAL CARE COORDINATOR AT BELMONT COUNTY JAIL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the job description for the new position of Correctional Facility Clinical Care Coordinator at the Belmont County Jail, at a pay grade 13, effective October 27, 2021.

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Job Title: Correctional Facility Clinical Care Coordinator
Reports To: Medical Director
Classification: Classified
FLSA: Non-Exempt
Schedule: Varies, on call
Hourly Base Rate: See Current Pay Scale

Summary:

Provide assessments, counseling, care coordination, linkage, and community re-entry support to inmates in the Belmont County Jail.

Knowledge and Skills:

Best practices in the assessment, treatment, and care management of persons with substance use, mental health disorders, and co-occurring disorders in a correction setting as well as community re-entry. Preferred skills/knowledge include:

- Understanding of the operations of a correctional facility.
- Methods of alleviating psychological, environmental, and social problems in various sectors.
- Knowledge of correctional facility regulations and procedures.
- Knowledge of the psychological and social problems in various settings.
- Knowledge of corrections treatment and rehabilitation programs.
- Knowledge of objectives of clinical correctional services.
- Trends in the treatment of prisoners.
- Ability to apply current methods in the treatment of inmates.
- Ability to obtain and evaluate information as it relates to employment setting.
- Ability to establish an effective working relationship with individuals, groups, and agencies.

Job Duties:

- Perform behavioral health assessments/screenings to all new inmates.
- Develop treatment and support plans, provide individual therapy and psychosocial educational support groups using evidence-based treatments specific to the criminal justice population.
- Offer individual case coordination/management and skill-building for inmates and/or persons re-entering the community.

- Provide referrals to medical or mental-health services; coordinate linkage to community supports including housing, healthcare, employment/educational opportunities, and other general living and recovery supports.
- Monitor the progress and compliance of inmates in treatment.
- Complete & maintain client records (e.g., social histories, admission/aftercare summaries, progress notes, capacity assessments, referral records, & discharge documents).
- Provide crisis intervention as needed and coordinate crisis care with community partners.
- Establish & maintain working relationships with other members of the criminal justice team.
- Participate in collaborative team meetings and trainings; provide education and training to correctional staff.
- Maintain documentation and monitor compliance of requirements of federal, state & local agencies & accrediting bodies, and local laws and regulations.
- Other job duties as required.

Qualifications:

Master’s degree and licensure as an Independent Social Worker (LISW) or Independent Clinical Counselor (PCC) REQUIRED. Experience with the criminal justice population and/or mental health and substance use treatment preferred.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann noted this position will be paid for by the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

IN THE MATTER OF ADDING THE EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PLAN ADDENDUM TO THE BELMONT COUNTY PREVENTION, RETENTION AND CONTINGENCY (PRC) PLAN/DJFS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to add the Employment Incentive Plan addendum to the Belmont County Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Plan that became effective May 19, 2021, as submitted by the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services.

Note: The plan emphasizes the importance of securing and maintaining employment as a means of personal and community responsibility.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF A 2011 CHEVY IMPALA FROM COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION, TO BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to authorize the transfer of a 2011 Chevy Impala from the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, to the Belmont County Building and Grounds Department for their use.

Note: This vehicle is no longer needed by the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HICKORY GROVE LANE (PRIVATE ROAD) GOSHEN TOWNSHIP SEC 29, T-7, R-5

[Belmont Co. Commissioners
[Courthouse
[St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
[Date October 27, 2021

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to authorize the Clerk of the Board to establish a date and time for the Subdivision Hearing in regards to Hickory Grove Lane (Private Road), Goshen Township, Section 29, T-7, R-5 pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 711.05 and proceed with the required notifications.

NOTICE OF NEW SUB-DIVISION
Revised Code Sec. 711.05
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To: Doug Kemp, F.O., Goshen Township Trustees, 40939 Bethesda Belmont Rd., Bethesda, OH 43719.

You are hereby notified that the 10th day of November, 2021, at 9:45 o'clock A. M., has been fixed as the date, and the office of the Commissioners, in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, as the place where the Commissioners will act on the above stated matter.

By order of the Belmont County Commissioners.

Bonnie Zuzak /s/

Clerk of the Board

- Mail by certified return receipt requested

cc: Goshen Township Trustees

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF FLUSHING’S APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL STREET FUND/VEHICLE LICENSE TAX

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the Village of Flushing’s application in accordance with O.R.C. Section 4504.04 for the use of Municipal Street Fund/Vehicle License Tax in the amount of \$19,750.00 based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer, Terry Lively, for street improvements to the following:

- Market Street from Spring Street to High Street

Note: The estimated cost is \$19,750.00 of which all will be paid from this source.

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 SAFETY STUDY PROJECT 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 Safety Study Project for the Belmont County Engineer’s Department.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 5 (THROUGH 10/11/2021)
FROM BORDER PATROL, LLC/FOX SHANNON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve Pay Request Number 5 (through 10/11/2021) from Border Patrol, LLC, in the amount of \$373,445.00 for the Fox Shannon Wastewater Treatment Plant project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE FROM CONAWAY FLOORING, LLC/FUTURE STORIES

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the quote from Conaway Flooring LLC, in the amount of \$14,727.30 to take up existing carpet and cove base and provide and install new carpet and cove base at the Future Stories building.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSARY AGREEMENT WITH KEEFE COMMISSARY NETWORK, LLC/JAIL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the amendment to the Commissary Agreement with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, originally signed on November 9, 2018, to extend the term of the agreement for one (1) additional year through November 8, 2022, for supplying food and other related commissary items and services at the Belmont County Jail.

AMENDMENT TO COMMISSARY AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDMENT to the Commissary Agreement is made effective this 27th day of October 2021, by and between the Belmont County Board of Commissioners, ("Customer") and Keefe Commissary Network, LLC, a Missouri limited liability company located 10880 Lin Page Place, St. Louis, MO 63132, ("Keefe"). Keefe and the Customer are referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS, the Customer and Keefe are parties to a Commissary Agreement dated the 9th day of November, 2018, ("Agreement"), by which Keefe provides commissary services on behalf of Customer; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to exercise their mutual option to extend the term of the Agreement for the first of their two one (1) year renewal periods.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing facts, the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to extend the term of the Agreement for one (1) additional year through November 8, 2022.
2. Except as expressly stated herein, all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals effective as of the day and year first written above.

Belmont County Board of Commissioners

Keefe Commissary Network, LLC

Jerry Echemann /s/

Printed Name: Jerry Echemann

Printed Name: John Puricelli

Title: President

Title: Executive Vice President/General Manager

Josh Meyer /s/

Date: _____

Print Name: Josh Meyer

Title: Vice President

Approved As To Form:

J. P. Dutton /s/

David K. Liberati /s/

Print Name: J.P Dutton

Title: Commissioner

Asst. Prosecuting Attorney, Belmont County

Date: 10-27-21

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Discussion re: Keefe Commissary Network agreement-Present: Sheriff Dave Lucas and Jail Administrator Stan Galownia

Mr. Galownia explained the jail has been in business with Keefe since 2018. They receive 28% of the adjusted gross profits which has to be spent on something that benefits the inmates. Last year they purchased two 15 seat transport vans. The inmates are provided three meals a day, but can purchase items from the commissary. The items that are available for purchase is decided on by the jail.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Martins Ferry Council President Kristine Davis submitted a resolution in support of Belmont County Senior Services working with East Ohio Regional Hospital (EORH) to provide healthcare services for the seniors and also in support of the upcoming Senior Services levy renewal. Ms. Davis said Martins Ferry Council would appreciate the Commissioners' consideration in including EORH for providing services. Martins Ferry Mayor Davies said that he is here in support of East Ohio and also in support of all facilities, the hospitals, the clinics and everything else. He doesn't think it is right to partner with just one group. Mr. Echemann said, "It was not a decision to exclude and it is not an exclusive arrangement that we have with Wheeling Hospital. We're more than happy going forward to involve East Ohio Regional. We want to let everybody know that." Mr. Echemann noted Senior Services Director Dwayne Pielech will meet with EORH when he returns from vacation. Mr. Dutton said, "I think there's been a lot of misinformation about this agreement. There's no contract in place. There's no money changing hands between Belmont County and the hospital. It's not exclusive. We contract with a lot of different entities. Senior Services is a big program. We're going to continue to do that. We're going to continue to try to have services that are beneficial to the residents. No one's been pushed off to the side and no one will ever be pushed off to the side in terms of working with Senior Services." Mr. Dutton said Senior Services did reach out to the lab director of EORH to provide COVID testing at the senior centers and to the staff, but was told they couldn't do it. Mr. Dutton said there is misinformation out there and we are trying to clarify that. They have talked to a lot of the seniors and they seem to understand what the county is trying to do and wants to continue to do to benefit them. Mr. Dutton said a levy renewal is coming up that does a lot of great work for seniors. Countless meals a day are provided and they are providing medical transportation to places like EORH for routine care and that only happens with a levy supported by the residents of Belmont County. "We're really proud of the program and will continue working with all partners, there is no exclusive arrangement here," said Mr. Dutton. Mayor Davies said there is money changing hands from Medicare and Medicaid so it is a financial gain for one. He said the newspaper article only mentioned WVU. Mr. Meyer said we have made it very clear it is not exclusive with WVU which we have said from the beginning.

**9:30 Barb Ballint, Executive Director, Belmont County Tourism Council, Inc.
Re: Quarterly Tourism Report**

IN THE MATTER OF QUARTERLY TOURISM REPORT FOR JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2021

Ms. Ballint said, "I had a difficult time putting this report together for you all, because there were so many good things that took place in Belmont County in July, August and September. I think everyone was ready to get outside. Everyone was ready to participate in community fairs and community events." She said the geo tours continues to be successful and had visitors from California participate. The Beast of the East baseball tournament was also a success along with Bethesda, Epworth Park's Chautauqua Days, Blame My Roots music festival, Belmont County Fair and the Barnesville Pumpkin Festival. "That's one of the benefits and one of the pluses, I think, that came out of the pandemic. It made us appreciate what we have right here in our backyard," said Ms. Ballint. She added twelve new businesses opened in Belmont County during the pandemic.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:17 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.

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 11:11 A.M.

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

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

JAIL NURSE-Present: Head Nurse, Tiffany English

Ms. English said they are short staffed. They do not have coverage from 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. She would like to have coverage 24/7 if possible. It will help when the mental health counselor is hired.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS-Present: Director Aaron Moore and Deputy Director Kamron Chervenak

Mr. Moore said their staffing levels have been steady and there are no issues with the facility. They are not expecting any staffing changes for 2022.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:16 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 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 1:34 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 1:34 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 CHELSEA LUCAS, FULL-TIME COOK/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the resignation of Chelsea Lucas, full-time Cook at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective October 29, 2021.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

**Reconvened Thursday, October 28 at 9:33 a.m. Present: Commissioners Echemann and Meyer
Absent: Commissioner Dutton**

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

PORT AUTHORITY- Present: Director Larry Merry and Assistant Executive Director Sherri Butler

Mr. Merry said it cost more to operate than what they receive from the Board of Commissioners, they received \$65,000 last year. They did have some income from the last four to five years from selling property and an oil and gas lease that has helped them operate. Year to date it has cost them \$160,000 to operate for 2021. They will have approximately \$80,000 carryover for 2022. Mr. Merry is anticipating they will need \$207,000 to operate in 2022.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 9:58 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____

Josh Meyer /s/ _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

J. P. Dutton /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