

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

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. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton 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 \$4,191,168.84

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

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

A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0256-A014-A06.006 Group and Liability	E-0051-A001-A28.000 Other Expenses	\$143,948.64

S30 OAKVIEW JUV. REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S51.002 Salaries	\$10,000.00
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S68.006 Hospitalization	\$5,000.00
E-8010-S030-S58.000 Communications	E-8010-S030-S55.010 Supplies	\$3,000.00
E-8010-S030-S58.000 Communications	E-8010-S030-S56.000 Motor Vehicle	\$500.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR VARIOUS FUNDS/CLOSED CARRY-OVER PURCHASE ORDERS

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of March 9, 2022:

CARRYOVER PURCHASE ORDERS THAT HAVE BEEN CLOSED AND REQUIRE REAPPROPRIATION

<u>A00 General Fund</u>		
E-0256-A014-A06.006	Group and Liability	\$ 715,902.71

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

****JANUARY 5, 2022****

S70 BELMONT COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAMS

E-5005-S070-S05.001	Contract Service	\$2,533.75
E-5005-S070-S10.000	Facilities	\$1,746.81
E-5005-S070-S16.000	Food	\$39,903.09
E-5005-S070-S18.000	Maint. Repairs	\$4,844.96

****MARCH 9, 2022****

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A28.000	Other Expenses	\$3,000.00
E-0051-A001-A52.000	Admin Exp-Lodging Excise Tax	\$3,000.00
E-0057-A006-F08.000	Other Expenses	\$350.00
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Salaries-Road	\$1,000.00

B00 DOG AND KENNEL FUND

E-1600-B000-B07.000	Veterinary Services	\$235.00
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H00 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/BCJFS

E-2510-H000-H05.000	Public Assistance	\$21,938.00
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H11 FAMILY & CHILDREN 1ST COUNCIL/BCJFS

E-2770-H011-H04.000	Help Me Grow Early Int Part C	\$35,130.00
E-2770-H011-H06.000	System of Care	\$221.51
E-2770-H011-H12.000	SFY20 Multi-Sys Youth Funding	\$3,600.00

N14SSD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

E-9014-N014-N12.000	USDA Sewer Projects	\$910,018.88
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N22 WWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

E-9022-N022-N17.000	USDA Water Projects	\$1,705,095.69
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Y41 INDIGENT APPLICATION FEES

E-9841-Y041-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$286.22
E-9841-Y041-Y02.000	Remit to County	\$1,144.86

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF Y-95 EMPLOYERS SHARE PERS/
HOLDING ACCOUNT CHARGEBACKS FOR FEBRUARY 2022**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to make the following transfer of funds for the Y-95 Employer's Share PERS/Holding Account Chargebacks for the month of February 2022.

General fund

AUDITOR	E-0011-A001-B09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,067.99
AUD EMPL-REAL PROP	E-0013-A001-B18.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	873.60
CLERK OF COURTS	E-0021-A002-E09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,564.00
CO. CT. EMPL	E-0040-A002-G08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,360.61
CO CT. APPT EMP-JUDGES	E-0042-A002-J02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	408.80
COMMISSIONERS	E-0051-A001-A25.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,981.48
NURSES-JAIL	E-0052-A001-A91.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,581.78
COMM-DIS SERV	E-0054-A006-F05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,282.74
COMM-MAINT & OP	E-0055-A004-B16.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	7,229.25
9-1-1 DEPT	E-0056-A006-E08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	9,632.04
ANIMAL SHELTER	E-0057-A006-F05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	654.83
LEPC	E-0058-A006-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	116.46
COMM PLEAS CT EMPL	E-0061-A002-B14.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,191.58
MAGISTRATE	E-0063-A002-B28.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,228.30
ENGINEERS EMPL	E-0070-A012-A08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,118.12
PROBATE CT EMPL	E-0081-A002-D10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,517.26
PROBATE CT JUV EMPL	E-0082-A002-C36.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	6,321.26
PROSECUTING ATTN	E-0111-A001-E09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	10,107.34
RECORDER	E-0121-A006-B09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,568.12
SHERIFF'S (PERS)	E-0131-A006-A13.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	24,408.66
TREASURER	E-0141-A001-C09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,125.67
CORONER	E-0151-A002-F07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,357.38
SOLDIER'S RELIEF	E-0160-A009-D07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,403.51
PUBLIC DEFENDER	E-0170-A006-G09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,545.64
BD OF ELECT/EMPLY	E-0181-A003-A09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,467.62
POLL WORKERS	E-0181-A003-A09.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	
BUDGET COMM	E-0210-A001-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	14.00
T. B. SAN	E-0300-A008-B10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	174.30
			117,302.34
DOG & KENNEL	E-1600-B000-B08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,968.09
COUNTY HEALTH	E-2210-E001-E10.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,727.24
Trailer Parks	E-2211-F069-F04.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	29.34
Home Sewage Treatment Sys	E-2227-F074-F06.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	681.04
Vital Statistics	E-2213-F075-F02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	68.32
Family Planning	E-2215-F077-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	687.12
PH EMERGENCY READINESS	E-2229-F081-F01.001	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,135.59
PHEP	E-2231-F083-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	495.85
NURSING PROGRAM	E-2232-F084-F02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	567.08
Child & Family Health Serv	E-2233-F085-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	721.61
Get Vaccinated Program	E-2236-F088-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	123.47
Integrated Naloxone Grant (IN)	E-2237-F089-F01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	136.24
Food Service	E-2218-G000-G06.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,481.30

Water System	E-2219-N050-N05.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	85.44
Pools/Spas	E-2220-P070-P01.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	38.28
HUMAN SERVICES	E-2510-H000-H12.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	47,796.32
C.S.E.A.	E-2760-H010-H07.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	7,372.37
R.E. ASSESSMENT	E-1310-J000-J04.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,416.71
ENGINEER K-1 & K-2	E-2811-K000-K08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,218.72
ENG EMP-MVGT K-11	E-2812-K000-K21.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	15,748.46
ENG EMP-BRIDGE K-25	E-2813-K000-K34.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	5,637.96
SOIL CONSERVATION	E-1810-L001-L11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,433.60
Watershed Coordinator	E-1815-L005-L11.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	369.60
Care and Custody-C-Cap	E-0400-M060-M26.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,500.95
Care and Custody-CCAP	E-0400-M060-M81.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	318.75
M64 PLACEMENT	E-0400-M064-M02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	265.20
Alternative School	E-0400-M067-M02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	955.77
Title IV-E	E-0400-M078-M02.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	839.73
WW#3	E-3702-P005-P29.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	21,047.94
SSD#2	E-3705-P053-P13.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	4,289.64
Bel Co Port Authority	E-9799-S012-S08.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,669.22
OAKVIEW-JUVENILE	E-8010-S030-S66.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	8,938.85
DIST DET HOME	E-0910-S033-S44.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	11,130.10
MENTAL HEALTH	E-2310-S049-S60.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	3,568.38
COMM PLEAS/MEDIATION SRV	E-1544-S054-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	16.16
TARGETED COMM ALT PRISON	E-1545-S055-S02.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	375.50
PROBATION SERV GRNT-COMM	E-1546-S056-S04.001	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,170.70
BCBDD-MAIN FUND	E-2410-S066-S76.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	36,445.99
Bel Co Senior Programs	E-5005-S070-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	21,434.14
MHAS SUBSIDY GRANT	E-1518-S075-S03.002	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	589.62
CORRECTIONS ACT GRNT	E-1520-S077-S03.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	749.80
CLRK CRTS-TITLE DEPT	E-6010-S079-S06.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	2,536.80
NORTHERN CRT-SPECIAL	E-1561-S086-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	624.26
EASTERN CRT-SPECIAL	E-1571-S087-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	448.00
WEST CRT-SPECIAL	E-1551-S088-S02.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	637.40
JUV COURT - GEN SPEC	E-1589-S096-S09.000	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	67.76
WIC PROGRAM	E-4110-T075-T52.008	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	1,828.34
LAW LIBRARY	E-9720-W020-W03.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	269.24
DRETAC-PROSECUTOR	E-1510-W081-P05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	797.72
DRETAC-TREASURER	E-1410-W082-T05.003	R-9895-Y095-Y01.500	207.20
			333,965.25

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies.
ADMINISTRATION FEE LODGING TAX/GENERAL FUND-\$3,000.00 deposited into R-0050-A000-A03.500 on March 1, 2022
(Administration Fee/Lodging Excise Tax for Fourth Quarter 2021).

B00/DOG AND KENNEL FUND-\$235.00 deposited into R-1600-B000-B08.500 on various dates in February 2022 *(Donations for Vet Care paid in on various dates in February 2022).*

GENERAL FUND/ANIMAL SHELTER-\$350.00 deposited into R-0057-A006-A03.500 balance available as of 02/28/2022 *(Adoption fees paid in on various dates in February 2022).*

EASEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PAYMENT/GENERAL FUND-\$3,000.00 deposited into R-0050-A000-A42.500 on March 7, 2022
(Easement and Right-of-Way payment from AEP Columbus Region).

2021 CLOSED PO'S-A00 General Fund

PO# 522554 E-0256-A014-A06.006 Group and Liability

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton granting permission for county employees to travel as follows:
HR DEPARTMENT-Cindy Stock to Columbus, OH, on April 1, 2022, to attend the CEBCO Annual Membership meeting.
SSOBC-Lori Parsons to Dennison, OH, on March 22, 2022, for a senior outing to the Dennison Railroad Depot and Museum and The Yard Restaurant. Lori Parson to Wheeling, WV, on April 21, 2022, for a senior outing to Oglebay Park and Abbey’s Restaurant. County vehicles will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of March 2, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF HOPE ROMSHAK AS A FULL-TIME PERMANENT ELIGIBILITY/REFERRAL SPECIALIST II FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners serves as co-appointing authority for the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, in this capacity, the Board has the authority to establish compensation and benefit levels and authorize any hiring and/or other employment changes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners does hereby grant the Director of the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, the authority to hire Ms. Hope Romshak, effective March 28, 2022 as an Eligibility/Referral Specialist II. Ms. Romshak will be employed as a full-time permanent, bargaining unit employee. Compensation shall be in accordance with the salary schedule as indicated in the current bargaining unit labor contract.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING SHANE LOY AS THE BELMONT COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR/2022

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to appoint Mr. Shane Loy as the Belmont County Apiary Inspector for the year 2022 to be compensated a flat fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per year.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE FROM ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY/JUSTICE OFFICE COMPLEX

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve quote from ERB Electric Company in the amount of \$8,990.00 to furnish and install 56 T8 LED plastic 8’ sign lamps and install new sockets and 10KV surge protection on the sign behind the Justice Office Complex.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE NUMBER FROM DIGITAL DATA COMMUNICATIONS, INC/ CORRECTIOANL FACILITY CLINICAL CARE COORDIATOR

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve Quote Number 1236 from Digital Data Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$1,973.54 for one (1) Lenovo Laptop for the Correctional Facility Clinical Care Coordinator at the Belmont County Jail.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer said this new position is a licensed social worker who will provide help with mental health issues at the jail and is being paid for by the Mental Health Recovery Board.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR MUXIE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council Board met on the 1st of March, 2022, to review all outstanding enterprise zone agreements under the jurisdiction of Belmont County, Ohio and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council Board at this annual meeting determined that the current abatement in Belmont County is in full compliance of all covenants issued to it, and;

WHEREAS, the Council’s recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners is that the following entity be approved for a continuation of the abatement for the tax year 2022:

Muxie Distributing Company

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, that the Board does hereby approve the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council Board as hereto referenced.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION FOR HILL INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY – ST. CLAIRSVILLE, LLC

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council Board met on the 1st of March, 2022, to review all outstanding enterprise zone agreements under the jurisdiction of Belmont County, Ohio and;

WHEREAS, the Tax Incentive Review Council Board at this annual meeting determined that the current abatement in Belmont County is in full compliance of all covenants issued to it, and;

WHEREAS, the Council’s recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners is that the following entity be approved for a continuation of the abatement for the tax year 2022:

Hill International Property – St. Clairsville, LLC

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, that the Board does hereby approve the recommendation of the Tax Incentive Review Council Board as hereto referenced.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO PROVIDE PUBLIC WATER SERVICE TO AREAS OF HENDRYSBURG IN BELMONT COUNTY AND FAIRVIEW IN GUERNSEY COUNTY

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded Mr. Dutton to advertise a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for a feasibility study to provide public water service to the areas of Hendrysburg in Belmont County and Fairview in Guernsey County.

Note: The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont and Guernsey County are working in conjunction on the project.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Board of County Commissioners for Belmont and Guernsey County, Ohio are in the process of obtaining an engineering firm to complete a feasibility study to provide public water service to the areas of Hendrysburg in Belmont County and Fairview Area in Guernsey County. Professional services for the Project may include any or all of the following: 1) feasibility study & report; 2) planning and design of water system improvements; 3) preparation of bidding and contract documents; 4) participation in the evaluation of bids received; and 5) monitoring and inspecting construction services to ensure compliance with plans and specifications.

Procurement of said services will be in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 153.65-.73 and 2 CFR 200. Qualified candidates/firms interested in being considered for this project must submit one (1) hard copy and one (1) electronic copy on a flash drive of each of the following: 1) letter of interest; 2) resumes detailing credentials and qualifications of the firm’s principals and key support personnel; 3) an illustrative list of projects recently completed by the firm; and 4) references. **Please submit all requested information to Belmont County Commissioners, 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., April 8, 2022.**

The purpose of the competitive process is to objectively select an individual/firm and/or firms who will provide the highest quality service at a realistic fee. Accordingly, technical qualifications and related prior experience will be weighted heavily. Selected candidates will be interviewed, and the candidate(s) judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a proposal including fixed fees for said services. Belmont County Commissioners reserves the right to select one individual or firm for the water system improvements.

Belmont County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any and all proposals. Contracts will be contingent upon the County receiving the necessary funding for these projects.

The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Order 11246, Conflict of Interest Statement, Access to Records Provisions and Executive Order 11625.

The selected firm will also be required to comply with Ohio laws as they relate to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

Belmont County Commissioners will afford full opportunity for minority business enterprises and women business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, handicap or national origin in the award of this contract.

Times Leader Ad one (1) Monday, March 14, 2022

By order of the Board of
Belmont County Commissioners
Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Bonnie Zuzak, Clerk

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer the study will see how much it will cost to extend water to these areas and the cost of the study will be split with Guernsey County. Mr. Dutton said extending water service to rural areas is not easy, but they are doing their due diligence and are also discussing this with the Village of Barnesville.

RECESS

9:30 Mike Schlanz, Ohio Means Jobs-Belmont County, Bradley Wells, Business Outreach Executive, Workforce Development Area 16 and Jeff Felton, Department of Job & Family Services Director

Re: Ohio Valley Job Fair update

Mr. Schlanz said the Job Fair will be held on May 19 at the Ohio Valley Mall and they are hoping for a good turnout with employers and job seekers. He said the foot traffic at Ohio Means Jobs’ office in Martins Ferry has decreased since COVID. “We were averaging 350 to 400 visits per month, now it is around 50 visits per month. “I don’t see things changing. It just isn’t our county. It’s statewide at job centers and probably

nationwide. We still have employers who call us and post jobs,” said Mr. Schlanz. He added the declining numbers in job seekers may be due to retiring Baby Boomers, decreasing population and day care issues. Mr. Wells said there is a virtual job fair held every month which covers Belmont, Harrison, Carroll and Jefferson counties and it is a user friendly platform. Mr. Felton said during the pandemic they have not been able to terminate Medicaid benefits to individuals receiving them, but once the pandemic ends these individuals may be losing those benefits or seeing a decrease. He said at that time you may see more family members looking for a job. Mr. Felton noted Belmont County’s unemployment rate is 4.5%. Mr. Wells added they work with the Career Center and OUE and push the apprenticeship program.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:19 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to enter executive session with Cindy Stock, HR Administrative Assistant and Jeff Felton, Job and Family Services Director, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception, to consider the employment of public employees .

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:21 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to exit executive session at 12:21 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer said as a result of executive session there are no decisions to be made at this time.

RECESS

Reconvened at 2:17 p.m. with no further business to come before the board.

March 9, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 16th day of March, 2022.

Jerry Echemann /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/

We, Josh Meyer 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.

Josh Meyer /s/ PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/ CLERK