

St. Clairsville, Ohio

April 20, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Josh Meyer, J. P. Dutton and Jerry Echemann, 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. 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 \$1,992,068.45**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0257-A017-A00.000 Contingencies	E-0250-A006-H05.000 Contract Services-Ambo	\$136,700.00

**N08 DISASTER RELIEF/ENGINEER**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-9008-N008-N06.055 Construction	E-9008-N008-N05.011 Services Engineering	\$14,390.24

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND**

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

**K00 M.V.G.T. FUND AND N42 OPWC FUND/ENGINEER**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2813-K000-K40.074 Transfers Out	R-9042-N042-N03.574 Transfers In	\$147.80

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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 April 20, 2022, meeting:

**A00 GENERAL FUND**

E-0051-A001-A09.000	Advertising and Printing	\$997.35
E-0057-A006-F06.011	Veterinary Services	\$1,148.26

**N03 FEMA PROJECTS/ENGINEER**

E-9003-N003-N03.055	Engineering Services	\$1,516.19
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**N22 WWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BCSSD**

E-9022-N022-N17.000	USDA Water Projects	\$1,036,505.84
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**N42 OPWC/ENGINEER**

E-9042-N042-N01.055	Construction	\$147.80
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**S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION**

E-8010-S030-S60.000	Maintenance and Repairs	\$1,570.00
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**S77 COMM-BASED CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT/ADULT PROBATION**

E-1520-S077-S01.002	Salaries	\$17,386.75
E-1520-S077-S02.005	Medicare	\$252.00
E-1520-S077-S03.003	PERS	\$2,434.25
E-1520-S077-S04.006	Hospitalization	\$3,184.00
E-1520-S077-S05.004	Workers Comp	\$313.00

**T11 BEL.CO COMMISSIONERS C.D.B.G.**

E-9702-T011-T02.000	Home Grant-Monies from HUD	\$7,949.30
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**Y01 UND. AUTO TAX**

E-9801-Y001-Y01.000	Und. Auto Tax	\$228,059.92
E-9801-Y001-Y03.000	Township-Permissive Tax	\$79,359.42
E-9801-Y001-Y05.000	Pease Township	\$3,433.36
E-9801-Y001-Y06.000	Goshen Township	\$1,992.62
E-9801-Y001-Y07.000	Warren Township	\$3,699.95
E-9801-Y001-Y08.000	Pultney Township	\$3,725.55
E-9801-Y001-Y09.000	Flushing Township	\$696.27
E-9801-Y001-Y10.000	Colerain Township	\$1,513.86
E-9801-Y001-Y11.000	Kirkwood Township	\$205.55
E-9801-Y001-Y12.000	Mead Township	\$882.19
E-9801-Y001-Y13.000	Richland Township	\$2,681.87
E-9801-Y001-Y14.000	Smith Township	\$574.64
E-9801-Y001-Y15.000	Somerset Township	\$451.61
E-9801-Y001-Y16.000	Union Township	\$852.23
E-9801-Y001-Y17.000	Washington Township	\$168.05
E-9801-Y001-Y18.000	Wayne Township	\$301.56
E-9801-Y001-Y19.000	Wheeling Township	\$544.66
E-9801-Y001-Y20.000	York Township	\$376.58

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. **GENERAL FUND/REIMBURSEMENT FROM CAT STRAY SHUN-\$1,148.26** deposited into R-0057-A006-A05.500 Animal Shelter Reimbursement Vet Bills on 04-19-2022 (*Money was received from Belmont County Cat Stray Shun for the reimbursement of March 2022 New Horizon Animal vet bills*).

**REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS/DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY (BID ADVERTISEMENT)-\$997.35** deposited into R-0050-A000-A45.500 on 04/19/2022 (*Bid Advertisement from Dept. of Public Safety*).

**T11 GRANT MONIES-\$7,949.30** deposited into R-9702-T011-T02.501 on 04/12/2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated April 20, 2022, 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. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**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: **SSOBC-Lisa Parsons** to Amish Country on May 24, 2022, for a senior outing to Lehman's and JM Smucker Store. **Mary Beth Tennant** to Wheeling, WV, on May 25, 2022, for a senior outing to the Fish Market. County vehicles will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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 April 13, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING LISA BABCOCK AS FULL-TIME REGISTERED NURSE/JAIL**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the hiring of Lisa Babcock as full-time Registered Nurse at the Belmont County Jail, effective April 24, 2022, at pay grade 13, minimum step.

*Note: This is a replacement position.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RELEASE OF ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS AND ASSOCIATED BOND WITH TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION, L.P.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the release of Road Use Maintenance Agreements (RUMA) and associated Bond Number 022051346 for \$2 million with Texas Eastern Transmission, L.P., dated May 4, 2016, for pipeline activity at the following, based upon the recommendation of Terry Lively:

- 0.55 miles of CR 4 (Glenns Run Road)
- 1.84 miles of CR 2 (Deep Run Road)
- 2.84 miles of CR 16 (Nixon Run Road)

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT OF OIL & GAS LEASE WITH GULFPORT APPALACHIA**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign the Ratification and Amendment of Oil & Gas Lease, effective February 16, 2022, between the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and Gulfport Appalachia, in the amount of \$4,500.00 per net leasehold acre for an additional 0.494900 net acres located in Pease Township for a five-year term, 20% royalty. Total Payment Amount: \$2,227.05.

**RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE**

STATE OF OHIO           §  
  §  
COUNTY OF BELMONT   §

**THIS** Ratification of Oil and Gas Lease is executed by **The Commissioners of Belmont County, by Jerry Echeman, Josh Meyer, and J.P. Dutton, as Commissioners** whose mailing address is 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950.

**WHEREAS**, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, **The Commissioners of Belmont County, by Jerry Echeman, Josh Meyer, and J.P. Dutton, as Commissioners** of 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950, (the "Lessor"), executed an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease to Gulfport Appalachia, LLC, a Delaware Corporation, with an address of 3001 Quail Springs Parkway, Oklahoma City, OK 73134, (the "Lessee") , which was recorded on February 22, 2022, in Official Records Book **900** Page **1269-1270**, in Belmont County Recorder's office, Ohio, covering the following described lands, being located in the Township of Pease, Belmont County, Ohio, containing **0.129000 acres**, more or less, being Tax Parcel Identification Number(s) **56-60001.000**; (the "Lease") and the above lands (the "Subject Lands");

**WHEREAS**, the Interest Owners do now wish to include the following tax parcel to the Lease;

Tax Parcel Identification Number: **56-60013.000, 56-60014.000; being 0.4949**

**acres**

of S3/T6/R3, being in Brookview Terrace; Pease Township, Belmont County, Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, Tax Parcel Identification Numbers; **56-60001.000, 56-60013.000, and 56-60014.000**, are now subject to the Lease, (together, the "Leased Premises");

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises, the mutual benefits to be derived here from by the parties hereto, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby accepted and acknowledged, the undersigned does hereby **ADOPT, RATIFY and CONFIRM** the Lease and all of its terms and provisions, and does hereby agree and declare that the Lease, and all corrections and amendments thereof, are binding on, their heirs, successors and assigns, and is a valid and subsisting oil and gas lease, **AND** does hereby **GRANT, LEASE and LET** the Leased Premises unto Lessee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with all of the terms and provisions of the Lease and all corrections and amendments thereof.



Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE WAIVER AND RELEASE OF RESTRICTIVE CONVENANTS AFFECTING FOX COMMERCE PARK FROM ASCENT RESOURCES-UTICA, LLC**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign the Waiver and Release of restrictive covenants affecting Fox Commerce Park dated October 22, 2003, from Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC.

*Note: Ascent is requesting the waiver and release to permit them access to oil and gas through horizontal drilling, this process does not affect the surface.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO A ROADWAY USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH ASCENT RESOURCES-UTICA, LLC/ENGINEER'S**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to enter into a **Roadway Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA)** with Ascent Resources–Utica, LLC, effective April 20, 2022, for drilling activity at 0.96 miles of CR 214 (Bellaire-High Ridge Road) at the WISE PLT BL Site.

*Note: Bond # SUR0066511 in the amount of \$384,000 on file.*

**BELMONT COUNTY ROADWAY USE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FOR DRILLING PROJECTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into at St. Clairsville, Ohio, by and between THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, a political subdivision, whose mailing address is 101 W. Main St., Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 (hereafter “Authority”), and ASCENT RESOURCES, - UTICA, LLC, whose address is 1000 UTICA WAY CAMBRIDGE, OHIO 43725, (Hereafter “Operator”), and shall be as follows:

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, Authority has control of the several county/township roads within Pultney Township, in Belmont County, Ohio and is required by law to keep such roads in good repair; and

**WHEREAS**, Operator is the operator of certain oil and gas leasehold, and intends to develop and operate the [WISE PLT BL], including the equipment, facilities, impoundments, and pipelines necessary for the operation of the [WISE PLT BL] (hereafter collectively referred to as “oil and gas development site”) located in Pultney Township, in Belmont County, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, Operator intends to commence use of 0.96 miles (5050’) of CR 214 (Bellaire-High Ridge Road) for the purpose of ingress to and egress from the [WISE PLT BL], for traffic necessary for the purpose of constructing sites and drilling horizontal oil and gas wells, and completion operations at the [WISE PLT BL] (hereinafter referred to collectively as “Drilling Activity”); and

**WHEREAS**, Authority and Operator desire to enter into an agreement, providing for the repair and maintenance of said roads and bridges thereon as a result of such Drilling Activity; and

**WHEREAS**, if any county or township roads contemplated herein contain any railroad crossings, Section 4 below shall apply;

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the good faith performance by each party of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Operator agrees to the maintenance and repair of said roads and bridges, to their pre-Drilling Activity condition or as modified pursuant to Appendix A, thereon for any damages thereto, as a result of Drilling Activity related to such sites.

**FURTHER**, Operator shall also provide for the strengthening and upgrading of the roads and bridges if mutually agreed to be necessary for the Drilling Activity, prior to the start of Drilling Activity. The areas and structures required to be strengthened and/or upgraded shall be determined by an engineer provided by the Operator with the approval of the County Engineer to be provided within thirty (30) days of a written request submitted by the Operator. Operator’s engineer shall provide a written report to the County detailing the condition of the roads and appurtenances covered under this Agreement along with any recommendations, if necessary.

**BOTH PARTIES FURTHER AGREE** to the following additional terms and conditions:

1. The portion of CR 214, to be utilized by Operator hereunder, is that exclusive portion beginning at the intersection with the westbound I-470 ramps and extending southeast approximately 0.96 (5050’) to the WISE PLT BL access located at coordinates 40.046846, -80.782208. It is understood and agreed that the Operator shall not utilize any of the remainder of CR 214 (Bellaire-High Ridge Road) for any of its Drilling Activities hereunder.

2. The WISE PLT BL access located at coordinates 40.046846, -80.782208 shall have proper maintenance of traffic and flaggers in place along C.R. 214 to assist with vehicles turning left out of the WISE PLT BL access. These flaggers shall be in place any time the WISE PLT BL access is in operation with left-out egress consisting of left out maneuvers.

3. Those portions of said roads and bridges and their appurtenances to be used by Operator hereunder and mutually agreed to require necessary strengthening and/or upgrading by the Operator’s Engineer in conjunction with the County Engineer, shall be strengthened and/or upgraded to a condition sufficient and adequate to sustain the anticipated Drilling Activity by Operator, at Operator’s sole expense, and with the advice and approval of the County Engineer as detailed in Appendix A. Thereafter, such roads shall be maintained by Operator for damages caused by Operator’s Drilling Activity, at Operator’s sole expense, throughout the term of this Agreement, to a level consistent with the condition of such roads at the commencement of its use by the Operator hereunder or as modified pursuant to Appendix A, as determined by the Operator’s engineer and the Belmont County Engineer. The maintenance of aforementioned roads includes the use of a commercially recognized dust palliative to control the airborne dust created and/or contributed to by the Operator or the Operator’s contractors and or agents.

4. The Operator shall give notice to the railroad at least thirty (30) days prior to any known Drilling Activity utilizing a railroad crossing so that a joint inspection can determine the condition of the crossing. Additionally, the Operator shall coordinate all work needing to be performed at a railroad crossing with the railroad company at least thirty (30) days prior to starting work on a railroad crossing. If the railroad company fails to respond to the Operator’s notice of work needing to be performed at a railroad crossing within thirty (30) days of receipt of such notice, then the railroad waives all rights it has under this agreement with respect to the work specified in the notice. Work performed at a railroad crossing may include a separate agreement at the railroad’s discretion. The Authority shall not be liable for any incidents arising out of or related to work performed at any railroad crossing pursuant to this Agreement or any separate Agreement between the Operator and the railroad company, or lack of notification by Operator.

5. Either the Operator or the Authority may terminate this Agreement with just cause following at least thirty (30) days written notice to the other of its intent to terminate. As soon as possible after receipt of such notice, the Authority and the Operator shall inspect said roads and bridges and their appurtenances. Following final inspection, the parties shall meet, and all restoration resulting from Operator’s Drilling Activity shall be identified and thereafter completed by the Operator to insure the roads are at least returned to the condition they were in prior to the Operator’s use for its Drilling Activity, at Operator’s sole expense. Following completion of all restoration work, this Agreement shall be terminated and of no further force or effect.

6. Unless excepted for the reasons provided below, prior to the Drilling Activity on the designated Route, Operator shall post a bond or other surety in a form satisfactory to the Authority to cover the costs of any damage caused by the Drilling Activity on the Route by Operator. The amount of the bond or surety shall be in an amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Thousand & 00/100 DOLLARS (\$400,000.00) per mile. However, no such bond or surety shall be required of Operator, if any of the following conditions are satisfied:

- a. A geotechnical analysis of the route provided by the Operator and mutually accepted by the Authority and Operator exhibits that the route’s condition is sufficient for the expected traffic necessary for the development of the oil and gas development site.
- b. The Operator provides a geotechnical analysis of the route, mutually accepted by the Authority and Operator, and based on that analysis, an Operator and Authority-approved maintenance plan for the route or an Operator and Authority-approved preventative repair plan of the route is attached to the Agreement as an addendum.

- c. The Operator has provided a sufficient bond or surety accepted by the Authority and Operator, in favor of the Authority for road usage by the Operator within the Authority’s oversight.
- 7. All motor vehicles to be utilized by Operator hereunder, whether owned by Operator or others, shall comply with all legal size, load and weight limits in accordance with State Law, and all non-conforming vehicles shall require the proper local permit.
- 8. Operator shall furnish the Authority with a written Letter of Authority, setting forth all necessary contact information, including a twenty four (24) hour emergency contact number, for the authorized local representative of the Operator, and such information shall be maintained and kept current at all times concerned hereunder.
- 9. If Authority determines that any additional traffic signage is needed, or desired, as a result of this Agreement and in the interests of safety, then Operator shall provide for such signage at Operator’s sole expense. In the event that any other safety concerns should arise during the course of this Agreement, Operator and Authority agree that they will mutually discuss such concerns and reach a resolution satisfactory to all concerned.
- 10. Operator acknowledges that pursuant to Ohio Attorney General Opinion 2012-029 issued on September 19, 2012, the County is required to comply with Revised Code 4115.03-16 when the total overall project cost to the Operator is fairly estimated to be more than the amount prescribed in Ohio Revised Code Section 4115.03 (B)(4). Operator further acknowledges that at the time any necessary road maintenance or repairs are required, the estimated costs and actual cost of such work to be performed pursuant to this agreement will be solely within the knowledge of Operator since Operator is responsible for paying 100% of said cost. Therefore, Operator hereby agrees that Operator will take all measures to ensure compliance with Ohio’s Prevailing Wage Laws.
- 11. Operator shall protect, save, indemnify, and hold the Authority, its officials, agents and employees harmless from any liability, claims, damages, penalties, charges, or costs including reasonable attorney’s fees which may arise or be claimed as a result of any violations of any laws or ordinances, or any loss, damage or expense, including injury or death to any person, from any cause or causes from Operator’s use of the roads pursuant to this Agreement
- 12. Operator assumes all liability for subcontractors and or agents working on Operator’s behalf.
- 13. This Agreement shall be binding upon Operator and Authority, and their respective successors and assigns.
- 14. In any event that any clause, provision or remedy in this Agreement shall, for any reason, be deemed invalid or unenforceable, the remaining clauses and provisions shall not be affected, impaired or invalidated and shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15. Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 16. This Agreement shall be in effect on April 20, 2021.  
Executed in duplicate on the dates set forth below.

**Authority**

**Operator**

By: Jerome C. Echemann /s/

By: Tim A. Murray

Jerome C. Echemann, Commissioner/Trustee

By: Josh Meyer /s/

Printed name: Tim A. Murray

Joshua M. Meyer, Commissioner/Trustee

By: J. P. Dutton /s/

Company Name: Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC

John Paul Dutton, Jr. Commissioner/Trustee

By: Terry Lively /s/

Title: Director – Field Services

Terry Lively, P.E. P.S. County Engineer

Dated: 4-20-2022

Dated: 12-16-2021

Approved as to Form:  
David K. Liberati /s/ Assist P.A.

Kevin Flanagan, County Prosecutor

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE DEDICATION OF OTTO ROAD EXTENSION YORK TWP. SEC. 35, T-4, R-3/RD IMP 1185**

**Office of County Commissioners Belmont County, Ohio**

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met in Regular session on the 20th day of April, 2022, at the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

Mr. Meyer  
Mr. Dutton  
Mr. Echemann

**RESOLUTION – ORDER TO DEDICATE ROAD**  
Sec. 5553.10 O.R.C.

Mr. Meyer moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, At least ten days have elapsed since the final order of the board in the matter of this improvement, and

WHEREAS, No person, firm or corporation interested, has effected an appeal from our orders in the matter of the above named improvement, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is hereby ordered that the proceedings be recorded as provided by law, and that said road be dedicated, as ordered heretofore, made on journal of the date of April 6, 2022, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the York Township Trustees.

Mr. Dutton seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted the 20th day of April, 2022.

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

- 1. “locating,””establishing,””altering,””widening,””straightening,””vacating” or “changing the direction of.”

Mr. Meyer said this is another step towards the residents of Otto Road getting water.

**IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FOR 52645 NATIONAL ROAD LLC, DBA HILLTOP SUNOCO**

April 20, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to advise the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does not request a hearing on the matter of a request for the transfer of a C1, C2 liquor license, Permit No. 2728503, from Bryan K Smith, DBA Smith Hilltop Carryout, 52645 National Road, Richland Township, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 to 52645 National Road LLC, DBA Hilltop Sunoco at above address. There have been no objections received and the Board of County Commissioners has no objections to the permit.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT FOR INSPECTION WITH S.A. COMUNALE CO., INC/DJFS FOX SHANNON**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the Proposal and Contract for Inspection with S.A. Comunale Co., Inc., in the amount of \$890.00 for the Annual and Semi-Annual Dry Sprinkler and Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspections at the Department of Job and Family Services/Fox-Shannon building for a one-year term, effective April 20, 2022.

*Note: The contract will automatically renew for successive one-year terms with a 5% annual price increase unless written notice to cancel given by either party.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE NUMBER 1248 FROM DIGITAL DATA COMMUNICATIONS, INC/HEAD RN**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve Quote Number 1248 from Digital Data Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$1,973.54 for one (1) Lenovo Laptop for the Head Registered Nurse at the Belmont County Jail.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**Proclamation in Honor of Caden Stout, Division II-150 Pound State Wrestling Champion**

Present: Caden Stout and his parents and Head Coach Joel Sansone.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF CADEN STOUT, DIVISION II-150 POUND WEIGHT CLASS STATE WRESTLING CHAMPION**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the proclamation in honor of Caden Stout, Division II-150 pound weight class State Wrestling Champion.

**Proclamation  
in honor of  
Caden Stout  
Division II-150 Pound Weight Class  
State Wrestling Champion**

**WHEREAS**, Senior Caden Stout of St. Clairsville High School became the first State Wrestling Champion in St. Clairsville High School's history on March 13, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Caden Stout completed that mission at the Value City Arena at the Jerome Schottenstein Center when he won the 150-pound weight class in Division II with an 8-7 decision over his opponent; and

**WHEREAS**, Caden Stout ended his season with a record of 49-4. He finished his high school career as the schools all time wins leader and was Team MVP in 2020 and 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, heartfelt congratulations are extended to head Coach Joel Sansone and Assistant Coaches Bobby Richmond and Dillon Nolte and Caden Stout who have brought much pride to the St. Clairsville School District, as well as Belmont County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor Caden Stout on his athletic achievements and wish him continued success in all of his future endeavors.

Adopted this 20th day of April, 2022.

**BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Jerry Echemann /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

Josh Meyer /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**Alison Redmond, CORSA Membership Services Manager & Clay Bethel, Foster Insurance**

**Re: Annual County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) Renewal Update**

Ms. Redmond said Belmont County's premium has increased 5.69% for the year. The main reasons for the increase is the added number of deputies at the Sheriff's Department and inmates. Belmont County's property value has also increased by \$5 million. The Sheriff is very involved in the CORSA program. Belmont County has been a member of CORSA's program since 1987. Sixty-six out of eighty-eight Ohio counties are members of CORSA. Ms. Redmond said the county's program cost for the year is \$455,419, but the county has received \$76,251 in credits.

**RECESS**

**Bid Opening-Engineer's Project 22-2 2021 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM**

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 22-2 2022 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM**

This being the day and 10:30 a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Engineers Project 22-2 2022 Chip Seal Program they proceeded to open the following bids:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BID BOND</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
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<b>Russell Standard Corp.</b> 171 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Valencia, PA 16059	X	\$1,639,575.18
<b>Youngblood Paving, Inc.</b> 2516 State Route 18 Wampum, PA 16157	X	\$1,393,229.79
<b>SC Construction &amp; Materials, LLC</b> 2516 State Route 18 Wampum, PA 16157	X	\$1,443,229.50
<b>Allied Construction</b> 720 East Main Street West Lincoln, OH 45693	X	\$1,468,476.75

Engineers Estimate: \$1,533,027.75.

Present: Belmont County Assistant Engineer Dan Boltz and Tim Mohny, Youngblood Paving.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Engineer's **Project 22-2, 2022 Chip Seal Program** to Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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Mr. Dutton stepped out before entering executive session and returned after roll call.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:51 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter executive session with Cindy Stock, HR Administrative Assistant, 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. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Dutton	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:56 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to exit executive session at 11:56 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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



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**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:56 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 27th day of April, 2022.

J. P. Dutton /s/\_\_\_\_\_

Jerry Echemann /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