

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 \$373,591.70**

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-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries-Admin	E-0131-A006-A09.000 Medical	\$40,000.00
E-0131-A006-A03.002 Jail-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A10.000 Transport of Inmates	\$12,000.00
E-0300-A008-B01.002 Salaries	E-0300-A008-B10.003 PERS	\$97.75

**M60 CARE & CUSTODY FUND/JUVENILE COURT**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0400-M060-M25.002 Salaries CCAP	E-0400-M060-M80.002 Salaries Diversion	\$1,138.46

**N45 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-9045-N045-N50.055 FEMA	E-9045-N045-N16.055 Project PID# 108716	\$7,000.00

**Y91 EMPLOYERS SHARE HOLDING ACCOUNT**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.500 HSA Fund	\$350.62

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:

**S02 SHERIFFS POLICING REVOLVING FUND AND THE A00 GENERAL FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-5102-S002-S01.002 Salaries	E-0131-A006-A02.002 Salaries	\$25,989.61
E-5102-S002-S02.005 Medicare	E-0256-A014-A07.005 Medicare	\$382.42
E-5102-S002-S03.003 PERS/SPRS	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$3,667.87
E-5102-S002-S04.006 Health Insurance	E-0256-A014-A06.006 Group and Liability	\$2,152.83

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 meeting date of June 29, 2022:

**S02 SHERIFFS POLICING REVOLVING FUND**

E-5102-S002-S01.002	Salaries	\$25,989.61
E-5102-S002-S02.005	Medicare	\$382.42
E-5102-S002-S03.003	PERS/SPRS	\$3,667.87
E-5102-S002-S04.006	Health Insurance	\$2,152.83

**S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION**

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$3,486.94
E-8010-S030-S55.010	Supplies	\$91.39

**S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME**

E-0910-S033-S33.002	Salaries	\$180,000.00
E-0910-S033-S34.010	Supplies	\$2,000.00
E-0910-S033-S38.011	Contract Services	\$10,000.00
E-0910-S033-S39.000	Food Services Expenses	\$10,000.0
E-0910-S033-S40.000	Medical	\$18,000.00
E-0910-S033-S44.003	PERS	\$12,000.00
E-0910-S033-S47.006	Hospitalization	\$24,000.00
E-0910-S033-S61.000	Food Services Expenses/GS	\$5,000.00
E-0910-S033-S65.011	Contract Services/GS	\$10,000.00

**Y02 MUNICIPAL AUTO LICENSE**

E9802-Y002-Y11.000	Village of Flushing	\$19,750.00
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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 June 29, 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:

**DJFS**-Emily Cominsky to Akron, OH, on June 27-29, 2022, to attend the Legal Aspects Training (Kinnect Program). Estimated expenses: \$64.38. Jeff Felton to Marietta, OH, on July 5, 2022, to attend the Regional Director’s Association meeting. Estimated expenses: \$103.13. **SSOBC**-Melissa Finney to Wheeling, WV, on July 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2022, for a senior outing to the Howard Long Wellness Center. Melissa Finney to Wheeling, WV, on July 6, 2022, for a senior outing to Coleman’s Fish Market. Kay Driscoll to Moundsville, WV, on July 18, 2022, for a senior outing to Cockayne Farmstead, Burkes Outlet and Goodwill. Dorothy Burkhart to Amish Country on July 22, 2022, for a senior outing. 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 June 22, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer made the following announcement: The Belmont County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications to fill one position on the Belmont County Port Authority Board of Directors. Applications will be accepted through July 1, 2022. Interested parties may stop in or call the commissioners’ office at 740-699-2155 to request an application.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF VICTOR PEMPEK, FULL-TIME UTILITY WORKER/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to accept the retirement of Victor Pempek, full-time Utility Worker at the Belmont County Water & Sewer District, effective July 1, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING DANIEL SHEPHERD AS PART-TIME DELIVERY WORKER (DRIVER)/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to hire Daniel Shepherd as part-time Delivery Worker (Driver) at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective July 5, 2022.

*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 APPOINTMENT TO THE BELMONT-HARRISON JUVENILE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to appoint Mr. Mike McKeever to the Belmont-Harrison Juvenile District Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Dirk Fitch, effective immediately through March 30, 2025, based upon the approval and recommendation of Judge Albert Davies, Belmont County Juvenile Court pursuant to O.R.C. 2152.44.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MODIFICATION #2 TO THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN BCDJFS AND JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign Modification #2 to the Purchase of Performance of Services contract between the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and the Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc., to extend the date of the contract to September 30, 2022.

**Modification #2 to the Purchase of the WIOA Performance of Services Contract Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Period for Revision: December 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022**

Purchaser:	The Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services 68145 Hammond Road St. Clairsville, OH 43950 (740) 695-1075	Contractor:	Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc. 114 North 4 <sup>th</sup> Street P. O. Box 130 Steubenville, OH 43952 740-282-0971
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This modification is to extend RESEA through September. Services under this allocation and contract can include costs incurred December 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. All billing must be received and paid by BCDJFS no later than September 30, 2022. All other original terms and conditions of this contract remain in effect.

SIGNATURES

Jeffery L. Felton /s/

**Jeffery Felton, Director**  
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services

6/10/2022

**Date**

<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>
<b>J. P. Dutton, Belmont County Commissioner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	<u>6-29-22</u>
<b>Jerry Echemann, Belmont County Commissioner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Josh Meyer /s/</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>
<b>Josh Meyer, Belmont County Commissioner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Michael K. McGlumphy /s/</u>	<u>6/10/22</u>
<b>Michael K. McGlumphy, CEO</b>	<b>Date</b>
Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc	
<u>Tammy Sanderson /s/</u>	<u>6/10/22</u>
<b>WIA-16 Workforce Development Board Chair</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Don Bethel /s/</u>	<u>6/10/22</u>
<b>WIA-16 Council of Government Chair</b>	<b>Date</b>
Approved as to form:	
<u>David K. Liberati /s/ Assist P.A.</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>
Belmont County Prosecutor	<b>Date</b>

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN BCDJFS AND JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign the Purchase of Performance of Services contract between the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and the Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc., in a not to exceed amount of \$69,921.53 for the Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program, effective July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.

*Note: Certain people who are receiving unemployment compensation are required to meet with a worker and complete an assessment to develop a re-employment plan.*

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
Purchase of the Performance of Services Contract**

**Whereas**, this contract, entered into on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of **June 2022**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”) and the Jefferson Community Action Council, Inc. (hereinafter “Contractor”), is for the purchase of Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) that meet the requirements and standards of the state Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) plan, as well as the Ohio Revised Code and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the policies of the Workforce Area 16 Workforce Development Board and the standards and requirements stated in this agreement.

**I PURPOSE**

The purpose of this contract is to implement the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program, which includes being the employer of record for staff funded for through this program.

Federal Program: Unemployment Insurance  
CFDA # 17.225  
Agreement # G-2223-15-0053  
Federal awarding agency: US Dept of Labor  
Pass-through entity: ODJFS; contact: Kip.Crist@jfs.ohio.gov  
No R&D  
Indirect cost rate 14.2%

ALLOCATION	ORIGINAL AWARD DATE	BUDGET REFERENCE	CFDA#	LIQUIDATION DATE	AWARD I.D./FAIN#
Reemploy Srv Elig Assess Program	10/1/2020	JFSCWRSP	17.225	12/31/2023	UI356682155A39

**II PARTIES**

The parties to this agreement are as follows:

**Purchaser:** The Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services  
68145 Hammond Road  
St. Clairsville, OH 43950  
(740)695-1075

**Contractor:** Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc  
unique identifier # CCC8GCLJ2V77  
114 North 4th Street  
P.O. Box 130  
Steubenville, OH 43952  
740-282-0971

**III CONTRACT PERIOD**

This contract is for services provided July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and will become effective on the date signed by all parties.

**IV DEFINITIONS**

The following words, phrases, and terms, when used in this contract, are limited to the following definitions:

Allowable Costs

Those costs which are necessary, reasonable, allocable and allowable under applicable Federal, State and local law for the proper administration and performance of services to customer.

RESEA

Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) is a federal program that provides intensive reemployment assistance to individuals who are receiving unemployment benefits and are determined likely to exhaust their benefits before becoming reemployed. The goal of the program is to provide claimants with a wide array of resources that support reemployment as quickly as possible and connects claimants to reemployment services, including co-enrollment in the Wagner-Peyser Employment Services program, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) dislocated worker program or other program services, as appropriate.

Performance

Performance by the Contractor under this contract is described more thoroughly in Article V but includes meeting all service, performance reporting and evaluation and monitoring requirements as well as all performance standards stated herein. All staff will be employed by the Contractor, and subject to all of the Contractors’ workplace rules and policies.

Proportional Payment

Proportional payment would occur at the Purchaser’s choice in the event the Contractor fails to perform as stated in the contract. It would require a formal modification of this contract and would entail a reduction in payment directly proportionate to the degree to which the Contractor has failed to perform. Proportional payment is not the only manner in which this contract

can be modified in the event of the Contractor's breach and its inclusion in this Article in no manner binds the Purchaser to this remedy in the event of the Contractor's failure of performance.

Services

Services by the Contractor under this contract include all those outlined in Article V and include all services, performance reporting and evaluation and monitoring responsibilities as well as meeting all performance standards stated herein.

WDA16

Workforce Development Area 16, which consists of Belmont, Carroll, Harrison and Jefferson counties. BCDJFS is the Fiscal Agent for WDA16.

WIOA

WIOA is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

**V SCOPE OF WORK**

Subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in this document and incorporated attachments, the Contractor and Purchaser agree to perform the following services to the level of performance as herein stated:

**A. Contractor Responsibilities**

1. The Contractor shall employ the necessary staff to operate the program. If the Contractor's staff is assigned to work on other grants, the Contractor shall submit documentation indicating the percentage of time allocated to various programs and only bill for staff hours related to RESEA activities.
2. The Contractor's staff must become familiar with state RESEA plan and policies that are relevant to the provision of services under this contract. Additional Area 16 policies may be implemented during the period of this agreement and will also be applicable.
3. The Contractor shall meet all service requirements of this contract. The Contractor's failure to perform the services as required herein is a breach of this contract thus triggering the Purchaser's right to terminate, cancel, rescind and modify this contract as well as the Purchaser's right to remuneration and repayment for any funds paid pursuant to this contract for services not performed as required herein.
4. The Contractor shall meet the performance standards specified in this contract. The Contractor's failure to meet these standards will be a breach of contract thus triggering the Purchaser's right to terminate, cancel, rescind and modify this contract as well as the Purchaser's right to remuneration and repayment for any funds paid pursuant to this contract for services not performed up to the standards as stated herein.
5. The Contractor shall comply with all the performance reporting and monitoring procedures as stated in this contract. The Contractor's failure to comply with this mandatory reporting and monitoring will be a breach of contract thus triggering the Purchaser's right to terminate, cancel, rescind and modify this contract as well as the Purchaser's right to remuneration and repayment for any funds paid pursuant to this contract for services not performed up to the standards as stated herein.

**B. Purchaser Responsibilities**

1. The Purchaser will provide readily available information that may be needed by the Contractor to report program status to the State of Ohio.
2. The Purchaser will pay all costs related to providing the services identified, consistent with the provisions of Article VIII.
3. The Purchaser will monitor the Contractor's activities pursuant to this contract to ensure they are compliant with service requirements, performance standards and reporting and monitoring as included in this contract.

**C. Service Requirements**

To implement this program, the Contractor will provide RESEA services that are designed to meet the purposes of RESEA:

The purposes of the RESEA program are:

- To improve employment outcomes of Unemployment Insurance (UI) recipients and to reduce the average duration of UI receipt through employment;
- To strengthen program integrity and reduce improper UI payments through detection and prevention of such payments to ineligible individuals;
- To promote the alignment with the broader vision of WIOA of increased program integration and service delivery, including UI claimants; and
- To establish reemployment services and eligibility assessments as an entry point for UI claimants into other workforce system partner programs.

To achieve these purposes, the state has set the following service requirements:

Claimants selected to participate in the RESEA program must complete an initial RESEA and subsequent RESEA. An initial RESEA is defined as the first meeting between staff and a UI claimant who reports to the meeting in response to an official notification of selection and required participation in RESEA services. A subsequent RESEA is defined as a follow-up meeting held after the initial RESEA.

For the initial RESEA, at a minimum, claimant must:

- View an online introduction video known as Ohio's Introduction Video;
- Complete a UI eligibility assessment conducted on a one-on-one basis, that includes a review of work search activities, and referral to the Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations (OUIO) processing center if a potential issue(s) is identified;
- Be referred to the OUIO processing center if a potential issue(s) is identified at any time during delivery of the program (e.g. during the session, reminder call, or rescheduling);
- Be provided customized labor market and career information based on an assessment of the claimant's needs, including information about in-demand occupations;
- Be enrolled in the *Employment Services* program (formerly known as Wagner-Peyser);
- Receive information and referral to additional reemployment services and other OhioMeansJobs center services, resources, and training, as appropriate; and
- Receive an *Individual Opportunity Plan* (IOP) jointly developed by the claimant and staff that identifies the claimant's reemployment goals and determines the combination of services needed for the claimant to reach reemployment goals. The plan may include work search activities, recommendations on accessing services at the OhioMeansJobs center or through self-service tools, and/or training; and
- Participate in OhioMeansJobs center orientation following completion the initial RESEA and prior to completion of the subsequent RESEA.

Claimants receive the same or similar services during the initial and subsequent RESEA, except that claimant is not required to view an online introduction video as part of the subsequent RESEA.

**D. Contractual Reviews**

In addition to ongoing contract monitoring, the Contractor and Purchaser may meet to review the program and the delivery of services to the participants.

**E. Performance Reporting**

The Contractor will complete monthly and provide to the Purchaser an itemized invoice for services provided and a Fiscal Performance Report. These reports are due on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the following month and will include all required information for the entire prior month from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) to the last day of that month.

The Contractor will complete and provide to the Purchaser a Service Delivery Performance Report. These reports are due on the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) of the following month and will include all required information for the entire prior month from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) to the last day of that month.

The Purchaser and Contractor will determine the format of these reports.

The failure of the Contractor to deliver all required performance reports by the time stated in this article will be a breach of this contract thus subjecting the agreement to termination, cancellation, remuneration, repayment, rescission and modification at the Purchaser's discretion.

**F. Evaluation and Monitoring**

The Purchaser shall periodically evaluate the Contractor's performance of its duties as expressed in this contract. Periodic evaluation may include but is not limited to both off-site and on-site activities including file inspection, program observation and participant and trainer interviews and focus groups. The Purchaser will provide the Contractor with notice prior to any evaluation or monitoring activity. The Contractor shall assist with all evaluation and monitoring activities including but not limited to providing access to files, participants and other employees. The Contractor's compliance with evaluation and monitoring requirements is part of its required performance of this contract. The Contractor's failure to comply with its evaluation and monitoring duties and failure to respond to any monitoring reports will be a breach of this contract thus triggering the Purchaser's rights of termination, cancellation, rescission, modification, remuneration and repayment.

**VI AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS**

Payments for the performance of services provided pursuant to this agreement are contingent upon the continued availability of the Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) grant (CFDA #17.225). In no event shall the amount of reimbursement to the Contractor under the terms of this contract exceed \$69,921.53 and must be disbursed by BCDJFS no later than 9/30/23.

**All financial obligations of the Purchaser under this contract are subject to federal and Ohio funding levels consistent with the fiscal year.**

**VII ALLOWABLE COSTS**

The Purchaser will reimburse only for those costs authorized under applicable federal, Ohio and local laws and policies.

**VIII BILLING, PAYMENT AND COSTS**

Accompanying mandatory performance reports and invoices will be submitted each month by the Contractor no later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day of the following month. Failure to submit this information on time may be a breach of this contract. The Purchaser will review the invoices for completeness and accuracy before making payments. Accurate and complete invoices are payable within thirty (30) days of receipt or as soon as the Belmont County Auditor processes the payment.

Reasons for denial of payment include but are not limited to

- A. Failure to meet services requirements;
- B. Failure to meet performance standards;
- C. Failure to meet performance reporting requirements; and
- D. Failure to meet evaluation and monitoring requirements.

In the event the Contractor fails to perform as required in this contract, the Purchaser may choose to modify this contract so that proportional payment, as defined in Article IV, is made.

**IX DUPLICATE BILLING**

The Contractor warrants that claims made to the Purchaser for payment shall be for performance of actual services rendered to eligible individuals and shall not duplicate claims made by the Contractor to other sources of funds, public or private, for the same services. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to prohibit the use of multiple sources of funds, public or private, to serve participants as long as each service is not paid for more than once.

**X AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY AND REPAYMENT**

The Contractor is responsible for receiving, replying to and complying with any audit exception by federal, State of Ohio or local audit directly related to the performance of this contract.

Audits may be conducted using a "sampling" method. Areas to be reviewed using this method may include but are not limited to months, expenses, total units and billable units. If errors are found, the error rate of the sample will be applied to the entire audit. The Contractor agrees to repay the Purchaser the entire amount of any payment received for duplicate or erroneous billings and for false or deceptive claims. When an overpayment is identified it must be repaid within one (1) month.

If repayment within one (1) month cannot be made, the Contractor will sign a Repayment of Funds Agreement. Furthermore, the Purchaser may withhold payment and take any other legal action it deems appropriate for recovering any money erroneously paid under this contract if evidence exists of less than complete compliance with the provisions of this contract. If checks are withheld pending repayment by the Contractor of erroneously paid funds, those checks held more than sixty (60) days will be canceled and will not be reissued.

The Purchaser, at its sole discretion, may allow a change in the terms of repayment. Such change will require an amendment to the Repayment of Funds Agreement.

**XI DISPOSITION OF ASSETS**

Assets purchased under this agreement shall be the property of the Purchaser and shall be delivered to the Purchaser when the terms of this contract expire.

**XII WARRANTY**

The Contractor warrants that its services shall be performed in a professional and work-like manner in accordance with applicable professional standards.

**XIII INSURANCE**

The Contractor shall comply with laws of the State of Ohio with respect to insurance coverage and shall carry during its entire performance of this contract and keep in full effect Worker's Compensation Insurance. A copy of the document evidencing said coverage shall be furnished to the Purchaser prior to the effective date of this contract.

The Contractor shall also obtain and maintain, at all times throughout the term of this agreement and at the Contractor's expense, a policy of professional liability or commercial general liability insurance (as applicable) with an insurance company licensed in the State of Ohio.

**XIV NOTICE**

Notice as required under this agreement shall be sufficient if it is by certified mail, return receipt requested, provided that such notice states that it is a formal notice related to this contract.

**XV AVAILABILITY AND RETENTION OF RECORDS**

In addition to the responsibilities delineated in other articles, the Contractor is specifically required to retain and make available to the Purchaser all records relating to the performance of services under this contract including all supporting documentation necessary for audit by the Purchaser, the State of Ohio (including but not limited to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Auditor of the State of Ohio, Inspector General or other duly appointed law enforcement officials) and agencies of the United States Government for at least three (3) years after payment under this agreement. If an audit is initiated during this time period, the Contractor shall retain such records until the audit is concluded and all issues are resolved.

**XVI CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Contractor agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Purchaser and its consumers concerning the confidentiality of its consumers. The Contractor understands that any access to the identities of such consumers shall only be provided as is necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under this contract. The Contractor understands that the use or disclosure of information concerning the Purchaser's consumers for any purpose not directly related to the performance of this contract is prohibited.

**XVII CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURE**

Nothing in this contract precludes, prevents or restricts the Contractor from obtaining and operating under other agreements with parties other than the Purchaser as long as this other work does not interfere with the Contractor's performance of services under this contract. The Contractor warrants that at the time of executing this contract, it has no interest in and never shall it acquire any interest, direct or otherwise, in any agreement which will impede its ability to perform as provided in this agreement. The Contractor further avers that no financial interest was involved on the part of any of the Purchaser's offices, Board of County Commissioners or other county employees involved in the negotiation of this agreement or the development of its provisions. Furthermore, the Contractor has no knowledge of any situation that would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an employee of the Purchaser will gain financially or receive personal favors as a result of the signing or implementation of this contract.

The Contractor will report the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Purchaser. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this contract, the Purchaser may exercise any of its rights under this contract including termination, cancellation, rescission, remuneration, repayment and modification.

The Contractor hereby covenants that it has disclosed any information that it possesses about any business relationship or financial interest that it has with a county employee, employee's business or any business relationship or financial interest that a county employee has with the Contractor or in its business.

**XVIII COMPLIANCE**

The Contractor certifies that all who perform services, directly or indirectly, under this contract, including the Contractor and all approved subcontractors, shall comply with all federal laws and regulations including applicable OMB Circulars, Ohio laws and regulations including Ohio Administrative Code rules and all provisions of the Workforce Development Area 16 Workforce Development Board's policy in the performance of work under this contract.

The Contractor accepts full responsibility for payment of any and all unemployment compensation premiums, all income tax deductions, pension deductions and any and all other taxes or payroll deductions required for the performance of the work required hereunder by the Contractor's employees.

The Contractor shall obtain all necessary approval, licenses or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in the State of Ohio prior to the effective date of this contract or this contract shall be void as of that date.

**XIX RELATIONSHIP**

Nothing in this contract is intended or shall be interpreted to constitute a partnership, association or joint venture between the Contractor and the Purchaser. The Contractor will at all times have the status of independent contractor without the right or authority to impose tort, contractual or any other liability on the Purchaser, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and the Workforce Development Area 16 Workforce Development Board.

**XX ASSIGNMENTS**

The Contractor shall not assign this contract without express, prior, written approval of the Purchaser.

**XXI SUBCONTRACTS**

The Contractor shall not subcontract the performance of services agreed to in this contract or any part thereof without the express, prior, written approval of the Purchaser. In the event the Purchaser approves of a subcontract of all or part of the performance required herein, the Contractor shall remain solely responsible for all performance hereunder including delivering services, reporting performance and assisting with evaluation and monitoring as described in this contract. The Contractor is solely responsible for making payments to any and all subcontractors for any services they may provide hereunder. Any subcontractors are subject to all terms, conditions and covenants contained in this contract.

**XXII INTEGRATION, MODIFICATION AND AMENDMENT**

This contract may be terminated by either party upon notice in writing delivered upon the other party prior to the effective date of termination. Should the Contractor wish to terminate this contract, notice to the Purchaser must be delivered thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Any funds paid under this contract for services to be performed after the date of termination shall be repaid with Article X of this agreement.

**XXIII TERMINATION**

This contract may be terminated by either party upon notice in writing delivered upon the other party prior to the effective date of termination. Should the Contractor wish to terminate this contract, notice to the Purchaser must be delivered thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Any funds paid under this contract for services to be performed after the date of termination shall be repaid in accordance with Article X of this agreement.

**XXIV BREACH OF CONTRACT**

Should either party fail to perform as required under this contract that failure of performance shall be a breach of this contract and will trigger the other party's right of termination, cancellation, remuneration, repayment, rescission and modification as defined herein and at the non-breaking party's discretion. Although in the event of breach, the non-breaking party has the right to terminate, cancel, rescind, modify and demand remuneration and/or repayment (as applicable), the non-breaking party is not required to avail itself of any of these rights and may choose to continue the contract at its discretion.

**XXV WAIVER**

Any waiver of any provision or condition of this contract shall not be construed or deemed to be a waiver of any other provision or condition of this contract nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or conditions.

**XXVI INDEMNIFICATION**

The Contractor agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold free and harmless the Purchaser, its officers, employees and agents, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and the Workforce Development Area 16 Workforce Development Board against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or liabilities of every kind arising out of or in connection with any acts or omissions, negligent or otherwise, of the Contractor, its officers, agents, employees and independent contractors.

The Contractor shall pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Purchaser, its officers, agents and employees, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and the Workforce Development Area 16 Workforce Development Board.

**XXVII GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM**

This contract and any modifications and amendments thereto shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this contract shall be filed in the courts of Belmont County, Ohio.

**XXVIII SEVERABILITY**

If any term or provision of this contract or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this contract and its application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this contract shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**XXIX NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Contractor certifies that it is an equal opportunity employer and shall remain in compliance with federal and Ohio civil rights and non-discrimination laws and regulations including but not limited to Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967 and as supplemented in the Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Age Discrimination Employment Act as amended and Ohio Civil Rights Laws.

During performance of this contract, the Contractor will not discriminate against any employee, contract worker or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, Vietnam-era veteran status, age, political belief or place of birth. The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that during employment all employees and contract workers are treated without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, Vietnam-era veteran status, age, political belief or place of birth. Such action shall include but not be limited to employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment advertising, layoff termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous spaces, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices stating that the Contractor complies with all applicable federal and Ohio non-discrimination laws.

The Contractor or any person claiming through the Contractor agrees not to establish or knowingly permit any such practice or practices of discrimination or segregation in reference to anything relating to this contract or in reference to any contractors or subcontractors of the Contractor.

**XXX CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**

The Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Purchaser, ODJFS and other child support enforcement agency in ensuring that the Contractor's employees meet child support obligations established under Ohio law. Furthermore, by executing this contract, the

Contractor certifies present and future compliance with any order for withholding support which is issued pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

**XXXI PUBLIC ASSISTANCE WORK PROGRAM CUSTOMERS**

In compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, the Contractor agrees not to discriminate against customers of the Ohio Works First Program in either hiring or promoting. The Contractor agrees to include this provision in any contract, subcontract, grant or procedure with any other party that will be providing services, directly or indirectly, to the Purchaser's Ohio Works First customers.

**XXXII DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

The Contractor will comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding a drug-free workplace. The Contractor will make a good faith effort to ensure that all employees performing duties or responsibilities under this contract while working will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.

**XXXIII COPELAND "ANTI-KICKBACK" ACT**

The Contractor will comply with 18 U.S.C. 874 as supplemented in the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5.

**XXXIV DAVIS-BACON ACT**

The Contractor will comply with 40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7 as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5.

**XXXV CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARD ACT**

The Contractor will comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, 40 U.S.C. 327-330 as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5.

**XXXVI PUBLIC RECORDS**

This contract is a matter of public records under the laws of the State of Ohio. The Contractor agrees to make copies of this contract promptly available to the requesting party.

**XXXVII CLEAN AIR ACT**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 1857(h)], Section 508 of the Clean Air Act (33 U.S.C. 1368), Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15).

**XXXVIII ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

The Contractor shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

**XXXIX COPYRIGHTS AND RIGHTS IN DATA**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Title 17, U.S.C. (Pub. L. 94-553, Title I, Sec. 101, October 19, 1976, 90 Stat. 2544; Pub. L. 101-650, Title VII, Sec. 703, December 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 5133).

**XL PATENT RIGHTS**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Chapter 18 of Title 35, U.S.C. (Pub. L. 95-517, Pub. L. 98-620, 37 CFR Part 401), Presidential Memorandum on Government Patent Policy to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies dated February 18, 1983 and Executive Order 12591.

**XLI PROCUREMENT**

The Contractor will follow required procurement policies and laws as applicable and as advised by the Purchaser.

**SIGNATURES:**

<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u>	<u>6/10/2022</u>
<b>Jeffery Felton, Director</b>	<b>Date</b>
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services 68145 Hammond Road St. Clairsville, OH 43950 (740)695-1075	
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>
<b>J. P. Dutton, Belmont County Commissioner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	<u>6-29-22</u>
<b>Jerry Echemann, Belmont County Commissioner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Josh Meyer /s/</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>
<b>Josh Meyer, Belmont County Commissioner</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Michael McGlumphy /s/</u>	<u>6/8/22</u>
<b>Michael K. McGlumphy, CEO</b>	<b>Date</b>

Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc 114 N 4 <sup>th</sup> Street Steubenville, OH 43952	
<u>Tammy Sanderson /s/</u>	<u>6/10/22</u>
<b>WIA-16 Workforce Development Board Chair</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>Don Bethel /s/</u>	<u>6/10/22</u>
<b>WIOA-16 Council of Government Chair</b>	<b>Date</b>
<u>David K. Liberati /s/ Assist PA</u>	<u>6/21/22</u>

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_ Date

Belmont County Prosecutor

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL AND PATRICIA GREEN-WALLACE**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign the Purchase of Performance of Service contract between the Belmont County Commissioners, The Family and Children First Council and Patricia Green-Wallace for services as the Belmont County Family and Children First Council Coordinator in a not to exceed amount of \$11,700.00, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

**PURCHASE OF SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN  
THE BELMONT COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL  
AND**

**PATRICIA GREEN-WALLACE FOR SERVICES AS THE  
BELMONT COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL COORDINATOR**

This agreement is made and entered into on June 29, 2022 by and between the Belmont County Family and Children First Council, hereinafter referred to as "Council", its Administrative Agent, being the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, hereinafter referred to as "Administrative Agent", and Patricia G. Green-Wallace, Coordinator of the Belmont County Family and Children First Council, hereinafter referred to as "Provider".

**Article I Effective Dates**

This contract shall extend from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, inclusive, unless otherwise terminated pursuant to Article IV, and may be extended beyond the time period upon the execution of a written amendment pursuant to Article IV, contingent upon available funding.

#### **Article II Amount of Contract/Payments**

- A. Payment for services provided in accordance with the provisions of this contract shall not exceed \$11,700.00.
- B. The **Provider** certifies that all costs are allowable and appropriate, and services submitted for payment were actually-provided. The **Provider** will establish and maintain all fiscal records as needed and required to justify expenditures, including, but not limited to, time sheets, travel logs and receipts for all claimed expenses.
- C. The **Provider** agrees to submit an invoice to the **Administrative Agent** so that funds may be drawn and payment made for services rendered. The invoice cannot exceed the amount of this contract and must be received by the **Administrative Agent** during the contract period.
- D. The **Provider** agrees to charge the **Council** at a rate of \$15.00 per hour for time charged for work performed as the Belmont County Family and Children First Coordinator.
- E. The **Provider** assumes all liability for any federal, state, and/or local income taxes and/or fees incurred while performing duties as the Belmont County Family and Children First Coordinator.
- F. The **Administrative Agent** will review invoices for completeness and any other information necessary before authorizing payment within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice. The reported expenditures submitted are subject to adjustment by the **Administrative Agent** before such payment is authorized to adjust for mathematical errors, incorrect rates, and/or unallowable costs. Such invoices are subject to audit by appropriate federal, state, and/or local officials.
- G. Any and all funding under this agreement shall not be used to supplant existing funds targeting the same population for the purpose described in Article I.

#### **Article III General Regulation**

- A. All documents, reports, data, photographs, negatives, electronic reports and records, and other media produced under this agreement or with funds provided by this contract are the property of the **Council** and **Administrative Agent**, which has unrestricted rights to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use. All materials and items produced under this contract will be made freely available to the general public unless the **Administrative Agent** determines that, pursuant to federal and state laws, the materials are confidential.
- B. The **Provider** will comply with all applicable federal and state regulations, rules, statutes, and guidelines regarding the expenditure of funds, and program requirements, including, but not limited to: OMB Circular A-87, CMIA Regulations, Health and Human Services grant guidelines, and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services rules. The **Provider** agrees to provide all necessary and appropriate data and cooperate with state and local agencies in evaluating the Help Me Grow Program, including planning and participating in site visits.
- C. The **Provider** will schedule meetings of the **Council** at least bi-monthly in odd number months in coordination with the membership of the **Council**, or as deemed necessary by the **Council**.
- D. The **Provider** will be responsible for taking minutes of **Council** meetings and providing copies of such prior to subsequent meetings. The **Provider** will submit bi-monthly reports on program issues and concerns, successes and expenditures to the **Council** and **Administrative Agent**.
- E. The **Administrative Agent** may, from time to time, as it deems appropriate and in consultation with the Belmont County Family and Children First Council, communicate specific instructions to the **Provider** concerning the performance of activities described in this contract. Within ten (10) days after receipt of the instructions, the **Provider** will comply with the instructions to the satisfaction of the **Administrative Agent**. It is expressly understood by the parties that these instructions are for the sole purpose of performing the specific tasks requested by the **Administrative Agent** to ensure the satisfactory completion of the activities described in this Subsidy Agreement and are not intended to amend or alter any part of this contract. An employee of the **Administrative Agent**, to be identified by the **Administrative Agent**, will communicate all instructions to the **Provider**. The **Provider** agrees to consult with the **Administrative Agent** as necessary to ensure understanding and the success of completion of the contract activities.

#### **Article IV Termination and Amendment**

- A. This agreement may be terminated by either party at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice via certified mail to the Executive Director of the **Provider** and the Director of the **Administrative Agent**. Notwithstanding any other terms or conditions of this agreement, if the federal and/or other funds designation for the program are not available to the **Administrative Agent** in the amount adequate to support the services and activities under this agreement, as determined by the **Administrative Agent**, the **Administrative Agent** may terminate this agreement. The **Administrative Agent** will notify the **Provider** in writing of these conditions as soon as possible but not later than ten (10) days upon receipt of such information or determination. All reimbursements to the **Provider** will cease on the date specified in the ten (10) day notice. The **Administrative Agent** reserves the right to terminate this agreement immediately upon delivery of a written notice to the **Provider** if the **Administrative Agent** discovers any illegal conduct on the part of the **Provider** or the **Provider** has violated any provisions of this agreement.
- B. This writing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to all matter herein. This contract may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties and any amendment will be prospective in nature. Both parties agree that any amendment to laws or regulations cited in this agreement will result in a modification of this contract without the necessity for executing written amendments.

#### **Article V Limitation of Liability**

The **Provider** agrees to hold the **Administrative Agent** harmless from any and all claims for injury resulting from activities in furtherance of the work hereunder. The **Provider** will reimburse the **Administrative Agent** for any judgements for infringement of patent or copyright rights. The **Provider** agrees to defend against any such claims or legal actions if called upon by the **Administrative Agent** to do so. The **Provider** will not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the state or the **Administrative Agent** on account of any labor, services or materials furnished. If the **Provider** fails, neglects or refuses to make prompt payment of any claims for labor, services or materials furnished to the **Provider** by any person in connection with this contract as such claims become due, the proper officer or officers representing the **Administrative Agent** may pay such claims to the person furnishing the labor or service and charge the amount of the payment against the funds due or to become due to the **Provider** by reason of its contract. The **Administrative Agent's** liability for damages, whether in



contract or in tort, may not exceed the total amount of compensation payable to the **Provider** under Article III or the amount of damages incurred by the **Provider**, whichever is less. The **Provider** is solely and exclusive responsible for any direct or consequential damages, including loss of profits, even if the **Administrative Agent** knew or should have known of the possibility of such damages.

**Article VI Special Conditions and Miscellaneous Provisions**

By accepting this contract and executing this contract agreement, the **Provider** certifies current compliance and agrees to continued compliance with each condition listed in this Article. The **Provider's** certification of compliance with each of these conditions is considered to be a material representation of fact upon which the **Administrative Agent** relied in entering into this contract agreement.

- A. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** In carrying out this contract, the **Provider** will not discriminate in hiring, promotion, discharge, pay, job training, salary, fringe benefits and/or other aspects, conditions or privileges of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age or national origin. Further, the **Provider** shall not discriminate in the provision of services on any of the above basis. The **Provider** shall indemnify, defend and hold the **Administrative Agent** harmless from any and all claims for discrimination in employment or for discrimination in the provision of services arising from its activities under this agreement. The **Provider** agrees not to discriminate against individuals who have or are participating in any work program administered by a County Department of Job and Family Services under Chapters 5101 or 5107 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- B. **Religious Freedom:** The **Provider** agrees that it will perform the duties under this contract in compliance with Section 104 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunities Act of 1996 and in a manner that will ensure that the religious freedom of program participants is not diminished and that it will not discriminate against any participant based on religion, religious belief or refusal to participate in a religious activity. No funds provided under this contract will be used to promote the religious character and action of the **Provider**. If any participant objects to the religious character of the organizations, the **Provider** will immediately refer the individual to the **Administrative Agent** for an alternative provider.
- C. **Provider Status:** The **Provider** agrees that no agency, employment, joint venture or partnership has been or will be created between the parties hereto pursuant to the terms and conditions of this agreement. The **Provider** also agrees that, as an independent provider, the **Provider** assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal or other tax liabilities along with worker's compensation and unemployment compensation and insurance premiums which may accrue as a result of compensation received for services or deliverables rendered hereunder. The **Provider** certifies that all approvals, licenses or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in the State of Ohio have been obtained and are operative. If at any time during the contractual period the **Provider** becomes disqualified from conducting business in the State of Ohio, for whatever reason, the **Provider** must immediately notify the **Administrative Agent** of the disqualification and the **Provider** will immediately cease performance of its obligation hereunder.
- D. **Assignment of Interests:** The **Provider** will not assign any interest, including subcontracts and contracts, in the contract and will not transfer any interest in the contract without the prior written approval of the **Administrative Agent**, in consultation with the Belmont County Family and Children First Council.
- E. **Drug-Free Workplace:** The **Provider** and any subcontractor associated with the project agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding a drug-free workplace. The **Provider** will make a good faith effort to ensure that all employees, while working on state, county or private property, will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.
- F. **Records and Reports:** The **Provider** will not use any information, system or records made available to it for any purpose other than to fulfill the specific contract activities specified herein. The **Provider** and its employees agree to be bound by the same standards and rules of confidentiality that apply to employees of the **Administrative Agent**. The terms of this section must be included in any contract or subcontract executed by the **Provider** for work under this contract.
- G. **Child Support Enforcement:** The **Provider** agrees to cooperate with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and any Ohio Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) in ensuring the **Provider** or employees of the **Provider** meet child support obligations established under state law. Further, by executing this agreement the **Provider** certifies present and future compliance with any court order for the withholding of support which is issued pursuant to Sections 3113.21 to 3113.2117 of the Ohio Revised Code.
- H. **Audit and Records Retention:** All records related to costs, work performed and supporting documentation for invoices submitted to the **Administrative Agent** will be retained by the **Provider** and made available for audit by the State of Ohio, including but not limited to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Health, the Auditor of the State of Ohio, the Inspector General and all duly authorized law enforcement officials, agencies of the United States government and county officials, including the **Administrative Agent**, county auditor and members of the County Family and Children First Council. All financial records related to this contract are public records unless specifically excluded by Section 149.431 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Article VII Construction**

This contract shall be governed, construed and enforced in accordance of the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this contract be found unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the operation of the balance of this contract is not affected thereby, provided, however, the absence of the illegal provision does not render the performance of this remainder of the contract impossible.

**THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS CONTRACT AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u>	<u>6/27/22</u>
Jeffery Felton, Director	Date
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	
<u>Christine Parker /s/</u>	<u>6-27-22</u>
Christine Parker, Chairperson	Date
Belmont County Family and Children First Council	
<u>Patricia G. Green-Wallace /s/</u>	<u>6-24-2022</u>
Patricia G. Green-Wallace, Coordinator	Date
Belmont County Family and Children First Council	
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner	Date
Belmont County Board of Commissioners	
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	<u>6-29-22</u>
Jerry Echemann, Commissioner	Date
Belmont County Board of Commissioners	
<u>Josh Meyer /s/</u>	<u>6/29/22</u>

Josh Meyer, Commissioner  
Belmont County Board of Commissioners  
Approved as to form:  
David K. Liberati /s/ Assist PA  
Belmont County Prosecutor  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Date  
6/29/22  
Date

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO RENEWAL  
OF VENDOR AGREEMENTS ON BEHALF OF BCDJFS  
FOR PROVIDING GASOLINE TO TITLE XIX (19) ELIGIBLE PERSONS**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to enter into a renewal of a Vendor Agreement, on behalf of the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services for the purpose of providing gasoline to Title XIX (19) eligible persons who have medical appointments outside the local area, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as follows:

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>MAXIMUM BILLABLE AMOUNT</u>
Hissom's Service Center	\$15,000.00
NSB/2 Partners, LLC	\$15,000.00
Zeake's Sunoco & Sun Shop Exxon	\$15,000.00

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
VENDOR AGREEMENT**

This agreement to provide gasoline, etc. is made and entered into this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022 by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, hereinafter referred to as Department, and Hissom's Service Center LLC, a provider of Title XIX Services, hereinafter referred to as Provider. This agreement will be effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive unless otherwise terminated.

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

- A. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of any information concerning qualified recipients for any purpose not directly related to the delivery of purchased services is prohibited except upon written consent of the recipients or their guardians.
- B. The Provider understands that this written agreement supersedes all oral agreements.
- C. The Provider agrees to hold harmless the County Department of Job and Family Services, the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which the Department is located, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services against all liability, loss, damage, and/or related expenses incurred through the provision of services under this agreement.
- D. The Provider agrees that in the performance of this agreement there shall be no discrimination against any client because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or handicapped conditions as specified in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and all subsequent amendments. It is further agreed discrimination and the right to and method of appeal will be made available to all persons served under this agreement.
- E. In the event Provider receives an overpayment, Provider agrees to repay the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services the amount to which he/she was not entitled.
- F. In the event that state and/or federal reimbursement is no longer available to the Department, therefore, requiring changes or termination of this agreement, such changes or termination will be effective on the date that state and/or federal reimbursement is no longer available, or, later as otherwise stipulated by the Department.
- G. This agreement may be terminated by the Provider or the Department upon seven (7) days written notice. Failure to honor the terms of this agreement and/or related state, federal, or local regulations shall result in the immediate termination of this agreement. If any of the terms of this agreement change, the Provider must notify the Department immediately.
- H. Policy that the Provider agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and regulations in the Administrative Code governing service delivery, including insurance.
- I. Eligibility for Services: The County Department of Job and Family Services will determine eligibility for all service recipients directly. Eligibility of individuals to receive purchase services shall be determined in accordance with the policy and procedures established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the Administrative Code.
- J. Amendment of Agreement: This agreement may be amended at any time by a written amendment signed by both parties and submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the manner required by state regulations.

**PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

The Department of Job and Family Services agrees to pay the Provider actual cost per gallon Unit for Transportation. The maximum amount billable under this agreement is \$15,000.00. The Provider understands that the payment for all services provided in accordance with the provisions of this agreement depends upon the availability of county, state, and federal matching funds. The Provider understands that a recipient, for whom services are provided, may be required by the Department of Job and Family Services. Other than this fee set by the Department, no additional fees may be charged for services rendered under this agreement. The Provider agrees to submit an invoice to the Department monthly within five (5) working days following the last working day of the billing period. The Department agrees to review the invoices and authorize with adjustments, if needed, reimbursement for services provided within fifteen (15) to twenty (20) working days of the receipt of the invoice. Duplicate Billing: Provider warrants that claims made to the County Department of Job and Family Services for payment for purchased services shall be for actual services rendered to eligible individuals and do not duplicate claims made by provider to other sources of funds for the same service.

I hereby understand and agree to the terms of this agreement.  
This agreement signed on 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.  
I hereby understand and agree to the terms of this agreement.  
This agreement signed on 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

Jeffery L. Felton /s/  
Jeffery Felton, Director  
BCDJFS  
Date: 6-27-2022  
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services  
68145 Hammond Rd.  
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950  
(740) 695-1075  
J. P. Dutton /s/  
J. P. Dutton  
Belmont County Commissioner  
Jerry Echemann /s/  
Jerry Echemann  
Belmont County Commissioner  
Josh Meyer /s/  
Josh Meyer

Signature: James A. Jones /s/  
Printed Name: James A. Jones  
  
Date: 6-23-22  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
6/29/22  
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6/29/22  
Date

Belmont County Commissioner  
Approved as to form:  
David K. Liberati /s/ Assist PA  
Prosecutor

6/29/22  
Date

BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
VENDOR AGREEMENT

This agreement to provide gasoline is made and entered into this 29th day of June 2022 by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, hereinafter referred to as Department, and NSB/2 Partners, LLC, hereinafter referred to as Provider. This agreement will be effective from July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023 inclusive unless otherwise terminated.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of any information concerning qualified recipients for any purpose not directly related to the delivery of purchased services is prohibited except upon written consent of the recipients or their guardians.
- B. The Provider understands that this written agreement supersedes all oral agreements.
- C. The Provider agrees to hold harmless the County Department of Job and Family Services, the Board of County Commissioners of the county in which the Department is located, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services against all liability, loss, damage, and/or related expenses incurred through the provision of services under this agreement.
- D. The Provider agrees that in the performance of this agreement there shall be no discrimination against any client because of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, or handicapped conditions as specified in the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and all subsequent amendments. It is further agreed discrimination and the right to and method of appeal will be made available to all persons served under this agreement.
- E. In the event Provider receives an overpayment, Provider agrees to repay the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services the amount to which he/she was not entitled.
- F. In the event that state and/or federal reimbursement is no longer available to the Department, therefore, requiring changes or termination of this agreement, such changes or termination will be effective on the date that state and/or federal reimbursement is no longer available, or, later as otherwise stipulated by the Department.
- G. This agreement may be terminated by the Provider or the Department upon seven (7) days written notice. Failure to honor the terms of this agreement and/or related state, federal, or local regulations shall result in the immediate termination of this agreement. If any of the terms of this agreement change, the Provider must notify the Department immediately.
- H. Policy that the Provider agrees to adhere to all applicable rules and regulations in the Administrative Code governing service delivery, including insurance.
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- J. Amendment of Agreement: This agreement may be amended at any time by a written amendment signed by both parties and submitted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in the manner required by state regulations.

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

The Department of Job and Family Services agrees to pay the Provider actual cost per gallon Unit for Transportation.  
 The maximum amount billable under this agreement is \$15,000.00.  
 The Provider understands that the payment for all services provided in accordance with the provisions of this agreement depends upon the availability of county, state, and federal matching funds.  
 The Provider understands that a recipient, for whom services are provided, may be required by the Department of Job and Family Services. Other than this fee set by the Department, no additional fees may be charged for services rendered under this agreement.  
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 Duplicate Billing: Provider warrants that claims made to the County Department of Job and Family Services for payment for purchased services shall be for actual services rendered to eligible individuals and do not duplicate claims made by provider to other sources of funds for the same service.

I hereby understand and agree to the terms of this agreement.  
This agreement signed on 29th day of June 2022.

Jeffery L. Felton /s/  
Jeffery Felton, Director  
BCDJFS  
Date: 6/27/2022  
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services  
68145 Hammond Rd.  
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950  
(740) 695-1075  
J. P. Dutton /s/  
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Belmont County Commissioner  
Jerry Echemann /s/  
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Approved as to form:  
David K. Liberati /s/ Assist PA  
Prosecutor

Signature: Gurinderijt S. Sandhu /s/  
Printed Name: Gurinderijt S. Sandhu  
  
Date: 6-16-2022  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES  
VENDOR AGREEMENT

This agreement to provide gasoline is made and entered into this 29th day of June 2022 by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, hereinafter referred to as Department, and Zeake's Sunoco and Carryout, and Sun Shop Exxon and Carryout, both the same owner and provider of Title XIX Services, hereinafter referred to as Provider. This agreement will be effective from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 inclusive, unless otherwise terminated.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

- A. Provider agrees that the use or disclosure of any information concerning qualified recipients for any purpose not directly related to the delivery of purchased services is prohibited except upon written consent of the recipients or their guardians.
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and all subsequent amendments. It is further agreed discrimination and the right to and method of appeal will be made available to all persons served under this agreement.

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Josh Meyer /s/

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Approved as to form:

David K. Liberati /s/ Assist. PA

Prosecutor

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Signature: Anthony T. Zeakes /s/

Printed Name: Anthony Zeakes

Date: 6/15/2022

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

6/29/22

Date

6-29-22

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN OIL AND GAS LEASE WITH ASCENT RESOURCES-UTICA, LLC/SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to enter into an Oil and Gas Lease by and between Belmont Sanitary Sewer District, f/k/a The Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 of Belmont County, by and through the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC, effective June 29, 2022, in the amount of \$4,500 per net leasehold acre for 0.057000 acres located in Pease Township, for a five-year term, 20% royalty. Total Payment Amount: \$256.50.

**PAID-UP OIL & GAS LEASE**

Lease No. \_\_\_\_\_

This Lease made this 29th day of June, 2022, by and between: **Belmont County Water and Sewer District, f/k/a The Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 of Belmont County, Ohio, by and through the Belmont County Board of Commissioners, by Josh Meyer as President, J.P. Dutton as Vice President, and Jerry Echemann as Member**, whose address is 101 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950, hereinafter collectively called "Lessor," and **Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company**, whose address is **P.O. Box 13678, Oklahoma City, OK 73113**, hereinafter called "Lessee."

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Lessor and Lessee agree as follows:

**LEASING CLAUSE.** Lessor hereby leases exclusively to Lessee all the oil and gas (including, but not limited to coal seam gas, coalbed methane gas, coalbed gas, methane gas, gob gas, occluded methane/natural gas and all associated natural gas and other hydrocarbons and non-hydrocarbons contained in, associated with, emitting from, or produced/originating within any formation, gob area, mined-out area, coal seam, and all communicating zones), and their liquid or gaseous constituents, whether hydrocarbon or non-hydrocarbon, underlying the land herein leased, together with such exclusive rights as may be necessary or convenient for Lessee, at its election, to explore for, develop, produce, measure, and market production from the Leasehold, or from other lands, using methods and techniques which are not restricted to current technology, including, without limitation, the right to conduct geophysical and other exploratory tests; to drill, maintain, operate, cease to operate, plug, abandon, and remove wells; to use or install roads over and across the Leasehold for use in development of the Leasehold or other lands, electric power and telephone facilities, water impoundments, and to construct pipelines with appurtenant facilities, including data acquisition, compression and collection facilities for use in the production and transportation of products from the Leasehold or from other lands across the Leasehold, to use oil, gas, and non-domestic water sources, free of cost, to store gas of any kind underground, regardless of the source thereof, including the injecting of gas therein and removing the same therefrom; to protect stored gas; to operate, maintain, repair, and

remove material and equipment; to use and occupy the subsurface of the Leasehold for the drilling of a wellbore(s) for use in development of the Leasehold or other lands.

**DESCRIPTION.** The Leasehold is located in the Township of **Pease**, in the County of **Belmont**, in the State of **Ohio**, and described as follows: Township: 6; Range: 3; Section: 15; NE ¼: Tax Parcel No.: 56-60012.000, Containing 0.057 acres and is bounded formerly or currently as follows:

On the North by lands of: **Roger L. Tyler and Addie R. Tyler**

On the East by lands of: **Joshua Jeffcoat**

On the South by lands of: **Thomas J. Gorza**

On the West by lands of: **Thomas J. Gorza**

and described for the purposes of this agreement as containing a total of 0.057 Leasehold acres, whether actually more or less, and including contiguous lands owned by Lessor. Said lands were conveyed to Lessor from Robert D. Folmar and Marcella Folmar, by virtue of deed dated October 8, 1956, and recorded in said County and State in Book 431, Page 330. This Lease also covers and includes, in addition to that above described, all land, if any, contiguous or adjacent to or adjoining the land above described and (a) owned or claimed by Lessor, by limitation, prescription, possession, reversion or unrecorded instrument or (b) as to which Lessor has a preference right of acquisition. Lessor agrees to execute any supplemental instrument requested by Lessee for a more complete or accurate description of said land.

**LEASE TERM.** This Lease shall remain in force for a primary term of **Five (5)** years from 12:00 A.M. June 29, 2022 (effective date) to 11:59 P.M. June 28, 2027 (last day of primary term) and shall continue beyond the primary term as to the entirety of the Leasehold if any of the following is satisfied: (i) operations are conducted on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents, or (ii) a well deemed by Lessee to be capable of production is located on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, or (iii) oil or gas, or their constituents, are produced from the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, or (iv) if the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is used for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas, or (v) if prescribed payments are made, or (vi) if Lessee's operations are delayed, postponed or interrupted as a result of any coal, stone or other mining or mining related operation under any existing and effective lease, permit or authorization covering such operations on the leased premises or on other lands affecting the leased premises, such delay will automatically extend the primary or secondary term of this oil and gas lease without additional compensation or performance by Lessee for a period of time equal to any such delay, postponement or interruption.

If there is any dispute concerning the extension of this Lease beyond the primary term by reason of any of the alternative mechanisms specified herein, the payment to the Lessor of the prescribed payments provided below shall be conclusive evidence that the Lease has been extended beyond the primary term.

**EXTENSION OF PRIMARY TERM.** Lessee has the option to extend the primary term of this Lease for one additional term of **Five (5)** years from the expiration of the primary term of this Lease; said extension to be under the same terms and conditions as contained in this Lease. Lessee may exercise this option to extend this Lease if on or before the expiration date of the primary term of this Lease, Lessee pays or tenders to the Lessor or to the Lessor's credit an amount equal to the initial consideration given for the execution hereof. Exercise of this option is at Lessee's sole discretion and may be invoked by Lessee where no other alternative of the Lease Term clause extends this Lease beyond the primary term.

**NO AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OR FORFEITURE.**

**(A) CONSTRUCTION OF LEASE:** The language of this Lease (including, but not limited to, the Lease Term and Extension of Term clauses) shall never be read as language of special limitation. This Lease shall be construed against termination, forfeiture, cancellation or expiration and in favor of giving effect to the continuation of this Lease where the circumstances exist to maintain this Lease in effect under any of the alternative mechanisms set forth above. In connection therewith, (i) a well shall be deemed to be capable of production if it has the capacity to produce a profit over operating costs, without regard to any capital costs to drill or equip the well, or to deliver the oil or gas to market, and (ii) the Lessee shall be deemed to be conducting operations in search of oil or gas, or their constituents, if the Lessee is engaged in geophysical and other exploratory work including, but not limited to, activities to drill an initial well, to drill a new well, or to rework, stimulate, deepen, sidetrack, frac, plug back in the same or different formation or repair a well or equipment on the Leasehold or any lands pooled/unitized therewith (such activities shall include, but not be limited to, performing any preliminary or preparatory work necessary for drilling, conducting internal technical analysis to initiate and/or further develop a well, obtaining permits and approvals associated therewith and may include reasonable gaps in activities provided that there is a continuum of activities showing a good faith effort to develop a well or that the cessation or interruption of activities was beyond the control of Lessee, including interruptions caused by the acts of third parties over whom Lessee has no control or regulatory delays associated with any approval process required for conducting such activities).

**(B) LIMITATION OF FORFEITURE:** This Lease shall never be subject to a civil action or proceeding to enforce a claim of termination, cancellation, expiration or forfeiture due to any action or inaction by the Lessee, including, but not limited to making any prescribed payments authorized under the terms of this Lease, unless the Lessee has received written notice of Lessor's demand and thereafter fails or refuses to satisfy or provide justification responding to Lessor's demand within 60 days from the receipt of such notice. If Lessee timely responds to Lessor's demand, but in good faith disagrees with Lessor's position and sets forth the reasons therefore, such a response shall be deemed to satisfy this provision, this Lease shall continue in full force and effect and no further damages (or other claims for relief) will accrue in Lessor's favor during the pendency of the dispute, other than claims for payments that may be due under the terms of this Lease.

**PAYMENTS TO LESSOR.** In addition to the bonus paid by Lessee for the execution hereof, Lessee covenants to pay Lessor, proportionate to Lessor's percentage of ownership, as follows:

**(A) DELAY RENTAL:** To pay Lessor as Delay Rental, after the first year, at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per net acre per year payable in advance. **The parties hereto agree that this is a Paid-Up Lease with no further Delay Rental and/or Delay in Marketing payments due to Lessor during the primary term hereof.**

**(B) ROYALTY:** For all oil and gas substances that are produced and sold from the lease premises, Lessor shall receive as its royalty twenty (20%) percent of the sales proceeds actually received by Lessee from the sale of such production, less this same percentage share of all post production costs, as defined below, and less this same percentage share of all production, severance and ad valorem taxes. As used in this provision, post production costs shall mean (i) all losses of produced volumes (whether by use as fuel, line loss, flaring, venting or otherwise) and (ii) all costs actually incurred by Lessee from and after the wellhead to the point of sale, including, without limitation, all gathering, dehydration, compression, treatment, processing, marketing and transportation costs incurred in connection with the sale of such production. For royalty calculation purposes, Lessee shall never be required to adjust the sales proceeds to account for the purchaser's costs or charges downstream from the point of sale. Lessee may withhold Royalty payment until such time as the total withheld exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00).

**(C) DELAY IN MARKETING:** In the event that Lessee drills a well on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith that is awaiting completion (including, without limitation, hydraulic fracture stimulation), or that Lessee deems to be capable of production, but does not market producible gas, oil, or their constituents therefrom and there is no other basis for extending this Lease, Lessee shall pay after the primary term and until such time as marketing is established (or Lessee surrenders the Lease) a Delay in Marketing payment equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment, and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect to the same extent as payment of Royalty.

**(D) SHUT-IN:** In the event that production of oil, gas, or their constituents is interrupted and not marketed for a period of twelve (12) months, and there is no producing well on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, Lessee shall, after the primary term, as Royalty for constructive production, pay a Shut-in Royalty equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment until such time as production is re-established (or lessee surrenders the Lease) and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect. During Shut-in, Lessee shall have the right to rework, stimulate, or deepen any well on the Leasehold or to drill a new well on the Leasehold in an effort to re-establish production, whether from an original producing formation or from a different formation. In the event that the production from the only producing well on the Leasehold is interrupted for a period of less than twelve (12) months, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect without payment of Royalty or Shut-in Royalty.

**(E) DAMAGES:** Lessee will remove unnecessary equipment and materials and reclaim all disturbed lands at the completion of activities, and Lessee agrees to repair any damaged improvements to the land and pay for the loss of growing crops or marketable timber.

**(F) MANNER OF PAYMENT:** Lessee shall make or tender all payments due hereunder by check, payable to Lessor, at Lessor's last known address, and Lessee may withhold any payment pending notification by Lessor of a change in address. Payment may be tendered by mail or

any comparable method (e.g., Federal Express), and payment is deemed complete upon mailing or dispatch. Where the due date for any payment specified herein falls on a holiday, Saturday or Sunday, payment tendered (mailed or dispatched) on the next business day is timely.

(G) CHANGE IN LAND OWNERSHIP: Lessee shall not be bound by any change in the ownership of the Leasehold until furnished with such documentation as Lessee may reasonably require. Pending the receipt of documentation, Lessee may elect either to continue to make or withhold payments as if such a change had not occurred.

(H) TITLE: If Lessee receives evidence that Lessor does not have title to all or any part of the rights herein leased, Lessee may immediately withhold payments that would be otherwise due and payable hereunder to Lessor until the adverse claim is fully resolved. Lessor represents and warrants that there is no existing oil and gas lease which is presently in effect covering the Leasehold.

(I) LIENS: Lessee may at its option pay and discharge any past due taxes, mortgages, judgments, or other liens and encumbrances on or against any land or interest included in the Leasehold; and Lessee shall be entitled to recover from the debtor, with legal interest and costs, by deduction from any future payments to Lessor or by any other lawful means. In the event the leased lands are encumbered by a prior mortgage, then, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Lessee shall have the right to suspend the payment of any royalties due hereunder, without liability for interest, until such time as Lessor obtains at its own expense a subordination of the mortgage in a form acceptable to Lessee.

(J) CHARACTERIZATION OF PAYMENTS: Payments set forth herein are covenants, not special limitations, regardless of the manner in which these payments may be invoked. Any failure on the part of the Lessee to timely or otherwise properly tender payment can never result in an automatic termination, expiration, cancellation, or forfeiture of this Lease. Lessor recognizes and acknowledges that oil and gas lease payments, in the form of rental, bonus and royalty, can vary depending on multiple factors and that this Lease is the product of good faith negotiations. Lessor hereby agrees that the payment terms, as set forth herein, and any bonus payments paid to Lessor constitute full consideration for the Leasehold. Lessor further agrees that such payment terms and bonus payments are final and that Lessor will not seek to amend or modify the lease payments, or seek additional consideration based upon any differing terms which Lessee has or will negotiate with any other lessor/oil and gas owner.

(K) PAYMENT REDUCTIONS: If Lessor owns a lesser interest in the oil or gas than the entire undivided fee simple estate, then the rentals (except for Delay Rental payments as set forth above), royalties, shut-in royalties and other payments hereunder shall be paid to Lessor only in the proportion which Lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

UNITIZATION AND POOLING. Lessor grants Lessee the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or parts of the Leasehold with other lands, whether contiguous or not contiguous, leased or unleased, whether owned by Lessee or by others, at a time before or after drilling to create drilling or production units either by contract right or pursuant to governmental authorization. Pooling or unitizing in one or more instances shall not exhaust Lessee's pooling and unitizing rights hereunder, and Lessee is granted the right to change the size, shape, and conditions of operation or payment of any unit created. Lessor agrees to accept and receive out of the production or the revenue realized from the production of such unit, such proportional share of the Royalty from each unit well as the number of Leasehold acres included in the unit bears to the total number of acres in the unit. Otherwise, as to any part of the unit, drilling, operations in preparation for drilling, production, or shut-in production from the unit, or payment of Royalty, Shut-in Royalty, Delay in Marketing payment or Delay Rental attributable to any part of the unit (including non-Leasehold land) shall have the same effect upon the terms of this Lease as if a well were located on, or the subject activity attributable to, the Leasehold. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the Leasehold acres ascribed to the Lease, and the local property tax assessment calculation of the lands covered by the Lease, or the deeded acreage amount, Lessee may, at its option, rely on the latter as being determinative for the purposes of this paragraph.

OPERATIONS. If at the expiration of the primary term, oil or gas is not being produced on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith, but Lessee has commenced operations on the leased premises or acreage pooled or unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents or has completed a dry hole thereon within one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the end of the primary term, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well, or operations on any additional well, are prosecuted with no cessation of more than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or such other time as reasonably necessary so long as Lessee conducts such operations in good faith and with due diligence and, if they result in the production of oil or gas, so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises, or upon lands pooled or unitized therewith. Furthermore, if on or after the expiration of the primary term Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon or, if after the discovery of oil or gas, the production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences operations on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of completion of a dry hole or cessation of production or such other time as reasonably necessary so long as Lessee conducts such operations in good faith and with due diligence.

FACILITIES. Lessee shall not drill a well on the Leasehold within 200 feet of any structure located on the Leasehold without Lessor's written consent. Lessor shall not erect any building or structure, or plant any trees within 200 feet of a well or within 25 feet of a pipeline without Lessee's written consent. Lessor shall not improve, modify, degrade, or restrict roads and facilities built by Lessee without Lessee's written consent.

CONVERSION TO STORAGE. Lessee is hereby granted the right to convert the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith to gas storage. At the time of conversion, Lessee shall pay Lessor's proportionate part for the estimated recoverable gas remaining in any well drilled pursuant to this Lease using methods of calculating gas reserves as are generally accepted by the natural gas industry and, in the event that all wells on the Leasehold and/or lands pooled/unitized therewith have permanently ceased production, Lessor shall be paid a Conversion to Storage payment in an amount equal to Delay Rental for as long thereafter as the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is/are used for gas storage or for protection of gas storage; such Conversion to Storage payment shall first become due upon the next ensuing Delay Rental anniversary date. The use of any part of the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas will extend this Lease beyond the primary term as to all rights granted by this Lease, including but not limited to production rights, regardless of whether the production and storage rights are owned together or separately.

DISPOSAL AND INJECTION WELLS. Lessor hereby grants to Lessee the right to drill wells and/or re-enter existing wells, including necessary location, roadway and pipeline easements and rights of way, on any part of the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith for the disposal and/or injection into any subsurface strata, other than a potable water strata, of air, gas, brine, completion and production fluids, waste water and any hydrocarbon related substances from any source, including, but not limited to wells on the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith or from properties and lands outside the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith, and to conduct all operations as may be required, for so long as necessary and required by Lessee for purposes as herein provided. If, at the expiration of the primary term, Lessee is disposing and/or injecting into any subsurface strata underlying the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith or conducting operations for such disposal and/or injection and this lease is not being maintained by any other provision contained herein and no other payments are being made to Lessor as prescribed hereunder, Lessee shall pay to Lessor the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year, proportionately reduced to Lessor's ownership in the Leasehold and surface as it bears to the full and undivided estate, beginning on the next anniversary date of this Lease and said payment and term of this Lease, insofar as to terms and provisions contained herein applicable to disposal and injection wells, shall continue annually thereafter for so long as necessary and required by Lessee for purposes as herein provided and until all disposal and/or injection wells located on the Leasehold or on lands pooled or unitized therewith are plugged and abandoned. Lessor agrees that if required by Lessee, regulatory agency or governmental authority having jurisdiction, Lessor shall enter a separate Disposal and Injection Agreement with Lessee for the purposes as herein provided.

TITLE AND INTERESTS. Lessor hereby warrants generally and agrees to defend title to the Leasehold and covenants that Lessee shall have quiet enjoyment hereunder and shall have benefit of the doctrine of after acquired title. Should any person having title to the Leasehold fail to execute this Lease, the Lease shall nevertheless be binding upon all persons who do execute it as Lessor.

LEASE DEVELOPMENT. There is no implied covenant to drill, prevent drainage, further develop or market production within the primary term or any extension of term of this Lease. There shall be no Leasehold forfeiture, termination, expiration or cancellation for failure to comply with said implied covenants. Provisions herein, including, but not limited to the prescribed payments, constitute full compensation for the privileges herein granted.

COVENANTS. This Lease and its expressed or implied covenants shall not be subject to termination, forfeiture of rights, or damages due to failure to comply with obligations if compliance is effectively prevented by federal, state, or local law, regulation, or decree, or the acts of God and/or third parties over whom Lessee has no control.

**RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.** If at any time within the primary term of this Lease or any continuation or extension thereof, Lessor receives any bona fide offer, acceptable to Lessor, to grant an additional lease which will take effect upon expiration of this Lease (“Top Lease”) covering all or part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have the continuing option by meeting any such offer to acquire a Top Lease on equivalent terms and conditions. Any offer must be in writing and must set forth the proposed Lessee's name, bonus consideration and royalty consideration to be paid for such Top Lease, and include a copy of the lease form to be utilized reflecting all pertinent and relevant terms and conditions of the Top Lease. Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt from Lessor of a complete copy of any such offer to advise Lessor in writing of its election to enter into an oil and gas lease with Lessor on equivalent terms and conditions. If Lessee fails to notify Lessor within the aforesaid fifteen (15) day period of its election to meet any such bona fide offer, Lessor shall have the right to accept said offer. Any Top Lease granted by Lessor in violation of this provision shall be null and void.

**ARBITRATION.** In the event of a disagreement between Lessor and Lessee concerning this Lease or the associated Order of Payment, performance thereunder, or damages caused by Lessee's operations, the resolution of all such disputes shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Arbitration shall be the exclusive remedy and cover all disputes, including but not limited to, the formation, execution, validity and performance of the Lease and Order of Payment. All fees and costs associated with the arbitration shall be borne equally by Lessor and Lessee.

**ENTIRE CONTRACT.** The entire agreement between Lessor and Lessee is embodied herein and in the associated Order of Payment (if any). No oral warranties, representations, or promises have been made or relied upon by either party as an inducement to or modification of this Lease.

**TITLE CURATIVE.** Lessor agrees to execute consents, affidavits, ratifications, amendments, permits and other instruments as Lessee may request to carry out the purpose of this lease, including without limitation, applications necessary to obtain driveway entrance permits, and approvals of drilling or production units which Lessee may seek to form pursuant to governmental authorization.

**SURRENDER.** Lessee, at any time, and from time to time, may surrender and cancel this Lease as to all or any part of the Leasehold by recording a Surrender of Lease and thereupon this Lease, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall terminate as to the part so surrendered; provided, however, that upon each surrender as to any part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have reasonable and convenient easements for then existing wells, pipelines, pole lines, roadways and other facilities on the lands surrendered.

**SUCCESSORS.** All rights, duties, and liabilities herein benefit and bind Lessor and Lessee and their heirs, successors, and assigns.

**FORCE MAJEURE.** All express or implied covenants of this Lease shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations hereunder, or Lessee's fulfillment of its obligations hereunder are prevented or delayed by such laws, rules, regulations or orders, or by inability to obtain necessary permits, equipment, services, material, water, electricity, fuel, access or easements, or by fire, flood, adverse weather conditions, war, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strike or labor disputes, other Acts of God, or by inability to obtain a satisfactory market for production or failure of purchasers or carriers to take or transport such production, or by any other cause not reasonably within Lessee's control, this Lease shall not terminate, in whole or in part, because of such prevention or delay, and, at Lessee's option, the period of such prevention or delay shall be added to the term hereof. Lessee shall not be liable in damages for breach of any express or implied covenants of this Lease for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or failure is the result of any applicable laws, rules, regulations or orders or operation of force majeure. If this Lease is the subject matter of any lawsuit, arbitration proceeding, or other action, then this Lease shall not expire during the pendency of such lawsuit, arbitration proceeding, or other action, or any appeal thereof, and the period of the lawsuit, arbitration proceeding, or other action, and any appeal thereof, shall be added to the term of this Lease.

**SEVERABILITY.** This Lease is intended to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and governmental orders. If any provision of this Lease is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall survive and continue in full force and effect to the maximum extent allowed by law. If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Lease invalid, void, or unenforceable under applicable law, the court shall give the provision the greatest effect possible under the law and modify the provision so as to conform to applicable law if that can be done in a manner which does not frustrate the purpose of this Lease.

**COUNTERPARTS.** This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Lease and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

This Lease is made further subject to the terms and conditions contained in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof (which terms and conditions are an integral part of this Lease).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor and Lessee hereunto set hand and seal.

LESSOR:

**Belmont County Water and Sewer District,  
by and through The Belmont County Board of  
Commissioners**

*Josh Meyer /s/*

**By: Josh Meyer, President**

*J. P. Dutton /s/*

**By: J.P. Dutton, Vice President**

*Jerry Echemann /s/*

**By: Jerry Echemann, Member**

LESSEE:

**Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC  
An Oklahoma Limited Liability Company**

**By: Kade R. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

*David K. Liberati /s/ Assist PA*

**PROSCUTING ATTORNEY**

#### EXHIBIT “A”

This Exhibit “A” is attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated June 29, 2022, by and between **Belmont County Water and Sewer District, f/k/a The Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 of Belmont County, Ohio, by and through the Belmont County Board of Commissioners, by Josh Meyer as President, J.P. Dutton as Vice President, and Jerry Echemann as Member, as Lessor(s), and Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company, as Lessee (“Lease”), to wit:**

In the event any of the terms and conditions contained in this Exhibit “A” alter, conflict with, or are inconsistent with any of the terms and conditions contained in the printed form to which this Exhibit “A” is attached, the terms and conditions contained in this Exhibit “A” shall be controlling.

Any capitalized terms in this Exhibit “A”, which are not defined in this Exhibit “A,” shall have the meaning given to such terms in the printed form to which Exhibit “A” is attached.

1. **Compliance.** Lessee's operations under said land shall comply with all applicable federal and state regulations.
2. **No Surface Rights.** Notwithstanding any language to the contrary contained in the Lease or this Exhibit “A”, Lessor does not grant and Lessee does not acquire any surface rights. Lessee shall not conduct any Surface Operations on, or use the surface of, the Leasehold except where and as agreed to in a separate, written agreement signed by the parties. Surface Operations shall include by way of example and not of limitation any use of the Leasehold for a well site, staging area, surface or subsurface waterlines, surface or subsurface pipelines, roads, water impoundments, telephone, electric power lines, structures, machinery, gates, meters, regulators, tools, appliances, materials and other equipment, or as a site for equipment, tanks, tank batteries, separators, compressors, dehydrators, gas treatment facilities, processing facilities, or other facilities. The parties agree that no language in the Lease or attached Exhibit “A” shall give the Lessee any right to conduct surface activities on the Leasehold.
3. **No Storage Rights.** Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, Lessee agrees the herein described Leasehold shall not be used for the purpose of gas storage as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Any reference to gas storage contained in this Lease is hereby deleted. If Lessor wishes to enter into an agreement regarding gas storage using the Leasehold with a third party, Lessor shall first give Lessee written notice of the identity of the third party, the price or the consideration for which the third party is prepared to offer, the effective date and closing date of the transaction and any other information respecting the transaction which Lessee believes would be material to the exercise of the offering. Lessor does hereby grant Lessee the first option and right to purchase the gas storage rights by matching and tendering to the Lessor any third party's offering within 30 days of receipt of notice from Lessor.
4. **Disposal Wells.** Lessee is not granted any right whatsoever to use the Leasehold, or any portion thereof, for construction and/or operation of any disposal well, injection well, or the construction and/or operation of water disposal facilities. Lessor does not grant and Lessee does not acquire any right to use any portion of the Leasehold for the disposal of any type of foreign matter or material or

any drainage, saltwater, brine, or waste, including without limitation any industrial, municipal, hazardous, or radioactive waste. The right to dispose of or inject any waste products, including, but not limited to, waste water and/or brine on or below the Leasehold is specifically excluded from this Lease.

5. **Oil and Gas Only.** This Lease shall cover only oil and gas, casinghead gas, casinghead gasoline and other gases and their respective constituent vapors, liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons (but no coalbed methane) that may be produced in association therewith through the well bore. All other minerals including, but not limited to, lignite, coal, uranium, other fissionable material, geothermal energy, sulphur, gravel, rock, stone, copper and metallic ores are not included in this Lease.
6. **Formations Granted.** Lessor reserves all oil, gas and other mineral rights from the surface to the top of the Queenston Shales, other than such rights allowed to Lessee to drill through such reserved portions as are necessary for Lessee to have access to the Queenston Shales and below. This Lease shall only cover formations below the Queenston Shales, including but not limited to the Utica and Point Pleasant formations.
7. **Leasehold Identification.** Notwithstanding any other provision in the Lease, including that provision being what is commonly known in lease terminology as a "Mother Hubbard Clause," it is understood and agreed that the Lease is valid only as to the specific parcels described and identified in the Lease. This Lease does not include any parcels adjacent or contiguous to the land described in the Lease which are not specifically described in the Lease. If a survey or an examination of real property records should reveal that the parcels identified in the Lease contain more than 0.057 acres, the Lease will include such additional acreage and Lessee shall pay Lessor a bonus payment thereon.
8. **Lease Term.** This Lease shall continue beyond the primary term only for as long as oil, gas or other liquid hydrocarbons are produced in paying quantities from the Leasehold (or lands pooled or unitized therewith) or Lessee is conducting Operations in search of oil and gas under the Leasehold with no cessation of more than ninety (90) consecutive days. If there is a dispute concerning the extension of the Lease beyond the primary term, payments to the Lessor shall not be conclusive evidence that the Lease has extended beyond the primary term.
9. **Operations.** "Operations" shall mean only (a) the production of oil, gas or other liquid hydrocarbons in paying quantities subsequent to drilling or (b) the actual drilling, completing, stimulating, reworking, recompleting, deepening, plugging back or repairing of a well in search for or in an endeavor to obtain production of oil or gas, conducted in good faith and with due diligence. Operations in search of oil, gas and their constituents shall be deemed to commence when the top hole is spud, i.e., the drill bit has hit the ground.
10. **Gross Royalty.** The Lessee covenants and agrees to pay the Lessor, for all oil, gas, associated hydrocarbons, and marketable by-products produced from the Leasehold, a royalty equal to twenty percent (20.0%) of the gross proceeds of all oil and gas, and all of their liquid and gaseous constituents produced from or on the Leasehold and sold by Lessee in an arms-length transaction with an unaffiliated bona fide purchaser. It is the intent of the parties hereto that the royalty to be paid is based on the gross proceeds paid to Lessee by an independent third party. The royalty set forth in this Lease shall apply to all oil and gas, and all of their liquid and gaseous constituents, in, on and underneath the Leasehold, including but not limited to natural gas liquids (including but not limited to ethane, pentane, propane, butane and natural gasoline), casinghead gas, condensate, oil and/or other hydrocarbon byproducts removed or recovered from the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith. For purposes of this Lease, "gross proceeds" means the total consideration paid to Lessee for oil and gas, and all of their liquid and gaseous constituents, produced from the Leasehold free and clear of all costs and expenses. Lessee and Lessor agree that royalties accruing to Lessor under this Lease shall be paid without deduction, directly or indirectly, of any pre-production or post-production costs and/or expenses including but not limited to those relating to producing, gathering, storing, dehydrating, compressing, processing, separating, fractionating, treating, transporting, stabilizing and marketing the oil, gas and other products produced hereunder.

All royalties that may become due hereunder shall commence to be paid on the first well completed on the Leasehold within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the first day of the month following the month during which any well is completed and commences production into a pipeline or oil into transport for sale of such production. On each subsequent well, royalty payments must commence within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the first day of the month following the month during which any well is completed and commences production into a pipeline for sale or oil into transport of such production. Thereafter, all royalties on oil shall be paid to Lessor on or before the last day of the second month following the month of production, and all royalties on gas shall be paid to Lessor on or before the last day of the third month following the month of production. Royalties not paid when due shall bear interest at the prime rate as published by the Wall Street Journal as of the date payment is first due, plus two and a half percent (2.5%) per annum.

**11. Pugh Clause.**

a) **Horizontal Pugh Clause:** As to any Leasehold acreage which is not included within a drilling or production unit at the expiration of the primary term or any extension thereof, this Lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect as to such acreage.

b) **Vertical Pugh Clause:** At the end of the primary term, including any extension of the primary term, this Lease shall terminate as to all strata, depths and horizons under each drilling or production unit lying more than two hundred (200) feet below the stratigraphic equivalent of the base (bottom) of the deepest formation from which production of oil or gas in paying quantities is being maintained (or, in the case of a shut-in gas well, can be maintained).

12. **Limitation of Forfeiture.** In the event Lessor considers that Lessee has breached this Lease or that Lessee has not complied with its obligations hereunder, both express and implied, including the non-payment of royalty or rent, Lessor shall notify Lessee in writing, setting out specifically in what respects Lessee is in default or Lessee has breached this Lease. Lessee shall then have thirty (30) days after date of receipt of said notice within which to meet or commence to meet all or any part of the breaches alleged by Lessor, or to correct any default. The service of said notice shall be precedent to the bringing of any claim or action by Lessor on this Lease for any cause, and no such claim or action shall be brought until the lapse of thirty (30) days after service of such notice on Lessee. Neither the service of said notice nor the doing of any acts by Lessee aimed to meet all or any of the alleged breaches or the default shall be deemed an admission or presumption that Lessee has failed to perform all of its obligations hereunder. Upon breach or default by Lessee, Lessor shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies available at law, in equity or otherwise, each such remedy being considered cumulative. No single exercise of any remedy set forth herein shall be deemed an election to forego any other remedy.
13. **Signing Bonus.** Lessee agrees to pay Lessor a signing bonus of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for each net acre contained within the Leasehold. This signing bonus shall be paid under the terms set forth in the associated Order of Payment.
14. **Extension of the Primary Term.** Lessee has the option to extend the primary term of this Lease for one (1) additional five (5) year period. This option may be exercised by Lessee by notifying Lessor in writing of Lessee's intent to exercise its option and simultaneously therewith paying to Lessor in full, prepaid at any time prior to termination of the primary term, a lease bonus for the 5-year renewal period equal to the Signing Bonus set forth herein. Lessor and Lessee agree that such extension payment shall be based upon the net acres in the Leasehold which are not included in drilling or production units or otherwise being maintained by other provisions in the Lease at the expiration of the primary term.
15. **Taxes.** Lessor shall pay all Ad Valorem taxes on the property covered by this Lease, except to the extent of any increase in Ad Valorem taxes attributable solely to Lessee's operations under this Lease. Lessee shall pay all Ad Valorem taxes which are attributable solely to Lessee's operations under this Lease. In the event Ad Valorem taxes under the tax and assessment structure in effect on the signing of this Lease pertaining or attributable to the lands covered by this lease are increased by reason of Lessee's operations relating to the Leasehold, Lessee shall be solely responsible for paying the amount of such increase in taxes and shall reimburse Lessor for the amount of such increase within 30 days after receiving from Lessor written documentation supporting such increase. Despite anything to the contrary, Lessee shall be responsible for payment of all severance taxes associated with production of oil and gas under this Lease, but shall withhold from Lessor's royalty payments, the portion of severance taxes attributable to Lessor's royalty share if Lessee pays Lessor's share on Lessor's behalf. Lessee agrees to pay for any CAUV recoupment incurred by Lessor as a result of Lessee's operations under this Lease, but any such payment shall be based only upon the acreage actually disturbed by Lessee. Subsequent to the execution of this Lease, if there is a change in the Ohio tax code that provides for an increase in severance taxes or other taxes attributable to or resulting from oil and gas production from the Leasehold, Lessor and Lessee agree to abide by the law and pay their proportionate share accordingly.



16. **Delay in Marketing.** Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, Lessee agrees that the "Delay in Marketing" paragraph contained in the Lease is hereby deleted. Any other references to Delay in Marketing that are contained in this Lease are also hereby deleted.
17. **Shut-In.** If all wells on the Leasehold capable of producing gas in paying quantities, are shut-in for any reason and gas is not sold or used off the Leasehold (which wells are herein sometimes called a "shut-in" gas well), for longer than sixty (60) consecutive days, Lessee shall pay or tender to Lessor, as shut-in gas well royalty, a yearly sum (payable quarterly or at the end of the shut-in period, whichever first occurs) equal to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per net mineral acre until such time as production is reestablished (or Lessee surrenders the Lease) and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect. The first such payment of shut-in gas well royalty is to be made on or before thirty (30) days after the end of the above referenced sixty (60) day period. Succeeding payments may be made annually thereafter on or before the anniversary of the due date of such payment. Notwithstanding the making of such shut-in gas well royalty payments, Lessee shall be and remain under the continuing obligation to (a) use all reasonable efforts to find a market for said gas and to commence or resume marketing same when a market is available, (b) reasonably develop the lands then subject to this Lease, and (c) drill all such wells on the lands then subject to this Lease as may be reasonably necessary to protect same from drainage by wells on adjoining or adjacent lands. It is understood and agreed that this Lease may not be maintained in force for an continuous period of time longer than forty-eight (48) consecutive months, or sixty (60) cumulative months after the expirations of the primary term hereof solely by the provision of the shut-in royalty clause.
18. **No Title Warranty.** This Lease is made without warranty of title express, implied or statutory. Lessor makes no representations as to its right, title or interest in the Leasehold, and does not warrant title or agree to defend title to the Leasehold. It shall be Lessee's burden and obligation to assure itself of the quality of title to the Leasehold. All payments made to Lessor under this Lease are non-refundable.
19. **Liens Against Lessee.** In the event any lien or encumbrance (except and not including any lien or encumbrance in the nature of a security interest conveyed by Lessee for purposes of financing operations on the Leasehold) is filed against the Leasehold out of or pertaining to the operations by Lessee, Lessee shall within forty-five (45) calendar days following the date such lien or encumbrance is recorded cause such lien or encumbrance to be released from record, and Lessee shall provide Lessor written evidence of such release. Lessee's contention that the lien or encumbrance arises from a bona fide dispute shall not be grounds for Lessee's failure or refusal to remove the lien or encumbrance as required herein.
20. **Pooling and Unitization.** Lessee shall have the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or part of the Leasehold with any other contiguous leased lands prior to drilling. The Leasehold shall not be pooled or unitized in a drilling or production unit which shall exceed eighty (80) acres for a vertical well. The Leasehold shall not be pooled or unitized in a drilling or production unit which shall exceed six hundred forty (640) acres for a horizontal well unless the wellbore extends beyond 6,000 feet in horizontal length in the unit in which case the unit shall not exceed twelve hundred and eighty (1280) acres. Lessee shall furnish to Lessor a copy of the declaration of the unit of which any portion of the Leasehold shall be a part, including a copy of all plats, maps, and exhibits to such application or declaration.
21. **Implied Covenants.** No language included in this Lease shall have the effect of negating any implied covenant recognized under applicable law and all implied covenants recognized under applicable law shall be included in this Lease.
22. **Arbitration.** The paragraph entitled "Arbitration" and any reference to arbitration contained in this Lease shall be deleted in their entirety. In the event of a disagreement between Lessor and Lessee concerning this Lease or any related document, performance thereunder, or damages caused by Lessee's operations, the resolution of all such disputes shall only be determined by arbitration if both parties agree to arbitrate in writing at the time the dispute arises, otherwise the dispute shall be determined by the court of common pleas in the county in which the Leasehold is located. No language included in this Lease shall have the effect of requiring the parties to resolve any disputes by arbitration. This Lease and all related documents shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
23. **Release of Lease.** Upon expiration, surrender or other termination of this Lease as to any portion of the Leasehold, Lessee shall deliver to Lessor, within sixty (60) days after the date of termination, surrender or expiration, a release or other written cancellation of this Lease in recordable form. In the case of a partial release, Lessee shall deliver a plat showing the specific acreage being released and a partial release containing a description of the acreage and depths being released, in form suitable for recording.
24. **Assignment.** The rights and estate of any party hereto may be assigned from time to time in whole or in part and as to any horizon, subject to the written consent of the Lessor which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Provided, however, that consent from the Lessor shall not be required in the event of an assignment by Lessee: to an affiliate, subsidiary, or internal partner, joint venture partners or in consequence of a merger or amalgamation. Lessee shall notify Lessor of such assignment and furnish Lessor a true copy of any assignment. All of the covenants, obligations, and considerations of this Lease shall extend to and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, assigns, and successive assigns. No assignment by Lessee (or any assignee of Lessee) of all or any part of or interest in this Lease shall relieve Lessee (or any assignee of Lessee) of any liability for breach of any covenant, warranty or other obligation of Lessee hereunder, whether theretofore or thereafter accrued. Each assignee of all or any portion of the rights of Lessee hereunder agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Lease to the same extent as if such assignee were an original party to this Lease. If the Lessor or any of the Lessor's successors or assigns requests a full executed copy of the Lease from the Lessee, or its successors or assigns, then such copy (including Exhibit "A") shall be provided to such party so requesting within thirty (30) days of the request being made.
25. **Force Majeure.** Should Lessee be prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Lease (except payment of money), or from conducting drilling or reworking operations or producing oil and gas by reason of force majeure including fire, flood, natural disasters, war, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, riot, or other Acts of God, or as the result of any federal or state law, order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, Lessee shall provide notice to Lessor of the nature of the Force Majeure, indicate the expected length of delay, and work diligently to remove or resolve the force majeure event. In no event shall this Lease be held in effect due to the terms contained in the force majeure clause for any continuous period of time longer than ninety-six (96) cumulative months after the expiration of the primary term.
26. **Audit Rights.** Lessee grants to Lessor or Lessor's designee the right at Lessor's expense, to examine, audit, copy or inspect books, records, and accounts of Lessee pertinent to the audit purpose of verifying the accuracy of the reports and statements furnished to Lessor, and for checking the amount of payments lawfully due to Lessor under the terms of this Lease. In exercising this right, Lessor shall give reasonable notice to Lessee of its intended audit and such audit shall be conducted during normal business hours at the office of Lessee at the sole cost and expense of Lessor. Lessor shall not have the right to audit more than once every twelve (12) month period. However, if the amount of exceptions or deficiencies in royalty payments revealed by the audit equal or exceed 125% of the cost and expense of the audit, then the Lessee shall bear the cost and expense of the audit and all monies due as a result of the audit findings (audit exceptions, costs, and expenses) shall be payable within ninety (90) days of the final determination of the amounts due. Upon Lessor's written request (which request shall not be made more than two (2) times in any calendar year), Lessee shall provide to the Lessor information relevant to the production, use, transfer, disposal and sale of oil and gas from wells on the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith. Such production information shall be strictly confidential and Lessor agrees to not provide any such information to any party without prior written consent of Lessee.
27. **Indemnity.** Lessee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Lessor and Lessor's heirs, successors, representatives, agents and assigns ("Indemnitees"), from and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action for injury (including death) or damage to persons or property or fines or penalties, or environmental matters arising out of, incidental to or resulting from the operations of or for Lessee or Lessee's servants, agents, employees, guests, licensees, invitees or independent contractors, and from and against all costs and expenses incurred by Indemnitees by reason of any such claim or claims, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and each assignee of this Lease, or an interest therein, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitees in the same manner provided above. Such indemnity shall apply only to any claim arising out of operations conducted under or pursuant to this Lease, however caused and whether based upon negligence, contract, statute, strict liability or other grounds or reasons, provided, however, such indemnity shall not apply to claims arising out of the negligence of Lessor, Lessor's guests or invitees not arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee. The terms hereof shall survive the expiration or surrender of this Lease.

28. **Hazardous Materials.** Lessee’s use of any substances which are defined as a “hazardous material” or “toxic substance” or “solid waste” in applicable federal, state or local laws, statutes or ordinances shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Should any pollutant, hazardous material, toxic substance, contaminated waste or solid waste be released on the Leasehold, for any reason, in any quantity, Lessee shall notify all appropriate governmental entities of such an event, and then immediately thereafter notify the Lessor, and shall be responsible for and timely pay all costs of clean-up, remediation, and other costs related to and arising from the release, including but not limited to penalties.

29. **Water Quality Testing.** Prior to commencing drilling operations, Lessee, at its sole cost and expense, shall test the water quality of Lessor’s water source(s) located within two thousand feet (2,000’) of Lessee’s well pad that are identified by Lessor as currently utilized for human and/or domestic livestock consumption. Lessor’s water sources being tested must have functioning pumps installed.

Samples from Lessor’s water source(s), covered by this agreement, will be analyzed for Lessee’s standard baseline parameter list of general water quality indicators including methane levels. Testing of Lessor’s water supply shall be conducted by an independent testing laboratory, selected by Lessee, having state and/or National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) accreditations. In the event Lessor claims that Lessee’s drilling operations have adversely and materially affected Lessor’s water source(s), Lessee shall again test Lessor’s water source(s) to ensure that said water supply is not or has not been adversely and materially affected by Lessee’s drilling operations, including changes in flow or quality, color, smell or taste. Lessor shall be notified prior to any water sampling events, and Lessor or its agents or representatives shall have the right to be present during such events. The results of these tests will be provided to Lessor within 30 days of Lessee’s receipt of the final results from the independent testing laboratory unless otherwise required by state or regulatory agency. Only non-invasive means of testing shall be used; Lessee shall not be required to pull pumps, move windmills, etc.

In the event the water quality of such water source(s) is reduced and/or materially and adversely altered or polluted primarily as a result of Lessee’s operations, Lessee shall take any and all reasonable steps to restore the water supply to its condition prior to Lessee’s operations. During the period of water replacement/remediation, Lessee shall supply Lessor with an adequate supply of potable water consistent with Lessor’s use of the damaged water supply prior to Lessee’s operation and shall comply with all applicable regulations of the State of Ohio and the Federal government. Lessee shall not be responsible for diminished water quality of Lessor’s water source(s) due to causes out of Lessee’s control, including but not limited to seasonal variability and drought conditions.

30. **Water Quantity Testing.** In addition to the water quality testing outlined, Lessee shall conduct water quantity testing of Lessor’s registered water wells located within two thousand Feet (2,000’) of Lessee’s well pad that are identified by Lessor as currently utilized for human and/or domestic livestock consumption. Lessor hereby acknowledges that invasive water quantity testing is accompanied with inherent risk, not all of which can be prevented, mitigated, or rectified by Lessee. Lessee shall not be liable for normal use of a water source including, but not limited to the wear and tear of mechanical components and tubing.

Such testing shall be conducted prior to the commencement of drilling operations on the Leasehold. In the event Lessor claims that Lessee’s drilling operations have adversely and materially diminished the quantity of said water source(s), Lessee shall again test Lessor’s water source(s) to ensure that the quantity of said water wells has not or has not been adversely and materially diminished by Lessee’s drilling operations. Lessee shall bear sole responsibility for any and all costs associated with water quantity testing conducted by Lessee. The results of these tests will be provided to Lessor within 30 days of Lessee’s receipt of the final results from the independent testing laboratory unless required otherwise by state or regulatory agency. Lessee shall not be responsible for diminished water quantity of Lessor’s water source(s) due to causes out of the Lessee’s control, including but not limited to seasonal variability and drought conditions..

All samples drawn in order to meet the requirements of this section shall be taken from an available cold water spigot nearest to the water well (prior to any home treatment system, whenever possible). Such water quantity testing shall utilize a timed bucket test to measure the flow rate of Lessor’s water well at full open valve position (based on the current mechanical configuration of Lessor’s water well) in addition to a water level measurement in Lessor’s water well. Such water quantity testing shall be obtained only from readily accessible and safe water well locations, as deemed by Lessee. Lessor shall provide Lessee with information about Lessor’s water well based, including but not limited to the completion of Lessee’s Water Supply Survey and the registered Well Log records (completed at the time of installation of the water well) within 30 business days of receipt.

In the event water quantity measuring equipment cannot be retrieved from Lessor’s well, Lessee shall undertake reasonable efforts to retrieve such equipment and shall be solely responsible for the costs associated with such efforts. Further, Lessee shall not be liable for potential future costs or liability of mechanical equipment in Lessor’s well if, at the conclusion of water quantity testing, the equipment remains functioning at pre-testing conditions.

Should the quantity of Lessor’s water well be reduced primarily as a result of Lessee’s operations, as determined by a court or state agency having competent jurisdiction, Lessee shall take all reasonable and prudent steps to restore water quantity to its pre-existing condition as noted at the time of Lessee’s pre-drill water quantity testing or compensate Lessor for the damage and inconvenience caused thereby.

In the event the water quantity of Lessor’s water well is reduced as a result of Lessee’s operations, as determined by a court or state agency having competent jurisdiction, Lessee shall take any and all reasonable steps to restore quarter quantity to its condition prior to Lessee’s operations as noted at the time of Lessee’s pre-drill water quantity testing or compensate Lessor for the damage and inconvenience caused thereby. During the period of water replacement/remediation, Lessee shall supply Lessor with an adequate supply of potable water consistent with Lessor’s use of the damaged water supply prior to Lessee’s operation and shall comply with all applicable regulations of the State of Ohio and the Federal government.

31. **Water Usage.** Lessee agrees not to use any surface or subsurface water from the Leasehold, including water from Lessor’s wells, ponds, springs, lakes, reservoirs or creeks located on the Leasehold, without Lessor’s written consent and agreement with Lessor, separate from this Lease. Lessee shall not drill or operate any water well, take water, or inject any substance into the subsurface, or otherwise use or affect water in subsurface water formations. In the event any of Lessee’s operations under the Lease damage, disturb, contaminate, pollute, or injure any water sources on the Leasehold, Lessee shall take prompt action to correct any such damage, contamination, pollution, disturbance or injury at its sole expense.

32. **Prudent Operator** Lessee will conduct all operations as a prudent operator; and will attempt to secure a market for production from a well.

33. **R.C. §307.11.** The Lease term shall be subject to Ohio Revised Code 307.11 as may be modified or amended.

**LESSOR:**

**Belmont County Water and Sewer District,  
by and through The Belmont County Board of  
Commissioners**

*Josh Meyer /s/*

**By: Josh Meyer, President**

*J. P. Dutton /s/*

**By: J.P. Dutton, Vice President**

*Jerry Echemann /s/*

**By: Jerry Echemann, Member**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN OIL AND GAS LEASE  
WITH ASCENT RESOURCES-UTICA, LLC**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to enter into an Oil and Gas Lease by and between the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC, effective June 29, 2022, in the amount of \$4,500 per net leasehold acre for 0.051653 acres located in Colerain Township, for a five-year term, 20% royalty. Total Payment Amount: \$232.44.

**PAID-UP**

**OIL & GAS LEASE** Lease No. \_\_\_\_\_

This Lease made this 29th day of June, 2022, by and between: **The Belmont County Board of Commissioners, by Josh Meyer as President, J.P. Dutton as Vice President, and Jerry Echemann as Member**, hereinafter collectively called "Lessor," and **Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC an Oklahoma Limited Liability Company**, whose address is **P.O. Box 13678, Oklahoma City, OK 73113**, hereinafter called "Lessee."

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and of the mutual covenants and agreements hereinafter set forth, the Lessor and Lessee agree as follows:

**LEASING CLAUSE.** Lessor hereby leases exclusively to Lessee all the oil and gas (including, but not limited to coal seam gas, coalbed methane gas, coalbed gas, methane gas, gob gas, occluded methane/natural gas and all associated natural gas and other hydrocarbons and non-hydrocarbons contained in, associated with, emitting from, or produced/originating within any formation, gob area, mined-out area, coal seam, and all communicating zones), and their liquid or gaseous constituents, whether hydrocarbon or non-hydrocarbon, underlying the land herein leased, together with such exclusive rights as may be necessary or convenient for Lessee, at its election, to explore for, develop, produce, measure, and market production from the Leasehold, or from other lands, using methods and techniques which are not restricted to current technology, including, without limitation, the right to conduct geophysical and other exploratory tests; to drill, maintain, operate, cease to operate, plug, abandon, and remove wells; to use or install roads over and across the Leasehold for use in development of the Leasehold or other lands, electric power and telephone facilities, water impoundments, and to construct pipelines with appurtenant facilities, including data acquisition, compression and collection facilities for use in the production and transportation of products from the Leasehold or from other lands across the Leasehold, to use oil, gas, and non-domestic water sources, free of cost, to store gas of any kind underground, regardless of the source thereof, including the injecting of gas therein and removing the same therefrom; to protect stored gas; to operate, maintain, repair, and remove material and equipment; to use and occupy the subsurface of the Leasehold for the drilling of a wellbore(s) for use in development of the Leasehold or other lands.

**DESCRIPTION.** The Leasehold is located in the Township of **Colerain**, in the County of **Belmont**, in the State of **Ohio**, and described as follows:

Township: 6; Range: 3; Section: 12; SE ¼: Tax Parcel No.: 61-01563.000 (Mineral Parcel No.: 61-01833.000; Oil & Gas Parcel No.: 61-01827.000), Containing 0.309917 acres

and is bounded formerly or currently as follows:

On the North by lands of: **Richard D. Simpson**

On the East by lands of: **Donna R. Warren**

On the South by lands of: **Adventure Acres Land Holding LLC**

On the West by lands of: **Clara A. Zackey**

and described for the purposes of this agreement as containing a total of 0.309917 Leasehold acres, whether actually more or less, and including contiguous lands owned by Lessor. Said lands were conveyed to Lessor from L.A. Lawver, et al, by virtue of plat dated August 31, 1957, and recorded in said County and State in Cabinet A, Slide 176. This Lease also covers and includes, in addition to that above described, all land, if any, contiguous or adjacent to or adjoining the land above described and (a) owned or claimed by Lessor, by limitation, prescription, possession, reversion or unrecorded instrument or (b) as to which Lessor has a preference right of acquisition. Lessor agrees to execute any supplemental instrument requested by Lessee for a more complete or accurate description of said land.

**LEASE TERM.** This Lease shall remain in force for a primary term of **Five (5)** years from 12:00 A.M. June 29, 2022 (effective date) to 11:59 P.M. June 28, 2027 (last day of primary term) and shall continue beyond the primary term as to the entirety of the Leasehold if any of the following is satisfied: (i) operations are conducted on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents, or (ii) a well deemed by Lessee to be capable of production is located on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, or (iii) oil or gas, or their constituents, are produced from the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, or (iv) if the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is used for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas, or (v) if prescribed payments are made, or (vi) if Lessee's operations are delayed, postponed or interrupted as a result of any coal, stone or other mining or mining related operation under any existing and effective lease, permit or authorization covering such operations on the leased premises or on other lands affecting the leased premises, such delay will automatically extend the primary or secondary term of this oil and gas lease without additional compensation or performance by Lessee for a period of time equal to any such delay, postponement or interruption.

If there is any dispute concerning the extension of this Lease beyond the primary term by reason of any of the alternative mechanisms specified herein, the payment to the Lessor of the prescribed payments provided below shall be conclusive evidence that the Lease has been extended beyond the primary term.

**EXTENSION OF PRIMARY TERM.** Lessee has the option to extend the primary term of this Lease for one additional term of **Five (5)** years from the expiration of the primary term of this Lease; said extension to be under the same terms and conditions as contained in this Lease. Lessee may exercise this option to extend this Lease if on or before the expiration date of the primary term of this Lease, Lessee pays or tenders to the Lessor or to the Lessor's credit an amount equal to the initial consideration given for the execution hereof. Exercise of this option is at Lessee's sole discretion and may be invoked by Lessee where no other alternative of the Lease Term clause extends this Lease beyond the primary term.

**NO AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OR FORFEITURE.**

(A) **CONSTRUCTION OF LEASE:** The language of this Lease (including, but not limited to, the Lease Term and Extension of Term clauses) shall never be read as language of special limitation. This Lease shall be construed against termination, forfeiture, cancellation or expiration and in favor of giving effect to the continuation of this Lease where the circumstances exist to maintain this Lease in effect under any of the alternative mechanisms set forth above. In connection therewith, (i) a well shall be deemed to be capable of production if it has the capacity to produce a profit over operating costs, without regard to any capital costs to drill or equip the well, or to deliver the oil or gas to market, and (ii) the Lessee shall be deemed to be conducting operations in search of oil or gas, or their constituents, if the Lessee is engaged in geophysical and other exploratory work including, but not limited to, activities to drill an initial well, to drill a new well, or to rework, stimulate, deepen, sidetrack, frac, plug back in the same or different formation or repair a well or equipment on the Leasehold or any lands pooled/unitized therewith (such activities shall include, but not be limited to, performing any preliminary or preparatory work necessary for drilling, conducting internal technical analysis to initiate and/or further develop a well, obtaining permits and approvals associated therewith and may include reasonable gaps in activities provided that there is a continuum of activities showing a good faith effort to develop a well or that the cessation or interruption of activities was beyond the control of Lessee, including interruptions caused by the acts of third parties over whom Lessee has no control or regulatory delays associated with any approval process required for conducting such activities).

(B) **LIMITATION OF FORFEITURE:** This Lease shall never be subject to a civil action or proceeding to enforce a claim of termination, cancellation, expiration or forfeiture due to any action or inaction by the Lessee, including, but not limited to making any prescribed payments authorized under the terms of this Lease, unless the Lessee has received written notice of Lessor's demand and thereafter fails or refuses to satisfy or provide justification responding to Lessor's demand within 60 days from the receipt of such notice. If Lessee timely responds to Lessor's demand, but in good faith disagrees with Lessor's position and sets forth the reasons therefore, such a response shall be deemed to satisfy this provision, this Lease shall continue in full force and effect and no further damages (or other claims for relief) will accrue in Lessor's favor during the pendency of the dispute, other than claims for payments that may be due under the terms of this Lease.

**PAYMENTS TO LESSOR.** In addition to the bonus paid by Lessee for the execution hereof, Lessee covenants to pay Lessor, proportionate to Lessor's percentage of ownership, as follows:

(A) **DELAY RENTAL:** To pay Lessor as Delay Rental, after the first year, at the rate of five dollars (\$5.00) per net acre per year payable in advance. **The parties hereto agree that this is a Paid-Up Lease with no further Delay Rental and/or Delay in Marketing payments due to Lessor during the primary term hereof.**

(B) **ROYALTY:** For all oil and gas substances that are produced and sold from the lease premises, Lessor shall receive as its royalty twenty (20%) percent of the sales proceeds actually received by Lessee from the sale of such production, less this same percentage share of all post production costs, as defined below, and less this same percentage share of all production, severance and ad valorem taxes. As used in this provision, post production costs shall mean (i) all losses of produced volumes (whether by use as fuel, line loss, flaring, venting or otherwise) and (ii) all costs actually incurred by Lessee from and after the wellhead to the point of sale, including, without limitation, all gathering, dehydration, compression, treatment, processing, marketing and transportation costs incurred in connection with the sale of such production.

For royalty calculation purposes, Lessee shall never be required to adjust the sales proceeds to account for the purchaser's costs or charges downstream from the point of sale. Lessee may withhold Royalty payment until such time as the total withheld exceeds fifty dollars (\$50.00).

(C) **DELAY IN MARKETING:** In the event that Lessee drills a well on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith that is awaiting completion (including, without limitation, hydraulic fracture stimulation), or that Lessee deems to be capable of production, but does not market producible gas, oil, or their constituents therefrom and there is no other basis for extending this Lease, Lessee shall pay after the primary term and until such time as marketing is established (or Lessee surrenders the Lease) a Delay in Marketing payment equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment, and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect to the same extent as payment of Royalty.

(D) **SHUT-IN:** In the event that production of oil, gas, or their constituents is interrupted and not marketed for a period of twelve (12) months, and there is no producing well on the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith, Lessee shall, after the primary term, as Royalty for constructive production, pay a Shut-in Royalty equal in amount and frequency to the annual Delay Rental payment until such time as production is re-established (or lessee surrenders the Lease) and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect. During Shut-in, Lessee shall have the right to rework, stimulate, or deepen any well on the Leasehold or to drill a new well on the Leasehold in an effort to re-establish production, whether from an original producing formation or from a different formation. In the event that the production from the only producing well on the Leasehold is interrupted for a period of less than twelve (12) months, this Lease shall remain in full force and effect without payment of Royalty or Shut-in Royalty.

(E) **DAMAGES:** Lessee will remove unnecessary equipment and materials and reclaim all disturbed lands at the completion of activities, and Lessee agrees to repair any damaged improvements to the land and pay for the loss of growing crops or marketable timber.

(F) **MANNER OF PAYMENT:** Lessee shall make or tender all payments due hereunder by check, payable to Lessor, at Lessor's last known address, and Lessee may withhold any payment pending notification by Lessor of a change in address. Payment may be tendered by mail or any comparable method (e.g., Federal Express), and payment is deemed complete upon mailing or dispatch. Where the due date for any payment specified herein falls on a holiday, Saturday or Sunday, payment tendered (mailed or dispatched) on the next business day is timely.

(G) **CHANGE IN LAND OWNERSHIP:** Lessee shall not be bound by any change in the ownership of the Leasehold until furnished with such documentation as Lessee may reasonably require. Pending the receipt of documentation, Lessee may elect either to continue to make or withhold payments as if such a change had not occurred.

(H) **TITLE:** If Lessee receives evidence that Lessor does not have title to all or any part of the rights herein leased, Lessee may immediately withhold payments that would be otherwise due and payable hereunder to Lessor until the adverse claim is fully resolved. Lessor represents and warrants that there is no existing oil and gas lease which is presently in effect covering the Leasehold.

(I) **LIENS:** Lessee may at its option pay and discharge any past due taxes, mortgages, judgments, or other liens and encumbrances on or against any land or interest included in the Leasehold; and Lessee shall be entitled to recover from the debtor, with legal interest and costs, by deduction from any future payments to Lessor or by any other lawful means. In the event the leased lands are encumbered by a prior mortgage, then, notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, Lessee shall have the right to suspend the payment of any royalties due hereunder, without liability for interest, until such time as Lessor obtains at its own expense a subordination of the mortgage in a form acceptable to Lessee.

(J) **CHARACTERIZATION OF PAYMENTS:** Payments set forth herein are covenants, not special limitations, regardless of the manner in which these payments may be invoked. Any failure on the part of the Lessee to timely or otherwise properly tender payment can never result in an automatic termination, expiration, cancellation, or forfeiture of this Lease. Lessor recognizes and acknowledges that oil and gas lease payments, in the form of rental, bonus and royalty, can vary depending on multiple factors and that this Lease is the product of good faith negotiations. Lessor hereby agrees that the payment terms, as set forth herein, and any bonus payments paid to Lessor constitute full consideration for the Leasehold. Lessor further agrees that such payment terms and bonus payments are final and that Lessor will not seek to amend or modify the lease payments, or seek additional consideration based upon any differing terms which Lessee has or will negotiate with any other lessor/oil and gas owner.

(K) **PAYMENT REDUCTIONS:** If Lessor owns a lesser interest in the oil or gas than the entire undivided fee simple estate, then the rentals (except for Delay Rental payments as set forth above), royalties, shut-in royalties and other payments hereunder shall be paid to Lessor only in the proportion which Lessor's interest bears to the whole and undivided fee.

**UNITIZATION AND POOLING.** Lessor grants Lessee the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or parts of the Leasehold with other lands, whether contiguous or not contiguous, leased or unleased, whether owned by Lessee or by others, at a time before or after drilling to create drilling or production units either by contract right or pursuant to governmental authorization. Pooling or unitizing in one or more instances shall not exhaust Lessee's pooling and unitizing rights hereunder, and Lessee is granted the right to change the size, shape, and conditions of operation or payment of any unit created. Lessor agrees to accept and receive out of the production or the revenue realized from the production of such unit, such proportional share of the Royalty from each unit well as the number of Leasehold acres included in the unit bears to the total number of acres in the unit. Otherwise, as to any part of the unit, drilling, operations in preparation for drilling, production, or shut-in production from the unit, or payment of Royalty, Shut-in Royalty, Delay in Marketing payment or Delay Rental attributable to any part of the unit (including non-Leasehold land) shall have the same effect upon the terms of this Lease as if a well were located on, or the subject activity attributable to, the Leasehold. In the event of conflict or inconsistency between the Leasehold acres ascribed to the Lease, and the local property tax assessment calculation of the lands covered by the Lease, or the deeded acreage amount, Lessee may, at its option, rely on the latter as being determinative for the purposes of this paragraph.

**OPERATIONS.** If at the expiration of the primary term, oil or gas is not being produced on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith, but Lessee has commenced operations on the leased premises or acreage pooled or unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents or has completed a dry hole thereon within one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the end of the primary term, this lease shall remain in force so long as operations on said well, or operations on any additional well, are prosecuted with no cessation of more than one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or such other time as reasonably necessary so long as Lessee conducts such operations in good faith and with due diligence and, if they result in the production of oil or gas, so long thereafter as oil or gas is produced from the leased premises, or upon lands pooled or unitized therewith. Furthermore, if on or after the expiration of the primary term Lessee should drill a dry hole or holes thereon or, if after the discovery of oil or gas, the production thereof should cease from any cause, this lease shall not terminate if Lessee commences operations on the leased premises or lands pooled or unitized therewith in search of oil, gas, or their constituents within one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of completion of a dry hole or cessation of production or such other time as reasonably necessary so long as Lessee conducts such operations in good faith and with due diligence.

**FACILITIES.** Lessee shall not drill a well on the Leasehold within 200 feet of any structure located on the Leasehold without Lessor's written consent. Lessor shall not erect any building or structure, or plant any trees within 200 feet of a well or within 25 feet of a pipeline without Lessee's written consent. Lessor shall not improve, modify, degrade, or restrict roads and facilities built by Lessee without Lessee's written consent.

**CONVERSION TO STORAGE.** Lessee is hereby granted the right to convert the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith to gas storage. At the time of conversion, Lessee shall pay Lessor's proportionate part for the estimated recoverable gas remaining in any well drilled pursuant to this Lease using methods of calculating gas reserves as are generally accepted by the natural gas industry and, in the event that all wells on the Leasehold and/or lands pooled/unitized therewith have permanently ceased production, Lessor shall be paid a Conversion to Storage payment in an amount equal to Delay Rental for as long thereafter as the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith is/are used for gas storage or for protection of gas storage; such Conversion to Storage payment shall first become due upon the next ensuing Delay Rental anniversary date. The use of any part of the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith for the underground storage of gas, or for the protection of stored gas will extend this Lease beyond the primary term as to all rights granted by this Lease, including but not limited to production rights, regardless of whether the production and storage rights are owned together or separately.

**DISPOSAL AND INJECTION WELLS.** Lessor hereby grants to Lessee the right to drill wells and/or re-enter existing wells, including necessary location, roadway and pipeline easements and rights of way, on any part of the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith for the disposal and/or injection into any subsurface strata, other than a potable water strata, of air, gas, brine, completion and production fluids, waste water and any hydrocarbon related substances from any source, including, but not limited to wells on the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith or from properties and lands outside the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith, and to conduct all operations as may be required, for so long as necessary and required by Lessee for purposes as herein provided. If, at the expiration of the primary term,

Lessee is disposing and/or injecting into any subsurface strata underlying the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith or conducting operations for such disposal and/or injection and this lease is not being maintained by any other provision contained herein and no other payments are being made to Lessor as prescribed hereunder, Lessee shall pay to Lessor the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per year, proportionately reduced to Lessor's ownership in the Leasehold and surface as it bears to the full and undivided estate, beginning on the next anniversary date of this Lease and said payment and term of this Lease, insofar as to terms and provisions contained herein applicable to disposal and injection wells, shall continue annually thereafter for so long as necessary and required by Lessee for purposes as herein provided and until all disposal and/or injection wells located on the Leasehold or on lands pooled or unitized therewith are plugged and abandoned. Lessor agrees that if required by Lessee, regulatory agency or governmental authority having jurisdiction, Lessor shall enter a separate Disposal and Injection Agreement with Lessee for the purposes as herein provided.

**TITLE AND INTERESTS.** Lessor hereby warrants generally and agrees to defend title to the Leasehold and covenants that Lessee shall have quiet enjoyment hereunder and shall have benefit of the doctrine of after acquired title. Should any person having title to the Leasehold fail to execute this Lease, the Lease shall nevertheless be binding upon all persons who do execute it as Lessor.

**LEASE DEVELOPMENT.** There is no implied covenant to drill, prevent drainage, further develop or market production within the primary term or any extension of term of this Lease. There shall be no Leasehold forfeiture, termination, expiration or cancellation for failure to comply with said implied covenants. Provisions herein, including, but not limited to the prescribed payments, constitute full compensation for the privileges herein granted.

**COVENANTS.** This Lease and its expressed or implied covenants shall not be subject to termination, forfeiture of rights, or damages due to failure to comply with obligations if compliance is effectively prevented by federal, state, or local law, regulation, or decree, or the acts of God and/or third parties over whom Lessee has no control.

**RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL.** If at any time within the primary term of this Lease or any continuation or extension thereof, Lessor receives any bona fide offer, acceptable to Lessor, to grant an additional lease which will take effect upon expiration of this Lease ("Top Lease") covering all or part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have the continuing option by meeting any such offer to acquire a Top Lease on equivalent terms and conditions. Any offer must be in writing and must set forth the proposed Lessee's name, bonus consideration and royalty consideration to be paid for such Top Lease, and include a copy of the lease form to be utilized reflecting all pertinent and relevant terms and conditions of the Top Lease. Lessee shall have fifteen (15) days after receipt from Lessor of a complete copy of any such offer to advise Lessor in writing of its election to enter into an oil and gas lease with Lessor on equivalent terms and conditions. If Lessee fails to notify Lessor within the aforesaid fifteen (15) day period of its election to meet any such bona fide offer, Lessor shall have the right to accept said offer. Any Top Lease granted by Lessor in violation of this provision shall be null and void.

**ARBITRATION.** In the event of a disagreement between Lessor and Lessee concerning this Lease or the associated Order of Payment, performance thereunder, or damages caused by Lessee's operations, the resolution of all such disputes shall be determined by arbitration in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association. Arbitration shall be the exclusive remedy and cover all disputes, including but not limited to, the formation, execution, validity and performance of the Lease and Order of Payment. All fees and costs associated with the arbitration shall be borne equally by Lessor and Lessee.

**ENTIRE CONTRACT.** The entire agreement between Lessor and Lessee is embodied herein and in the associated Order of Payment (if any). No oral warranties, representations, or promises have been made or relied upon by either party as an inducement to or modification of this Lease.

**TITLE CURATIVE.** Lessor agrees to execute consents, affidavits, ratifications, amendments, permits and other instruments as Lessee may request to carry out the purpose of this lease, including without limitation, applications necessary to obtain driveway entrance permits, and approvals of drilling or production units which Lessee may seek to form pursuant to governmental authorization.

**SURRENDER.** Lessee, at any time, and from time to time, may surrender and cancel this Lease as to all or any part of the Leasehold by recording a Surrender of Lease and thereupon this Lease, and the rights and obligations of the parties hereunder, shall terminate as to the part so surrendered; provided, however, that upon each surrender as to any part of the Leasehold, Lessee shall have reasonable and convenient easements for then existing wells, pipelines, pole lines, roadways and other facilities on the lands surrendered.

**SUCCESSORS.** All rights, duties, and liabilities herein benefit and bind Lessor and Lessee and their heirs, successors, and assigns.

**FORCE MAJEURE.** All express or implied covenants of this Lease shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders. When drilling, reworking, production or other operations hereunder, or Lessee's fulfillment of its obligations hereunder are prevented or delayed by such laws, rules, regulations or orders, or by inability to obtain necessary permits, equipment, services, material, water, electricity, fuel, access or easements, or by fire, flood, adverse weather conditions, war, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, riot, strike or labor disputes, other Acts of God, or by inability to obtain a satisfactory market for production or failure of purchasers or carriers to take or transport such production, or by any other cause not reasonably within Lessee's control, this Lease shall not terminate, in whole or in part, because of such prevention or delay, and, at Lessee's option, the period of such prevention or delay shall be added to the term hereof. Lessee shall not be liable in damages for breach of any express or implied covenants of this Lease for failure to comply therewith, if compliance is prevented by, or failure is the result of any applicable laws, rules, regulations or orders or operation of force majeure. If this Lease is the subject matter of any lawsuit, arbitration proceeding, or other action, then this Lease shall not expire during the pendency of such lawsuit, arbitration proceeding, or other action, or any appeal thereof, and the period of the lawsuit, arbitration proceeding, or other action, and any appeal thereof, shall be added to the term of this Lease.

**SEVERABILITY.** This Lease is intended to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and governmental orders. If any provision of this Lease is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall survive and continue in full force and effect to the maximum extent allowed by law. If a court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this Lease invalid, void, or unenforceable under applicable law, the court shall give the provision the greatest effect possible under the law and modify the provision so as to conform to applicable law if that can be done in a manner which does not frustrate the purpose of this Lease.

**COUNTERPARTS.** This Lease may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Lease and all of which, when taken together, will be deemed to constitute one and the same agreement.

This Lease is made further subject to the terms and conditions contained in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof (which terms and conditions are an integral part of this Lease).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Lessor and Lessee hereunto set hand and seal.

LESSOR:

**The Belmont County Board of Commissioners**

Josh Meyer /s/

**By: Josh Meyer, President**

J. P. Dutton /s/

**By: J.P. Dutton, Vice President**

Jerry Echemann /s/

**By: Jerry Echemann, Member**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

David K. Liberati /s/ Assist PA

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

LESSEE:

**Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC  
An Oklahoma Limited Liability Company**

By: Kade R. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact

#### EXHIBIT "A"

This Exhibit "A" is attached to and made a part of that certain Oil and Gas Lease dated June 29, 2022, by and between **The Belmont County Board of Commissioners, by Josh Meyer as President, J.P. Dutton as Vice President, and Jerry Echemann as Member**, as Lessor(s), and **Ascent Resources – Utica, LLC** an **Oklahoma Limited Liability Company**, as Lessee ("Lease"), to wit:

In the event any of the terms and conditions contained in this Exhibit "A" alter, conflict with, or are inconsistent with any of the terms and conditions contained in the printed form to which this Exhibit "A" is attached, the terms and conditions contained in this Exhibit "A" shall be controlling.

Any capitalized terms in this Exhibit "A", which are not defined in this Exhibit "A," shall have the meaning given to such terms in the printed form to which Exhibit "A" is attached.

1. **Compliance.** Lessee's operations under said land shall comply with all applicable federal and state regulations.
2. **No Surface Rights.** Notwithstanding any language to the contrary contained in the Lease or this Exhibit "A", Lessor does not grant and Lessee does not acquire any surface rights. Lessee shall not conduct any Surface Operations on, or use the surface of, the Leasehold except where and as agreed to in a separate, written agreement signed by the parties. Surface Operations shall include by way of example and not of limitation any use of the Leasehold for a well site, staging area, surface or subsurface waterlines, surface or subsurface pipelines, roads, water impoundments, telephone, electric power lines, structures, machinery, gates, meters, regulators, tools, appliances, materials and other equipment, or as a site for equipment, tanks, tank batteries, separators, compressors, dehydrators, gas treatment facilities, processing facilities, or other facilities. The parties agree that no language in the Lease or attached Exhibit "A" shall give the Lessee any right to conduct surface activities on the Leasehold.
3. **No Storage Rights.** Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, Lessee agrees the herein described Leasehold shall not be used for the purpose of gas storage as defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Any reference to gas storage contained in this Lease is hereby deleted. If Lessor wishes to enter into an agreement regarding gas storage using the Leasehold with a third party, Lessor shall first give Lessee written notice of the identity of the third party, the price or the consideration for which the third party is prepared to offer, the effective date and closing date of the transaction and any other information respecting the transaction which Lessee believes would be material to the exercise of the offering. Lessor does hereby grant Lessee the first option and right to purchase the gas storage rights by matching and tendering to the Lessor any third party's offering within 30 days of receipt of notice from Lessor.
4. **Disposal Wells.** Lessee is not granted any right whatsoever to use the Leasehold, or any portion thereof, for construction and/or operation of any disposal well, injection well, or the construction and/or operation of water disposal facilities. Lessor does not grant and Lessee does not acquire any right to use any portion of the Leasehold for the disposal of any type of foreign matter or material or any drainage, saltwater, brine, or waste, including without limitation any industrial, municipal, hazardous, or radioactive waste. The right to dispose of or inject any waste products, including, but not limited to, waste water and/or brine on or below the Leasehold is specifically excluded from this Lease.
5. **Oil and Gas Only.** This Lease shall cover only oil and gas, casinghead gas, casinghead gasoline and other gases and their respective constituent vapors, liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons (but no coalbed methane) that may be produced in association therewith through the well bore. All other minerals including, but not limited to, lignite, coal, uranium, other fissionable material, geothermal energy, sulphur, gravel, rock, stone, copper and metallic ores are not included in this Lease.
6. **Formations Granted.** Lessor reserves all oil, gas and other mineral rights from the surface to the top of the Queenston Shales, other than such rights allowed to Lessee to drill through such reserved portions as are necessary for Lessee to have access to the Queenston Shales and below. This Lease shall only cover formations below the Queenston Shales, including but not limited to the Utica and Point Pleasant formations.
7. **Leasehold Identification.** Notwithstanding any other provision in the Lease, including that provision being what is commonly known in lease terminology as a "Mother Hubbard Clause," it is understood and agreed that the Lease is valid only as to the specific parcels described and identified in the Lease. This Lease does not include any parcels adjacent or contiguous to the land described in the Lease which are not specifically described in the Lease. If a survey or an examination of real property records should reveal that the parcels identified in the Lease contain more than 0.309917 acres, the Lease will include such additional acreage and Lessee shall pay Lessor a bonus payment thereon.
8. **Lease Term.** This Lease shall continue beyond the primary term only for as long as oil, gas or other liquid hydrocarbons are produced in paying quantities from the Leasehold (or lands pooled or unitized therewith) or Lessee is conducting Operations in search of oil and gas under the Leasehold with no cessation of more than ninety (90) consecutive days. If there is a dispute concerning the extension of the Lease beyond the primary term, payments to the Lessor shall not be conclusive evidence that the Lease has extended beyond the primary term.
9. **Operations.** "Operations" shall mean only (a) the production of oil, gas or other liquid hydrocarbons in paying quantities subsequent to drilling or (b) the actual drilling, completing, stimulating, reworking, recompleting, deepening, plugging back or repairing of a well in search for or in an endeavor to obtain production of oil or gas, conducted in good faith and with due diligence. Operations in search of oil, gas and their constituents shall be deemed to commence when the top hole is spud, i.e., the drill bit has hit the ground.
10. **Gross Royalty.** The Lessee covenants and agrees to pay the Lessor, for all oil, gas, associated hydrocarbons, and marketable by-products produced from the Leasehold, a royalty equal to twenty percent (20.0%) of the gross proceeds of all oil and gas, and all of their liquid and gaseous constituents produced from or on the Leasehold and sold by Lessee in an arms-length transaction with an unaffiliated bona fide purchaser. It is the intent of the parties hereto that the royalty to be paid is based on the gross proceeds paid to Lessee by an independent third party. The royalty set forth in this Lease shall apply to all oil and gas, and all of their liquid and gaseous constituents, in, on and underneath the Leasehold, including but not limited to natural gas liquids (including but not limited to ethane, pentane, propane, butane and natural gasoline), casinghead gas, condensate, oil and/or other hydrocarbon byproducts removed or recovered from the Leasehold or lands pooled/unitized therewith. For purposes of this Lease, "gross proceeds" means the total consideration paid to Lessee for oil and gas, and all of their liquid and gaseous constituents, produced from the Leasehold free and clear of all costs and expenses. Lessee and Lessor agree that royalties accruing to Lessor under this Lease shall be paid without deduction, directly or indirectly, of any pre-production or post-production costs and/or expenses including but not limited to those relating to producing, gathering, storing, dehydrating, compressing, processing, separating, fractionating, treating, transporting, stabilizing and marketing the oil, gas and other products produced hereunder.

All royalties that may become due hereunder shall commence to be paid on the first well completed on the Leasehold within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the first day of the month following the month during which any well is completed and commences production into a pipeline or oil into transport for sale of such production. On each subsequent well, royalty payments must commence within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the first day of the month following the month during which any well is completed and commences production into a pipeline for sale or oil into transport of such production. Thereafter, all royalties on oil shall be paid to Lessor on or before the last day of the second month following the month of production, and all royalties on gas shall be paid to Lessor on or before the last day of the third month following the month of production. Royalties not paid when due shall bear interest at the prime rate as published by the Wall Street Journal as of the date payment is first due, plus two and a half percent (2.5%) per annum.

**11. Pugh Clause.**

a) **Horizontal Pugh Clause:** As to any Leasehold acreage which is not included within a drilling or production unit at the expiration of the primary term or any extension thereof, this Lease shall automatically terminate and be of no further force or effect as to such acreage.

b) **Vertical Pugh Clause:** At the end of the primary term, including any extension of the primary term, this Lease shall terminate as to all strata, depths and horizons under each drilling or production unit lying more than two hundred (200) feet below the stratigraphic equivalent of the base (bottom) of the deepest formation from which production of oil or gas in paying quantities is being maintained (or, in the case of a shut-in gas well, can be maintained).

12. **Limitation of Forfeiture.** In the event Lessor considers that Lessee has breached this Lease or that Lessee has not complied with its obligations hereunder, both express and implied, including the non-payment of royalty or rent, Lessor shall notify Lessee in writing, setting out specifically in what respects Lessee is in default or Lessee has breached this Lease. Lessee shall then have thirty (30) days after date of receipt of said notice within which to meet or commence to meet all or any part of the breaches alleged by Lessor, or to correct any default. The service of said notice shall be precedent to the bringing of any claim or action by Lessor on this Lease for any cause, and no such claim or action shall be brought until the lapse of thirty (30) days after service of such notice on Lessee. Neither the service of said notice nor the doing of any acts by Lessee aimed to meet all or any of the alleged breaches or the default shall be deemed an admission or presumption that Lessee has failed to perform all of its obligations hereunder. Upon breach or default by Lessee, Lessor shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies available at law, in equity or otherwise, each such remedy being considered cumulative. No single exercise of any remedy set forth herein shall be deemed an election to forego any other remedy.
13. **Signing Bonus.** Lessee agrees to pay Lessor a signing bonus of Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500.00) for each net acre contained within the Leasehold. This signing bonus shall be paid under the terms set forth in the associated Order of Payment.

14. **Extension of the Primary Term.** Lessee has the option to extend the primary term of this Lease for one (1) additional five (5) year period. This option may be exercised by Lessee by notifying Lessor in writing of Lessee's intent to exercise its option and simultaneously therewith paying to Lessor in full, prepaid at any time prior to termination of the primary term, a lease bonus for the 5-year renewal period equal to the Signing Bonus set forth herein. Lessor and Lessee agree that such extension payment shall be based upon the net acres in the Leasehold which are not included in drilling or production units or otherwise being maintained by other provisions in the Lease at the expiration of the primary term.
15. **Taxes.** Lessor shall pay all Ad Valorem taxes on the property covered by this Lease, except to the extent of any increase in Ad Valorem taxes attributable solely to Lessee's operations under this Lease. Lessee shall pay all Ad Valorem taxes which are attributable solely to Lessee's operations under this Lease. In the event Ad Valorem taxes under the tax and assessment structure in effect on the signing of this Lease pertaining or attributable to the lands covered by this lease are increased by reason of Lessee's operations relating to the Leasehold, Lessee shall be solely responsible for paying the amount of such increase in taxes and shall reimburse Lessor for the amount of such increase within 30 days after receiving from Lessor written documentation supporting such increase. Despite anything to the contrary, Lessee shall be responsible for payment of all severance taxes associated with production of oil and gas under this Lease, but shall withhold from Lessor's royalty payments, the portion of severance taxes attributable to Lessor's royalty share if Lessee pays Lessor's share on Lessor's behalf. Lessee agrees to pay for any CAUV recoupment incurred by Lessor as a result of Lessee's operations under this Lease, but any such payment shall be based only upon the acreage actually disturbed by Lessee. Subsequent to the execution of this Lease, if there is a change in the Ohio tax code that provides for an increase in severance taxes or other taxes attributable to or resulting from oil and gas production from the Leasehold, Lessor and Lessee agree to abide by the law and pay their proportionate share accordingly.
16. **Delay in Marketing.** Notwithstanding anything herein contained to the contrary, Lessee agrees that the "Delay in Marketing" paragraph contained in the Lease is hereby deleted. Any other references to Delay in Marketing that are contained in this Lease are also hereby deleted.
17. **Shut-In.** If all wells on the Leasehold capable of producing gas in paying quantities, are shut-in for any reason and gas is not sold or used off the Leasehold (which wells are herein sometimes called a "shut-in" gas well), for longer than sixty (60) consecutive days, Lessee shall pay or tender to Lessor, as shut-in gas well royalty, a yearly sum (payable quarterly or at the end of the shut-in period, whichever first occurs) equal to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per net mineral acre until such time as production is reestablished (or Lessee surrenders the Lease) and this Lease shall remain in full force and effect. The first such payment of shut-in gas well royalty is to be made on or before thirty (30) days after the end of the above referenced sixty (60) day period. Succeeding payments may be made annually thereafter on or before the anniversary of the due date of such payment. Notwithstanding the making of such shut-in gas well royalty payments, Lessee shall be and remain under the continuing obligation to (a) use all reasonable efforts to find a market for said gas and to commence or resume marketing same when a market is available, (b) reasonably develop the lands then subject to this Lease, and (c) drill all such wells on the lands then subject to this Lease as may be reasonably necessary to protect same from drainage by wells on adjoining or adjacent lands. It is understood and agreed that this Lease may not be maintained in force for an continuous period of time longer than forty-eight (48) consecutive months, or sixty (60) cumulative months after the expirations of the primary term hereof solely by the provision of the shut-in royalty clause.
18. **No Title Warranty.** This Lease is made without warranty of title express, implied or statutory. Lessor makes no representations as to its right, title or interest in the Leasehold, and does not warrant title or agree to defend title to the Leasehold. It shall be Lessee's burden and obligation to assure itself of the quality of title to the Leasehold. All payments made to Lessor under this Lease are non-refundable.
19. **Liens Against Lessee.** In the event any lien or encumbrance (except and not including any lien or encumbrance in the nature of a security interest conveyed by Lessee for purposes of financing operations on the Leasehold) is filed against the Leasehold out of or pertaining to the operations by Lessee, Lessee shall within forty-five (45) calendar days following the date such lien or encumbrance is recorded cause such lien or encumbrance to be released from record, and Lessee shall provide Lessor written evidence of such release. Lessee's contention that the lien or encumbrance arises from a bona fide dispute shall not be grounds for Lessee's failure or refusal to remove the lien or encumbrance as required herein.
20. **Pooling and Unitization.** Lessee shall have the right to pool, unitize, or combine all or part of the Leasehold with any other contiguous leased lands prior to drilling. The Leasehold shall not be pooled or unitized in a drilling or production unit which shall exceed eighty (80) acres for a vertical well. The Leasehold shall not be pooled or unitized in a drilling or production unit which shall exceed six hundred forty (640) acres for a horizontal well unless the wellbore extends beyond 6,000 feet in horizontal length in the unit in which case the unit shall not exceed twelve hundred and eighty (1280) acres. Lessee shall furnish to Lessor a copy of the declaration of the unit of which any portion of the Leasehold shall be a part, including a copy of all plats, maps, and exhibits to such application or declaration.
21. **Implied Covenants.** No language included in this Lease shall have the effect of negating any implied covenant recognized under applicable law and all implied covenants recognized under applicable law shall be included in this Lease.
22. **Arbitration.** The paragraph entitled "Arbitration" and any reference to arbitration contained in this Lease shall be deleted in their entirety. In the event of a disagreement between Lessor and Lessee concerning this Lease or any related document, performance thereunder, or damages caused by Lessee's operations, the resolution of all such disputes shall only be determined by arbitration if both parties agree to arbitrate in writing at the time the dispute arises, otherwise the dispute shall be determined by the court of common pleas in the county in which the Leasehold is located. No language included in this Lease shall have the effect of requiring the parties to resolve any disputes by arbitration. This Lease and all related documents shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
23. **Release of Lease.** Upon expiration, surrender or other termination of this Lease as to any portion of the Leasehold, Lessee shall deliver to Lessor, within sixty (60) days after the date of termination, surrender or expiration, a release or other written cancellation of this Lease in recordable form. In the case of a partial release, Lessee shall deliver a plat showing the specific acreage being released and a partial release containing a description of the acreage and depths being released, in form suitable for recording.
24. **Assignment.** The rights and estate of any party hereto may be assigned from time to time in whole or in part and as to any horizon, subject to the written consent of the Lessor which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Provided, however, that consent from the Lessor shall not be required in the event of an assignment by Lessee: to an affiliate, subsidiary, or internal partner, joint venture partners or in consequence of a merger or amalgamation. Lessee shall notify Lessor of such assignment and furnish Lessor a true copy of any assignment. All of the covenants, obligations, and considerations of this Lease shall extend to and be binding upon the parties hereto, their heirs, successors, assigns, and successive assigns. No assignment by Lessee (or any assignee of Lessee) of all or any part of or interest in this Lease shall relieve Lessee (or any assignee of Lessee) of any liability for breach of any covenant, warranty or other obligation of Lessee hereunder, whether theretofore or thereafter accrued. Each assignee of all or any portion of the rights of Lessee hereunder agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Lease to the same extent as if such assignee were an original party to this Lease. If the Lessor or any of the Lessor's successors or assigns requests a full executed copy of the Lease from the Lessee, or its successors or assigns, then such copy (including Exhibit "A") shall be provided to such party so requesting within thirty (30) days of the request being made.
25. **Force Majeure.** Should Lessee be prevented from complying with any express or implied covenant of this Lease (except payment of money), or from conducting drilling or reworking operations or producing oil and gas by reason of force majeure including fire, flood, natural disasters, war, sabotage, rebellion, insurrection, riot, or other Acts of God, or as the result of any federal or state law, order, rule or regulation of governmental authority, Lessee shall provide notice to Lessor of the nature of the Force Majeure, indicate the expected length of delay, and work diligently to remove or resolve the force majeure event. In no event shall this Lease be held in effect due to the terms contained in the force majeure clause for any continuous period of time longer than ninety-six (96) cumulative months after the expiration of the primary term.
26. **Audit Rights.** Lessee grants to Lessor or Lessor's designee the right at Lessor's expense, to examine, audit, copy or inspect books, records, and accounts of Lessee pertinent to the audit purpose of verifying the accuracy of the reports and statements furnished to Lessor, and for checking the amount of payments lawfully due to Lessor under the terms of this Lease. In exercising this right, Lessor shall give reasonable notice to Lessee of its intended audit and such audit shall be conducted during normal business hours at the office

of Lessee at the sole cost and expense of Lessor. Lessor shall not have the right to audit more than once every twelve (12) month period. However, if the amount of exceptions or deficiencies in royalty payments revealed by the audit equal or exceed 125% of the cost and expense of the audit, then the Lessee shall bear the cost and expense of the audit and all monies due as a result of the audit findings (audit exceptions, costs, and expenses) shall be payable within ninety (90) days of the final determination of the amounts due. Upon Lessor's written request (which request shall not be made more than two (2) times in any calendar year), Lessee shall provide to the Lessor information relevant to the production, use, transfer, disposal and sale of oil and gas from wells on the Leasehold or lands pooled or unitized therewith. Such production information shall be strictly confidential and Lessor agrees to not provide any such information to any party without prior written consent of Lessee.

27. **Indemnity.** Lessee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Lessor and Lessor's heirs, successors, representatives, agents and assigns ("Indemnitees"), from and against any and all claims, demands and causes of action for injury (including death) or damage to persons or property or fines or penalties, or environmental matters arising out of, incidental to or resulting from the operations of or for Lessee or Lessee's servants, agents, employees, guests, licensees, invitees or independent contractors, and from and against all costs and expenses incurred by Indemnitees by reason of any such claim or claims, including reasonable attorneys' fees; and each assignee of this Lease, or an interest therein, agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Indemnitees in the same manner provided above. Such indemnity shall apply only to any claim arising out of operations conducted under or pursuant to this Lease, however caused and whether based upon negligence, contract, statute, strict liability or other grounds or reasons, provided, however, such indemnity shall not apply to claims arising out of the negligence of Lessor, Lessor's guests or invitees not arising out of, incidental to, or resulting from, the operations of or for Lessee. The terms hereof shall survive the expiration or surrender of this Lease.

28. **Hazardous Materials.** Lessee's use of any substances which are defined as a "hazardous material" or "toxic substance" or "solid waste" in applicable federal, state or local laws, statutes or ordinances shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Should any pollutant, hazardous material, toxic substance, contaminated waste or solid waste be released on the Leasehold, for any reason, in any quantity, Lessee shall notify all appropriate governmental entities of such an event, and then immediately thereafter notify the Lessor, and shall be responsible for and timely pay all costs of clean-up, remediation, and other costs related to and arising from the release, including but not limited to penalties.

29. **Water Quality Testing.** Prior to commencing drilling operations, Lessee, at its sole cost and expense, shall test the water quality of Lessor's water source(s) located within two thousand feet (2,000') of Lessee's well pad that are identified by Lessor as currently utilized for human and/or domestic livestock consumption. Lessor's water sources being tested must have functioning pumps installed.

Samples from Lessor's water source(s), covered by this agreement, will be analyzed for Lessee's standard baseline parameter list of general water quality indicators including methane levels. Testing of Lessor's water supply shall be conducted by an independent testing laboratory, selected by Lessee, having state and/or National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (NELAP) accreditations. In the event Lessor claims that Lessee's drilling operations have adversely and materially affected Lessor's water source(s), Lessee shall again test Lessor's water source(s) to ensure that said water supply is not or has not been adversely and materially affected by Lessee's drilling operations, including changes in flow or quality, color, smell or taste. Lessor shall be notified prior to any water sampling events, and Lessor or its agents or representatives shall have the right to be present during such events. The results of these tests will be provided to Lessor within 30 days of Lessee's receipt of the final results from the independent testing laboratory unless otherwise required by state or regulatory agency. Only non-invasive means of testing shall be used; Lessee shall not be required to pull pumps, move windmills, etc.

In the event the water quality of such water source(s) is reduced and/or materially and adversely altered or polluted primarily as a result of Lessee's operations, Lessee shall take any and all reasonable steps to restore the water supply to its condition prior to Lessee's operations. During the period of water replacement/remediation, Lessee shall supply Lessor with an adequate supply of potable water consistent with Lessor's use of the damaged water supply prior to Lessee's operation and shall comply with all applicable regulations of the State of Ohio and the Federal government. Lessee shall not be responsible for diminished water quality of Lessor's water source(s) due to causes out of Lessee's control, including but not limited to seasonal variability and drought conditions.

30. **Water Quantity Testing.** In addition to the water quality testing outlined, Lessee shall conduct water quantity testing of Lessor's registered water wells located within two thousand Feet (2,000') of Lessee's well pad that are identified by Lessor as currently utilized for human and/or domestic livestock consumption. Lessor hereby acknowledges that invasive water quantity testing is accompanied with inherent risk, not all of which can be prevented, mitigated, or rectified by Lessee. Lessee shall not be liable for normal use of a water source including, but not limited to the wear and tear of mechanical components and tubing.

Such testing shall be conducted prior to the commencement of drilling operations on the Leasehold. In the event Lessor claims that Lessee's drilling operations have adversely and materially diminished the quantity of said water source(s), Lessee shall again test Lessor's water source(s) to ensure that the quantity of said water wells has not or has not been adversely and materially diminished by Lessee's drilling operations. Lessee shall bear sole responsibility for any and all costs associated with water quantity testing conducted by Lessee. The results of these tests will be provided to Lessor within 30 days of Lessee's receipt of the final results from the independent testing laboratory unless required otherwise by state or regulatory agency. Lessee shall not be responsible for diminished water quantity of Lessor's water source(s) due to causes out of the Lessee's control, including but not limited to seasonal variability and drought conditions..

All samples drawn in order to meet the requirements of this section shall be taken from an available cold water spigot nearest to the water well (prior to any home treatment system, whenever possible). Such water quantity testing shall utilize a timed bucket test to measure the flow rate of Lessor's water well at full open valve position (based on the current mechanical configuration of Lessor's water well) in addition to a water level measurement in Lessor's water well. Such water quantity testing shall be obtained only from readily accessible and safe water well locations, as deemed by Lessee. Lessor shall provide Lessee with information about Lessor's water well based, including but not limited to the completion of Lessee's Water Supply Survey and the registered Well Log records (completed at the time of installation of the water well) within 30 business days of receipt.

In the event water quantity measuring equipment cannot be retrieved from Lessor's well, Lessee shall undertake reasonable efforts to retrieve such equipment and shall be solely responsible for the costs associated with such efforts. Further, Lessee shall not be liable for potential future costs or liability of mechanical equipment in Lessor's well if, at the conclusion of water quantity testing, the equipment remains functioning at pre-testing conditions.

Should the quantity of Lessor's water well be reduced primarily as a result of Lessee's operations, as determined by a court or state agency having competent jurisdiction, Lessee shall take all reasonable and prudent steps to restore water quantity to its pre-existing condition as noted at the time of Lessee's pre-drill water quantity testing or compensate Lessor for the damage and inconvenience caused thereby.

In the event the water quantity of Lessor's water well is reduced as a result of Lessee's operations, as determined by a court or state agency having competent jurisdiction, Lessee shall take any and all reasonable steps to restore quarter quantity to its condition prior to Lessee's operations as noted at the time of Lessee's pre-drill water quantity testing or compensate Lessor for the damage and inconvenience caused thereby. During the period of water replacement/remediation, Lessee shall supply Lessor with an adequate supply of potable water consistent with Lessor's use of the damaged water supply prior to Lessee's operation and shall comply with all applicable regulations of the State of Ohio and the Federal government.

31. **Water Usage.** Lessee agrees not to use any surface or subsurface water from the Leasehold, including water from Lessor's wells, ponds, springs, lakes, reservoirs or creeks located on the Leasehold, without Lessor's written consent and agreement with Lessor, separate from this Lease. Lessee shall not drill or operate any water well, take water, or inject any substance into the subsurface, or otherwise use or affect water in subsurface water formations. In the event any of Lessee's operations under the Lease damage, disturb, contaminate, pollute, or injure any water sources on the Leasehold, Lessee shall take prompt action to correct any such damage, contamination, pollution, disturbance or injury at its sole expense.

32. **Prudent Operator** Lessee will conduct all operations as a prudent operator; and will attempt to secure a market for production from a well.

33. **R.C. §307.11.** The Lease term shall be subject to Ohio Revised Code 307.11 as may be modified or amended.

**LESSOR:**

**The Belmont County Board of Commissioners**

*Josh Meyer /s/*

**By: Josh Meyer, President**



J. P. Dutton /s/

**By: J.P. Dutton, Vice President**

Jerry Echemann /s/

**By: Jerry Echemann, Member**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH  
DINSMORE & SHOHL, LLP TO ACT AS BOND COUNSEL FOR  
NOT TO EXCEED \$8,805,000 VARIOUS PURPOSE REDUNDING BOND  
ANTICIPATION NOTES, SERIES 2022**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign the Engagement Letter with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, to act as Bond Counsel for Not to Exceed \$8,805,000.00 Various Purpose Refunding Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 of the County of Belmont, Ohio.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,905,000 OF NOTES TO RENEW NOTES PREVIOUSLY  
ISSUED TO PART OF THE COST OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,905,000 of notes to renew notes previously issued to pay part of the cost of road improvements.

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The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on June 29, 2022, at the commissioners meeting room located in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, with the following members present:

Mr. Meyer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Dutton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Echemann \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

There was presented to the Board a Certificate As To Maximum Maturity of Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes signed by the County Auditor.

Mr. Meyer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

COUNTY OF BELMONT, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO. N/A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,905,000 OF NOTES TO RENEW NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio (the "County") has heretofore determined the necessity of constructing road improvements in the Mall Road area of the County (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has heretofore estimated that the life of the improvements and assets to be acquired with the proceeds of the notes and bonds hereinafter referred to is at least five (5) years, and certified that the maximum maturity of the bonds issued therefor is twenty (20) years, and of notes to be issued in anticipation thereof is twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners anticipates that debt service on such bonds will be paid from service payments in lieu of taxes and other payments received by the County with respect to the Project and the general revenues of the County (collectively, the "Revenues"); and

WHEREAS, notes heretofore issued in anticipation of such bonds in the amount of \$2,905,000 are about to mature and should be renewed in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,905,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That it is necessary to issue bonds of this County in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,905,000 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, including "financing costs" as defined in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That bonds of this County shall be issued in said principal amount for the purpose aforesaid under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code. Said bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2023, shall bear interest at the rate of approximately six percent (6%) per annum, payable semiannually, and shall mature in substantially equal annual installments over a period not exceeding twenty (20) years.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby determined that notes (hereinafter called the "Notes") in a principal amount not to exceed \$2,905,000 shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. The Notes shall (i) be issued in such principal amount, (ii) be dated the date of their issuance, (iii) mature not more than one (1) year from such date of issuance; (iv) bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding five percent (5%) per annum, which interest shall be payable at maturity, (v) be issued in such numbers and denominations of \$100,000 or more as may be requested by the purchaser, and (vi) be payable as to both principal and interest in federal funds of the United States of America at the office of a bank or trust company designated to serve as the paying agent, registrar and transfer agent (the "Paying Agent and Registrar") for the Notes, all as determined by the County Auditor without further action of this Board of County Commissioners in a certificate of award (the "Certificate of Award"), which determinations shall be conclusive.

The Notes shall not be subject to call for redemption at any time prior to maturity.

The Notes shall be issued in fully-registered form, without coupons, and shall be payable without deduction for exchange, collection or service charges to the person whose name appears on the Note registration records to be maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar as the registered holder thereof.

The Notes shall be transferable by the registered holder thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing at the office of the Paying Agent and Registrar upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent and Registrar. The County and the Paying Agent and Registrar shall not be required to transfer any Note during the 15day period preceding any interest payment date, and no such transfer shall be effective until entered upon the registration records maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar. Upon such transfer, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations of the same maturity and for the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

This County and the Paying Agent and Registrar may deem and treat the registered holders of the Notes as the absolute owners thereof for all purposes, and neither this County nor the Paying Agent and Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

The Notes shall be designated "Road Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 (Fifth Renewal)" or as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Award.

SECTION 4. That the Notes shall bear the signatures of at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, provided that all of such signatures may be facsimiles. The Notes shall express on their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this resolution. The Notes shall bear the manual authenticating signature of an authorized representative of the Paying Agent and Registrar.

SECTION 5. That the Notes shall be sold to one or more entities designated or defined as such in the Certificate of Award (the "Purchaser") at not less than 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery, as determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award without further action of this Board pursuant to the Purchaser's offer to purchase which such officer is hereby authorized to accept. The proceeds from such sale, except any premium or accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose, and for which purpose said proceeds are hereby appropriated. Any premium and accrued interest shall be

transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of principal and interest of the Notes in the manner provided by law. The Notes may be issued and sold on a consolidated basis with other notes of this County pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code and a consolidating resolution adopted by this Board of County Commissioners on this date if the County Auditor so determines, in which event, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated note issue is referred to herein as the "Consolidated Note Issue."

SECTION 6. That the Notes shall be the full general obligations of this County, and the full faith, credit and revenue of this County are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of the same. The principal amount received from the sale of the bonds anticipated by the Notes and any excess fund resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used only for the retirement of the Notes at maturity, together with interest thereon and is hereby pledged for such purpose.

SECTION 7. That during the year or years while the Notes run there shall be levied upon all of the taxable property in this County in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually not less than that which would have been levied if bonds had been issued without the prior issue of the Notes; provided, however, that in each year to the extent the Revenues and other moneys are available for the payment of the Notes and bonds and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such tax shall be reduced by the amount of such Revenues and other moneys so available and appropriated.

SECTION 8. That said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from said tax levy hereby required, or from the other described sources, shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which together with all interest collected on the same, shall be pledged irrevocably for the payment of the principal and interest of the Notes or the bonds in anticipation of which they are issued when and as the same fall due.

SECTION 9. That this Board of County Commissioners hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Notes hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations prescribed thereunder and will, to the extent possible, comply with all other applicable provisions of the Code and the regulations thereunder in order to retain the Federal income tax exemption for interest on the Notes, including any expenditure requirements, investment limitations, rebate requirements or use restrictions. The County Auditor or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the Notes is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the County on the date of delivery of the Notes for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

The Notes may be designated or deemed designated as "qualified taxexempt obligations" to the extent permitted by Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, as determined by the County Auditor without further action of this Board in the Certificate of Award. If so designated by the County Auditor, the County Auditor shall find and determine that the reasonable anticipated amount of qualified taxexempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) which will be issued by the County during this calendar year does not and will covenant on behalf of this Board that, during such year, the amount of taxexempt obligations issued by the County and designated as "qualified taxexempt obligations" for such purpose will not exceed \$10,000,000. The County Auditor and other appropriate officers, and any of them, are authorized to take such actions and give such certifications on behalf of the County with respect to the reasonably anticipated amount of taxexempt obligations to be issued by the County during this calendar year and with respect to such other matters as appropriate under Section 265(b)(3).

SECTION 10. That the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP be and is hereby retained as bond counsel to the County to prepare the necessary authorization and related closing documents for the issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes and, if appropriate, rendering its approving legal opinion in connection therewith in accordance with the written agreement presently on file with the County which at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are each hereby separately authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County, with such changes thereto not substantially adverse to the County as may be approved by such officers. The approval of such changes by such officers, and that the same are not substantially adverse to the County, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such agreement by such officers. Such law firm shall be compensated by the County for the above services in accordance with such written agreement.

SECTION 11. That at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are separately hereby authorized, alone or with others, to execute and deliver an agreement with the Paying Agent and Registrar for its services as paying agent, registrar and transfer agent for the Notes as a part of the Consolidated Notes Issue in such form as such officer may approve, the execution thereof by such officer to be conclusive evidence of such authorization and approval.

SECTION 12. That the County Auditor, at least any two members of this Board of County Commissioners, or any other authorized individuals, individually or in any combination, are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements, certificates, and other documentation in order to effectuate the issuance and delivery of the Notes.

SECTION 13. That the Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor.

SECTION 14. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 15. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Dutton seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Mr. Meyer Mr. Dutton Mr. Echemann

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED, this 29th day of June, 2022.

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,900,000 OF NOTES TO RENEW NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND RENOVATING TWO BUILDINGS TO HOUSE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNTY, WITH RELATED FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5,900,000 of notes to renew notes previously issued to pay part of the cost of acquiring and renovating two buildings to house agencies, departments, boards, or commissions of the county, with related furniture, fixtures and equipment.

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The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio, met in regular session at 9:00 o'clock a.m., on June 29, 2022, at the commissioners meeting room located in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, with the following members present:

Mr. Meyer Mr. Dutton Mr. Echemann

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

There was presented to the Board a Certificate As To Maximum Maturity of Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes signed by the County

Auditor.

Mr. Meyer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

COUNTY OF BELMONT, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO. N/A

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,900,000 OF NOTES TO RENEW NOTES PREVIOUSLY ISSUED TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF ACQUIRING AND RENOVATING TWO BUILDINGS TO HOUSE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, OR COMMISSIONS OF THE COUNTY, WITH RELATED FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio (the "County") has heretofore determined the necessity of acquiring and renovating two buildings to house agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or courts of the County, with related furniture, fixtures and equipment (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has heretofore estimated that the life of the improvements and assets to be acquired with the proceeds of the notes and bonds hereinafter referred to is at least five (5) years, and certified that the maximum maturity of the bonds issued therefor is twenty-six (26) years, and of notes to be issued in anticipation thereof is twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners anticipates that debt service on such bonds will be paid from revenues, other than revenues from unvoted County property taxes, derived from leases or other agreements between the County and those agencies, departments, boards or commissions relating to the use of the Project, and on such notes from such revenues and proceeds of such bonds or renewal notes (collectively, the "Revenues");

WHEREAS, notes heretofore issued in anticipation of such bonds in the amount of \$5,900,000 are about to mature and should be renewed in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,900,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That it is necessary to issue bonds of this County in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,900,000 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of the Project, including "financing costs" as defined in Section 133.01 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That such bonds of this County shall be issued in said principal amount for the purpose aforesaid under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code. Said bonds shall be dated approximately August 1, 2023, shall bear interest at the rate of approximately seven percent (7%) per annum, payable semiannually, and shall mature in substantially equal annual installments over a period not exceeding twenty-six (26) years.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby determined that notes (hereinafter called the "Notes") in the principal amount of not to exceed \$5,900,000 shall be issued in anticipation of the issuance of said bonds. The Notes shall (i) be issued in such principal amount, (ii) be dated the date of their issuance, (iii) mature not more than one (1) year from such date of issuance; (iv) bear interest at a rate per annum not exceeding five percent (5%) per annum, which interest shall be payable at maturity, (v) be issued in such numbers and denominations of \$100,000 or more as may be requested by the purchaser, and (vi) be payable as to both principal and interest in federal funds of the United States of America at the office of a bank or trust company designated to serve as the paying agent, registrar and transfer agent (the "Paying Agent and Registrar") for the Notes, all as determined by the County Auditor without further action of this Board of County Commissioners in a certificate of award (the "Certificate of Award"), which determinations shall be conclusive.

The Notes shall not be subject to call for redemption at any time prior to maturity.

The Notes shall be issued in fully-registered form, without coupons, and shall be payable without deduction for exchange, collection or service charges to the person whose name appears on the Note registration records to be maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar as the registered holder thereof.

The Notes shall be transferable by the registered holder thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing at the office of the Paying Agent and Registrar upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent and Registrar. The County and the Paying Agent and Registrar shall not be required to transfer any Note during the 15day period preceding any interest payment date, and no such transfer shall be effective until entered upon the registration records maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar. Upon such transfer, a new Note or Notes of authorized denominations of the same maturity and for the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

This County and the Paying Agent and Registrar may deem and treat the registered holders of the Notes as the absolute owners thereof for all purposes, and neither this County nor the Paying Agent and Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

The Notes shall be designated "Building Improvement and Renovation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 (Third Renewal)" or as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Award.

SECTION 4. That the Notes shall bear the signatures of at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, provided that all of such signatures may be facsimiles. The Notes shall express on their faces the purpose for which they are issued and that they are issued pursuant to this resolution. The Notes shall bear the manual authenticating signature of an authorized representative of the Paying Agent and Registrar.

SECTION 5. That the Notes shall be sold to one or more entities designated or defined as such in the Certificate of Award (the "Purchaser") at not less than 100% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued interest to the date of delivery, as determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award without further action of this Board pursuant to the Purchaser's offer to purchase which such officer is hereby authorized to accept. The proceeds from such sale, except any premium or accrued interest thereon, shall be used for the purpose aforesaid and for no other purpose, and for which purpose said proceeds are hereby appropriated. Any premium and accrued interest shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of principal and interest of the Notes in the manner provided by law. The Notes may be issued and sold on a consolidated basis with other notes of this County pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code and a consolidating resolution adopted by this Board of County Commissioners on this date if the County Auditor so determines, in which event, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. Such Note issue is referred to herein as the "Consolidated Note Issue".

SECTION 6. That the Notes shall be the full general obligations of this County, and the full faith, credit and revenue of this County are hereby pledged for the prompt payment of the same. The principal amount received from the sale of the bonds anticipated by the Notes and any excess fund resulting from the issuance of the Notes shall, to the extent necessary, be used only for the retirement of the Notes at maturity, together with interest thereon and is hereby pledged for such purpose.

SECTION 7. That during the year or years while the Notes run there shall be levied upon all of the taxable property in this County in addition to all other taxes, a direct tax annually not less than that which would have been levied if bonds had been issued without the prior issue of the Notes; provided, however, that in each year to the extent the Revenues and other moneys are available for the payment of the Notes and bonds and are appropriated for such purpose, the amount of such tax shall be reduced by the amount of such Revenues and other moneys so available and appropriated.

SECTION 8. That said tax shall be and is hereby ordered computed, certified, levied and extended upon the tax duplicate and collected by the same officers in the same manner and at the same time that taxes for general purposes for each of said years are certified, extended and collected. Said tax shall be placed before and in preference to all other items and for the full amount thereof. The funds derived from said tax levy hereby required, or from the other described sources, shall be placed in a separate and distinct fund, which together with all interest collected on the same, shall be pledged irrevocably for the payment of the principal and interest of the Notes or the bonds in anticipation of which they are issued when and as the same fall due.

SECTION 9. That this Board of County Commissioners hereby covenants that it will restrict the use of the proceeds of the Notes hereby authorized in such manner and to such extent, if any, as may be necessary, after taking into account reasonable expectations at the time the debt is incurred, so that they will not constitute "arbitrage bonds" under Sections 103(b)(2) and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the regulations prescribed thereunder and will, to the extent possible, comply with all other applicable provisions of the Code and the regulations thereunder in order to retain the Federal income tax exemption for interest on the Notes, including any expenditure requirements, investment limitations, rebate requirements or use restrictions. The County Auditor or any other officer having responsibility with respect to the issuance of the Notes is authorized and directed to give an appropriate certificate on behalf of the County on the date of delivery of the Notes for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings, setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances and reasonable expectations pertaining to the use of the proceeds thereof and the provisions of the Code and the regulations thereunder.

The Notes may be designated or deemed designated as “qualified taxexempt obligations” to the extent permitted by Section 265(b)(3) of the Code, as determined by the County Auditor without further action of this Board in the Certificate of Award. If so designated by the County Auditor, the County Auditor shall find and determine that the reasonable anticipated amount of qualified taxexempt obligations (other than private activity bonds) which will be issued by the County during this calendar year does not and will covenant on behalf of this Board that, during such year, the amount of taxexempt obligations issued by the County and designated as “qualified taxexempt obligations” for such purpose will not exceed \$10,000,000. The County Auditor and other appropriate officers, and any of them, are authorized to take such actions and give such certifications on behalf of the County with respect to the reasonably anticipated amount of taxexempt obligations to be issued by the County during this calendar year and with respect to such other matters as appropriate under Section 265(b)(3).

SECTION 10. That the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP be and is hereby retained as bond counsel to the County to prepare the necessary authorization and related closing documents for the issuance, sale and delivery of the Notes and, if appropriate, rendering its approving legal opinion in connection therewith in accordance with the written agreement presently on file with the County which at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are each hereby separately authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County, with such changes thereto not substantially adverse to the County as may be approved by such officers. The approval of such changes by such officers, and that the same are not substantially adverse to the County, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such agreement by such officers. Such law firm shall be compensated by the County for the above services in accordance with such written agreement.

SECTION 11. That at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are separately hereby authorized, alone or with others, to execute and deliver an agreement with the Paying Agent and Registrar for its services as paying agent, registrar and transfer agent for the Notes as a part of the Consolidated Notes Issue in such form as such officer may approve, the execution thereof by such officer to be conclusive evidence of such authorization and approval.

SECTION 12. That the County Auditor, at least any two members of this Board of County Commissioners, or any other authorized individuals, individually or in any combination, are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements, certificates, and other documentation in order to effectuate the issuance and delivery of the Notes.

SECTION 13. That the Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor.

SECTION 14. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 15. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Dutton seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Mr. Meyer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Dutton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Echemann \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED, this 29th day of June, 2022.

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION CONSOLIDATING UP TO TWO BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE COUNTY OF BELMONT, OHIO INTO A CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE, AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF SUCH CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the resolution consolidating up to two bond anticipation note issues of the county of Belmont, Ohio into a consolidated note issue, and establishing the terms of such consolidated note issue.

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The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Belmont, Ohio, met in regular session at 9:00 o’clock a.m., on June 29, 2022, at the commissioners meeting room located in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, with the following members present:

Mr. Meyer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Dutton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Echemann \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Meyer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

COUNTY OF BELMONT, OHIO  
RESOLUTION NO. N/A

RESOLUTION CONSOLIDATING UP TO TWO BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE ISSUES OF THE COUNTY OF BELMONT, OHIO INTO A CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE, AND ESTABLISHING THE TERMS OF SUCH CONSOLIDATED NOTE ISSUE.

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners has adopted two resolutions authorizing the following general obligation bond anticipation note issues pursuant to Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code for the purposes indicated: (i) not to exceed \$2,905,000 Road Improvement Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 (Fifth Renewal) for the purpose of renewing notes previously issued for the purpose of paying part of the costs of constructing road improvements in the Mall Road area of the County; and (ii) not to exceed \$5,900,000 Building Improvement and Renovation Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022 (Third Renewal) for the purpose of renewing notes previously issued for the purpose of paying part of the costs of acquiring and renovating two buildings to house agencies, departments, boards, commissions, or courts of the County, with related furniture, fixtures and equipment (such note issues are collectively referred to as the “2022 Series Notes”); and

WHEREAS, this Board of County Commissioners desires to authorize the issuance and sale of some or all of the 2022 Series Notes on a consolidated basis pursuant to Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code and this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 133.30(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, some or all of the 2022 Series Notes, as determined by the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award, as hereinafter defined, without further action of this Board of County Commissioners, shall be consolidated into a single note issue which shall be designated “Various Purpose Refunding Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2022” or as otherwise provided in the Certificate of Award (such consolidated notes are hereinafter referred to as the “Consolidated Notes”).

SECTION 2. That the Consolidated Notes shall be issued under authority of the general laws of the State of Ohio, particularly Chapter 133 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Consolidated Notes shall (i) be dated as of the same date as the 2022 Series Notes included in the Consolidated Notes, (ii) be in a principal amount equal to the sum of the aggregate principal amounts of such 2022 Series Notes, (iii) be numbered from R1 upwards in order of issuance, (iv) be of the denominations of \$100,000 or more requested by the purchaser, (v) mature on the date such 2022 Series Notes mature in an amount equal to the sum of the maturity amounts for such 2022 Series Notes for such date, and (vi) bear interest payable at maturity at a rate equal to the rate of interest on such 2022 Series Notes.

The Consolidated Notes shall not be subject to call for redemption at any time prior to maturity, unless otherwise set forth in the Certificate of Award.

It is hereby determined by this Board of County Commissioners that the issuance of the Consolidated Notes provided herein are in the best interests of the County and that the maturity provisions set forth above are consistent with the aggregate of the separate maturities of the respective resolutions authorizing the 2022 Series Notes.

SECTION 3. That the Consolidated Notes shall express upon their faces a summary statement of purposes encompassing the purposes stated in the resolutions authorizing the 2022 Series Notes and that they are issued in pursuance of this resolution. The Consolidated Notes shall be in fully registered form without coupons, shall bear the signatures of at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor, provided that all of such signatures may be facsimile signatures. The Consolidated Notes shall be payable as to both principal and interest in federal funds of the United States of America at the office of a bank or trust company to be designated the County Auditor in the Certificate of Award (as hereinafter defined) without further action of this Board of County Commissioners as the paying agent, registrar and transfer agent (the "Paying Agent and Registrar") for the Notes, without deduction for exchange, collection or service charges, to the person whose name appears on the Note registration records as the registered holder thereof. The Consolidated Notes shall bear the manual authenticating signature of an authorized representative of the Paying Agent and Registrar.

The Consolidated Notes shall be transferable by the registered holder thereof in person or by his attorney duly authorized in writing at the office of the Paying Agent and Registrar upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Paying Agent and Registrar. The County and the Paying Agent and Registrar shall not be required to transfer any Consolidated Note during the 15day period preceding any interest payment date, and no such transfer shall be effective until entered upon the registration records maintained by the Paying Agent and Registrar. Upon such transfer, a new Consolidated Note or Notes of authorized denominations of the same maturity and for the same aggregate principal amount shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor.

The County and the Paying Agent and Registrar may deem and treat the registered holders of the Consolidated Notes as the absolute owners thereof for all purposes, and neither the County nor the Paying Agent and Registrar shall be affected by any notice to the contrary.

SECTION 4. That the provisions of the respective resolutions authorizing the 2022 Series Notes included in the Consolidated Notes relating to security and sources of payment, federal tax status of such 2022 Series Notes and of interest payable thereon, are hereby incorporated by reference into this resolution and the Consolidated Notes.

SECTION 5. That the Consolidated Notes shall be sold to one or more entities designated or defined as such in the Certificate of Award (the "Purchaser") at not less than 100% of the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date of delivery, as determined by the County Auditor without further action of this Board of County Commissioners in a certificate of award (the "Certificate of Award") pursuant to the Purchaser's offer to purchase which such officer is hereby authorized to accept. The Clerk, acting as the Clerk of this Board, at least two members of this Board or the County Auditor, or any of them, are hereby separately authorized, alone or with others, to execute and deliver a purchase agreement for the Consolidated Notes (the "Purchase Agreement") in such form as may be approved by the officer executing the same, such officer's execution thereof on behalf of the County to be conclusive evidence of such authorization and approval, and to make the necessary arrangements with the Purchaser to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for the delivery of the Consolidated Notes to the Purchaser, to give all appropriate notices and certificates and to take all steps necessary to effect the due execution and delivery of the Consolidated Notes pursuant to the provisions of the Purchase Agreement. The proceeds from the sale of the Consolidated Notes, except as any premium and accrued interest received, shall be apportioned, deposited and credited in accordance with Section 133.32 of the Ohio Revised Code to the respective purposes and funds in accordance with the amount of each issue of 2022 Series Notes and for which purposes such proceeds are hereby appropriated. Any premium and accrued interest received from such sale shall be transferred to the bond retirement fund to be applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the Consolidated Notes in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 6. That for purposes of this resolution, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Book entry form" or "book entry system" means a form or system under which (i) the beneficial right to payment of principal of and interest on the Consolidated Notes may be transferred only through a book entry, and (ii) physical Consolidated Note certificates in fully registered form are issued only to the Depository or its nominee as registered owner, with the Consolidated Notes "immobilized" to the custody of the Depository, and the book entry maintained by others than this County is the record that identifies the owners of beneficial interests in those Consolidated Notes and that principal and interest.

"Depository" means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, together with its Participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership of beneficial interests in Consolidated Notes or principal and interest, and to effect transfers of Consolidated Notes, in book entry form, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), New York, New York.

"Participant" means any participant contracting with a Depository under a book entry system and includes security brokers and dealers, banks and trust companies, and clearing corporations.

All or any portion of the Consolidated Notes may be initially issued to a Depository for use in a book entry system, and the provisions of this Section shall apply to such Consolidated Notes, notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution. If and as long as a book entry system is utilized with respect to any of such Consolidated Notes: (i) there shall be a single Consolidated Note of each maturity; (ii) those Consolidated Notes shall be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee, as registered owner, and immobilized in the custody of the Depository; (iii) the beneficial owners of Consolidated Notes in book entry form shall have no right to receive Consolidated Notes in the form of physical securities or certificates; (iv) ownership of beneficial interests in any Consolidated Notes in book entry form shall be shown by book entry on the system maintained and operated by the Depository and its Participants, and transfers of the ownership of beneficial interests shall be made only by book entry by the Depository and its Participants; and (v) the Consolidated Notes as such shall not be transferable or exchangeable, except for transfer to another Depository or to another nominee of a Depository, without further action by this County. Debt service charges on Consolidated Notes in book entry form registered in the name of a Depository or its nominee shall be payable in the manner provided in this County's agreement with the Depository to the Depository or its authorized representative (i) in the case of interest, on each interest payment date, and (ii) in all other cases, upon presentation and surrender of Consolidated Notes as provided in this resolution.

The Paying Agent and Registrar may, with the approval of this County, enter into an agreement with the beneficial owner or registered owner of any Consolidated Note in the custody of a Depository providing for making all payments to that owner of principal and interest on that Consolidated Note or any portion thereof (other than any payment of the entire unpaid principal amount thereof) at a place and in a manner (including wire transfer of federal funds) other than as provided in this resolution, without prior presentation or surrender of the Consolidated Note, upon any conditions which shall be satisfactory to the Paying Agent and Registrar. That payment in any event shall be made to the person who is the registered owner of that Consolidated Note on the date that principal is due, or, with respect to the payment of interest, as of the applicable date agreed upon as the case may be. The Paying Agent and Registrar shall furnish a copy of each of those agreements, certified to be correct by the Paying Agent and Registrar, to any other paying agents for the Consolidated Notes. Any payment of principal or interest pursuant to such an agreement shall constitute payment thereof pursuant to, and for all purposes of, this resolution.

The County Auditor is authorized and directed without further action of this Board of County Commissioners to execute, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of this County, a blanket letter agreement between this County and The Depository Trust Company, as Depository, to be delivered in connection with the issuance of the Consolidated Notes to the Depository for use in a book entry system, and to take all other actions they deem appropriate in issuing the Consolidated Notes under a book entry system.

If any Depository determines not to continue to act as Depository for the Consolidated Notes for use in a book entry system, this County and the Paying Agent and Registrar may attempt to establish a securities depository/book entry relationship with another qualified Depository under this resolution. If this County and the Paying Agent and Registrar do not or are unable to do so, this County and the Paying Agent and Registrar, after the Paying Agent and Registrar has made provision for notification of the beneficial owners by the then Depository, shall permit withdrawal of the Consolidated Notes from the Depository and authenticate and deliver Consolidated Note certificates in fully registered form to the assigns of the Depository or its nominee, all at the cost and expense (including costs of printing definitive Consolidated Notes), if the event is not the result of action or inaction by this County or the Paying Agent and Registrar, of those persons requesting such issuance.

SECTION 7. That the County Auditor is hereby authorized without further action of this Board of County Commissioners to execute and deliver an agreement with the Paying Agent and Registrar for its services as paying agent, registrar and transfer agent for the Consolidated Notes, in each case in such form as such officer may approve, the execution thereof by such officer to be conclusive evidence of such authorization and approval.

SECTION 8. That the law firm of Dinsmore & Shohl LLP be and is hereby retained as bond counsel to the County to prepare the necessary authorization and related closing documents for the issuance, sale and delivery of the Consolidated Notes and, if appropriate, rendering its approving legal opinion in connection therewith in accordance with the written agreement presently on file with the County which at least two members of this Board of County Commissioners and the County Auditor are each hereby separately authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the County, with such changes thereto not substantially adverse to the County as may be approved by such officers. The approval of such changes by such officers, and that the same are not substantially adverse to the County, shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of such agreement by such officers. Such law firm shall be compensated by the County for the above

SECTION 9. That the County Auditor, at least any two members of this Board of County Commissioners, or any other authorized individuals, individually or in any combination, are hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary agreements, certificates, and other documentation in order to effectuate the issuance and delivery of the Consolidated Notes.

SECTION 10. That the Clerk of this Board of County Commissioners, is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the County Auditor.

SECTION 11. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of County Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 12. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Mr. Dutton seconded the resolution, and the roll being called upon the question of its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

AYES: Mr. Meyer \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Dutton \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Echemann \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED, this 29th day of June, 2022.

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer said the \$2.9 road improvement note is money the Engineer took out a couple of years ago for slip repairs that is related to FEMA dollars. The \$5.9 million is in regards to the former Health Plan building that now houses the Justice Office Complex. Over one-half of that has been paid off.

**IN THE MATTER OF EXECUTING THE OAKVIEW JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER'S BUDGET REQUEST FY 2023**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to authorize Belmont County Commission President Josh Meyer to execute the Oakview Juvenile Residential Center's Budget Request to the Ohio Department of Youth Services-Community Corrections Facilities Grant for FY 2023 in the amount of \$1,551,277.80.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO THE GRANT AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES AND OAKVIEW JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to authorize Belmont County Commission President Josh Meyer to sign and enter into the Grant Agreement for Community Corrections Facilities between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services and the Oakview Juvenile Residential Center in the amount of \$1,551,277.80 for the period beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

**Ohio Department of Youth Services  
GRANT AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITIES**

This Grant Agreement is made and entered into by and between the State of Ohio, Department of Youth Services (hereinafter referred to as "Department") and the Oakview Juvenile Residential Center (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee") located in Belmont County.

The Grantee has made application to the Department to fund a sixteen-bed facility and has submitted a grant plan for the use of these funds. The Department approves funding for the Grantee in the sum of **\$1,551,277.80** for the period beginning **July 1, 2022**, and ending **June 30, 2023**, subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

**A. TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. The Grantee agrees to implement the plan as outlined in the grant application submitted by the Grantee and approved by the Department (including any conditions hereafter imposed by the Department for purposes of provisional approval), which is attached hereto as Appendix A, and incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Grantee agrees to comply with Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 5139-36-03, "Administration of community corrections facilities: responsibilities of the grantee," and 5139-36-05, "Fiscal management and budgetary requirements," and Ohio Revised Code Section 5139.36, and other related sections.
3. The obligations of the Department under this agreement are subject to the determination of the Director that sufficient funds have been appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department for the purposes of this agreement and to the certification of the availability of such funds by the Director of Budget and Management as required by R.C. 126.07.
4. The initial amount of funding approved by the Department under this agreement is subject to quarterly review by the Department and may be increased or reduced based upon occupancy, operational and maintenance needs of the Facility and availability of funds. Budget adjustments will not be made without this review. The Facility will be notified in writing of any change in the initial funding within 10 working days after the review of the budget. The decision of the Director shall be final and is not appealable.
5. The Grantee agrees that it will not employ as staff, or on a contract basis, any employee of the Department.

6. The Grantee agrees that the director of the CCF is under the supervision of the governing board and as such the hiring, termination and any disciplinary actions will be a collective decision of the board.
7. The Grantee will make its best efforts to augment the funding received from the Department through other funding resources, including but not limited to: tuition reimbursement, Medicaid, NSLA, and other sources identified by the Department.
8. The Grantee agrees that the only youth admitted and served by the Facility shall be those who would have otherwise been committed to the Department.
9. The Grantee agrees that the approved funds shall only be used to support operations and maintenance costs of the Facility and shall not be used for the provision of aftercare services.

**B. PROGRAM EVALUATION:**

1. The Grantee shall maintain statistical records for the grant in the format and frequency as established by the Department.
2. The Grantee shall prepare and submit to the Department a report comprised of statistical data pursuant to the Department's instructions.
3. The Grantee shall prepare and submit to the Department reports comprised of the statistical data set forth above based upon the time frame established by the Department.
4. The Grantee agrees to maintain intake and assessment forms for each youth referred or placed in the Facility.
5. The Grantee acknowledges that failure to comply with Items (B) (1) through (4) of this Grant Agreement may result in delayed grant payments to the Grantee.

**C. COMPLIANCE:**

1. The Grantee agrees that it will cooperate with and provide any additional information as may be required by the Department to fulfill its obligation in the administration and evaluation of the facility and program.
2. The Grantee understands that failure to comply with the rules of Chapter 5139-36 of the Ohio Administrative Code, which are applicable under this Grant Agreement, may be cause for the Director of the Department of Youth Services to terminate further funding. Furthermore, the Grant Agreement may be terminated by the Department if:
  - a. There has been a reduction in the quality and extent of the program services.



- b. There has been a financial or audit disclosure involving misuse of state funds.
  - c. A substantial reduction in commitments to the Department is not achieved, as indicated in the approved plan.
  - d. Program modifications required by the Department are not made.
3. The Grantee agrees to compensate the Department for the costs of any audit performed by the Auditor of State which is deemed necessary by the Department.
4. The Grantee understands that, per OAC 5139-36-07 (D), fiscal audit findings, once resolved, shall be paid from the governing county's general fund. The governing county's fiscal agent shall be required to refund to the department from the governing county's general fund the amount of the fiscal finding within forty-five days of notification unless an appeal of the exception is filed. For a multi-county facility, the amount of the fiscal finding may be refunded to the department, in accordance with a multi-county agreement, from the general revenue fund of multiple counties, provided that all counties in the multi-county facility have agreed as documented through the terms of the annual grant agreement signed by all the counties.

**D.TERMINATION:**

1. The Department shall provide written notice to the Grantee of any intention to terminate funding. This notice will be provided thirty (30) days prior to any such action being taken.
2. The Grantee shall have thirty (30) days following the receipt of such notice to present a request for reconsideration to the Director of the Department of Youth Services. The decision of the Director shall be final and is not appealable.
3. Either the Department or the Grantee may terminate this agreement without cause, by providing the other party written notification of the date of the termination, which shall not be less than thirty (30) days from the date of the written notice.

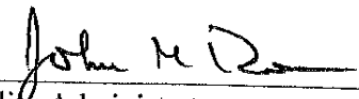
E. AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES:

THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH SERVICES:

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Director

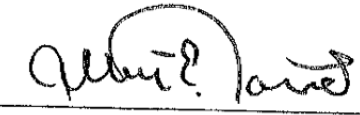
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FACILITY:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Facility Administrator  
Community Correctional Facility

6/24/22  
Date

GOVERNING BOARD (one for each member):

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Governing Board President  
Judge Albert E. Davies  
Belmont County Juvenile Court  
St. Clairsville, Ohio

6/27/22  
Date

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Physical Plant Site):

  
\_\_\_\_\_

6/29/22  
Date

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

**Discussion-** Mr. Dutton said the county only has one general fund debt which is the building project. The other is for the Engineer's office, those are a separate budget and separate funds. Mr. Dutton said they have a schedule to pay off the general fund debt, Casino funds are used to make the payments. He added it is a good state of where the county is from a debt perspective. Mr. Meyer said when debt is paid down it allows flexibility to do other things.

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:59 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to exit executive session at 9:59 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 for the board to consider at this time.

**RECESS**

**10:00 Bid Opening-Engineer's Project 22-4**

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 22-4 BEL-CR5-13.52/16.27, BEL-CR5-16.60/17.51 AND BEL-CR26-0.00/1.25 PAVING PROJECT**

This being the day and 10:00a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Engineers Project 22-4 BEL-CR5-13.52/16.27, BEL-CR5-16.60/17.51 AND BEL-CR26-0.00/1.25 Paving Project they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Shelly & Sands P.O. Box 66 Rayland, OH 43943	X	\$968,252.55
NLS Paving, Inc. 67925 Bayberry Drive, Suite B St. Clairsville, OH 43950	X	\$1,092,001.90
Cast & Baker, Inc. 2214 Washington Road Canonsburg, PA 15317	X	\$1,262,182.00

Engineers Estimate: \$888,571.00

Present for the bid opening: Terry Lively, Belmont County Engineer, Dan Boltz, Belmont County Assistant Engineer, Meghan Temple, Shelly & Sands, Dave Lash, Cast & Baker and Rick Oberdick, NLS Paving.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Engineer's **Project 22-4 BEL-CR5-13.52/16.27, BEL-CR5-16.60/17.51 & BEL-CR26-0.00/1.25** 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

**RECESS**

Mr. Lively said both Project 22-4 and Project 22-5 are OPWC projects. This is the first time Belmont County Engineer's Department has received two OPWC projects in the same year. Paving is long overdue on these roads. The work should begin later this summer.

**10:15 Bid Opening-Engineer's Project 22-5**

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 22-5 BEL-CR44-1.13/4.30 PAVING PROJECT**

This being the day and 10:15a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Engineers Project 22-5 BEL-CR44-1.13/4.30 Paving Project they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Shelly & Sands P.O. Box 66 Rayland, OH 43943	X	\$765,111.50
NLS Paving, Inc. 67925 Bayberry Drive, Suite B St. Clairsville, OH 43950	X	\$799,601.35
Cast & Baker, Inc. 2214 Washington Road Canonsburg, PA 15317	X	\$976,717.00

Engineers Estimate: \$701,559.00

Present for the bid opening: Terry Lively, Belmont County Engineer, Dan Boltz, Belmont County Assistant Engineer, Meghan Temple, Shelly & Sands, Dave Lash, Cast & Baker and Rick Oberdick, NLS Paving.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Engineer's **Project 22-5 BELCR44-1.13/4.30 Paving Project** 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

**Recess until Road Improvement 1186 viewing.**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF KENTUCKY AVENUE COLERAIN TWP. SEC. 7, T-7, R-3/RD IMP 1186**

Office of County Commissioner  
 Belmont County, Ohio

**Journal Entry--Order Upon view of Proposed Improvement**

**ORDER TO COUNTY ENGINEER  
Rev. Code. Sec. 5553.06**

Petitioned for by freeholders and others

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio met in regular session on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, at the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

Mr. Meyer  
Mr. Dutton  
Mr. Echemann

Mr. Meyer moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, the time heretofore fixed for view of the proposed improvement, we, the Board of County Commissioners having jurisdiction in said matter, went upon the line of said proposed improvement and made personal view of the proposed route and termini thereof, and after full investigation and due consideration of all the facts and conditions pertaining thereto; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we do find and consider said improvement of sufficient public importance to instruct the County Engineer to make an accurate survey and plat of the same, and furnish an accurate and detailed description of the proposed improvement describing the center line and right of way lines thereof.

Said County Engineer shall also furnish an accurate and detailed description of each tract of land which he believes will be necessary to be taken in the event the proposed improvement be made, together with the name of each owner.

Said County Engineer shall also, at the time of making such survey, set stakes at the termini of each right of way line and at all angles between such termini, and at sufficient other points on the right of way lines so that the bounds of the proposed improvement may be discernible to property owners and other interested persons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the said County Engineer be and he is hereby directed to make a report in writing to this Board, on or before the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022 the date fixed for the final hearing, setting forth the opinion of said County Engineer either for or against said proposed improvement, <sup>2</sup> and the width to which said improvement shall be opened, which shall not be less than thirty feet; said report shall be accompanied by said plat and detailed and accurate descriptions, and filed with the County Commissioners, and this case is continued unto said date.

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

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

Adopted June 29, 2022

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

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1. *"Locating," "establishing," "altering," "widening," "straightening," "vacating," or "changing direction of."*
  2. *Strike out the clause from "and feet," if a road is not to be located or established*

**Reconvened at 2:06 p.m. with Commissioners Meyer, Dutton and Echemann present with no further business to be had.**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 2:06 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 6th day of July, 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