

St. Clairsville, Ohio

October 12, 2022

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

MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING RECORDED
ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE SUMMARIZED. FOR COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS
PLEASE SEE CORRESPONDING CD FOR THIS MEETING DAY.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING RECAPITULATION OF VOUCHERS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign all bills that have been certified in the Auditor's office and considered by the Board. It is hereby ordered that the County Auditor issue her warrant on the County Treasurer in payment of the bills allowed:

IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$633,918.40

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0082-A002-C20.010 Supplies	E-0082-A002-C31.002 Salaries Employees	\$3,148.50
E-0131-A006-A05.002 Maintenance-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A03.010 Supplies	\$5,000.00
E-0131-A006-A05.002 Maintenance-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A08.000 Food	\$23,808.00
E-0131-A006-A05.002 Maintenance-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A10.000 Transport Prisoners	\$15,000.00
E-0131-A006-A05.002 Maintenance-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A17.012 Cruiser Repair	\$10,000.00
E-0131-A006-A05.002 Maintenance-Salaries	E-0131-A006-A19.000 Clothing	\$5,000.32

S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0910-S033-S45.004 Workers Comp	E-0910-S033-S44.003 PERS	\$7,500.00

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 October 12, 2022, meeting:

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0061-A002-B05.000	Intense Probation-Clerk of Courts	\$15,293.56
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Salaries-Road	\$1,000.00

N03 FEMA PROJECTS/ENGINEER

E-9003-N003-N03.055	Engineering Services	\$34,515.50
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S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS

E-0910-S033-S33.002	Salaries	\$35,000.00
E-0910-S033-S44.003	OPERS/STRS	\$5,000.00

S81 PROBATE COURT-COMPUTER FUND

E-1581-S081-S08.000	Computer Expenses	\$5,471.00
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S85 JUVENILE COURT-COMPUTER FUND

E-1582-S085-S08.000	Computer Expenses	\$712.95
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S96 JUVENILE COURT-GEN SPEC PROJECTS

E-1589-S096-S08.002	Salary	\$1,500.00
E-1589-S096-S09.000	Fringes	\$500.00
E-1589-S096-S12.000	Other Expenses	\$651.73

Y41 INDIGENT APPLICATION FEES

E-9841-Y041-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$325.80
E-9841-Y041-Y02.000	Remit to County	\$1,303.20

Y42 RECOUPMENT FEES INDIGENT

E-9842-Y042-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$400.00
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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 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR

HOSPITALIZATION CHARGEBACKS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2022

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to make the following transfer of funds for

Hospitalization Chargebacks for the months of September and October 2022

From:		To:	
NUMBER	ACCOUNT	NUMBER	AMOUNT
E-0170-A006-G10.000	PUBLIC DEFENDER	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	16,755.08
E-0181-A003-A11.000	BD OF ELECTIONS	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	19,912.66
E-0300-A008-B01.002	CHEST CLINIC	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-0910-S033-S47.006	DETENTION HOME	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	44,195.76

E-1210-S078-S14.006	COUNTY RECORDER	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-1310-J000-J06.000	REAL ESTATE	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	10,094.50
E-1410-W082-T07.006	DRETAC-TREAS	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-1510-W081-P07.006	DRETAC-PROSECUTOR	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,520.92
E-1511-W080-P07.006	PROS-VICTIM	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-1518-S075-S03.002	MHAS SUBSIDY GRANT	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,760.46
E-1520-S077-S04.006	CORRECTIONS ACT	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,520.92
E-1544-S054-S05.000	COMMON PLEAS/GEN SP/MED	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-1545-S055-S02.002	TARGETED COMM ALTERN	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,760.46
E-1546-S056-S04.001	PROBATION SERVICE GRANT	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	4,856.62
E-1600-B000-B13.006	DOG & KENNEL	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	7,241.43
E-1600-B000-B13.006	D/K AUDITOR CLERK	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-1810-L001-L14.000	SOIL CONSERVATION	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,335.70
E-1815-L005-L15.006	WATERSHED COORD.	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	667.85
E-2310-S049-S63.000	MENTAL HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	17,466.43
E-2410-S066-S80.000	BCBDD-MAIN FUND	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	171,441.58
E-2510-H000-H16.006	HUMAN SERVICES	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	179,401.96
E-2760-H010-H12.006	CHILD SUPPORT	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	24,283.10
E-2811-K200-K10.006	K-1	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,335.70
E-2811-K200-K10.006	K-2	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2812-K000-K20.006	K-11	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	61,738.94
E-2813-K000-K39.006	K-25	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	18,090.78
E-4110-T075-T52.008	WIC	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	7,041.84
E-5005-S070-S06.006	SENIOR SERVICE PROG	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	121,649.80
E-6010-S079-S07.006	CLRK OF COURTS	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	10,919.90
E-1561-S086-S03.006	Northern Court-Special	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,520.92
E-1571-S087-S03.006	Eastern Court - Special	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,520.92
E-1551-S088-S03.006	Western Court-Special	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,520.92
E-8010-S030-S68.006	OAKVIEW JUVENILE	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	37,517.26
E-9799-S012-S02.006	Port Authority	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,335.70
	WATER DEPARTMENT		
E-3702-P005-P31.000	WWS #3 Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	74,528.31
E-3705-P053-P15.000	SSD #2 Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	21,016.51
	COUNTY HEALTH		
E-2210-E001-E15.006	County Health	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	17,246.32
E-2233-F085-F01.002	Child & Family Health Services	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,816.10
E-2211-F069-F04.000	Trailer Park	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	264.06
E-2227-F074-F06.000	Home Sewage Treatment Syst.	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,344.88
E-2213-F075-F02.003	Vital Stats	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-2231-F083-F01.002	Public Health Em Preparedness	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	594.92
E-2232-F084-F02.008	Visiting Nurse	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,372.03
E-2229-F081-F01.001	Public Health EM Readiness	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	5,123.76
E-2215-F077-F01.002	Reproductive Health & Wellness	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	133.58
E-2216-F078-F02.002	Tobacco	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-2236-F088-F01.002	Get Vaccinated Program	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	528.14
E-2237-F089-F01.002	Intregated Naloxone Access/Infrat	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	554.86
E-2218-G000-G06.003	Food Services	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	5,633.48
E-2230-F082-F01.002	Personal Responsibility Ed. Prog.	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	

E-2219-N050-N05.000	Water Systems	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	264.06
E-2220-P070-P01.002	Swimming Pools/Spa	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	158.44
JUV COURT/GRANTS			
E-0400-M067-M05.008	Alternative School	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,335.70
E-0400-M060-M64.008	Care and Custody	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-0400-M060-M29.008	Care & Custody (C-Cap)	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	
E-0400-M078-M02.008	Title IV-E Reimbursement	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	7,041.84
TOTALS			921,365.10

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 October 12, 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-Lori Bittengle, Ashley Bobek, and Valarie Gardner to Wooster, OH, on October 27, 2022, to attend the E. Central Ohio District Directors' Association Fall Retreat. Estimated expenses: \$ 1,105.00.

SSOBC-Belmont County Senior Centers to Wheeling, WV, on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November for a senior outing to the Howard Long Wellness Center. Melissa Finney to Moundsville, WV, on November 4, 2022, for a senior outing to the Dollar Store, Goodwill and Mason Dixon BBQ Company. Marilyn Passmore to Moundsville, WV, on November 22, 2022, for a senior outing to the Prima Marina Restaurant. David Ward to Wheeling, WV, on November 29, 2022, for a senior outing to the Stifel Center for the Festival of Trees. 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 October 5, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESCEDULING COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to hold the board's regular meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022, instead of Wednesday, October 19, 2022, due to a scheduling conflict and to notify the media of the same.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF UNSPECIFIED DONATIONS /DOG & KENNEL FUND

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to acknowledge receipt of \$12,282.87 in unspecified donations to the Belmont County Dog and Kennel fund for the third quarter of 2022, as follows: \$2,707.89 for July, \$7,035.77 for August and \$2,539.21 for September.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF UNSPECIFIED DONATIONS /ANIMAL SHELTER GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to acknowledge receipt of \$42.76 in unspecified donations to the Animal Shelter (general fund) for the third quarter of 2022, as follows: \$27.48 for July, \$7.56 for August and \$7.72 for September.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO MODIFY

THE PRESENT SPEED LIMIT ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio met in regular session on the 12th day of October, 2022 with the following members present:

Josh Meyer, President

J. P. Dutton

Jerry Echemann

Mr. Meyer moved the adoption of the following:

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO MODIFY THE PRESENT SPEED LIMIT ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS

WHEREAS, a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Section 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on:

County Road 14 Farmington Road (from CR-10 Blaine-Barton Road proceeding east 2.272 miles along CR 14 to US 250 Colerain Road), and County Road 26 Twenty-six Road (from the Bethesda corporation limit proceeding north 2.678 miles along CR 26 to the Morrystown corporation limit), and

County Road 42 Fulton Hill Road (from SR 147 Key-Bellaire Road proceeding east 0.575 miles along CR 42 to approximately 54535 CR 42 Fulton Hill Road), and

County Road 42 Fulton Hill Road (from approximately 55469 CR 42 proceeding east 1.823 miles along CR 42 to SR 147 Key-Bellaire Road), and

County Road 54 Pipe Creek Road (from Mead Twp. TR-293 Kirkland Hill Road proceeding east 1.432 miles along CR 54 to SR 7 Powhatan-Shadyside Road), and

County Road 80 Pogue Road (from CR 84 Oak View Road proceeding north 0.500 miles along CR 84 to US 40 National Road), and

County Road 100 McMillan Road (from SR-147 Barnesville-Bethesda Road proceeding north 0.892 miles along CR 100 to 0.617 miles north of Warren Twp. TR-1584 Oak Lane), and

County Road 214 High Ridge Road (from the I-470 eastbound ramps proceeding east 2.272 miles along CR 214 to Pultney Twp. TR-1427 Breezy Point Lane), and

Wheeling Township TR-216 Fairpoint-Shepherdstown Road (from SR 9 Main Street proceeding north 1.389 miles along TR-216 to 1.197 miles north of Wheeling Twp. TR-1089 Parmik Road)

WHEREAS, this Board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described above, and

WHEREAS, it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic.

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

Section 1, By virtue of the provisions of Section 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio the Director of Transportation is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on the above-referenced County and Township Roads in Belmont County, Ohio.

Section 2, That when this Board is advised that the Director of Transportation has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.

Mr. Dutton seconded the foregoing Resolution.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mr. Meyer _____, Yes

Mr. Dutton _____, Yes

Mr. Echemann _____, Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BELMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BELMONT COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND AFSCME O.C. 8 LOCAL 3073

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the Letter of Understanding between the Belmont County Board of Commissioners, Belmont County Job and Family Services and AFSCME O.C. 8 Local 3073 regarding retention bonuses and on-call supplemental payment.

Letter of Understanding

The Belmont County Board of Commissioners, Belmont County JFS, and AFSCME O.C 8 Local 3073 agree to the following:

Retention Bonuses

1. All Union staff will be awarded a \$500.00 bonus. Date the bonus is to be paid will be determined by the County Auditor but the anticipated payment will be between November 18 and December 2. Any union member who has submitted a letter of resignation prior to the date of payment or with an effective date prior to the date of payment will not be eligible to receive the bonus.

On-Call Supplemental Payment

2. All Children Services case managers will receive a supplemental payment of \$100.00 per day for each day they serve as the on-call worker. Payment will begin October 1, 2022 and continue through June 30, 2023. This payment will be in addition to the amount they receive in accordance with the current collective bargaining agreement.

For the County

Jerry Echemann /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

Josh Meyer /s/

Date: 10-12-22

For the Union

Breen McNally /s/

Date: _____

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer noted this will be paid for by a grant from the state. If not used the funds will need to be sent back to the state.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MODIFICATION #3 TO THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES AND JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC. FOR THE RE-EMPLOYMENT SERVICES AND ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT (RESEA) PROGRAM

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and sign Modification #3 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., for the Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program, extending the contract from September 30, 2022 to March 31, 2023 and adding \$7,047.00.

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.

Modification #3 to the Purchase of the WIOA Performance of Services Contract Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) Period for Revision: September 30, 2022 to March 31, 2023

Purchaser: The Belmont County Department Contractor: Jefferson County

of Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
(740) 695-1075

Community Action Council, Inc.
114 North 4th Street
P. O. Box 130
Steubenville, OH 43952
740-282-0971

This modification is to extend RESEA through March 31, 2023 and add \$7,047. Services under this allocation and contract can include costs incurred December 1, 2021, through March 31, 2023, not to exceed \$70,473.33. All billing must be received and paid by BCDJFS no later than March 31, 2023. All other original terms and conditions of this contract remain in effect.

SIGNATURES

<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u>	10-6-2022
Jeffery Felton, Director	Date
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	10/12/22
J. P. Dutton, Belmont County Commissioner	Date
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	10-12-22
Jerry Echemann, Belmont County Commissioner	Date
<u>Josh Meyer /s/</u>	10/12/22
Josh Meyer, Belmont County Commissioner	Date
<u>Michael K. McGlumphy /s/</u>	9/19/22
Michael K. McGlumphy, CEO	Date
Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc	
<u>Tammy Sanderson /s/</u>	9/19/22
WIA-16 Workforce Development Board Chair	Date
<u>Josh Meyer /s/</u>	10/12/22
WIA-16 Council of Government Chair	Date
Approved as to form:	
<u>Kevin Flanagan /s/</u>	10/12/22
Belmont County Prosecutor	Date

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AT&T LOCAL CALLING ILEC CONFIRMATION OF SERVICE ORDER/EMA

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve and authorize Commission President Josh Meyer to sign the AT&T Local Calling ILEC Confirmation of Service Order for seven (7) phone lines at the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency, in the monthly amount of \$85.00 per line

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

**Chelsea Scott, Executive Director and Bethany Briggs, Legal Advocate, Tri-County Help Center
Re: Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation**

Ms. Scott said this year’s campaign theme is “Every1KnowsSome1.” She said Tri-County Help Center provides 24 hour support through their hotline. They also have legal advocacy services that are provided free to victims of domestic violence that include help navigating the court system and assistance with protection orders. Mental health counseling is also available. Ms. Scott noted the volume of call has decreased since the pandemic, but the number of people staying in shelters has increased. They have increased the maximum length of stay in a shelter due to the housing shortage

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation.

***PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH***

WHEREAS, every person has the right to live in a non-violent home and community. It is the goal of this administration for our communities to be safe; and

WHEREAS, the problem of domestic violence affects all citizens of Belmont County, and is not confined to any particular race, gender, age, social, religious, ethnic, geographic or economic group; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 teenagers, 1 in 4 women, and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence during their lifetime with 1 in 15 children exposed to domestic violence each year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is the third leading cause of homelessness among families; and

WHEREAS, the financial impact of domestic violence through lifetime economic costs associated with medical services, lost productivity from paid work, criminal justice, and other costs was \$3.6 trillion; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy, dignity, security, and humanity due to the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological, and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, only a coordinated community effort will put a stop this heinous crime; and

WHEREAS, survivors of violence should have access to medical, legal, counseling, housing, and other supportive services so that they can escape the cycle of abuse; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the compassion and dedication of the individuals who provide service to victims of domestic violence and work to increase public understanding of this significant problem; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the important work done by Tri-County Help Center, Inc. and other victim service providers, the Belmont County Commissioners do hereby recognize October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month". This month let us remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate domestic violence from our community. Adopted this 12th day of October, 2022.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Echemann /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

Josh Meyer /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

10:00 Public Hearing-Road Improvement 1187

Re: Vacation of a portion of W. Homer Reed Road, Warren & Somerset Township

Present: Andrew Hadzima, Drafting Technician II, Dan Messenger, petitioner and Greg Baymer, resident. Mr. Hadzima said the area is in multiple sections in Warren and Somerset Township. Present at the viewing were Andy Hadzima, County Engineer Terry Lively, Commissioner Josh Meyer, Greg Baymer and Dan Messenger. Mr. Hadzima said Mr. Messenger wants the road be closed due to it has not been a developed road for quite a few years. He also wants to do a fence line and maintenance on his property. Mr. Hadzima said Mr. Baymer opposed the vacation because he wants it left open for possible development and easier access for a portion of his property. He added the road is a public right-of-way, but it is not passable and the townships are not receiving mileage. Mr. Hadzima noted they are receiving mileage on a portion of the road. Mr. Messenger said he has 60 acres of land and wants to build a property line fence for livestock containment and if the road is not vacated it will limit his use. He said the road has been there for at least twenty-one years and the townships have not maintained it. Mr. Baymer said he wants the road kept open. He bought property about five years ago and uses this road for access to the backside of his property. He said there is another road, but it is a private road so he does not have access to it. It is owned by a gas and oil company. If he develops the property he will fix the road to the county's specs. Mr. Baymer said he won't be able to sell the property if it's not a public road. Mr. Hadzima said 1,475 feet of road is being asked to be vacated. Mr. Messenger gave the board a copy of ORC 5553.042 which pertains to losing right to abandoned, unused township road. Mr. Hadzima said Mr. Lively is recommending the road not be vacated. Mr. Baymer said it is already a public road that is on the books. Mr. Meyer said the hearing will be continued for further review.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ROAD HEARING

CONTINUED

Revised Code Sec. 5553.05

IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF] [BEL. CO. COMMISSIONERS
A PORTION OF W. HOMER REED ROAD] [COURT HOUSE
WARREN TWP. SEC. 36 & 25, T-8, R-6 AND]
SOMERSET TWP. SEC. 36 & 30, T-7, R-/RD IMP 1187] [ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OH 43950
HEARING CONTINUED] [DATE October 12, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to continue the hearing for **Road Improvement 1187** for the vacation of a portion of West Homer Reed Road, Warren Township, Section 36 & 25, T-8, R-6 and Somerset Township, Section 36 & 30, T-7, R-6, at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2022, and to send the required notifications per ORC 5553.04.

To Kent Gallagher, F.O., Warren Township Trustees, 516 N. Chestnut Street, Barnesville, OH 43713 and Diane Blattler, F.O., Somerset Township Trustees, 56783 Somerton Hwy., Barnesville, OH 43713, and the owner(s) of property abutting road petitioned for vacation.

You are hereby notified that the Board of Commissioners has fixed **the 2nd day of November, 2022 at 9:30 o'clock A.M.**, at the office of the Commissioners, in the Court House, St. Clairsville, Ohio, as the place for the **continued** hearing on the above stated matter.

If you have any objections, you or your agent should appear at this hearing matter.

By order of the Belmont County Commissioners.

Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Clerk of the Board

Mail by certified return receipt requested.

cc: Township Trustees
Gene Wells, ODNR
Adjacent Property Owners

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:36 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton 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 and ORC 121.22(G)(4) Collective Bargaining Exception.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Attorneys Brian Butcher and Jacob Booth, Clemans, Nelson & Associates, present for a portion of executive session.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:25 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to exit executive session at 11:25 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 two motions to be considered.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TO PLACE DAVID BEALS, UTILITY WORKER AT WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT TO START AUTHORIZED UNPAID LEAVE

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Echemann to place David Beals, Utility Worker at Belmont County Water and Sewer District, to start authorized unpaid leave, effective October 12, 2022 and not to exceed October 24, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ZOE RUSNAK, PART-TIME KENNEL STAFF

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to accept the resignation of Zoe Rusnak, part-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective October 9, 2022.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Meyer said the meeting will be in recess until Road Improvement 1188 viewing. The meeting will reconvene on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. for departmental budget hearings.

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF
A PORTION OF EAST AVE. & LOCUST ST.
GOSHEN TWP. SEC. 12, T-7, R-5/RD IMP 1188** **Office of County Commissioners
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 12th day of October 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 12th day of October, 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 20th day of October, 2022 the date fixed for the final hearing, setting forth the opinion of said County Engineer either for or against said proposed improvement, ² 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 October 12, 2022

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

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 Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 10:36 a.m. with Commissioners Meyer and Dutton present.
Absent: Commissioner Echemann**

BUDGET HEARINGS-Present: Jaclynn Smolenak, Fiscal Clerk and Lisa Vannoy, Assistant Clerk

2023 budget requests were reviewed with each department. Mr. Meyer advised all departments that the Auditor is implementing no carryover and minimal purchase orders going into 2023. Any carryover funds will go into the General Fund pot. If a department has purchase orders they need to be accounted for and attached to a contract. Auditor Henry suggested paying double on utility bills in December to avoid late fees in January, the Board of Commissioners are not in favor of this. Mr. Dutton asked each elected official or department head to encourage their employees to participate in the wellness program. It is the best way to curtail rising insurance costs and is a health benefit. Mr. Dutton asked the elected officials and department heads to consider implementing pay scales for their department. It allows for better budgeting. The scales can be revisited or frozen if necessary.

BOARD OF ELECTION-Present: Aaron Moore and Kamron Chervenak

\$1,225,000.00 requested for 2023. Mr. Moore said they had three elections in 2022. The state covered the costs for the 2nd primary. They are expecting a high turnout for the November election. There is a possibility they may have an employee retire in 2023, but they have that figured in their budget request. Mr. Moore noted they have 100% participation in the Wellness Program.

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JAIL NURSES-Present: Darcie Glover-Giordano

\$576,000.00 requested for 2023. Ms. Glover-Giordano would like to purchase an EKG machine which is approximately \$2,200.00 and another desktop computer. The nursing staff has not been fully staffed for quite some time. Once it is they will have 24/7 coverage which will cut back on overtime.

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ANIMAL SHELTER-Present: Lisa Duvall

\$165,500.00 requested for 2023. The General Fund still has funds available for 2022 which can be utilized if something is needed. Ms. Duvall would like another truck and the kennels upgraded.

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COMMON PLEAS-Present: Judges Fregiato and Vavra and Laura Zupko
\$533,000.00 requested for 2023. Ms. Zupko said their supply line may need to be increased. Mr. Meyer said the Board of Commissioners will be limited to what they can put in a contingency fund so the departments need to budget for the upcoming year. Ms. Zupko said the juror and witness fees, per statute, are requested by Common Pleas, but it goes to the Clerk of Courts to use. She mentioned the room at the end of hall on the 3rd floor could be cleaned up and used for storage and an attorney/client meeting room.

RECESS

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:21 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

October 12, 2022

Bonnie Zuzak /s/ CLERK