

St. Clairsville, Ohio

August 16, 2023

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

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. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann 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 \$681,192.19

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

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

A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0051-A001-A28.000 Other Expenses	E-0051-A001-A09.000 Advertising & Printing	\$6,000.00
E-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization	E-0055-A004-B19.000 County Buildings	\$288,810.00

G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1910-G050-G01.000 Convention and Vist.	E-1910-G050-G10.000 Colerain Twp	\$39.75
E-1910-G050-G01.000 Convention and Vist.	E-1910-G050-G12.000 Village of Barnesville	\$1.64

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S56.000 Motor Vehicles	\$1,000.00

Y91 EMPLOYERS SHARE HOLDING ACCOUNT/AUDITOR

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.500 HSA Fund	\$62.90

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

****JANUARY 10, 2023**

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A50.000	Budget Stabilization	\$350,000.00
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G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX

E-1910-G050-G01.000	Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$132,457.63
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N22 WWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/BCSSD

E-9022-N022-N17.000	USDA Water Projects	\$147,753.37
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N51 OPWC-CR22Z/CR23Z/AUDITOR

E-9051-N051-N10.055	Construction Payments	\$4,630.92
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Y01 UND. AUTO TAX

E-9801-Y001-Y01.000	Und. Auto Tax	\$257,858.58
E-9801-Y001-Y03.000	Township-Permissive Tax	\$70,620.25
E-9801-Y001-Y05.000	Pease Township	\$3,336.00
E-9801-Y001-Y06.000	Goshen Township	\$1,436.00
E-9801-Y001-Y07.000	Warren Township	\$2,990.00
E-9801-Y001-Y08.000	Pultney Township	\$3,564.00
E-9801-Y001-Y09.000	Flushing Township	\$612.00
E-9801-Y001-Y10.000	Colerain Township	\$1,627.50
E-9801-Y001-Y11.000	Kirkwood Township	\$189.00
E-9801-Y001-Y12.000	Mead Township	\$789.00
E-9801-Y001-Y13.000	Richland Township	\$2,181.00
E-9801-Y001-Y14.000	Smith Township	\$642.00
E-9801-Y001-Y15.000	Somerset Township	\$381.00
E-9801-Y001-Y16.000	Union Township	\$765.00
E-9801-Y001-Y17.000	Washington Township	\$171.00
E-9801-Y001-Y18.000	Wayne Township	\$301.50
E-9801-Y001-Y19.000	Wheeling Township	\$496.50
E-9801-Y001-Y20.000	York Township	\$342.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated August 16, 2023,

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. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann granting permission for county employees to travel as follows:

COMMISSIONERS-J. P. Dutton to Dennison, OH, on August 25, 2023, to attend the EODA Summer meeting.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-PROBATE/JUVENILE DIVISION-John Markus to Dublin, OH, on September 24-25, 2023, to attend the Probate Court Investigator annual training.

HR DEPARTMENT-Erin McVay and Katie Bayness to Columbus, OH, on September 8, 2023, to attend the CORSA annual meeting. A county car will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of August 9, 2023.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RETIREMENT OF MARTINA BURKHART, FULL-TIME DEPUTY DIRECTOR/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to accept the retirement of Martina Burkhardt, full-time Deputy Director at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective August 18, 2023.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said Ms. Burkhardt handled the nutrition side.

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING STACY ZIMMER, FULL-TIME NUTRITION ADMINISTRATOR/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the hire of Stacy Zimmer, full-time Nutrition Administrator at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective August 21, 2023, at pay grade 8, step 2.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF LLOYD COPE, SUMMER EMPLOYEE/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to accept the resignation of Lloyd Cope, summer employee at the Belmont County Water & Sewer District, effective August 18, 2023.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT TO THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AREA 16

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the following reappointment to the Workforce Development Board Area 16, for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025.

Appointment:	Representation:
Alaire Mancz, Executive Director, CAC	Education & Training

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE AMENDED AGREEMENT WITH WALLACEPANCHER GROUP/COURTHOUSE PLAZA PROJECT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to accept the amended agreement with WallacePancher Group for Belmont County Courthouse Plaza Construction Documents and Engineering Services to deduct the geotechnical analysis and retaining wall for parking lot expansion along Newell Ave. and add retaining wall along St. David Alley to construct ADA accessible sidewalk and bulkhead wall to support East Courthouse steps for a deduction of \$16,970.00; new contract total \$338,620.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 23-16 BEL-CR22-1.40 & BEL-CR44-1.55 SLIDE REPAIR TO OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to award the bid for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 23-16 BEL-CR22-1.40 (Ferryview Road) & BEL-CR44-1.55 (Winding Hill Road) Slide Repair to the only bidder, Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co., in the amount of \$334,188.50, based upon the recommendation of Terry Lively, County Engineer.

Note: Engineer's estimate: \$316,000.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH NLS PAVING, INC./ENGINEER'S PROJECT 23-13

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter into contract with NLS Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$607,845.85 for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 23-13 BEL-CR5-6.89/10.23 (Ramsey Ridge Road) Paving Project, based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

Note: This project is funded by OPWC Grant \$284,124.51, OPWC Loan \$165,681.42 and Local Share \$158,039.92.

**CONTRACT WITH BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S
PROJECT #23-13: BEL-CR5-6.89/10.23 PAVING**

Auditor's Office, Belmont County, Ohio

This contract made and entered into this 16th day of August, 2023 between NLS PAVING, INC., 67925 Bayberry Drive, Suite B, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 and Jerry Echemann, Josh Meyer and J.P. Dutton, Commissioners of Belmont County, WITNESSETH that said NLS PAVING, INC. hereby agrees to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, supplies, and other incidentals and all tasks necessary for placing 3.34 miles of a hot-mix asphalt surface course on CR5 (Ramsey Ridge Road) and all related Work described by the Contract Documents.

All Work for the BEL-CR5-6.89/10.23 PAVING Project shall be completed by OCTOBER 13, 2023.

Contractor and Subcontractor shall pay the prevailing rate of wages as required under Chapter 4115, Ohio Revised Code, and comply with all other bidder specifications.

All Work shall be in accordance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Materials Specifications (CMS), dated January 1, 2019, and shall be under the direction of the County Engineer.

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
3,919 GAL	TRACKLESS TACK COAT (407), 0.08 GAL/SY	\$3.00	\$11,757.00
1,089 CY	ASPHALT CONCRETE INTERMEDIATE LEVELING COURSE, TYPE 1, PG64-22 (448), 0-2" THICK, 1" AVERAGE	\$201.00	\$218,889.00
1,361 CY	ASPHALT CONCRETE SURFACE COURSE, TYPE 1, PG64-22 (448), 1.25" THICK, W/ SAFETY EDGE	\$205.00	\$279,005.00
100 SY	PAVEMENT REPAIR, AS PER PLAN	\$110.00	\$11,000.00
3,919 SY	SHOULDER RECONDITIONING (617), MISC. GRADING	\$5.15	\$20,182.85
3.34 MILE	CENTER LINE (642), 4" DOUBLE YELLOW	\$1,550.00	\$5,177.00
3.34 MILE	CENTER LINE (644), 4" DOUBLE YELLOW	\$6,150.00	\$20,541.00
6.68 MILE	EDGE LINE (644), 4" WHITE	\$3,300.00	\$22,044.00
1 EACH	STOP BAR (644), 12 INCH	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
1 EACH	644 STRIPING REMOBILIZATION	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
LUMP SUM	MAINTAINING TRAFFIC	\$8,650.00	\$8,650.00
LUMP SUM	MOBILIZATION	\$6,250.00	\$6,250.00
	BEL-CR5-6.89/10.23 PAVING TOTAL		\$607,845.85

LOCAL SHARE \$158,039.92
OPWC GRANT \$284,124.51 (CR05AA)
OPWC LOAN \$165,681.42 (CR06AA)

And it is further understood and agreed upon by the parties above, that all the materials used shall be of the best kinds usually used for such purposes. That said NLS PAVING, INC. shall cause to be executed a bond to the satisfaction of the Commissioners for the faithful performance of the work, and for the security of the County, against pecuniary loss.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Echemann /s/
J. P. Dutton /s/

NLS PAVING, INC.

By: Brian L. Varrato /s/
Brian L. Varrato

Print/Type Signature

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HEAP OUTREACH AAA9 NOTIFICATION OF GRANT AWARD HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and authorize Commission President J. P. Dutton to sign the Heap Outreach AAA9 Notification of Grant Award Home Energy Assistance Program, in the amount of \$2,642.00, on behalf of Senior Services of Belmont County.

Note: This grant will cover outreach, information and assistance in completing assistance applications for the HEAP Program.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Belmont Gig update-Gabriel Donahue, Belmont Gig employee, said they are laying fiber underground and are working going up Route 40. A second data center is being built in Barnesville. Currently there are eleven employees.

RECESS

Jeff Felton, Director, Belmont Co. Dept. of Job and Family Services and Cindy Berry, Child Support Administrator

Re: Child Support Awareness Month Resolution

Present: Jeff Felton, Cindy Berry, Meredith Cunningham, Michelle Mobley, Kathy Probst, Corey Alexander, Donna Bilica, Jenny Sechrest, Kim Rico, David McFarlan, Larisa Ponzani, Tanya Neal, Elaine Hoffman and Ginny Noon.

Ms. Berry said they work closely with the Commissioners, Courts, Prosecutor’s office and Sheriff’s Department. She said \$1.7 billion in child support is collected yearly in Ohio, \$10 million of that is collected in Belmont County. Ms. Berry noted one in three children are part of the child support system. Those children’s ages range from newborn to age 18. Mr. Dutton said, “It’s tremendous work by the staff. It has a long history in Belmont County of being very effective when it comes to child support.” Ms. Berry added the collaboration between the various entities in Belmont County is vital to effectiveness.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adopt the resolution recognizing Child Support Awareness Month.

***RESOLUTION
RECOGNIZING
CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH***

WHEREAS, Ohio’s Child Support Program serves over one million children and works diligently to ensure these children receive financial support; and

WHEREAS, we honor those parents, caretakers and organizations who provide the essential support needed for children’s growth, physically, mentally, educationally and financially; and

WHEREAS, the agency provides services to families of all types, from divorces to unmarried couple, to caretaker relatives to foster care programs as well as interstate cases; and

WHEREAS, we believe “Support Is Key” for children to grow up having all the advantages of any other child; and

WHEREAS, Belmont County Child Support collects on average, \$10 million annually in support payments, which enhances the economy of the county; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Child Support Enforcement Agency recognizes that partnership with the court, magistrate, judges, prosecutors office as well as the county commissioners is essential for a successful program.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, does hereby recognize August 2023 as CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH.

Adopted on this 16th day of August 2023

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

J. P. Dutton /s/

Jerry Echemann /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:26 A.M

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, 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. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:34 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 12:34 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said as a result of executive session there are two motions to be considered.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CARL HESS,
PART-TIME DRIVER-MEDICAL TO CONTINUE
AUTHORIZED UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Carl Hess, part-time Driver - Medical at Senior Services of Belmont County, to continue authorized unpaid personal leave, not to exceed September 22, 2023.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TAYLOR MCKIM,
FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK AT EASTERN COURT TO TAKE
AUTHORIZED UNPAID PERSONAL LEAVE**

August 16, 2023

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve Taylor McKim, full-time deputy clerk at Eastern Court, to take unpaid personal leave August 28, 2023 through September 1, 2023.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:35 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 23rd day of August, 2023.

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/ _____

We, J. P. Dutton 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.

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____ PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/ _____