

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Jerry Echemann, Josh Meyer and J. P. Dutton, 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. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer 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 his warrant on the County Treasurer in payment of the bills allowed:

IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$2,990,817.15

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

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

A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0256-A014-A06.006 Group & Liability	E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	\$4,000,000.00

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S53.000 Medical	\$5,336.00

Y91 EMPLOYERS SHARE HOLDING ACCOUNT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.500 HSA Fund	\$70.89

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

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

A00 GENERAL FUND AND E01 COUNTY HEALTH

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0051-A001-A10.000 Professional Services	R-2210-E001-E17.574 Transfers In	\$5,833.33

A00 GENERAL FUND AND Y91 EMPLOYERS SHARE HOLDING ACCOUNT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 Hospitalization	\$4,000,000.00

W80 PROSECUTOR'S-VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1511-W080-P01.002 Salary	R-0040-A000-A47.574 Transfers In	\$13,107.98

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer 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 03, 2024****

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A16.013	ODNR Grant Expense – Dog Park	\$20,862.87
E-0051-A001-A51.000	Oil and Gas Commissioners	\$77,764.88
E-0131-A006-A26.000	Sheriff's K-9	\$259.69
E-0131-A006-A27.000	Sheriff's Dive Team	\$1,903.50
E-0131-A006-A28.000	Sheriff's Shop with a Cop	\$11,657.79
E-0131-A006-A29.000	Sheriff's Mounted	\$3,500.00
E-0131-A006-A32.012	Equipment	\$508.17
E-0251-A007-A04.000	Apiary Inspection	\$2,000.00

O39 BOND RETIRE/ENGINEER

E-9218-O039-O01.050	Bond Payment	\$1,000,000.00
E-9218-O039-O02.051	Interest Payment	\$43,628.47

S73 MULTI COUNTY PROBATION SERVICE/ADULT PROBATION

E-1572-S073-S10.000	Other Expenses	\$488,433.94
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****JANUARY 10, 2024****

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0111-A001-E02.002	Salary	\$11,756.96
E-0111-A001-E09.003	PERS	\$1,414.02
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Road Salaries	\$7,200.00

L01 SOIL CONSERVATION/BSWCD

E-1810-L001-L01.002	Salaries	\$10,738.00
E-1810-L001-L05.011	Contract Services	\$6,000.00
E-1810-L001-L14.000	Other Expenses	\$9,000.00

N03 FEMA PROJECTS/ENGINEER

E-9003-N003-N04.055	Contract Services-Construction	\$326,565.56
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N08 DISASTER RELIEF 4424/ENGINEER

E-9008-N008-N06.055	Contract Services-Construction	\$334,188.50
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S86 NORTHERN COURT-GENERAL SPECIAL PROJECTS

E-1561-S086-S01.002	Salaries	\$50,000.00
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Y41 INDIGENT APPLICATION FEES/AUDITOR

E-9841-Y041-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$243.10
E-9841-Y041-Y02.000	Remit to County	\$972.40

Y42 RECOUPMENT FEES INDIGENT/AUDITOR

E-9842-Y042-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$535.00
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated January 10, 2024, 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. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes
Mr. Dutton	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

DJFS-Stacie Brown to Akron, OH, on January 18, 2024, to attend the FCFC Parent Speaker meeting. Estimated expenses: \$194.58. Lori O'Grady to Columbus, OH, on January 29-30, 2024, to attend the OHPELRA conference. Estimated expenses: \$1,026.50. **SSOBC**-Bethesda Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on February 20, 2024, for a senior outing to the Prima Marina Restaurant and surrounding area. Martins Ferry Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on February 29, 2024, for a senior outing to the Mason Dixon BBQ and surrounding area. County vehicles will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AND ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of January 4, 2024 and Annual Reorganization meeting of January 8, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: BLAINE HILL GRAVITY FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to advertise for bids for the Sewer Capital Improvement Project: Blaine Hill Gravity Force Main Replacement.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSION
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

Sealed bids for **Blaine Hill Gravity Force Main Replacement** will be received by the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County at the Commissioner's office, located at the Belmont County Courthouse, 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 until **10:00 a.m.** local time **February 7, 2024**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings may be examined at the following:

1. Belmont County Commission
Belmont County Courthouse
101 W. Main St.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
2. Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
154 S. Marietta St.
St Clairsville, OH 43950
7406957256
3. OVCEC
21 Armory Drive
Wheeling, WV 26003
304-242-0520
4. Builder's Exchange – Cleveland
9555 Rockside Rd., Suite 300
Cleveland, OH 44125
866-907-6300

Method of Bidding will be as follows: **UNIT PRICE CONTRACT** for replacing existing 8" gravity force main with 5,400 feet of 12" gravity force main pipe; cleaning and relining existing manhole chimneys and replacing manhole frames and covers on 25 existing precast concrete manholes; installing two manhole vent scrubbers; installing a new junction manhole with valving; bypass pumping; and miscellaneous yard piping work.

Bidding Documents may be obtained in an electronic portable document format file only, from the office of Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc. located at 154 S. Marietta St., St. Clairsville, OH, 43950, 7406957256, upon payment of a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit. Checks shall be payable to Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc.

Bids will be accepted from only those Bidders who are Plan Holders of Record and obtain Documents from the Engineer's office. Domestic steel use requirements as specified in Section 153.011 of the Ohio Revised Code apply to this project. Copies of Section 153.011 of the Revised Code can be obtained from any of the offices of the Department of Administrative Services.

Bidders shall be compliant with Ohio Revised Code 3517.13.

All work done under this Contract is subject to all State of Ohio requirements concerning the payment of prevailing wage rates.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Belmont County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities in the Bids received, and to accept any Bid or combination of Bids which is deemed most favorable to the County at the time and under the conditions stipulated

January 10, 2024

The Commissioners further declare that they will award the contract for this Project to the lowest and best Bid, which may not necessarily be the lowest Bid. The Specifications contain a Bidder's Profile designed to gather certain information that may be considered in this regard. No single factor will control the Board's decision to award, and the Board reserves the right to exercise its full discretion.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By order of: BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSION

Bids may be sent to: Belmont County Commission
Belmont County Courthouse
101 W. Main St.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio

Bonnie Zuzak /s/

Bonnie Zuzak, Clerk of the Board

Times Leader Advertisement: Two (2)

To be published 2 times: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 and Monday, January 22, 2024.

Please send proof of publication to: Belmont County Commission
Belmont County Courthouse
101 W. Main St.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said the project will cost about \$2 million and will be totally paid by grant funding that was received through the help of Congressman Johnson, OMEGA and the Ohio Department of Development. Mr. Echemann noted more capacity was needed.

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to acknowledge receipt of \$8,745.53 in unspecified donations to the Belmont County Dog and Kennel fund for the fourth quarter of 2023, as follows: \$2,682.79 for October, \$1,361.14 for November and \$4,701.60 for December.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING MICHAEL DEVAUGHN AS THE BELMONT COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR/2024

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to appoint Mr. Michael DeVaughn as the Belmont County Apiary Inspector for the year 2024 to be compensated a flat fee of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) per year.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE OMEGA MEMBERSHIP AND OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2024

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the following appointments to the OMEGA Membership and OMEGA Executive Board for 2024:

<u>OMEGA Membership</u>	<u>OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD</u>
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner	Josh Meyer, Commissioner
Jerry Echemann, Commissioner	J. P. Dutton, Commissioner-Alternate
Josh Meyer, Commissioner	
Frank Shaffer, Belmont County Township Association President	
Larry Merry, Belmont County Port Authority Director	
Crystal Lorimor, Director, Belmont County CIC/DOD	

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE DISTRICT 18 PUBLIC WORKS INTEGRATING COMMITTEE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to appoint Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively to the District 18 Public Works Integrating Committee as the Board of Commissioners' representative and Assistant Engineer Daniel Boltz as the alternate for a three year term, effective May 21, 2024 through May 20, 2027.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM BEARCOM/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the proposal from BEARCOM in the amount of \$15,393.50 to provide and install all necessary uplifting to a 2023 Dodge Durango Sport Utility Vehicle for the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

Note: This will be paid for by the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the purchase of three 2023 Dodge Durango Sport Utility Vehicles, for a cost of \$41,278.00 each, total cost \$123,834.00, from Jim Shorkey Auto Group through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Contract, based upon the recommendation of Sheriff Dave Lucas.

Note: These are replacement vehicles that will be assigned to the Patrol Division and will be paid for by the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRADE-IN OF ONE 2015 FORD FUSION AND PURCHASE OF ONE 2023 CHRYSLER PACIFICA L AWD FROM BELMONT DODGE, CHRYSLER, JEEP, RAM OF BARNESVILLE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the trade-in of one 2015 Ford Fusion for a trade-in amount of \$1,500.00 and purchase of one 2023 Chrysler Pacifica L AWD from Belmont Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram of Barnesville in the amount of \$43,674.00 (after trade-in and rebate) for Senior Services of Belmont County, based upon the recommendation of Executive Director Lisa Kazmirski.

Note: This vehicle will be purchased with \$43,198.00 of Healthy Aging Grant funds, the remaining \$476.00 will come from SSOBC's main operating account. This vehicle will increase SSOBC's ability to transport seniors for grocery shopping, provide more services in the area of grocery ordering and delivery and take seniors to events and locations in their communities.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Lisa Kazmirski, SSOBC Executive Director, said they received \$224,000 from the Healthy Aging Grant. 20% needed to be used for food insecurity, 20% housing, 10% internet access and 50% discretionary. These vehicles will be mainly used at the Powhatan Point, Bellare and Martins Ferry senior centers.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE BELMONT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BELMONT COUNTY/WIC UTILITIES

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Belmont County Health Department and the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County; the Commissioners will pay for utilities necessary for the operation of WIC offices until further notice.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into this 10th day of January, 2024, by and between Belmont County Health Department, (hereinafter "BCHD") and the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio (hereinafter "BOC").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, BCHD rents space to provide offices for its Women, Infants, and Children Program (hereinafter "WIC"); and WHEREAS, while BCHD will continue to rent the space for the WIC offices, BCHD has requested that BOC pay utilities necessary for the operation of the WIC offices; and

WHEREAS, BOC has agreed to pay such utilities.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties set forth their mutual understanding with respect to payment for the utilities:

(1) BCHD will pay those bills it receives for electric, water, and sewer services provided to the WIC offices located at 3326 Belmont Street, Bellaire, Ohio 43906.

(2) BCHD will then submit those bills to the BOC for reimbursement. Upon submission of those bills to the BOC, BOC shall reimburse BCHD the full amount for utilities provided to the WIC offices at that location on a monthly basis.

(3) The parties agree that the foregoing arrangement will continue only so long as the WIC offices continue to be housed in their current location, unless earlier terminated by either party on thirty days' written notice.

Executed this 10th day of January 2024.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BELMONT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By: Jerry Echemann /s/
Jerry Echemann

By: Irene Louda /s/
Irene Louda, President

By: Josh Meyer /s/
Josh Meyer

By: J. P. Dutton /s/
J. P. Dutton

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By Jacob Manning /s/

Title Jacob Manning, Belmont County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE AMENDED OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2021 COMMUNITY HOUSING IMPACT AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign the amended Office of Community Development 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program Grant Agreements, extending the completion date from April 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024:

- Grant No. B-C-21-1AG-1 in the amount of \$212,000.00
- Grant No. B-C-21-1AG-2 in the amount of \$488,000.00

Note: This extension is due to construction delays with a limited contractor pool.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR BELMONT COUNTY SARGUS
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER RESTROOM/SHOWER REMODEL PROJECT**

This being the day and 10:00 a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Belmont County Sargus Juvenile Detention Center Restroom/Shower Remodel project, they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Border Patrol, LLC 86120 Water Works Road Hopedale, Ohio 43976	X	\$216,000.00

Present for opening: Steve Kovaly, Sargus Deputy Director and Walt Bryan, Border Patrol.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Sargus Juvenile Detention Center Restroom/Shower Remodel Project to D.J. Watson, Executive Director, for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Kovaly said, "We just celebrated our 50th anniversary. We appreciate that the Commissioners believe in our mission statement at the Sargus Center. Through some building renovations and repairs, we're hoping we can be around for the next 50 years and continue to serve the youth of Belmont County." He said the average population of the 30 bed facility is 23 which went down during the height of COVID. Mr. Meyer said he appreciates the work that they do and added it's not an easy task even in the best of facilities.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:22 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to enter executive session with Katie Bayness, HR Administrator, (via phone) pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:31 AM.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 10:31 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

There was no action as a result of executive session.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:07 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 a.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 17th day of January, 2024.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____

J. P. Dutton /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Josh Meyer /s/_____

We, Jerry Echemann 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.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____ PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/_____ CLERK