

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 \$1,325,644.08

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-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization	E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	\$14,032.00

S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S67.004 Workers Comp	E-8010-S030-S57.000 Travel/Staff Dev.	\$800.00
E-8010-S030-S67.004 Workers Comp	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maint/Repairs	\$10,000.00

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 L01 SOIL CONSERVATION FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	R-1810-L001-L03.500 State Funds	\$14,032.00

Y04 GASOLINE TAX AND K00 M.V.G.T. FUND/ENGINEER

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9803-Y004-Y01.000 Gasoline Tax	R-2810-K000-K17.574 Transfers In	\$900,000.00

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 April 10, 2024 date:

L01 SOIL CONSERVATION FUND/BSWCD

E-1810-L001-L01.002	Salaries	\$50,740.00
E-1810-L001-L02.010	Supplies	\$5,000.00
E-1810-L001-L03.012	Equipment	\$5,000.00
E-1810-L001-L05.011	Contract Services	\$11,000.00
E-1810-L001-L08.000	Scholarship/Education	\$5,000.00
E-1810-L001-L09.000	Travel and Expenses	\$5,000.00
E-1810-L001-L11.003	OPERS	\$10,000.00
E-1810-L00-L13.005	Medicare	\$5,000.00
E-1810-L001-L14.000	Other Expenses	\$14,000.00

S12 PORT AUTHORITY

E-9799-S012-S07.000	Professional Services	\$5,000.00
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S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S40.000	Grant Holding Account	\$66,919.58
E-8010-S030-S51.002	Salaries	\$399,933.71
E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$80.00
E-8010-S030-S55.010	Supplies	\$62,100.00
E-8010-S030-S56.000	Motor Vehicles	\$642.53
E-8010-S030-S57.000	Travel & Staff Development	\$676.06
E-8010-S030-S58.000	Communications	\$45,000.00
E-8010-S030-S59.000	Fuel/Utilities	\$35,903.00
E-8010-S030-S60.000	Maintenance & Repair	\$6,548.00
E-8010-S030-S63.000	General	\$23,000.00
E-8010-S030-S65.000	Indirect Costs	\$24,000.00
E-8010-S030-S66.003	PERS	\$56,956.88
E-8010-S030-S67.004	Workers Compensation	\$8,769.20
E-8010-S030-S68.006	Hospitalization	\$78,311.25
E-8010-S030-S69.007	Unemployment Compensation	\$2,282.62
E-8010-S030-S70.005	Medicare	\$3,809.82
E-8010-S030-S71.000	Education/Recreation	\$625.00

S55 TARGETED COMM ALTERN TO PRISON/ADULT PROBATION

E-1545-S055-S01.000	Grant Expenses	\$76,291.50
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S56 PROBATION SERVICES GRANT/ADULT PROBATION

E-1546-S056-S04.001	Salary/Fringes	\$37,500.00
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S77 COMM-BASED CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT/ADULT PROBATION

E-1520-S077-S1.002	Salaries	\$16,329.25
E-1520-S077-S02.005	Medicare	\$225.00
E-1520-S077-S03.003	PERS	\$2,175.00
E-1520-S077-S04.006	Hospitalization	\$6,135.25
E-1520-S077-S05.004	Workers Compensation	\$279.00

Y04 GASOLINE TAX

E-9803-Y004-Y01.000	Gasoline Tax	\$900,000.00
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Y41 INDIGENT APPLICATION FEES/AUDITOR

E-9841-Y041-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$319.90
E-9841-Y041-Y02.000	Remit to County	\$1,279.60

Y42 RECOUPMENT FEES INDIGENT/AUDITOR

E-9842-Y042-Y01.000	Remit to State	\$950.00
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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 April 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 ACKNOWLEDGING THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to acknowledge the Belmont County Commissioners received and reviewed the following from the Belmont County Auditor's Office:

- Monthly Financial Report for the month of March 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE INTEREST REPORT AND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2024

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to acknowledge the Belmont County Commissioners received and reviewed the following from the Belmont County Treasurer's Office:

- Interest Report and Investment Portfolio for the month of March 2024.

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-Stephanie Frey to Weirton, WV, on April 16, 2024 to attend the Cleveland Cliffs Rapid Response Session. Estimated expenses: \$50.00. Jeff Felton to Columbus, OH, on May 8-10, 2024, to attend the 2024 Annual Director's Conference. Estimated expenses: \$940.10.

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of April 3, 2024 and special meeting of April 5, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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 \$7,794.77 in unspecified donations to the Belmont County Dog and Kennel fund for the first quarter of 2024, as follows: \$2,199.27 for January, \$3,090.19 for February and \$2,505.31 for March.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS/OAKVIEW

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the Purchase Authorization from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$1,884,66 for the Fire Alarm Test & Inspection and Sprinkler Wet System Test annual renewal service agreement for the Oakview Administration Building for the period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION/COURTHOUSE**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the proposal from TK Elevator Corporation, in the amount of \$10,720.80 for all material and labor necessary to replace the controller boards on the elevator at the Belmont County Courthouse.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SCHEDULE A ACCURIANT
FOR GOVERNMENT (TRANSACTIONAL) WITH LEXIS NEXIS® RISK SOLUTIONS/
CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the Schedule A Accurint for Government (Transactional) with Lexis Nexis® Risk Solutions, on behalf of the Belmont County Child Support Enforcement Agency, in the minimum monthly amount of \$150.00 or actual monthly transactional charges if greater than the minimal amount, for a twelve month term, effective May 1, 2024.

Note: This contract will help CSEA collect current support and allows them the ability to locate parents to pay arrearages. It will also help in completing fraud investigations more efficiently and timely.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NUMBER PPA28628
FROM H. E. NUEMANN COMPANY/COURTHOUSE**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept proposal number PPA28628 from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of \$6,587.00 for all labor and materials necessary to replace the 2003 ductless split system that services the elevator in the Belmont County Courthouse.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF BELMONT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS DECLARING ONE VEHICLE OBSOLETE AND NOT NEEDED FOR COUNTY USE,
AND APPROVING ITS DONATION TO THE VILLAGE OF BALTIMORE, OHIO POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this 10th day of April, 2024 in Regular Session with the following members present:

Mr. Echemann
Mr. Meyer
Mr. Dutton

Mr. Echemann introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, one 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNSKAE0XBR213982, has been part of the fleet of the Belmont County Sheriff's Department and is no longer of use to said department or the County; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to declare that said vehicle is obsolete and not needed for public use, and to donate the said vehicle to the Village of Baltimore, Ohio Police Department, according to Section 307.12 of the Ohio Revised Code;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.12(D) *the board may sell or donate county personal property, including motor vehicles, to the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision of the state without advertisement or public notification*, and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO:

THAT, one 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe, VIN 1GNSKAE0XBR213982, is hereby declared to be obsolete and not needed for County use and ordered to be donated to the Village of Baltimore, Ohio Police Department.

Mr. Meyer seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as followed:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE OF ONE HOT SHOT
BOX FROM DELIVERY CONCEPTS, INC/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the purchase of one Hot Shot Box from Delivery Concepts, Inc, in the amount of \$25,853.00, for Senior Services of Belmont County, based upon the recommendation of Executive Director Lisa Kazmirski.

Note: This will be outfitted on a 2024 Ford F-150 4x4 truck recently purchased from Hill International and used for meal delivery.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE GENERAL WARRANTY DEED
CONVEYING 18.87 ACRES, PARCEL NO. 32-01748.000-99 AND 7.21 ACRES,
PARCEL NO. 32-01116.000-97 TO BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the General Warranty Deed hereby conveying 18.87 acres, Parcel No. 32-01748.000-99 and 7.21 acres, Parcel No. 32-01116.000-97, located in Richland Township, to Belmont County Port Authority.

GENERAL WARRANTY DEED

The Board of County Commissioners, Belmont County, Ohio, for valuable consideration paid, grants, with covenants of general warranty, to the **Belmont County Port Authority**, a body corporate and politic, whose tax mailing address is 101 N. Market St. St. Clairsville, OH 43950, the following real property:

See Exhibit A.

As consideration for this conveyance, the Grantee herein, for itself, its successors and assigns, hereby covenants and

agrees to and with the said Grantor, its successors and assigns, the following:

First, there shall be excepted and reserved from this conveyance, a non-exclusive easement permitting the Grantor and the Belmont County Water & Sewer District access to the property herein conveyed as may be necessary to permit the reconstruction, use, operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, removal, servicing, and improvement of a certain spillway located within a creek running along the eastern portion of the property. This covenant and agreement shall run with the land and shall be binding upon the Grantee, its successors and assigns.

Second, Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the Grantor obtained the property herein conveyed for the purpose of addressing an issue of contamination alleged to have been caused by Grantor, the details of which have been disclosed to Grantee. As consideration for the conveyance, to the extent permitted by law, Grantee, for itself, its successors and assigns, releases the Grantor from any liability for damages or injuries occurring as a result of said contamination.

Finally there is excepted and reserved to the Grantor, its successors and assigns, from this conveyance any and all interest Grantor may have in coal, oil, gas, or other minerals beneath the surface of the premises conveyed. Grantor further excepts and reserves any interest Grantor may have in any oil and gas leases on the premises conveyed.

Prior Deed Reference: Volume 98, Page 58 Belmont County Deed Records.

Auditor Permanent Parcel Nos. 32-01748.000-99 and 32-01116.000-97

Executed this 10th day of April 2024.

J. P. Dutton /s/

J. P. Dutton, Commissioner

Josh Meyer /s/

Josh Meyer, Commissioner

Jerry Echemann /s/

Jerry Echemann, Commissioner

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING TO EXECUTIE THE SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT FOR THE OCIC RECOVERY OHIO MDI TF FY21/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to execute the Subgrant Award Agreement for the *OCIC Recovery Ohio MDI TF FY21 for Belmont County Sheriff's Department* as follows:

Subgrant Number: 2024-RO-MDI-R533
Award Period: 1/01/2024 – 12/31/2024
Award Amount: \$219,918.26

Note: These funds will be used for the salary and personnel costs of deputies assigned to the Ohio Organized Crime Investigation Commission.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Frank Papini, Bridgeport, questioned what the State of Emergency the board declared on Friday entails and if the state is involved in funding or FEMA. Mr. Dutton explained it was an acknowledgement from Belmont County, the Village of Powhatan Point did one as well, that there was a serious situation in Belmont County. EMA is collecting damage assessment from all villages and townships and will turn in to the state. Mr. Echemann said declaring the emergency makes purchasing easier for EMA.

Tri-County Help Center- JaQue Galloway, Program Facilitator and Megan Talkington, Community Education Coordinator
Re: Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Ms. Talkington said Tri-County has offices in Belmont, Monroe and Harrison counties. She said, "We're pretty much a one-stop place for victim survivors. Ms. Galloway said they are continuing their efforts to raise awareness of sexual assault in the community.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the proclamation declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

***PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL
SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH***

Whereas, sexual assault is a pervasive and devastating crime that affects individuals of all genders, ages, races, and backgrounds, causing profound and lasting harm to survivors and communities; and

Whereas, the month of April provides an opportunity to raise awareness about sexual assault, educate communities about prevention strategies, and support survivors in their journey towards healing and justice; and

Whereas, it is imperative that we as a society come together to challenge harmful attitudes, behaviors, and systems that perpetuate sexual violence and create environments where all individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and equality; and

Whereas, by fostering open dialogue, providing resources, and promoting bystander intervention, we can create safer and more inclusive communities where sexual assault is not tolerated and survivors are supported.

Now, therefore the Belmont County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Let us join together to advocate for survivors, raise awareness, and work towards a future free from sexual violence.

Adopted this day the 10th of April, 2024

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Echemann /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

Josh Meyer /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

Sherry Barbosky, CORSA Underwriting Manager, Matt Steele and Melissa Kellar from Steele Insurance, Katie Bayness, HR Administrator and Erin McVay, HR Generalist

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

Ms. Barbosky said Belmont County achieved 100% of eligible loss control credits in the amount of \$77,000. There is approximately 10% increase in net program costs for 2024 due to the addition of the new water plant and added payroll. Grant reimbursements received from CORSA included \$2,750 for cyber and \$17,500 for body scanners and cameras for the Sheriff's Department. Ms. Barbosky said loss ratios for Belmont County for 2023 was 46%, anything under 100 is good. She added 72 of the 88 counties in Ohio are CORSA members. Mr. Steele said they are the local agent designated by CORSA for Belmont County.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:33 A.M.

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

Kelly Porter, Water & Sewer District Director, present until 11:18 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:37 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 11:37 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said as a result of executive session there are no motions to be considered.

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IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:55 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 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 April, 2024.

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Josh Meyer – Absent _____

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