

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

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 \$289,174.10

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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:

M60 CARE AND CUSTODY/JUVENILE COURT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0400-M060-M24.000 Other Expenses	E-0400-M060-M30.000 Other Expenses	\$7,500.00
E-0400-M060-M26.003 PERS CCAP	E-0400-M060-M30.000 Other Expenses	\$9,000.00
E-0400-M060-M29.008 Insurances CCAP	E-0400-M060-M30.000 Other Expenses	\$21,000.00

S86 NORTHERN COURT-GEN SPEC PROJECTS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1561-S086-S01.002 Salary	E-1561-S086-S04.004 Workers Comp	\$500.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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:

K00 M.V.G.T. AND O39 BOND RET/ENGINEER

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2813-K000-K40.074 Transfers Out	R-9218-O039-O05.574 Transfers In	\$9,663.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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-A51.000	Oil & Gas-Commrs	\$500,000.00
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N53 CAP PROJECTS RES. RESURF & PVMT MRKS/ENGINEER

E-9053-N053-N09.055	Cap Pro Res	\$1,200,000.00
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O39 BOND RET/ENGINEER

E-9218-O039-O10.050	USDA Principal Bond Pymt	\$8,200.00
E-9218-O039-O11.051	USDA Interest Bond Pymt	\$1,463.00

P81 ARP ST & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY

E-1801-P081-P02.011	Contract Services	\$10,000.00
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****MARCH 27, 2024****

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0059-A009-A00.002	Salary	\$13,000.00
E-0059-A009-A01.003	PERS	\$2,000.00
E-0059-A009-A06.000	Other Expenses	\$16,648.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE

WAIVED HOSPITALIZATION CHARGEBACKS FOR

THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to make the following transfer of funds for Waived Hospitalization Chargebacks for the months of January, February and March 2024.

FROM	TO	
E-0256-A014-A08.006 GENERAL	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	8,083.32
E-1600-B000-B13.006 DOG & KENNEL FUND	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,166.66

E-2210-E001-E15.006	COUNTY HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	247.62
E-2213-F075-F02.003	VITAL STATISTICS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00
E-2215-F077-F01.002	REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00
E-2218-G000-G06.003	FOOD SERVICE	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	2.38
E-2510-H000-H16.006	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	4,000.00
E-2760-H010-H12.006	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE/CS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	750.00
E-1310-J000-J06.000	REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00
E-2812-K000-K20.006	MVGT-K11 ENGINEERS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	500.00
E-3702-P005-P31.000	WATER & SEWER WWS#3	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,600.00
E-3705-P053-P15.000	WATER & SEWER SSD #2	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	150.00
E-9799-S012-S02.006	PORT AUTHORITY	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00
E-8010-S030-S68.006	OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHAB	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	500.00
E-0910-S033-S47.006	DISTRICT DETENTION	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,000.00
E-2410-S066-S80.000	DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	1,500.00
E-5005-S070-S06.006	SENIOR PROGRAM	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	2,583.33
E-6010-S079-S07.006	CERT OF TITLE/CLK OF COURTS	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	333.33
E-4110-T075-T52.008	WIC FRINGES	R-9891-Y091-Y03.500	250.00
	TOTAL		23,666.64

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF MONIES BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies. **GENERAL FUND/MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY BOARD-\$31,648.00** deposited into R-0059-A009-A01.500 Receipts-Behav. Health Serv (*Money was received from Mental Health Recovery Board as part of the contract which is in effect from 7-1-2023 to 6-30.2024*)

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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 March 27, 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	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE FINAL SALES & USE TAX DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR JANUARY 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:

- Final Sales & Use Tax Distribution Report for the month of January 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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: **SSOBC**-Brandon Ernest and Dustin Kirk to Pittsburgh, PA, on March 26, 2024, to attend the US Foods Food Show. Bellaire Senior Center employees to Amish Country on April 4, 2024, for a senior outing. Powhatan Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on April 5, 2024, for a senior outing to Kroger. Bethesda and Flushing Senior Center employees to Canonsburg, PA, on April 16, 2024, for a senior outing to Sarris Candies, Tanger Outlets and surrounding areas. Centerville Senior Center employees to Walnut Creek on April 18, 2024, for a senior outing. Powhatan Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on April 19, 2024, for a senior outing to Walmart. Colerain Senior Center employees to Amish Country, on April 23, 2024, for a senior outing. Powhatan Senior Center employees to Clarington, OH, on April 25, 2024, for a senior outing to the Clair Tavern & Grill. St. Clairsville Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on April 26, 2024 for a senior outing to the Centre Market. Barnesville Senior Center employees to Zanesville, OH, on April 29, 2024, for a senior outing to B-Wear Sportswear and the Conn's Potato Factory. County vehicles will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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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 March 20, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR LICENSE FOR VANDYNES RESTAURANT & MOTEL, INC. DBA VANDYNES RESTAURANT & MOTEL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to advise the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does not request a hearing on the matter of a request for a new D1 liquor license, Permit No. 9181381, for VanDynes Restaurant & Motel, Inc., DBA VanDynes Restaurant & Motel, 56721 Ferry Landing Road, Mead Township, Shadyside, OH, 43947. There have been no objections received and the Board of County Commissioners has no objections to the permit.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL NUMBER PPA28627 FROM H. E. NEUMANN COMPANY/RECORDER'S OFFICE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept proposal number PPA28627 from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of \$9,370.00 for all labor and materials necessary to replace the 33 year old heat pump in the Belmont County Recorder's office.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE NOTICE TO PROCEED WITH BORDER PATROL, LLC/EAST END LIFT STATIONS IMPROVEMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the Notice to Proceed with Border Patrol, LLC, for the East End Lift Stations Improvements, based upon the recommendation of Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water & Sewer District Director.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE JUVENILE COURT GRANT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT BETWEEN ODYS AN JUVENILE COURT FY 2024

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve and authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign the **Juvenile Court Grant Agreement Amendment** between the Ohio Department of Youth Services and Belmont County Juvenile Court for fiscal year 2024 for an additional \$50,556.52.

Note: The additional funding will be used for a part-time probation officer and a new vehicle that will be utilized for probation work and transporting youth to and from CCAP and the CrossFit program.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Jill Hunkler, Barnesville, voiced her concerns about Attorney General Yost filing a complaint against the Austin Master Services facility in Martins Ferry for alleged storage of oil and gas industry waste. She said, "The Austin Masters situation is one where a lot of harm could have been mitigated earlier." Ms. Hunkler said she has spoken to the Commissioners about oil and gas concerns before. She added when fracking increases an influx of smaller companies come to the county and do even fewer things by the book. She is worried her community is being poisoned by volatile organic compounds, silica sand, noise and light pollution. Ms. Hunkler also voiced her concerns about an injection well located near Union Local School District campus. Another location she is concerned about is the injection well at the intersection of 40 & 331. That site has been abandoned since April 2023, but containers with radioactive waste is still on site. Ms. Hunkler suggested the county purchase the property and clean up the site. She asked the Commissioners to call the state about these issues. Mr. Meyer said he would be happy to make that call.

Mike Schlanz, Ohio Means Jobs and Jeff Felton, Department of Job & Family Services Director
Re: Ohio Valley Job Fair

Mr. Schlanz said the 2024 Job Fair will be held on April 17, this is an annual event. Currently they have 67 businesses registered which includes employers, agencies and training providers. Some of the businesses will do on site interviews. He said since COVID in 2020 the amount of job seekers has leveled off. This is also an issue through the state and national levels. Mr. Felton noted throughout the year a business or job seeker can go to Ohio Means Jobs in Martins Ferry or look online.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:06 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 dismissal of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Hannah Warrington, HR Administrative Assistant, was also present.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:19 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 10:19 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Meyer	Yes

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Mr. Dutton Absent

Mr. Echemann said as a result of executive session there are three motions to be considered.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TERMINATION
SHELLY YECKLEY, PART-TIME LPN/JAIL**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the termination of Shelly Yeckley, part-time LPN at the Belmont County Jail, effective March 27, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF
ZACHARY LOFTON AS FULL-TIME SCHEDULER/DISPATCHER/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the resignation of Zachary Lofton as a full-time Scheduler/Dispatcher at Belmont County Senior Services, effective May 1, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING KATHLEEN COLEMAN
AS A FULL-TIME KENNEL STAFF**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the hire of Kathleen Coleman as a full-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective March 28, 2024.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10:21 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 3rd day of April, 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

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