

May 15, 2024

St. Clairsville, Ohio

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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 \$897,567.49**

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**

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

**W80 PROSECUTORS/VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND A00 GENERAL FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1511-W080-P01.002 Salary	R-0040-A000-A47.574 Transfers In	\$2,602.16

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\*\***

**P81 ARP ST. & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY**

E-1801-P081-P02.011	Contract Services	\$780,629.45
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**\*\*MAY 15, 2024\*\***

**A00 GENERAL FUND**

E-0051-A001-A08.000	Travel and Expenses	\$250.00
E-0056-A006-E04.011	Contract Services	\$953.30
E-0111-A001-E02.002	Salary	\$2,141.78
E-0111-A001-E09.003	PERS	\$460.38
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Salaries-Road	\$1,000.00
E-0151-A002-F09.000	Other Expenses	\$909.90

**E09 NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 FUND**

E-2209-E009-E01.011	Contract Services	\$16,632.61
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**E10 911 FUND**

E-2200-E010-E07.000	Other Expenses	\$2,392.17
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**S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION**

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$60.00
E-8010-S030-S67.004	Workers Comp	\$481.36

**W80 PROSECUTORS/VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

E-1511-W080-P01.002	Salary	\$2,602.16
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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 TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR**  
**THE DELTA DENTAL CHARGEBACKS FOR**  
**THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2024**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to make the following transfer of funds  
for the Delta Dental Chargebacks for the months of April and May 2024

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GENERAL	E-0256-A014-A12.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	20,015.20
PUBLIC DEFENDER	E-0170-A006-G10.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	518.60
BD OF ELECTIONS	E-0181-A003-A11.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	397.44
<b>GRANT / JUVENILE COURT</b>			
ALTERNATIVE/JUV. CT.	E-0400-M067-M05.008	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	207.44
TITLE IV-E/RANDOM MOMENTS	E-0400-M078-M02.008	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	207.44
DIST DETENTION HOME	E-0910-S033-S47.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	1,690.36
REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT	E-1310-J000-J06.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	141.72
MHAS SUBSIDY GRANT	E-1518-S075-S03.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	38.00
CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT	E-1520-S077-S04.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	103.72
PROBATION SERV. GRANT	E-1546-S056-S04.001	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	207.44
WESTERN -SPEC PROJ	E-1551-S088-S03.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	103.72
NORTHERN-SPEC PROJ	E-1561-S086-S03.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	103.72
EASTERN-SPEC PROJ	E-1571-S087-S03.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	103.72
DOG & KENNEL	E-1600-B000-B13.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	547.88
SOIL CONSERVATION	E-1810-L001-L14.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	179.72
WATERSHED COORD.	E-1815-L005-L15.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	103.72
<b>COUNTY HEALTH DEPT</b>			
County Health	E-2210-E001-E15.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	336.78
Trailer Parks	E-2211-F069-F04.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	3.03
Public Health Workforce (WF)	E-2238-F090-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	36.81
Get Vaccinated	E-2236-F088-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	1.10
Integrated Naloxone Access	E-2237-F089-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	90.30
Public Health Em. Prep.	E-2231-F083-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	38.31
Reproductive Health & Wellness	E-2215-F077-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	131.08
Home Sewage Treatment System	E-2227-F074-F06.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	113.85
Nursing Fund	E-2232-F084-F02.008	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	60.83
Vital Statistics	E-2213-F075-F02.003	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	7.47
Food Service	E-2218-G000-G06.003	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	141.97
Water Systems	E-2219-N050-N05.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	16.15
Pools/Spas	E-2220-P070-P01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	2.93
Adolescent Health Resiliebcy (AH)	E-2241-F093-F07.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	63.29
MENTAL HEALTH	E-2310-S049-S63.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	425.16
HUMAN SERVICES	E-2510-H000-H16.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	1,659.52
CSEA	E-2760-H010-H12.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	207.44
K-1	E-2811-K200-K10.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	38.00
K-11	E-2812-K000-K20.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	207.44
K-25	E-2813-K000-K39.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	103.72
<b>WATER/SEWER DEPT</b>			
W.W.S. #3	E-3702-P005-P31.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	2,861.06
S.S.D. #2	E-3705-P053-P15.000	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	748.12
WIC	E-4110-T075-T52.008	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	311.16

SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM	E-5005-S070-S06.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	3,805.88
CLERK OF COURTS	E-6010-S079-S07.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	321.44
OAKVIEW JUVENILE	E-8010-S030-S68.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	1,501.92
DRETAC-PROS ATTY	E-1510-W081-P07.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	207.44
PORT AUTHORITY	E-9799-S012-S02.006	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	38.00
TOTALS		R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	38,150.04

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR THE VISION**

**CHARGEBACKS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2024**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to make the following transfer of funds for the Vision Chargebacks for the months of April and May 2024

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
GENERAL	E-0256-A014-A11.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	6,163.20
PUBLIC DEFENDER	E-0170-A006-G10.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	147.60
BD OF ELECTIONS	E-0181-A003-A11.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	134.94
<b>GRANTS/JUVENILE COURT</b>			
ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL/JUV. CT	E-0400-M067-M05.008	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	59.04
TITLE IV-E/RANDOM MOMENTS	E-0400-M078-M02.008	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	59.04
DIST DETENTION HOME	E-0910-S033-S47.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	535.56
REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT	E-1310-J000-J06.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	44.70
MHAS SUBSIDY GRANT	E-1518-S075-S03.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	15.18
CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT	E-1520-S077-S04.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	29.52
PROBATION SERV. GRANT	E-1546-S056-S04.001	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	59.04
WESTERN-SPEC. PROJ.	E-1551-S088-S03.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	29.52
NORTHERN-SPEC. PROJ.	E-1561-S086-S03.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	29.52
EASTERN SPEC. PROJ.	E-1571-S087-S03.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	29.52
DOG & KENNEL	E-1600-B000-B13.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	171.21
SOIL CONSERVATION	E-1810-L001-L14.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	59.88
WATERSHED COORD.	E-1815-L005-L15.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	29.52
<b>COUNTY HEALTH DEPT</b>			
County Health	E-2210-E001-E15.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	101.81
Trailer Parks	E-2211-F069-F04.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	0.93
Public Health Workforce	E-2238-F090-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	14.71
Get Vaccinated	E-2236-F088-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	0.44
Integrated Naloxone Access	E-2237-F089-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	25.83
Public Health Emerg. Prep.	E-2231-F083-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	13.76
Reproductive Health & Wellness	E-2215-F077-F01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	38.31
Home Sewage Treatment System	E-2227-F074-F06.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	34.18
Nursing Fund	E-2232-F084-F02.008	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	20.54
Vital Statistics	E-2213-F075-F02.003	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	2.93
Food Service	E-2218-G000-G06.003	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	50.47
Water Systems	E-2219-N050-N05.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	4.73
Pools/Spas	E-2220-P070-P01.002	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	0.88
Adolescent Health Resiliebcy (AH)	E-2241-F093-F07.002	R-9891-Y091-Y07.500	18.14
MENTAL HEALTH	E-2310-S049-S63.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	134.10

DEPT OF DD 2410/2420	E-2410-S066-S70.011	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	1,772.01
HUMAN SERVICES	E-2510-H000-H16.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	472.32
CSEA	E-2760-H010-H12.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	59.04
K-1	E-2810-K200-K10.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	15.18
K-11	E-2812-K000-K20.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	608.10
K-25	E-2813-K000-K39.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	236.16
<b>WATER/SEWER DEPT</b>			
W.W.S. #3	E-3702-P005-P31.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	841.56
S.S.D. #2	E-3705-P053-P15.000	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	224.94
WIC	E-4110-T075-T52.008	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	88.56
SENIOR SERVICES PROGRAM	E-5005-S070-S06.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	1,145.34
CLERK OF COURTS	E-6010-S079-S07.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	104.58
OAKVIEW JUVENILE	E-8010-S030-S68.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	468.93
DRETAC-PROS ATTY	E-1510-W081-P07.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	59.04
PORT AUTHORITY	E-9799-S012-S02.006	R-9891-Y091-Y06.500	15.18
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>14,169.69</b>

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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. **A00-GENERAL FUND/MISCELLANEOUS-OTHER-\$250.00** paid into R-0050-A000-A42.500, Miscellaneous Other on 05/08/2024.

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:

**AUDITOR'S**-Cindi Henry and two staff members to Sandusky, OH, on June 4-7, 2024, to attend the CAAO summer conference. A county vehicle will be used for training.

**SSOBC**-Senior Centers' employees to Cambridge, OH, on June 5, 2024, for a senior outing to the Pritchard Luaghlin Auditorium. Barnesville Senior Center employees to Sugar Creek, OH, on June 6, 2024, for a senior outing. Bellaire Senior Center employees to Rogers, OH, on June 7, 2024, for a senior outing to Rogers Flea Market. Senior Centers' employees to Washington, PA, on June 21, 2024, for a senior outing to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. County vehicles will be used for travel.

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**-Mario DeFelice and Jamie McGarry to Minerva, OH, during the week of May 20, 2024 and/or May 27, 2024, for disposal of asbestos material at Minerva Enterprise. A county vehicle 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**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of May 8, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MARTINS FERRY PURPLE RIDERS JR. HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERING SQUAD**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the resolution honoring the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Jr. High Cheerleading Squad.

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE MARTINS FERRY**

May 15, 2024

**PURPLE RIDERS  
JR. HIGH SCHOOL  
CHEERLEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Jr. High Cheerleading Squad is led by Head Coach Lana Jennette along with Assistant Coaches Sarah Gasmire, Carrie Hill and Holly McCormack; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Jr. High Competition Squad competed on December 10, 2023, in the OASSA 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Cheer State Championship at Big Walnut High School in Sunbury, Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, the division held nine schools across the state; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Jr. High Competition Squad won the State Championship in the non-building small division; and

**WHEREAS**, this was Martins Ferry Jr. High School Competition Squad's first time competing in the competition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Jr. High Cheerleading Squad and Head Coach Lana Jennette and Assistant Coaches Sarah Gasmire, Carrie Hill and Holly McCormack, for the level of success achieved and congratulates them on their outstanding performance and fine representation of Belmont County.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM GREAT LAKES  
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP/RURAL COMMUNITY  
ASSISTANCE PARTNERSHIP/HENDRYSBURG & FAIRVIEW WATER EXTENSION**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the quote from Great Lakes Community Action Partnership/Rural Community Assistance Partnership, in the amount of \$9,700.00, for a USDA Environmental Report for Hendrysburg & Fairview Water Extension.

*Note: Data collection & mapping, coordination with State and Federal Agencies and final environmental report and any revisions requested by USDA's State Environmental Coordinator included.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said they are trying to get water to the Hendrysburg/Fairview area. The Belmont County Commissioners have discussed the project with the Guernsey County Commissioners and have split the cost of a study. The project will be an earmark request with Senator Brown's office.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE QUOTE FROM TAYLOREDTURF/ANIMAL SHELTER**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the quote from TayloredTurf, in the amount of \$5,350.00, for roof repair on one kennel and roof replacement on one kennel at the Belmont County Animal Shelter.

*Note: The storm damage was caused on March 27, 2024. An insurance claim was filed and approved.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE REVISED NOTICE OF GRANT  
AWARD IN SUPPORT OF HEALTHY AGING GRANTS/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the revised Notice of Grant Award in support of the Healthy Aging Grants for an additional \$3,295.00, for award period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

*Note: The grant funds will be used to address social determinants of health and to foster improved quality of life for Older Ohioans.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**Discussion**-Frank Shaffer, Pultney Township Trustee, commended the Board of Commissioners on moving forward on the Hendrysburg water project. Mr. Echemann noted the supplier of water most likely would be Barnesville. Mr. Dutton said water issues are tough. There are a lot of residents in the county that don't have access to water. These projects take a lot of time. Some residents have wells, but they are contaminated due to past mining practices so they are hauling water.

**John Rowan, Executive Director and Crystal Smith, Office Manager of Oakview Juvenile Residential Center**

**Re: Expansion of Program**

Mr. Rowan said Oakview opened in 1994 and is funded by the Ohio Department of Youth Services. He said they were the only juvenile facility in Ohio that was awarded an expansion in 2024. Currently Oakview can house 16 youth, but will be expanding to house 24 youth. More staff will need to be hired. Oakview serves males ages 12-18. They can take youth from any county in Ohio. The average length of the program is six months. Mr. Rowan said they work to get the youth transitioned back into the community. They try to make the youth better citizens and an asset to the community. The youth attend school on site and receive mental health treatment and drug and alcohol treatment if needed and participate in family counseling.

**RECESS**

**Barnesville Shamrocks, Martins Ferry Purple Riders and St. Clairsville Red Devils High School Cheerleaders**

**Re: Resolutions Honoring Cheerleaders**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE  
BARNESVILLE SHAMROCKS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the resolution honoring the Barnesville Shamrocks High School Cheerleaders.

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE BARNESVILLE  
SHAMROCKS  
HIGH SCHOOL**

**CHEERLEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Barnesville Shamrocks High School Cheerleading Squad is the school spirit leader for the athletic teams, students, parents and fans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barnesville Shamrocks High School Cheerleading Squad is led by Head Coach Abby McClelland and Assistant Coaches Amanda Sobotka and Heather Woodsin; and

**WHEREAS**, the Barnesville Shamrocks High School Cheerleading Squad, through their hard work, commitment and perseverance, was named the OVAC 3A Champions for the third year in a row; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad, was recognized as the champion in Division V OHSSA Spirit State Championship, as well as the Best Crowd Leading and Best Fight Song awards; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad also was named best in the State Division IV Game Day Champions which is a testament to their dedication and many hours of practice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor the Barnesville Shamrocks High School Cheerleading Squad and Head Coach Abby McClelland and Assistant Coaches Amanda Sobotka and Heather Woodsin, for the level of success achieved and congratulates them on their outstanding performance and fine representation of Belmont County.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MARTINS FERRY PURPLE RIDERS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the resolution honoring the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Cheerleaders.

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE MARTINS FERRY  
PURPLE RIDERS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
CHEERLEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Martins Ferry Purple Riders High School Cheerleading Squad is the school spirit leader for the athletic teams, students, parents and fans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Cheerleading Squad is led by Head Coach Lana Jennette along with Assistant Coaches Sarah Gasmire and Kristi Briggs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Cheerleading Squad, through their hard work, commitment and perseverance, was named the Division VI OHSAA Spirit State Champions; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad, was also recognized for the best fight song, best band chant and best crowd leading in Division VI ; and

**WHEREAS**, this was Martins Ferry Purple Riders High School Cheerleading Squad's first time competing in the competition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor the Martins Ferry Purple Riders Cheerleading Squad and Head Coach Lana Jennette and Assistant Coaches Sarah Gasmire and Kristi Briggs, for the level of success achieved and congratulates them on their outstanding performance and fine representation of Belmont County.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE SAINT CLAIRSVILLE RED DEVILS HIGH SCHOOL CHEERLEADERS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the resolution honoring the Saint Clairsville Red Devils High School Cheerleaders.

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE ST. CLAIRSVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL RED DEVILS  
CHEERLEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Clairsville High School Red Devils Cheerleading Squad is the school spirit leader for the athletic teams, students, parents and fans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cheerleading Squad receives superb instruction and steadfast motivation from 21-year head coach Shawn Tomlan along with Cathy Wolfe; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Clairsville Red Devils Cheerleading Squad, through their hard work, commitment and perseverance, has won 16 consecutive OVAC cheering championship 4-A titles; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad has won 11 state titles and won the OHSAA Game Day Division IV State Championship three years in a row; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad has participated and won numerous titles and the respect of many within the sport and the various accomplishments of this outstanding group of young women is a testament to their dedication and many hours of practice.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor the St. Clairsville Red Devils Cheerleading Squad and Coaches Shawn Tomlan and Cathy Wolfe, for the level of success achieved and congratulates them on their outstanding performance and fine representation of Belmont County.

Adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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

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May 15, 2024

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:46 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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:41 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 11:41 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 is one motion to be considered.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF  
MICHAEL MODRA, FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE/HOUSEKEEPING  
EMPLOYEE AT BELMONT COUNTY BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the retirement of Michael Modra, full-time Maintenance/Housekeeping employee at Belmont County Building and Grounds, effective May 31, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:42 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 22nd day of May, 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