

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 \$1,010,017.15**

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**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0160-A009-D10.007 Unemployment	E-0160-A009-D02.002 Payroll	\$15,000.00
E-0160-A009-D13.000 Building Supplies	E-0160-A009-D07.003 PERS	\$10,000.00
E-0160-A009-D14.000 Building Fund	E-0160-A009-D02.002 Payroll	\$55,000.00

**S49 MENTAL HEALTH**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2310-S049-S63.000 Other Expenses	E-2310-S049-S59.000 Travel & Expenses	\$4,000.00

**S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-8010-S030-S65.000 Indirect Costs	E-8010-S030-S55.010 Supplies	\$1,828.00

**S86 NORTHERN COURT-GEN SPEC. PROJECTS**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1561-S086-S01.002 Special Projects (Salary)	E-1561-S086-S02.003 Special Projects (PERS)	\$957.00
E-1561-S086-S01.002 Special Projects (Salary)	E-1561-S086-S05.005 Special Projects (Medicare)	\$181.00

**W82 D.R.E.T.A.C. – TREASURER**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1410-W082-T0.000 Other Expenses	E-1410-W082-T10.000 Advertising & Printing	\$45,000.00

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 H00 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	R-2510-H000-H09.574 Transfers In	\$55,147.00

*\*October, November, December 2024-BCDJFS Mandated Share\**

**S66 BCBDD- MAIN FUND AND S67 BCBDD- DD RESERVE FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2410-S066-S84.074 Transfers Out	R-2411-S067-S11.574 Transfers In	\$1,500,000.00

**S66 BCBDD- MAIN FUND AND S68 BCBDD- RESIDENTIAL FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2410-S066-S84.074 Transfers Out	R-2412-S068-S08.574 Transfers In	\$1,000,000.00

**S66 BCBDD- MAIN FUND AND S69 BCBDD- MEDICAID RESERVE FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2410-S066-S84.074 Transfers Out	R-2413-S069-S05.574 Transfers In	\$1,500,000.00

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 following dates:

**\*\*APRIL 24, 2024\*\***

**L05 WATERSHED COORDINATOR-SOIL**

E-1815-L005-L11.003	PERS	\$2,000.00
E-1815-L005-L15.006	Hospitalization	\$8,000.00

**\*\*SEPTEMBER 18, 2024\*\***

**S30 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION**

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$120.00
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**S33 DISTRICT DETENTION HOME/SARGUS**

E-0910-S033-S33.002	Salaries	\$37,000.00
E-0910-S033-S39.000	Food Service Expenses	\$5,000.00
E-0910-S033-S40.000	Medical	\$9,000.00
E-0910-S033-S44.003	OPERS/STRS	\$18,000.00
E-0910-S033-S47.006	Hospitalization	\$50,000.00

**S67 BCBDD- DD RESERVE FUND**

E-2411-S067-S20.000	Other Expenses	\$1,500,000.00
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**S68 BCBDD- RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FUND**

E-2412-S068-S04.011	Contract Services	\$1,000,000.00
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**S69 BCBDD- MEDICAID RESERVE FUND**

E-2413-S069-S01.011	Contract Services	\$1,500,000.00
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**S86 NORTHERN COURT-GEN SPECIAL PROJECT**

E-1561-S086-S08.000	Special Projects (Other Expenses)	\$10,000.00
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**Y01 UND. AUTO TAX**

E-9801-Y001-Y01.000	Und. Auto Tax	\$217,321.40
E-9801-Y001-Y03.000	Township-Permissive Tax	\$75,355.25
E-9801-Y001-Y05.000	Pease Township	\$3,212.00
E-9801-Y001-Y06.000	Goshen Township	\$1,784.00
E-9801-Y001-Y07.000	Warren Township	\$3,061.50
E-9801-Y001-Y08.000	Pultney Township	\$3,696.00
E-9801-Y001-Y09.000	Flushing Township	\$772.00
E-9801-Y001-Y10.000	Colerain Township	\$1,416.00
E-9801-Y001-Y11.000	Kirkwood Township	\$189.00
E-9801-Y001-Y12.000	Mead Township	\$694.50
E-9801-Y001-Y13.000	Richland Township	\$3,090.00
E-9801-Y001-Y14.000	Smith Township	\$552.00
E-9801-Y001-Y15.000	Somerset Township	\$430.50
E-9801-Y001-Y16.000	Union Township	\$753.00
E-9801-Y001-Y17.000	Washington Township	\$219.00
E-9801-Y001-Y18.000	Wayne Township	\$231.00
E-9801-Y001-Y19.000	Wheeling Township	\$607.50
E-9801-Y001-Y20.000	York Township	\$333.00

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 September 18, 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:

**SSOBC**-Colerain, Flushing and Martins Ferry Senior Centers employees to Marietta, OH, on October 2, 2024 for a senior outing to the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. Bellaire, Centerville and Powhatan Point Senior Centers employees to Marietta, OH, on October 24, 2024 for a senior outing to the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. Bethesda Senior Center employees to Zanesville, OH, on October 9, 2024 for a senior outing to Conn's Potato Chip Factory and surrounding areas. Lansing Senior Center employees to Zanesville, OH, on October 24, 2024 for a senior outing to Conn's Potato Chip Factory. St. Clairsville Senior employees to Carrollton, OH, on October 11, 2024, for a senior outing to the Algonquin Mill Fall Festival. Barnesville Senior Center employees to New Philadelphia, OH, on October 30, 2024, for a senior outing to the Alleycat Marketplace and Hog Heaven Restaurant. County vehicles will be used for travel.

**WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**-Dale Jendrusik and Rich Maleski to Cambridge, OH, on October 9, 2024, to attend the Training for You, LLC, SE Fall Training Class. 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 September 11, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AN UNPAID LEAVE FOR BROOKE GRIMES, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve an unpaid leave for Brooke Grimes, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective September 16-20, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING JACOB BOLT AS FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE AIDE II/DJFS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the hire of Jacob Bolt, full-time Maintenance Aide II at Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, effective September 9, 2024.

*Note: This is a replacement position.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE QUOTES FROM  
ACE TRUCK EQUIPMENT/ANIMAL SHELTER**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the quotes from ACE Truck Equipment for three liftgates, in the total amount of \$15,848.00, for the Belmont County Animal Shelter  
*Note: BWC grant 75%, Local share 25%.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE CRIMINAL COST REPORT  
SUBMITTED BY BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to accept the Criminal Cost Report for the period of September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024, as submitted by the Belmont County Sheriff's Office per Ohio Revised Code 311.16.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 1 (THROUGH 8/31/2024)  
FROM BORDER PATROL, LLC/EASTSIDE LIFT STATION PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve Pay Request Number 1 (through 8/31/2024) from Border Patrol, LLC, in the amount of \$85,698.00 for the Eastside Lift Station Project, based upon the recommendation of Water & Sewer District Director Kelly Porter.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT  
(OHIO PUBLIC FUNDS) WITH PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve and sign the *Depository Agreement (Ohio Public Funds)* with PNC Bank, National Association, for the deposit of Active, Interim, and Inactive Deposits moneys not to exceed \$10,000,000.00, and will remain in effect until all accounts are closed.

**DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT (OHIO  
PUBLIC FUNDS)**

THIS DEPOSITORY AGREEMENT is made by and between **PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**, a national banking association under the laws of the United States, located and doing business within the State of Ohio ("**Bank**") and Belmont County a public body, chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio ("**Depositor**"). This Depository Agreement replaces all prior depository agreements between Bank and Depositor to the extent they are inconsistent with the provisions below. The Bank reserves the right to rescind this Agreement if the Depositor is not a public body, chartered under the laws of the State of Ohio.

1. Depositor, by proper action of its governing body, hereby designates Bank as a public depository for Depositor's active, interim or inactive deposits during the period beginning on the later of the execution dates on this Depository Agreement and continuing until the Designation Date, defined below, as such date may be extended by the Depositor. This Agreement shall continue in effect until all accounts are closed pursuant to the documentation applicable to the accounts.
2. The Bank will receive funds for deposit from the Depositor and deposit said funds into the account(s) designated by the Depositor and agreed to by Bank. The Bank will furnish to the Depositor a monthly statement during any time that the Bank holds any active, interim or inactive deposits, showing the activity and balance of funds on deposit in any account for which such a statement is customarily issued. The amount on deposit is not to exceed \$10 Million Dollars (\$10,000,000). The County will accept the responsibility for the monitoring and enforcement of this deposit limit.
3. The Bank is required by the laws of the State of Ohio to collateralize the uninsured public deposits of the Depositor and has elected to do so through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS) as prescribed in section 135.182 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). The Bank hereby notifies the Depositor that it has been approved to pledge collateral for public deposits under ORC Section 135.182(B)(1)(b) and the Treasurer will assign a collateral floor rate. The Depositor will be notified of any changes to the collateral rate on its deposits on the OPCS portal. The parties acknowledge and agree that collateral rates are negotiable, subject to the collateral floor rate established by the Treasurer. The Bank may choose to exit the OPCS at any time upon notice to the Depositor. In the event of such notice, the Bank will separately collateralize the deposits in accordance with the ORC.
4. The Bank shall be required to furnish collateral to cover only those deposits that are in excess of the respective portions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any other corporation hereafter organized by the United States, the State of Ohio, or agency thereof for the purpose of insuring deposits, as calculated for collateral purposes by the Ohio State Treasurer.

5. The Depositor acknowledges and agrees that the OPCS requires the Bank to report the amount of public deposits and certain confidential information of the Depositor daily via a secure file transfer protocol (SFTP) connection to the Treasurer's office. The Depositor agrees that the bank has no responsibility for the Treasurer's maintenance or use of this confidential information and the Depositor releases the Bank from any or all claims related thereto. The Depositor shall be responsible for reviewing and monitoring the reports posted on the OPCS portal, verifying the accuracy of the reports and reporting any discrepancies to the Bank.
6. Depositor agrees to be subject to the rules governing the accounts in which the Depositor's active, interim and inactive deposits are deposited and to provide the Bank the names and signatures of those persons authorized to execute drafts on and make withdrawals from the account(s) and to provide documentation evidencing such authority as the Bank may request.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, intending to be bound thereby.

<p>_____</p> <p><i>Jerry Echemann</i></p> <p><i>NPOA</i></p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Title: <i>BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</i></p> <p>Date: <i>9-18-24</i></p>	<p><b>PNC Bank, National Association</b></p> <p>By: <i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>Kevin M Grobelny</p> <p>Title: Managing Director</p> <p>Date: September 11, 2024</p>
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By signing above, Depositor certifies that PNC Bank, National Association has been designated a depository of the Depositor until \_\_\_\_\_ ("Designation Date").

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION RESOLUTION EMPOWERING THE ENGINEER, ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONERS, TO ENTER CONTRACT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ODOT TO COMPLETE THE REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE PROJECT BEL-40-23.38, PID NO. 114388**

Motion made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Dutton to authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign and adopt the Preliminary Legislation resolution empowering the Belmont County Engineer, on behalf of the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, to enter into contract with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation to complete the Rehabilitation of Bridge Project BEL-40-23.38, PID No. 114388.

*Note: This bridge carries US 40 over CR 10 and Wheeling Creek. The superstructure will be replaced and the substructure and concrete arches will be rehabilitated. ODOT will cover 100% of the necessary costs.*

**PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION - Consent**

Rev. 6/26/00

Resolution #   N/A    
PID No.   114388    
County/Route/Section   BEL-40-23.88  

The following Resolution is enacted by the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA), in the matter of the stated described project.

**SECTION I - Project Description**

WHEREAS, the STATE has identified the need for the described project:

**Rehabilitation of bridge BEL-40-23.38 (SFN 0701599) carrying US 40 over CR 10 and Wheeling Creek by replacement of the superstructure and rehabilitation of the substructure including the concrete arches. The construction limits for the project will extend to C.R. 10.**

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio.

**SECTION II - Consent Statement**

Being in the public interest, the LPA gives consent to the Director of Transportation to complete the above described project.

**SECTION III - Cooperation Statement**

The LPA shall cooperate with the Director of Transportation in the above described project as follows:

ODOT shall assume and bear 100% of the necessary costs of the State's highway improvement project. In the event the LPA requests certain features or appurtenances be included within the State's highway improvement project's design and construction, and which features and appurtenances are determined by the State and FHWA to be not necessary for the State's project, the LPA shall contribute 100% of the cost of those items.

PID No. 114388

**SECTION IV - Utilities and Right of Way Statement**

The LPA shall make available all necessary existing right of way of C.R. 53 which is required for the project. The LPA also understands that right-of-way costs include eligible utility costs. The LPA agrees to be responsible for all utility accommodation, relocation and reimbursement and agrees that all such accommodations, relocations, and reimbursements shall comply with the current provisions of 23 CFR 645 and the ODOT Utilities Manual.

**SECTION V - Maintenance**

Upon completion of the Project, and unless otherwise agreed, the LPA shall: (1) provide adequate maintenance for the Project in accordance with all applicable State and Federal law, including, but not limited to, Title 23, U.S.C., Section 116; (2) provide ample financial provisions, as necessary, for the maintenance of the Project; (3) maintain the right-of-way, keeping it free of obstructions; and (4) hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes.

**SECTION VI - Authority to Sign**

The County Engineer of said Belmont County is hereby empowered on behalf of the County Commissioners of Belmont County to enter into contracts with the Director of Transportation necessary to complete the above described project.

Passed: SEPTEMBER 18, 2024.  
Date

Attested: Bennie Gumpak  
Clerk

Tom Stively  
Contractual Agent of LPA – County Engineer

Attested: Bennie Gumpak  
Clerk

Jeff Edmonson  
President of Board of Commissioners

This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure to expedite the highway project and to promote highway safety. Following appropriate legislative action, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval, otherwise it shall take effect and in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.



PID No. 114388

CERTIFICATE OF COPY  
STATE OF OHIO

The Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio

I, BONNIE ZUZAK, as Clerk of the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution # N/A adopted by the legislative Authority of the said Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County on the 18th day of SEPT., 2024, that the publication of such Resolution # N/A has been made and certified of record according to law; that no proceedings looking to a referendum upon such Resolution # N/A have been taken; and that such Resolution # N/A and certificate of publication thereof are of record in Resolution Record # N/A, Page —: VOLUME 109 OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS JOURNAL

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, if applicable, this 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

(Seal) Bonnie Zuzak  
Clerk  
Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio

The foregoing is accepted as a basis for proceeding with the project herein described  
For the Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio

Attest: Bonnie Zuzak Terry Lively, Date 9-18-24  
Contractual Agent (County Engineer)

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For the State of Ohio  
Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Director, Ohio Department of Transportation

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively explained ODOT is requesting consent to do the work since the project is over a county road. It is entirely an ODOT project. ODOT is just beginning on the preliminary plans which they hope to have completed by Summer 2025. As of now, no work is scheduled to be done on CR 10.

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**-Joyce Hartley, Shadyside, voiced her concerns about damage to her property that she feels is from a ditch obstruction and said the Commissioners are responsible for it. Ms. Hartley has attended several Commissioners' meeting regarding this issue. She said the county insurance should cover the damage, not the township's since they have more coverage. There are issues with the walls of her house bowing and her property values have decreased. Ms. Hartley said she will be at the next meeting if she does not get a response letter.

RECESS

Senator Brian Chavez and State Representative Don Jones



**Re: Capital Bill funding for Sargus Detention Center**

Present: D.J. Waston, Executive Director and Steve Kovaly, Deputy Director, Sargus, Chief Deputy Jim Zusack, Scott Owens, LNE Group, Larry Merry, Port Authority Director, Judge Al Davies and Rhonda Greenwood, Belmont-Harrison Juvenile District Board Members.

Representative Jones explained money is set aside to go back into the communities they serve. They receive millions of dollars in project requests. For a project to be selected it has to be a bondable project that can be tied to a state agency. Senator Chavez noted his office received \$150 million in project requests. He said, "It's a collaborative effort between the House and the Senate because we're representing the district. Representative Jones has a very large district that the represents, and I have the largest Senate district in the state." Mr. Echemann thanked Representative Jones and Senator Chavez on behalf of the board. Mr. Watson also thanked them. He said the \$500,000 received will be going towards a restroom/shower remodel and air quality, heating and cooling if funds are left. Mr. Watson said they average 20 to 21 residents daily and the average stay is 19 days. He said this project will help well into the future. Judge Davies added the Sargus Detention Center is very important. He said things get done at the local and state level due to communication and working together.

**RECESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:54 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 1:50 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to exit executive session at 1:50 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MOVE OF PROBATION OFFICERS FROM PAY GRADE 6 MAX STEP TO PAY GRADE 7 STEP 3**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the move of Probation Officers from Pay Grade 6 max step to Pay Grade 7 step 3, effective September 22, 2024.

*Note: This is for the Divisional Courts Probation Officers.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING SARAH MAYHEW AS FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the hire of Sarah Mayhew, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective September 19, 2024.

*Note: This is a replacement position.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING JESSICA ZINKHON AS PART-TIME KENNEL STAFF**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve the hire of Jessica Zinkhon, part-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective September 19, 2024.

*Note: This is a replacement position.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING KODIE RICHARDSON, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN, TO START AUTHORIZED UNPAID FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve Kodie Richardson, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, to start authorized unpaid Family Medical Leave, effective September 3 through September 13, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAID FMLA/PAID PARENTAL LEAVE FOR KODIE RICHARDSON, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to approve paid FMLA/Paid Parental Leave for Kodie Richardson, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective September 14- October 23, 2024.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**Reconvened Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 10:09 with Commissioners Echemann, Meyer and Dutton present.**

Mr. Echemann said there is one motion to be considered by the board.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE AMENDED RESOLUTION TO RENEW WITH CEBCO-ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD FOR BELMONT COUNTY EMPLOYEES**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adopt the amended resolution to renew with the County Employee Benefits Consortium of Ohio (CEBCO) - Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield for Belmont County Employees, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 as follows:

- Health and Prescription Insurance Carrier
- Health Savings Account & Flexible Spending Account
- Delta Dental
- VSP Vision

Note: The HSA & FSA will remain in the plan.

**Belmont County Employees**  
Employee Benefits- Amended Renewal Resolution  
September 18, 2024

Motion made by Commissioner Echemann, seconded by Commissioner Meyer to adopt the following resolution:

Be it resolved, that the Belmont County Commission has made the following decisions pertaining to the 01/01/2025 insurance renewals of their employee benefits package:

- 1) The Belmont County Commission has decided to change the medical plan design to a \$1,000 deductible with CEBCO- Anthem BCBS as the health and prescription insurance carrier for Belmont County Employees effective January 1, 2025- December 31, 2025. The HDHP plan option will be indexed to align with IRS requirements to remain H.S.A. qualified to \$3,500/\$7,000.  
The premiums will be as follows:  
**PPO Plan "A": Single \$842.60 | Family \$2,221.06**  
**HDHP Plan "B": Single: \$799.42 | Family \$2,100.30**  
The Belmont County Commission has decided the Health Savings Account contribution will remain the difference between the PPO and HDHP premiums charged to the county.  
The monthly HSA contribution will be as follows:  
**Single \$37.14 | Family \$103.85**
- 2) The Belmont County Commission has decided to continue the Flexible Spending Account. The 2025 annual maximum contribution limit the employee can contribute is \$3,300.  
The Belmont County Commission has decided to enrichen the current dental plan by increasing the current annual maximum from \$1,250 to \$1,500. The estimated increase to the County's contribution will be 2.75% over current.  
The premiums will be as follows:  
**Single \$19.52 | Family \$53.29**
- 3) The Belmont County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be included in the county's dental coverage.
- 4) The Belmont County Commission has decided to renew with the current vision plan with VSP.  
The premiums will remain as follows:  
**Single \$7.59 | Family \$14.76**
- 5) The Belmont County Commission has decided to add a \$50/month spousal surcharge for spouses remaining on the plan when coverage is available at their place of employment.

Signed by the Commissioners on

**Jerry Echemann, President**

**Josh Meyer, Vice-President**

**J. P. Dutton, Commissioner**

9-25-2024  
Jerry Echemann /s/  
Josh Meyer /s/  
J. P. Dutton /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**BUDGET HEARINGS**-Present: Jaclynn Smolenak, Fiscal Clerk and Lisa Vannoy, Assistant Clerk  
2025 budget requests were reviewed.

**VETERANS**-Present: Cindy Maupin, Executive Director  
\$1,189,355 is requested for 2025. This figure is based on .5 mill of the property taxes per the state. Ms. Maupin would like to consider a capital project fund for a repaving project. Any funds not spent goes back into the General Fund at the end of the year.

**RECESS**

**9-1-1**-Present: Bryan Minder, Director  
\$1,656,471 is requested for 2025. An IT position is added in for 2025 due to a lot of additional work for the Next Gen system. Parking lot needs redone and carpeting is needed in the hallway and conference room. They are down one part-time person.

**RECESS**

**EMA**-Present: Dave Ivan, Director  
\$279,978 is being requested for 2025. The front of the building needs to be painted. Mr. Ivan is obtaining quotes for two generators.

**RECESS**

**TREASURER'S**-Present: Kathy Kelich, Treasurer  
\$360,385 is being requested for 2025. There is one employee that may be retiring in 2025. Ms. Kelich has the funds to cover the payout.

**RECESS**

**Reconvened Monday, September 23, 2025 at 9:08 with Commissioners Echemann, Meyer and Dutton present. There is no further business to be had.**

September 18, 2024

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 9:08 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 25th day of September, 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