

St. Clairsville, Ohio

August 27, 2025

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

IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$846,110.10

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann 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-0061-A002-B07.000 Jurors' Fees	\$26,000.00

K00 MOTOR VEHICLE AND GASOLINE TAX

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2812-K000-K15.011 Contract Services	E-2812-K000-K12.000 Materials	\$100,000.00

S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maintenance	\$11,000.00
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S53.000 Medical	\$220.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under the following certification date:

****JANURARY 1, 2025****

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0051-A001-A51.000	Oil & Gas-Commrs	\$60,700.00
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

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

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated August 27, 2025, 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. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE BELMONT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE FINAL SALES
& USE TAX DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR JUNE 2025

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann 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 June 2025.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION
FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

HR DEPARTMENT-Hannah Warrington to Pickerington, OH, on November 5, 2025, to attend the OHPELRA Fall Supervisor Training.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MINUTES OF REGULAR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of August 20, 2025.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

Mr. Dutton made the following announcement:

The Belmont County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications to fill a position on the Belmont County Planning Commission. This is a three-year term. Applications will be accepted through September 5, 2025. Interested parties may stop in or contact the Commissioners’ office at [\(740-699-2155\)](tel:740-699-2155) to request an application.

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING SKYELAR GOLDSBOROUGH, PART-TIME KENNEL STAFF

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the hire of Skyelar Goldsborough, part-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective August 31, 2025.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING JOCELYN FULKS, FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK/EASTERN DIVISIONAL COURT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the hire of Jocelyn Fulks, full-time Deputy Clerk at the Belmont County Eastern Divisional Court, effective September 2, 2025.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF JACLYNN SMOLENAK, FULL-TIME FISCAL CLERK FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO FULL-TIME BUSINESS SERVICE MANAGER/WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the transfer of Jaclynn Smolenak, Full time Fiscal Clerk for the Belmont County Commissioners to full-time Business Service Manager at Belmont County Water and Sewer District, effective September 8, 2025.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TOWN HALL MEETING

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Martins Ferry Recreation Center, 401 South 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935, and to notify the media of the same. Public input is welcome and citizens are encouraged to attend.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM MOS OFFICE SYSTEMS/BOC CLERK’S OFFICE

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to accept the proposal from MOS Office Systems in the amount of \$3,110.00 for one Sharp BP-C545wd Color Copier/Printer/Scanner/Fax for the Belmont County Commissioners’ Clerk’s Office.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SHARP COPIER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH MOS OFFICE SYSTEMS/BOC CLERK’S OFFICE

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve and sign the Sharp Copier Maintenance Agreement with MOS Office Systems for a one-year term, effective August 27, 2025. Minimum annual maintenance is \$200 per year for the Sharp BP-C545wd copier located in the Belmont County Commissioners’ Clerk’s office.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DONATION OF COUNTY PROPERTY PER ORC 307.12/AED UNIT

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this 27th day of August, 2025 in Regular Session with the following members present:

Mr. Dutton
Mr. Echemann
Mr. Gianangeli

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

WHEREAS, Belmont County Job and Family Services has an AED unit that was purchased with the National Disaster Worker Grant funding. The Flood Crew was disbanded on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to declare that said AED unit is obsolete and not needed for public use, and to donate the said AED unit to Belmont SOAR FC, according to Section 307.12 of the Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, Belmont SOAR FC will have the AED unit located at the Lafferty Ballfields which is owned by Belmont County.

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

THAT, AED unit, is hereby declared to be obsolete and not needed for County use and ordered to be donated to Belmont SOAR FC.

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE BY SEPARATE INSTRUMENT FOR PAM JACKSON/BELOMAR

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve and sign the **Satisfaction of Mortgage By Separate Instrument** for Pam Jackson, for a mortgage deed dated May 11, 2022, as recorded in Volume 903 pages 931-933 in the Belmont County Recorder’s Office, based upon the recommendation of Natalie Hamilton, Belomar Regional Council.

SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE BY SEPARATE INSTRUMENT

The undersigned hereby certifies that a certain mortgage deed(s) dated May 11, 2022, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Belmont County, Ohio in Mortgage Volume 903 at pages 931-933 and executed by Pam Jackson to the undersigned, has been fully paid and satisfied and the Recorder is authorized to discharge the same of record property:

8/27/25

Date

By:

Belmont County Commissioners:

J. P. Dutton /s/
J. P. Dutton, President
Jerry Echemann /s/
Jerry Echemann
Vince Gianangeli /s/
Vince Gianangeli

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the purchase of six 2025 Dodge Durangos, for a cost of \$61,552.00 each, total cost \$369,312.00, from Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Contract, based upon the recommendation of Sheriff Jim Zusack.

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. Uplifting of the vehicles is included in the cost.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE FOLLOWING CHANGE ORDER FROM GRAE-CON CONSTRUCTION, INC/RECORDS BUILDING AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the following Change Order from Grae-Con Construction, Inc., for the Records Building and Health Department Building Project:

- Change Order No. 9, in the amount of \$27,552.00 to address the underground work and materials to reach the new utility pole with transformer cans.

Note: New contract total is \$10,780,814.03.


<div>General Contractor Change Order Form</div> <div>CHANGE ORDER NO. 9</div>	
Project Name: Records Building and Health Department Building Project (the "Project")	
Source document(s) and # (RFI, Bulletin, Shop Drawing Review): Request for Change Order 11 attached hereto as Exhibit A (to the extent not inconsistent with the Agreement executed between the Owner and Contractor).	This Change Order is effective as of the date of execution by the Owner.
Owner: Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio	General Contractor (Contractor): Grae-Con Construction, Inc.
Architect: Mills Group, LLC	
<div>Description/Justification (Add more pages or attach scope detail if necessary)</div> <div>This change order is to address the underground work and materials to reach the new utility pole with transformer cans as set forth in Exhibit A.</div>	
Original Contract Sum	\$10,694,075.00
Net Change by Previous Change Orders	\$59,187.03
This Change Order Increase/Decrease (clearly indicate)	\$27,552.00
New Contract Sum	\$10,780,814.03
<div>Revised Contract Time (critical path only)</div> <div>Original Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 545 calendar days of the Date of Commencement</div> <div>Previous Adjustments by Change Order(s) <u>21</u> (calendar days)</div> <div>This Change Order <u>X</u> ADD or <u> </u> DEDUCT <u>0</u> (calendar days)</div> <div>Revised Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 566 calendar days of the Date of Commencement</div> <div>If applicable, revised Final Completion Date or Duration: <u>N/A</u></div>	

The compensation, Contract Sum adjustment, or time extension provided by this Change Order constitutes full and complete satisfaction for all direct and indirect costs, cumulative impact, if any, and interest related thereto, which has been or may be incurred in connection with alleged changes to the Work or alleged schedule impacts for all portions and phases of the Project through the date of the change order. To the extent any attachment(s) hereto are inconsistent with this provision, this provision

and Section 7.2.3 of the modified AIA-A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction shall control.

By executing this Change Order, Owner and Contractor agree to modify the Agreement's Scope of Work, Contract Sum, and/or Contract Time as stated above. Upon execution, this Change Order becomes a Contract Document.

CONTRACTOR:


By: 

Printed Name: Cameron McIntosh

Title: Project Manager

Date: August 25, 2025

ARCHITECT:




By: 

Printed Name: Christopher J. Clark

Title: Principal

Date: August 22, 2025


OWNER:

By: <u>X </u>	<u>X </u>	<u>X </u>
Printed Name: <u>J.P. DUTTON</u>	<u>JERRY ECHEMANN</u>	<u>VINCE GIANANGELI</u>
Title: <u>BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>		
Date: <u>8-27-25</u>		

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS
(ORC Section 5705.41)

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Owner, hereby certifies in connection with the Agreement to which this Certificate is attached that the amount required to meet the obligations under the contract, obligation, or expenditure for the services described in the attached agreement, has been lawfully appropriated for the purpose, and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any outstanding obligation or encumbrance.

Dated: 08-26-2025


Fiscal Officer

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

EXCAVATING CO/ENGINEER’S PROJECT 25-7

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter into contract with Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co., in the amount of \$453,106.00 for the Belmont County Engineer’s Project 25-7 BEL-CR120-0.38/0.42/0.46 (Douglass Road) Slide Repair, based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

Note: 75% state funds, 25% local share paid with MVGT funds.

CONTRACT WITH BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S
PROJECT #25-7: BEL-CR120-0.38/0.42/0.46 SLIDE REPAIR
OEMA SDRPApr2024

Auditor's Office, Belmont County, Ohio

This contract made and entered into this 27th day of August, 2025 between **OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.**, P.O. Box 128, Powhatan Point, OH 43942 and J.P. Dutton, Jerry Echemann, and Vince Gianangeli, Commissioners of Belmont County, WITNESSETH that said **OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.** hereby agrees to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, supplies, and other incidentals and all tasks necessary to repair roadway embankment failures along CR120 (Douglass Road) and all related Work described by the Contract Documents.

All Work for the BEL-CR120-0.38/0.42/0.46 SLIDE REPAIR PROJECT shall be completed by NOVEMBER 26, 2025.

Contractor and Subcontractor shall pay the prevailing rate of wages as required under Chapter 4115, Ohio Revised Code, and comply with all other bidder specifications.

All Work shall be in accordance with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Materials Specifications (CMS), dated January 1, 2023, and shall be under the direction of the County Engineer.

PROJECT #25-7: BEL-CR120-0.38/0.42/0.46 SLIDE REPAIR:

BEL-CR120-0.38 (PW93) SUBTOTAL = \$181,313.00
BEL-CR120-0.42 (PW94) SUBTOTAL = \$141,725.00
BEL-CR120-0.46 (PW95) SUBTOTAL = \$130,068.00
PROJECT #25-7 TOTAL = \$453,106.00

And it is further understood and agreed upon by the parties above, that all the materials used shall be of the best kinds usually used for such purposes. That said **OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.** shall cause to be executed a bond to the satisfaction of the Commissioners for the faithful performance of the work, and for the security of the County, against pecuniary loss.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	By: <u>Brian Hendershot /s/</u>
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	<u>Brian Hendershot, Pres.</u>
	<i>Print/Type Signature</i>

Vince Gianangeli /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

<u>IN THE MATTER OF DEDICATION OF</u>	[Belmont Co. Commissioners
<u>BOBCAT WAY SUBDIVISION</u>	[Courthouse
<u>RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, SEC. 27 & 28, T-7, R-4</u>	[St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
	[Date <u>August 27, 2025</u>

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to authorize the Clerk of the Board to establish a date and time for the Subdivision Hearing in regards to the dedication plat for Bobcat Way, Richland Township, Section 27 & 28, T-7, R-4 pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code Section 711.05 and proceed with the required notifications.

NOTICE OF NEW SUB-DIVISION
Revised Code Sec. 711.05
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To: Matthew Berher, F.O., Richland Township Trustees, PO Box 16 St. Clairsville, OH 43950.
You are hereby notified that the 10th day of September, 2025, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., has been fixed as the date, and the office of the Commissioners, in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, as the place where the Commissioners will act on the above stated matter.

By order of the Belmont County Commissioners.

Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Clerk of the Board

- Mail by certified return receipt requested
- cc: Richland Township Trustees
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING BELMONT COUNTY PROSECUTOR KEVIN FLANAGAN,
ON BEHALF OF THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TO SIGN THE SECONDARY
MANUFACTURER’S COMBINED SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW NATIONAL OPIOIDS SECONDARY MANUFACTURERS SETTLEMENT

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve and authorize Belmont County Prosecutor Kevin Flanagan, on behalf of the Belmont County Commissioners, to sign the Secondary Manufacturer’s Combined Subdivision Participation and Release Form to participate in the new National Opioids Secondary Manufacturers settlements.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF SIGNING THE ONE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BELMONT COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES FOR THE MARTINS FERRY LOCATION

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and authorize Commission President J. P. Dutton to sign the renewal of the one-year lease agreement with the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services for the Martins Ferry location located at 302 Walnut Street, effective January 1, 2025, in the amount of \$27,821.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes
Mr. Dutton	Yes

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Richard Hord, Martins Ferry, inquired about the progress on the new building. Mr. Dutton said tremendous progress has been made. Mr. Gianangeli noted the completion date is expected to be August 2026.

RECESS

Ali Redmond, CORSA Membership Services Manager, Matt Steele and Melissa Keller, Steele Insurance, Hannah Warrington and Erin McVay, Belmont County Human Resources Department
Re: Annual appraisals update

Ms. Redmond said the appraisal on county buildings is done every four years. They make sure the covered property values are correct. The prior total property value was \$249,497,408, the new property value is \$274,823,961. This is an increase of \$25,326,553. The Belmont County Courthouse and Sheriff’s Museum are historical buildings and can be covered under replacement or reproduction costs. The total cost for reproduction is \$10,639. Ms. Redmond noted CORSA started in 1987 and 73 out of 88 Ohio counties are members.

RECESS

BUDGET HEARING-Present: Jaclynn Smolenak and Jody Thomas, Fiscal Clerks
2026 budget requests were reviewed. Mr. Dutton said the budget for 2025 was flat-lined except for the Auditor’s office which took a 5% cut and the Commissioners’ office which took an 11% cut. He said the sales tax has been up for the first half of the year. The looming property tax issue will not affect 2026 numbers. They are waiting to see what happens on the state level. The Big Beautiful Bill may affect Department of Job and Family Services’ programs which may affect the General Fund.

BUILDING & GROUNDS-Present: Scott Larkin, Facilities Director
\$3,841,122 is requested for 2026. Mr. Larkin said wages for 2026 are down 3%, the department is minus three employees even with the addition of the supervisor position. He does have a placeholder for the new building.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:18 P.M

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter executive session with Hannah Warrington, HR Manager, 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. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:49 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 12:49 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING MOTION OF JULY 30, 2025, APPROVING THE HIRE OF BROOK DISHMAN, PART-TIME KENNEL STAFF

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to rescind the motion made on July 30, 2025 approving the hire of Brook Dishman, part-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective August 18, 2025.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE MOVE DATE OF WILLIAM TOOTHMAN, FULL-TIME COOK TO FULL-TIME CASE MANAGER/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to amend the move date of William Toothman, full-time Cook to full-time Case Manager at Senior Services of Belmont County, from August 13, 2025 to August 12, 2025.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE PROMOTION OF SHAYE SIBURT FROM PART-TIME NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL DRIVER TO FULL-TIME COOK/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the promotion of Shaye Siburt from part-time Non-Emergency Medical Driver to full-time Cook at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective August 26, 2025.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

RECESS

Reconvened Thursday, August 28, 2025, at 9:35 a.m. with Commissioners Dutton, Echemann and Gianangeli present.

BUDGET HEARINGS-Present: Jaclynn Smolenak and Jody Thomas, Fiscal Clerks
2026 budget requests were reviewed. Mr. Dutton said the budget for 2025 was flat-lined except for the Auditor’s office which took a 5% cut and the Commissioners’ office which took an 11% cut. He said the Commissioners’ office needs to have contingency funds in place to provide backup if needed for departments. Mr. Dutton said the sales tax has been up for the first half of the year. The looming property tax issue will not affect 2026 numbers. They are waiting to see what happens on the state level. The Big Beautiful Bill may affect Department of Job and

Family Services’ programs which may affect the General Fund. Mr. Dutton explained the Courthouse Plaza Project has been delayed by a year. He said it would be good to encourage county employees to participate in the Wellness Program. It would be beneficial for the employee’s health and healthcare costs. Mr. Dutton said if any department is interested in creating a pay scale the HR Department could help.

RECORDERS-Present: Jason Garczyk
\$426,118 requested for 2026. An increase was put in for salary increases, \$1,000 was added in the supply line and \$500 was added to the travel line. Mr. Dutton said they have a fund set up for employee pay-outs if needed.

ENGINEER’S-Present: Terry Lively and Stephany Crist
\$566,690 requested for 2026. Contractual wages are in the request. They did purchase a new software system that will integrate with the Auditor’s new software system.

RECESS

Reconvened at 10:48 with two additional motions to be considered.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CORSA PROPERTY VALUE SELECTION FOR REPRODUCTION COST FOR COURTHOUSE AND SHERIFF’S MUSEUM

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the CORSA Property Value Selection for reproduction cost for the Belmont County Courthouse and Sheriff’s Museum, in the amount of \$10,639.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE FROM SECURITAS TECHNOLOGY/JAIL

Motion to approve quote, in the amount of \$8,148.27, from Securitas Technology to replace one 32-point Output Block Module at the Belmont County Jail.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10:48 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Echemann	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 3rd day of September, 2025.

J. P. Dutton /s/_____

Jerry Echemann /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Vince Gianangeli /s/_____

We, J. P. Dutton 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.

J. P. Dutton /s/_____ PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/_____ CLERK