

St. Clairsville, Ohio

September 3, 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 Jaclynn Smolenak, Fiscal 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 \$782,241.53

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-A10.000 Professional Services	E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	\$7,916.66

S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHIBILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S59.000 Fuel & Utilities	\$9,700.00

Y91 EMPLOYER’S SHARE HOLDING ACCT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.000 HAS Fund	\$527.02

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve the following transfers between funds as follows:

A00 GENERAL FUND AND E01 COUNTY HEALTH

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	R-2210-E001-E17.574 Transfers In	\$7,916.66

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND N22 WWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9022-N022-N08.574 Transfers In	\$28,750.00

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND N88 WWS REVENUE BOND SHORT LIVED

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9088-N088-N04.574 Transfers In	\$58,000.00

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND O11 MT VICTORY-BOND RETIREMENT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9311-O011-O04.574 Transfers In	\$1,030.00

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND O62 USDA WATER BOND PAYMENT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9262-O062-O08.574 Transfers In	\$150,000.00

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND O63 USDA WATER BOND RESERVE FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9263-O063-O06.574 Transfers In	\$12,350.00

P53 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND O03 USDA-SSP BOND PAYMENT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	R-9200-O003-O08.574 Transfers In	\$29,167.00

P53 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND O12 NEFFS BOND RETIREMENT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	R-9312-O012-O05.574 Transfers In	\$2,848.00

P53 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND O61 SEWER BOND RETIREMENT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-33705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	R-9261-O061-O04.574 Transfers In	\$11,000.00

S12 BELMONT CO PORT AUTHORITY

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9799-S012-S07.000 Professional Services	R-9799-N090-N01.000 TA Grant Funds	\$9,909.00

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 dates:

****AUGUST 19, 2025****

N90 BLACK HORSE INN PROJECT

E-9799-N090-N01.000	TA Grant Funds	\$19,509.00
<u>**SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**</u>		
<u>A00 GENERAL FUND</u>		
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Salaries-Road	\$5,000.00
<u>B00 DOG & KENNEL FUND</u>		
E-1600-B000-B07.000	Veterinary Services	\$336.03
<u>L05 SOIL CONSERVATION</u>		
E-1815-L005-L01.002	Salaries	\$6,294.00
<u>M67 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL-JUV COURT</u>		
E-0400-M067-M01.002	Salaries	\$28,000.00
E-0400-M067-M02.003	PERS	\$5,600.00
E-0400-M067-M04.005	Medicare	\$1,200.00
E-0400-M067-M05.008	Insurances	\$5,200.00
<u>M78 TITLE IV-E REIMB</u>		
E-0400-M078-M05.000	Other Expenses	\$6,495.40
<u>S30 OAKKVIEW JUV-ACTIVITY FUND</u>		
E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$140.00
<u>S66 BCBDD-MAIN FUND</u>		
E-2410-S066-S70.011	Contract Services	\$2,110,443.08

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:

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION-David Carter to Cambridge, OH, on September 10, 2025, to attend the Eastern Prevention Council meeting.

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 27, 2025.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton made the following announcements:

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.

A Town Hall meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Martins Ferry Recreation Center, 401 South 4th Street, Martins Ferry, Ohio 43935. Public input is welcome and citizens are encouraged to attend.

**IN THE MATTER OF SUBMITTING THE NOTICE OF INTENT LETTER
TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT IDENTIFYING THE
BELMONT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AS THE
LEAD ENTITY DESIGNATION FOR DEMOLITION AND SITE REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to approve submitting the Notice of Intent letter to the Ohio Department of Development identifying the Belmont County Land Reutilization Corporation as the Lead Entity Designation for Demolition and Site Revitalization Program.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDING RECEIPT OF DONATION
FROM CAT STRAY SHUN/ANIMAL SHELTER**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to acknowledge receipt of a \$2,000.00 donation from Belmont County Cat Stray Shun to the Belmont County Animal Shelter.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said they appreciate all donations to the Animal Shelter. He said Cat Stray Shun has been a huge supporter and for that we are very thankful. It’s been a great partnership, great teamwork. Mr. Gianangeli acknowledged the local Kroger gave a donation of \$12,000 to the Animal Shelter. Mr. Echemann said the Martins Ferry Kroger has a huge collection box for donations for the animal shelter.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:31 A.M

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to enter executive session with Brian Butcher (via phone), pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(4) Collective Bargaining.

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 11:13 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 11:13 a.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said there is no action to be taken at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:13 A.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 12:29 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to exit executive session at 12:29 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Dutton said there is no action to be taken at this time.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:29 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to adjourn the meeting at 12:29 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 10th day of September, 2025.

Jerry Echemann /s/

Vince Gianangeli /s/

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner J. P. Dutton – Absent

We, Jerry Echemann and Bonnie Zuzak, Vice-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/ VICE-PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/ CLERK