

St. Clairsville, Ohio

January 12, 2026

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.

“SPECIAL MEETING”  
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING RECORDED  
ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE SUMMARIZED. FOR COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS  
PLEASE SEE CORRESPONDING CD FOR THIS MEETING DAY.

IN THE MATTER OF REORGANIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/  
ELECTION OF JERRY ECHEMANN AS PRESIDENT FOR 2026

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to reorganize the Belmont County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 and elect Jerry Echemann as President of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners for the year 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF REORGANIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/  
ELECTION OF VINCE GIANANGELI AS VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2026

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to reorganize the Belmont County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 and elect Vince Gianangeli as Vice-President of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners for the year 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF SCHEDULING DATES AND TIMES  
FOR 2026 REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to hold the Belmont County Commissioners meetings for the year 2026 on Wednesday of each week from 10:00 A.M. until adjournment at their office located in the Belmont County Courthouse, 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF SCHEDULING DATES AND TIMES  
FOR 2026 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS’ WORK SESSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to hold work sessions for the year 2026 on Monday of each week beginning at 9:00 a.m. until adjournment or beginning Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. in case of a Monday holiday, at their office located in the Belmont County Courthouse, 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. The Board reserves the right to change, add, or delete work sessions as it deems necessary.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE THE OFFICIAL  
REPRESENTATIVE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING AT THE ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO IN 2026

Commissioner Gianangeli moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners’ Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meeting of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate; and

**WHEREAS**, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate only a member of the Board of County Commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Commissioner J. P. Dutton is designated as the Official Voting Representative) of Belmont County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Commissioner Jerry Echemann is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Belmont County.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Echemann

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Commissioner <u>Gianangeli</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner <u>Echemann</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner <u>Dutton</u>	<u>Yes</u>

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING JERRY ECHEMANN, PRESIDENT,  
TO REPRESENT THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON  
THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION (CIC) BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR 2026

Motion made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Dutton to appoint Board President, Commissioner Jerry Echemann, to represent the Belmont County Commissioners on the Belmont County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) Board of Trustees for the year 2026.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELMONT COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to appoint Board President, Commissioner Jerry Echemann to serve on the Belmont County Health District Advisory Council for 2026 and to name Commissioner Vince Gianangeli as the alternate per O.R.C. 3709.03.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER J. P. DUTTON TO SERVE ON THE BELMONT COUNTY FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to appoint Commissioner J. P. Dutton to serve on the Belmont County Family and Children First Council for the year 2026 per O.R.C. 121.37.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER VINCE GIANANGELI TO SERVE AS THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY RECORDS COMMISSION FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to appoint Commissioner Vince Gianangeli to serve as the chairperson for the Belmont County Records Commission for 2026 per O.R.C. 149.38.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER JERRY ECHEMANN TO THE JEFFERSON BELMONT REGIONAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Dutton to appoint Commissioner Jerry Echemann to the Jefferson Belmont Regional Solid Waste Authority for 2026 per O.R.C. 343.011.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONERS J. P. DUTTON AND JERRY ECHEMANN TO THE BELMONT COUNTY INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Echemann to appoint Commissioner J. P. Dutton and Commissioner Jerry Echemann to the Belmont County Investment Advisory committee for 2026 per O.R.C. 135.341.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER VINCE GIANANGELI TO THE BELMONT COUNTY BOARD OF REVISION FOR THE YEAR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to appoint Commissioner Vince Gianangeli to the Belmont County Board of Revision for the year 2026 per O.R.C. 5715.02.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING COMMISSIONER VINCE GIANANGELI TO THE LOCAL CORRECTIONS PLANNING BOARD AND COMMISSIONER JERRY ECHEMANN AS ALTERNATE FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Echemann to appoint Commissioner Vince Gianangeli to the Local Corrections Planning Board and Commissioner Jerry Echemann as the alternate for 2026 per ORC 5149.34.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING APPOINTMENTS TO THE OMEGA MEMBERSHIP AND OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the following appointments to the OMEGA Membership and OMEGA Executive Board for 2026:

<b><u>OMEGA Membership</u></b>	<b><u>OMEGA EXECUTIVE BOARD</u></b>
Jerry Echemann, Commissioner	Jerry Echemann
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner	J. P. Dutton, Commissioner-Alternate

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Vince Gianangeli, Commissioner  
Frank Shaffer, Pultney Township Trustee  
Larry Merry, Port Authority Director  
Jackee Pugh, Belmont County Tourism Director  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**  
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 9:04 A.M.**  
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m.  
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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.

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT  
\_\_\_\_\_ CLERK