

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Jerry Echemann, Vince Gianangeli and J. P. Dutton, Commissioners and Jessica Koller, Assistant Clerk/Payroll 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. Gianangeli 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 \$1,257,314.64

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the following transfers within fund for the following funds:

Y91 EMPLOYER'S SHARE HOLDING ACCNT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Hospitalization	E-9891-Y091-Y12.000 HAS Fund	\$1,080.25

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

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

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND N22 WWS CAPITAL IMPORVEMENT

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3702-P005-P34.074 Transfers Out	R-9022-N022-N08.474 Transfers In	\$28,750.00

P05 WATER WORKS FUND AND N88 REVENUE BOND SHORT LIVED FUND

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 FUND

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 FUND

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

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 AND O03 USDA-SSD BOND PAYMENT FUND

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 FUND

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 FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	R-9261-O061-O04.574	\$11,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli 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:

JANUARY 6, 2026

S70 BELMONT CO SENIOR PROGRAMS

E-5005-S070-S13.000	Unemployment	\$1,994.32
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FEBRUARY 17, 2026

N90 BLACK HORSE INN PROJECT

E-9799-N090-N01.000	Design Contractual-TA Grant	\$9,490.00
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MARCH 17, 2026

A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0049-A000-A02.000	Refunds & Reimbursements	\$200.00
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B00 DOG & KENNEL FUND

E-1600-B000-B11.000	Other Expenses	\$76.86
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M75 PLACEMENT II

E-0400-M075-M01.000	Other Expenses	\$300.00
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S12 PORT AUTHORITY

E-9799-S012-S07.000	Professional Services	\$1,234.19
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S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$5,746.73
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E-8010-S030-S67.004	Workers' Compensation	\$424.70
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S32 OAKVIEW JUV-ACTIVITY FUND

E-8012-S032-S00.000	Activity Fund	\$664.96
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W20 LAW LIBRARY

E-9720-W020-W02.002	Salary	\$3,000.00
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E-9720-W020-W03.003	PERS	\$300.00
E-9720-W020-W04.004	Workers' Compensation	\$50.00
E-9720-W020-W05.005	Medicare	\$200.00
E-9720-W020-W07.010	Supplies	\$9,853.69

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS

FOR HSA CHARGEBACKS/ MARCH 2026

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to make the following transfer of funds for HSA

Chargebacks for March 2026

HSA CHARGEBACKS		MONTHLY CHARGEBACKS	
From:		To:	
NUMBER	ACCOUNT	NUMBER	AMOUNT
E-2410-S066-S80.000	BCBDD-MAIN FUND	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	335.93
E-1600-B000-B13.006	DOG & KENNEL	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	72.46
E-2812-K000-K20.006	ENGINEER	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	191.01
E-2510-H000-H01.002	JOB AND FAMILY	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	72.46
E-1310-J000-J01.002	REAL ESTATE	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	191.01
E-0910-S033-S47.006	SARGUS	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	72.46
E-5005-S070-S06.006	SENIOR SERVICES	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	72.46
E-3702-P005-P31.000	WWS#3	R-9891-Y091-Y12.500	289.84
		TOTALS	1,297.63

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated March 18, 2026, 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. Gianangeli Yes
 Mr. Dutton Yes

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli granting permission for county employees to travel as follows: DJFS-Kathaleen Dobson, Ryan Kreiter and Emily Smith to Columbus, OH, on March 24, 2026, to attend the Session 3-Change Processing. A county car will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: \$150.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of March 11, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ADOPTION OF THE ROTH 457 OPTION AS AN EXPANDED PORTFOLIO CHOICE WITHIN THE OHIO COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN (OCERP), AS WAS AUTHORIZED INTO LAW BY THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 220, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, CCAO Service Corporation ("CCAOSC"), a subsidiary of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio ("CCAO"), operates a CCAO Deferred Compensation Program available to employees in this county; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio passed Senate Bill 220 into law effective March 19, 2017, to allow Roth options within public employee deferred compensation programs. The Roth 457 option has been identified as an additional benefit that can assist county employees to save for retirement by expanding their portfolio options to include additional possible tax advantages; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Roth option as a portfolio choice of the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan (OCERP) has been duly considered, analyzed and recommended by the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan Committee, CCAO Service Corporation Advisory Board, and this Board is satisfied with the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan Committee's recommendation to include a Roth 457 option within the portfolio option lineup; and

WHEREAS, in order to assist Empower Retirement with its immediate communication needs to county staff and county employees regarding the law change and the expansion of allowed plans within the CCAO Deferred Compensation Plan to include the Roth 457 option.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

Section 1. This Board hereby authorizes and endorses by vote that this county shall expand the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan (OCERP) to include the Roth 457 option pursuant to Ohio law.

Section 2. This Board directs Empower Retirement, the administrator of the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan (OCERP), to contact county staff and employees regarding the new Roth 457 plan option so employees may become fully informed as to their retirement options.

Section 3. This resolution was adopted in a regular session of the Board in full compliance with Ohio's sunshine laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County does hereby fully support and endorse the addition of the Roth 457 option into the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan (OCERP), effective January 1, 2027.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TITLE IV-D CONTRACT RENEWAL AND SECURITY ADDENDUM BETWEEN BELMONT COUNTY CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND BELMONT COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT MAGISTRATE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the Title IV-D Contract renewal and security addendum between Belmont County Child Support Enforcement Agency and the Belmont County Common Pleas Court Magistrate for administration of the support enforcement program, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, in the maximum amount of \$122,039.90.

Note: Funding is 66% federal share and 34% local share.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
IV-D CONTRACT

Pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Parts 302, 303, and 304 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); sections 3125.13 to 3125.17 of the Ohio Revised Code; and rules 5101:12-1-80 to 5101:12-1-80.4 of the Ohio Administrative Code (hereafter "IV-D Contract rules"), the Belmont County Child Support Enforcement Agency (hereafter "CSEA") enters into this IV-D Contract with Belmont County Court of Common Pleas (hereafter "Contractor") to purchase services for the effective administration of the support enforcement program.

The CSEA and the Contractor certify that all IV-D Contract activities shall be performed in compliance with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, 45 CFR Parts 302, 303, and 304, and the rules in Division 5101:12 of the Administrative Code.

Unless otherwise specified, the terms of this IV-D Contract apply to both governmental contractors and private contractors.

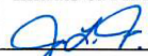

The IV-D Contract consists of this document and all attached forms or documents that are incorporated and deemed to be a part of the IV-D Contract as if fully written herein, and are referred to as ODJFS Contract Number 07260604. Nothing in this IV-D Contract shall be construed contrary to state or federal laws and regulations.

IV-D Contract Terms:

1. **IV-D Contract Period:** The IV-D Contract is effective from 01/01/2026 through 12/31/2026, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the terms listed in paragraph 23 of this IV-D Contract. The IV-D Contract period shall not exceed twelve (12) months. The CSEA and contractor may agree upon a IV-D Contract period that is less than twelve (12) months.
2. **Unit of Service:** Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this IV-D Contract, the CSEA agrees to purchase and the Contractor agrees to provide the following Unit of Service for a IV-D case: Court Order.

The CSEA and the Contractor certify that all units of service are eligible for federal financial participation (FFP) reimbursement in accordance with rules 5101:12-1-60 and 5101:12-1-60.1 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the IV-D Contract rules, and 2 CFR, Subtitle A, Chapter II, Part 225 (Circular A-87 of the Federal Office of Management and Budget).

3. **Optional Purchase of Non-CSEA Initiated Activities:** In a IV-D Contract with a court for magistrate services, the CSEA may elect to purchase non-CSEA initiated activities in addition to CSEA initiated activities. If the CSEA elects to purchase non-CSEA initiated activities in addition to CSEA initiated activities, the CSEA and the court shall signify the decision by placing their initials on the lines below.

Initials of Authorized CSEA Representative 	Initials of Authorized Court Representative 
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4. **IV-D Contract Costs:**
 - 4A. **Unit Rate:** The Unit Rate (or Adjusted Unit Rate, if applicable) for this IV-D Contract is \$152.55 per Unit of Service as determined by:
 - The calculation listed in the JFS 07020 (Governmental Contractor IV-D Contract Budget) for a IV-D Contract with a governmental entity; or
 - The procurement process for a IV-D Contract with a private entity.
 - 4B. **Total IV-D Contract Cost:** The Total IV-D Contract Cost is \$122,039.90
5. **Availability of Funds:** The CSEA certifies that it has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this IV-D Contract, that it intends to maintain this IV-D Contract for the full period set forth herein, that it believes that it will have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period, and that it will use its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this IV-D Contract.
 - 5A. Payments for all services provided in accordance with the provisions of this IV-D Contract are contingent upon the availability of the non-federal share and FFP reimbursement, as follows:

	Amount	Source
Non-Federal Share	\$41,493.57	Local Sources
FFP Reimbursement	\$80,546.33	
Total IV-D Contract Cost	\$122,039.90	

- 5B. The CSEA certifies that the non-federal share is not provided from any source that is prohibited by state or federal law.

6. **Performance Standards:** The performance standards shall be based upon the requirements in 45 CFR Part 303. The performance standards are attached to this IV-D Contract in a separate document with a label at the top of the first page that reads, "Performance Standards."
7. **Access to the Public:** The CSEA and the Contractor agree to make all reasonable efforts to allow public access by providing services between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on the following days Monday through Friday with the exception of the following days: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day After Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and any other day when County Offices are closed by the County Commissioners or the Belmont County Prosecuting Attorney:
8. **Amendments to and Modifications of the IV-D Contract:** The Office of Child Support (OCS) will review all IV-D Contract amendments or modifications and determine whether the amendments or modifications are acceptable for purposes of FFP reimbursement. Language in this IV-D Contract shall not be modified, deleted, struck out, or added, except for the following:
 - **Amendments:** The CSEA or Contractor may amend any information in the insertable fields in the first paragraph of the IV-D Contract or IV-D Contract Terms 1 through 7, provided that both the CSEA and Contractor agree to the amendments, the CSEA submits the amendments to OCS on the JFS 07037 (IV-D Contract Amendment), and OCS accepts the JFS 07037; or
 - **Modifications:** The CSEA or Contractor may modify the language in this IV-D Contract, provided that both the CSEA and the Contractor agree to the modifications, the CSEA submits the proposed modifications to OCS, and OCS accepts the modifications. If the CSEA or Contractor modifies the language in this IV-D Contract without the agreement of both parties to the IV-D Contract and acceptance from OCS, the modified IV-D Contract will have no force or effect of law.
9. **Billing Requirements:** When the Contractor is a private entity, the Contractor shall ensure that the JFS 07035 (IV-D Contract Invoice) is submitted to the CSEA no later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month in which services were provided.

When the Contractor is a governmental entity, the Contractor shall ensure that the JFS 07034 (Governmental Contractor Monthly Expense Report) and the JFS 07035 are submitted to the CSEA no later than thirty (30) days after the last day of the month in which services were provided. If the Contractor neglects or refuses to submit the JFS 07034 or JFS 07035 to the CSEA for payment within the appropriate time frame, the CSEA reserves the right to refuse payment.

If the Contractor neglects or refuses to submit the JFS 07035 to the CSEA for payment within the appropriate time frame, the CSEA reserves the right to refuse payment.
10. **Expensed Equipment:** Equipment that has been included in the unit rate on the JFS 07020 and expensed rather than depreciated during the IV-D Contract period shall be transferred to the CSEA or the appropriate residual value shall be paid to the CSEA when the equipment is no longer needed to carry out the work under this IV-D Contract or a succeeding IV-D contract.
11. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** The CSEA and the Contractor shall monitor and evaluate the extent to which services described in the IV-D Contract are being performed. The CSEA shall evaluate the performance of the Contractor on the JFS 02151 (IV-D Contract Evaluation) and provide a copy of the completed JFS 02151 to the Contractor.
12. **Recordkeeping:** The Contractor shall maintain accounting procedures and practices that sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this IV-D Contract. All books, records, payroll, and documents related to this IV-D Contract that are in the possession of the Contractor or of a third party performing work related to this IV-D Contract shall be maintained and preserved by the Contractor for a period of three years after final payment, unless otherwise directed by the CSEA. Such records shall be subject at all reasonable times for inspection, review, or audit by duly authorized federal, state, and CSEA personnel or their designees. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is started before the end of the three-year period, the records must be retained until all issues arising from the action are resolved or until the end of the three-year period, whichever is later.
13. **Responsibility for Review or Audit Findings and Recommendations:** The Contractor agrees to accept responsibility for replying to and complying with any review or audit findings and recommendations by an authorized state or federal review or audit that are directly related to the provisions of this IV-D Contract.
14. **Indemnity:** When the Contractor is a private entity, the Contractor shall certify that it will at all times during the existence of this IV-D Contract indemnify and hold harmless the CSEA, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and the Board of County Commissioners or county administrator in the same county as the CSEA against any and all liability, loss, damage, and/or related expenses incurred through the provision of services under this IV-D Contract.

15. **Insurance:** When the Contractor is a private entity, the Contractor shall contract for such insurance as is reasonably necessary to adequately secure the persons and estates of eligible individuals against reasonable, foreseeable torts that could cause injury or death.
16. **Finding for Recovery:** The Contractor certifies that the Contractor is not subject to a finding for recovery or it has taken the appropriate remedial steps required under section 9.24 of the Ohio Revised Code or it otherwise qualifies to contract with the State of Ohio under section 9.24 of the Ohio Revised Code.
17. **Licenses:** The Contractor certifies that all approvals, licenses, or other qualifications necessary to conduct business or, if applicable, practice law in Ohio have been obtained and are operative. If at any time during the IV-D Contract period the Contractor becomes disqualified or suspended from conducting business or, if applicable, practicing law in Ohio, the Contractor must immediately notify the CSEA of the disqualification or suspension and the Contractor will immediately cease performance of any obligations under this IV-D Contract.
18. **Independent Capacity for the Contractor:** The Contractor and its agents, employees, and subcontractors will act in performance of this IV-D Contract in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of Ohio or the CSEA.
19. **Confidentiality:** The Contractor agrees that information regarding an individual shall only be used for purposes related to the IV-D program, in accordance with rules 5101:12-1-20 to 5101:12-1-20.2 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Disclosure of information for any other purpose is prohibited.
20. **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance:** The Contractor certifies that it is in full compliance with all statutes and regulations pertaining to the ADA of 1990 and with section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
21. **Civil Rights:** The Contractor certifies compliance with rule 5101:9-2-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code.
22. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** In carrying out this IV-D Contract, the Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. The Contractor shall ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. Such action shall include but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, recruitment advertising, layoff, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training including apprenticeship.
23. **Termination:** This IV-D Contract may be terminated:
 - 23A. By mutual agreement at any time after the date on which the two parties reach their decision.
 - 23B. If FFP reimbursement or the non-federal share designated for the purchase of services under this IV-D Contract is not available to the CSEA in an amount adequate to support the IV-D Contract as determined by the CSEA. When termination of the IV-D Contract occurs under this paragraph, the termination date is the date upon which the FFP reimbursement or non-federal share is no longer available; however, the CSEA may determine a later termination date. The CSEA shall provide the Contractor written notice of the termination but is not required to provide written notice in advance of the termination. Reimbursement to the Contractor will cease on the date of termination of the IV-D Contract.
 - 23C. If the CSEA has discovered any illegal conduct on the part of the Contractor, immediately upon delivery of written notice to the Contractor by the CSEA.
 - 23D. If the Contractor does not faithfully and promptly perform its responsibilities and obligations under this IV-D Contract as determined by the CSEA. If the CSEA elects to terminate the IV-D Contract, the CSEA shall provide the Contractor with written notice thirty days in advance of the termination date.
 - 23E. If the CSEA does not faithfully and promptly perform its responsibilities and obligations under this IV-D Contract, as determined by the Contractor. If the Contractor elects to terminate the IV-D Contract, the Contractor shall provide the CSEA with written notice thirty days in advance of the termination date.
 - 23F. If the IV-D Contract is for legal services and the Contractor becomes disqualified or suspended from conducting business or practicing law in Ohio, all obligations under this IV-D Contract shall immediately terminate and the Contractor shall immediately notify the CSEA and cease the performance of any obligations under this IV-D Contract.

When the IV-D Contract terminates, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation upon submission of the appropriate form(s), as described in paragraph 9, for the work performed prior to:

- The date on which the parties reached their decision, in accordance with paragraph 23A;
- The receipt of the written notice of termination, in accordance with paragraphs 23B through 23E; or
- The Contractor being disqualified or suspended from conducting business or practicing law, in accordance with paragraph 23F.

The CSEA shall calculate the compensation based on the Total IV-D Contract Cost less any funds previously paid by or on behalf of the CSEA. The Contractor shall not exceed the Total IV-D Contract Cost. The CSEA shall not be liable for any further claims.

IV-D Contract Signatures:

Signature of CSEA's Representative <i>Jeffery L. Felton</i>	Printed Name of CSEA's Representative Jeffery L. Felton
Date of Signature 3/10/2026	

Signature of Contractor's Representative <i>Chris Berhalter</i>	Printed Name of Contractor's Representative Chris Berhalter, Judge
Date of Signature 3-10-26	Printed Street Address of Contractor 101 West Main St.
Printed Title of Contractor's Representative Judge	Printed City, State, and Zip Code of Contractor St Clairsville, OH 43950

Signature of County Commissioner or Representative <i>Jerry Echemann</i>	Date of Signature 3/18/26
Signature of County Commissioner or Representative <i>Jim Gianangeli</i>	Date of Signature 3/18/26
Signature of County Commissioner or Representative <i>Mr. Dutton</i>	Date of Signature 3/18/26
Signature of Prosecutor, if required by County Commissioners <i>[Signature]</i>	Date of Signature 3/23/26

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

AGREEMENT WITH LNE GROUP, LLC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Attachment 2 to the Consulting Agreement with LNE Group, LLC, in the amount of \$6,250.00 per month for consulting services to pursue project funding from federal and state funding sources, effective April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2027.

Note: Either party may terminate the agreement with a 60-day written notice.

**Attachment 2 to Consulting Services Agreement
By and Between
LNE Group and Belmont County, Ohio**

This attachment ("Attachment 2") is made a part of that certain consulting services agreement by and between LNE Group and Belmont County, Ohio ("Client"), dated January 1, 2025 (the "Agreement"). Unless otherwise stated in this Attachment 2, the terms and conditions of the Agreement shall apply and are unmodified.

Project Understanding

Client is currently engaged with LNE Group through March 31, 2026. Client is interested to extend its relationship with LNE Group to pursue project funding from federal and state funding sources.

Term and Termination

The term of the Agreement is from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027. Either party may terminate this Agreement upon providing sixty (60) days written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the termination or expiration of the Agreement as provided herein, Client shall remain liable to pay all amounts owed to LNE Group for its work hereunder to the extent those amounts were owed prior to termination or expiration of the Agreement.

Scope of Services

The Scope of Services is the same as in Attachment 1 to the Agreement.

Compensation

Client will compensate LNE Group as follows:

- Monthly retainer of \$6,250 (total payments \$75,000).

The foregoing professional fees cover LNE Group's professional time and expenses.

LNE Group

By: Scott Owens s
(Authorized Signature)
Scott Owens, President
March 13, 2026

Belmont County, Ohio

By: Jerry Echemann /s/
(Authorized Signature)
Vince Gianangeli /s/ J. P. Dutton /s/
March 18, 2026

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION FOR OHIO WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING COMPANY FOR WEST END FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion for Ohio West Virginia Excavating Company for the West End Force Main Improvements, based upon the recommendation of Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water & Sewer District Director.

Date of Substantial Completion: July 1, 2025.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 7 (FINAL) FROM OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO/WEST END FORCE MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Pay Request Number 7 (Final) (9/15/25 to 3/10/26) from Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co., in the amount of \$52,147.97 for the West End Force Main Improvements Project, based upon the recommendation of Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water & Sewer District Director.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE LETTER FROM VERIZON WIRELESS GIVING CONSENT FOR PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO TOWER ON PREMISES OF 56042 SAFFELL CHURCH ROAD

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the letter from Verizon Wireless giving consent for proposed modifications to its equipment located on the tower on the premises of 56042 Saffell Church Road, Alledonia, OH.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM H.E. NEUMMAN COMPANY/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the proposal from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of \$13,850.00 to add a water source, sink and faucet in the community room at Senior Services of Belmont County.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

Tri-County Help Center- JaQue Galloway, Program Facilitator, Misty Klug, Community Education Advocate and Emilee Fields, Survivor Navigator

Re: Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation

Ms. Klug said they have book recommendations from survivors which will be displayed at local libraries. There are several events planned throughout the month. Ms. Fields said, "A big part of what I do is, as a domestic violence victim myself, I can advise on what to do, what not to

do, things that have helped me, things that could help other victims.” She added, “It is crucial to educate parents, friends, anyone at all, who is in a circle of someone who’s been physically sexually abused, so that they are able to just be more helpful.”

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the proclamation declaring April Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sexual Assault Awareness Month is observed each April to raise awareness about the prevalence of sexual violence, which affects millions of Americans and impacts every community, including Belmont County; and

WHEREAS, we honor the survivors who have bravely shared their stories, recognize their courage, and support them on their journeys toward healing and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to hold perpetrators accountable and challenge the attitudes and behaviors that allow sexual assault to occur; and

WHEREAS, education, awareness, accountability, and community involvement are critical to building a culture that does not tolerate sexual violence; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the longstanding contributions of the advocates at Tri-County Help Center who—since 1979—have provided unwavering support and served as a lifeline for survivors, helping them navigate healing with dignity and strength; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Tri-County Help Center, Inc. provided advocacy 2,116 times to 103 survivors including 22 hospital accompaniments and counseling for 229 survivors, demonstrating its continued commitment to supporting survivors and strengthening our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Belmont County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Belmont County. We encourage all residents to stand with survivors, raise awareness, and work together toward a future free from sexual violence.

Adopted this day the 18th of March 2026

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Bid Opening-Pennwood Lift Station and Force Main Project

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR PENNWOOD LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT

This being the day and 11:00 a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners’ Office for the Pennwood Lift Station and Force Main Project; they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Border Patrol, LLC 86120 Water Works Road Hopedale, Ohio 43976	X	\$569,797.00
James White Construction 4156 Freedom Way Weirton, WV 26062	X	\$690,736.00
RDR Utility Services Group 1272 East Pike Street Clarksburg, West Virginia 26301	X	\$914,900.00
Ohio-West Virginia Excavating PO Box 128 Powhatan Point, Ohio 43942	X	\$675,068.00

Engineer’s estimate: \$593,120.00

Present for opening: Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water & Sewer District Director and Brian Street, Engineering Associate.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to turn over all bids received for the Pennwood Lift Station and Force Main Project, to Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water and Sewer District Director, for review and recommendation.

Mr. Porter said this is replacing a package plant built in the 1970’s. The lift station is a better option long-term.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:50 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter executive session with Erin McVay, HR Generalist, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the compensation and employment of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:10 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 1:10 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING MYCAH YOHO AS FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Mycah Yoho, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective March 19, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING HUNTER FLEMMING
AS FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Hunter Flemming, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective March 27, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF
CRAIG HARRIS, FULL-TIME WATER PLANT MANAGER**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the retirement of Craig Harris, full-time Water Plant Manager at Belmont County Water and Sewer District, effective May 1, 2026.

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 1:11 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 25th day of March 2026.

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____

Vince Gianangeli /s/ _____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

J. P. Dutton /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