

St. Clairsville, Ohio

May 6, 2026

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 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. 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 \$695,602.30

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:

A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0051-A001-A10.000 Professional Services	E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	\$7,916.66
E-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization	E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	\$8,562.80

S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S67.004 Worker's Compensation	E-8010-S030-S56.000 Motor Vehicles	\$2,500.00
E-8010-S030-S67.004 Worker's Compensation	E-8010-S030-S59.000 Fuel/Utilities	\$3,600.00
E-8010-S030-S67.004 Worker's Compensation	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maintenance	\$12,040.18
E-8010-S030-S67.004 Worker's Compensation	E-8010-S030-S64.012 Equipment	\$659.57
E-8010-S030-S69.007 Unemployment	E-8010-S030-S60.000 Maintenance	\$3,000.00

S55 TARGETED COMM ALTERN TO PRISON

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1545-S055-S01.000 Grant Expenses	E-1545-S055-S02.002 Salaries/Fringes	\$50,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

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

A00 GENERAL FUND AND S17 CHILDREN SERVICES

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers Out	R-2765-S017-S15.574 Transfers In	\$8,562.80

W80 PROSECUTOR'S - VICTIM PROGRAM AND A00 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1511-W080-P01.002 Victim Assist Salary	R-0040-A000-A47.574 Transfers In	\$3,722.06

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:

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

N91 BUILDING CONSTR. PROJECT FUND

E-9091-N091-N06.013	Contract Services	\$100,000.00
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A00 GENERAL FUND

E-0111-A001-E02.002	Salaries	\$3,722.06
E-0131-A006-A09.000	Medical	\$301.97
E-0131-A006-A17.010	Shop with a Cop	\$300.00
E-0131-A006-A20.000	False Alarm	\$200.00
E-0131-A006-A23.000	Background	\$1,037.00
E-0131-A006-A24.000	E-SORN	\$505.00
E-0131-A006-A32.000	Warrant Fee	\$570.51
E-0151-A002-F09.000	Other Expenses	\$1,335.68
E-0181-A003-A11.000	Other Expenses	\$10,000.00

B00 DOG & KENNEL FUND

E-1600-B000-B07.000	Veterinary Services	\$310.06
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B14 JUV IND DRIVER ALCOHOL TRTMNT

E-1650-B014-B01.000	Other Expenses	\$63.17
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E09 NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 FUND

E-2209-E009-E01.011	Contract Services	\$30,672.91
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S00 COMMISSARY FUND/SHERIFF

E-5100-S000-S01.010	Commissary	\$9,257.91
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S30 OAKVIEW JUB REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$150.00
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S32 OAKVIEW JUV-ACTIVITY FUND

E-8012-S032-S00.000 Activity Fund \$1,500.00

M78 TITLE IV-E REIMB

E-0400-M078-M05.000 Other Expenses \$3,041.59

S01 CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE FUND

E-5101-S001-S06.000 CCW License \$838.00

U10 SHERIFF'S RESERVE ACCOUNT

E-9710-U010-U06.000 Reserve \$7,250.00

W80 PROSECUTOR'S – VICTIM PROGRAM

E-1511-W080-P01.002 Salaries \$2,472.06

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 April 29, 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 ACKNOWLEDGING THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR APRIL 2026

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to acknowledge the Belmont County Commissioners received and reviewed the following from the Belmont County Auditor's Office:

- Monthly Financial Report for the month of April 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE INTEREST REPORT AND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to acknowledge the Belmont County Commissioners received and reviewed the following from the Belmont County Treasurer's Office:

- Interest Report and Investment Portfolio for the months of April 2026.

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:

COMMISSIONERS-Jerry Echemann to Cambridge, OH, on May 19, 2026, to attend the OMEGA Executive Board meeting. A county vehicle will be used for travel.

DJFS-Stacie Brown to Columbus, OH, on May 12, 2026, to attend the Trauma Timeline Training. Estimated expenses: \$212.40. Mike Schlanz to Wheeling, WV, on May 14, 2026, to attend the Veterans Resource Fair. A county vehicle will be used for travel. Stacie Brown to North Canton, OH, on May 15, 2026, to attend the Residential Alternative training. Estimated expenses: \$197.90. Christy Devore and Ed Braun to Columbus, OH, on May 26-28, 2026, to attend the Nationwide Children's Foster Care Summit. A county vehicle will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: \$1,326.00. Doug Butts and Mike Frey to Columbus, OH, on June 29, 2026, to attend the OAG-World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Conference. A county vehicle will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: \$230.00.

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 April 29, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING JESSE PFALZGRAF, FULL-TIME NUTRITION DRIVER/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Jesse Pfalzgraf, full-time Nutrition Driver at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective May 18, 2026.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING MELINDA HICKS,
FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK/EASTERN DIVISIONAL COURTS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Melinda Hicks, full-time Deputy Clerk at Belmont County Eastern Divisional Courts, effective May 27, 2026.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING MAKAYLA CANNON,
FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK/EASTERN DIVISIONAL COURTS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Makayla Cannon, full-time Deputy Clerk at Belmont County Eastern Divisional Courts, effective May 27, 2026.

Note: This is a replacement position.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT TO THE
MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the appointment of Jessica Cook to the Mental Health and Recovery Board, effective immediately through June 30, 2027, to fill the unexpired term of Debra Yeater, based upon the recommendation of the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER PROCLAMATION

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the National Day of Prayer Proclamation.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

WHEREAS, National Day of Prayer was first observed by members of the Continental Congress in 1775, and President Truman signed a joint resolution declaring an annual National Day of Prayer in 1952; and

WHEREAS, the 100th United States Congress passed a resolution on May 5, 1988, proclaiming the observance of the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May each year thereafter; and

WHEREAS, prayer plays a powerful role in the lives of people of all cultures, religions and backgrounds, and serves as a source of moral and spiritual guidance for million throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, we unite with fellow citizens to exercise the freedom we have to gather in prayer to seek guidance, provision, protection, and purpose for the benefit of every individual; and

WHEREAS, the National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans and is as important to our nation today as it was in the beginning. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners do hereby designate May 7, 2026, as National Day of Prayer for Belmont County and encourage prayer for the benefit of our communities, county and nation.

Adopted this 6th day of May 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

**IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM
MERICAN PACKAGE LLC, SOUTH END BAR & GRILL TO IRON H
GROUP LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, SOUTH END BAR & GRILL**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to advise the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does not request a hearing on the matter of a request for the transfer of a D-5 liquor license, Permit No. 10015724-1 from Merican Package LLC, South End Bar & Grill 57060 Wegee Road, Shadyside, OH, 43947, Mead Township, to Iron H Group Limited Liability Company, South End Bar & Grill, at above address. There have been no objections received and the Board of County Commissioners has no objections to the permit.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR THE
WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: BLAINE
BOOSTER PUMP AND WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to advertise for bids for the Water Capital Improvement Project: Blaine Booster Pump and Waterline Replacement project.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSION

BELMONT COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Separate sealed bids for the **BLAINE, SUMMIT, & SANDHILL WATER MAINS**

project will be received by the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County at the Commissioner's office, located at the Belmont County Courthouse, 101 W. Main Street, St. Clairsville, OH 43950 until **11:00 a.m.** local time **June 3, 2026**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Contract Documents, Specifications and Drawings may be examined at the following:

1. Belmont County Commission

- Belmont County Courthouse
101 W. Main St.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
- 2. Vaughn. Coast & Vaughn, Inc.
154 S. Marietta St.
St Clairsville, OH 43950
7406957256
- 3. OVCEC
21 Armory Drive
Wheeling, WV 26003
304-242-0520
- 4. Builder’s Exchange – Cleveland
9555 Rockside Rd., Suite 300
Cleveland, OH 44125
866-907-6300

Method of Bidding will be as follows:

BLAINE, SUMMIT, & SANDHILL WATER MAINS

LUMP SUM PRICE CONTRACT includes all work necessary to install 840 feet of temporary 2” water line; 2,150 feet of 6” PVC, 50 feet of 8” HDPE HDD, 2,510 feet of 8” HDPE HDD, and 2,740 feet of 10” HDPE water main; 450 feet of 1” PVC water service line; 16 existing service reconnects; testing, disinfection; four tie-ins; and other miscellaneous items.

A digital copy of plans, specifications and proposal forms can be obtained from the Engineer, Vaughn, Coast & Vaughn, Inc., 154 South Marietta Street, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 (740) 695-7256, upon payment of a deposit of \$25 (non-refundable).

Each Bidder must submit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

Each Proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. If requested, each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity.

Bids will be accepted from only those Bidders who are Plan Holders of Record and obtain Documents from the Engineer’s office.

Domestic steel use requirements as specified in Section 153.011 of the Ohio Revised Code apply to this project. Copies of Section 153.011 of the Revised Code can be obtained from any of the offices of the Department of Administrative Services.

Bidders shall be compliant with Ohio Revised Code 3517.13.

All Contractors and subcontractors involved with the project will, to the extent practicable use Ohio Products, materials, services, and labor in the implementation of their project. Additionally, contractor compliance with the equal employment opportunity requirements of Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 123, the Governor’s Executive Order of 1972, and Governor’s Executive Order 84-9 shall be required.

No Bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

All work done under this contract shall be subject to all Federal Davis Bacon Wage rates and rules.

The Belmont County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities in the Bids received, and to accept any Bid or combination of Bids which is deemed most favorable to the County at the time and under the conditions stipulated

The Commissioners further declare that they will award the contract for this Project to the lowest and best Bid, which may not necessarily be the lowest Bid. The Specifications contain a Bidder’s Profile designed to gather certain information that may be considered in this regard. No single factor will control the Board’s decision to award, and the Board reserves the right to exercise its full discretion.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

By order of: BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSION

Bids may be sent to: Belmont County Commission
Belmont County Courthouse
101 W. Main St.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio

Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Bonnie Zuzak, Clerk of the Board

Times Leader Advertisement: Two (2)

To be published 2 times: Monday, May 11, 2026 and Monday, May 18, 2026.

Please send proof of publication to: Belmont County Commission
Belmont County Courthouse
101 W. Main St.
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 APPROVING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION OF BELMONT COUNTY

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the contract between the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and Community Action Commission of Belmont County, effective May 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$54,434.00 for the purpose of providing a summer employment program to serve persons from a Belmont County Temporary Assistance To Needy Families (TANF) eligible family.

Note: The cost is being paid by TANF funds.

**CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES
BETWEEN
THE BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND
THE COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION OF BELMONT COUNTY**

This contract is entered into this 4th day of **May 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter referred to as “**Purchaser**”), and the Community Action Commission of Belmont County (UEI LAG1P41TUJM3), doing business at 153 ½ West Main Street, St. Clairsville OH 43950, a provider of service (hereinafter referred to as “**Provider**”).

This contract shall constitute the entire agreement between the Purchaser and Provider and any prior understanding or representation of any kind preceding the date of this contract shall not be binding upon either party except to the extent incorporated into this agreement. The following are the terms and conditions of this contract.

**TANF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR YOUTH (CFDA 93.558)
Funded by TANF Funds and Administered through the
Prevention, Retention and Contingency (PRC) Program**

I. Purpose

This agreement is entered into for the purpose of providing a summer employment program to serve individuals from a TANF eligible family in Belmont County. The individuals that may be served are: Youth ages 14-18 enrolled in secondary school as long as the youth is a minor child in a needy family enrolled in a secondary school at or below the 200% federal poverty standard (youth may be 18 years of age if they are a full-time student enrolled in a secondary school); the youth served may be non-custodial parents as long as they are considered needy and have a minor child (needy is not specifically defined by state or federal regulation but may be no greater than income at 200% of

the federal poverty level); and youth in a foster care setting between the ages of 14-18 if they are a full-time student in a secondary school. Family is defined in federal and state law and regulations as follows: a minor child who resides with a parent, specified relative, legal guardian or legal custodian (a child may be temporarily absent from the home provided certain requirements are met); a pregnant individual with no other children; or a non-custodial parent who lives in the state, but does not reside with his/her minor child(ren). The TANF Summer Employment Program for Youth meets the following TANF purposes:

1. To aid needy families so that the children may be cared for in their homes or the homes of relatives.
2. To end dependence of needy parents on governmental benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage.

II. Purchase of Services

Subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this contract and any attachments (such attachments are deemed to be part of the contract as fully as if set forth herein), the Purchaser agrees to purchase from and the Provider agrees to furnish those specific services detailed in this contract.

III. Contract Period

This contract will become effective May 1, 2026, and expire on September 30, 2026, inclusive, unless otherwise terminated. Costs can be charged beginning May 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025. Normal PRC allocation liquidation rules apply with a liquidation date of December 31, 2026. Charges for services are only for those allowable costs that the Provider incurs between May 1, 2026, and September 30, 2026. **All invoices must be provided to the Purchaser for reimbursement on or before November 30, 2026, to be paid before December 31, 2026.** Payment for all invoices is contingent upon available funding and invoices meeting the time periods established for processing.

The Provider hereby expressly agrees to neither perform work nor submit an invoice for payment for work performed under this contract for any time period prior to notification that the contract has received approval of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners. The Provider further agrees to neither perform work nor submit an invoice for payment for work performed under this contract for any period after the termination date set forth in this contract. **The termination date for allowable billable work performed under the terms of this contract is September 30, 2026. Billable services may not begin prior to May 1, 2026.**

IV. Cost and Delivery of Purchased Services

Billings under this contract shall be for actual costs incurred from May 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026, for services directly related to the TANF Summer Employment Program for Youth. **Total costs for direct program services shall not exceed \$48,434.00 as listed under the "Service Description – Allowable Program Costs" and \$6,000.00 of the TANF Administration Allocation to be used solely for the administrative services provided for administering the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program.** The Provider agrees to accept as full payment for services rendered, in a manner satisfactory to the Purchaser, actual cost reimbursement. **It is expressly understood and agreed that in no event shall the total compensation to be reimbursed exceed the maximum combined total of \$54,434.00.** Any cost overruns or late billing shall be the sole responsibility of the Provider. The Provider must maintain a budget as part of this program. Payment for all services is contingent upon the availability of federal and/or state funding.

V. Service Description

Employment:

The Provider will act as the employer of record and provide summer employment to TANF eligible youth including case management activities related to the program, job coaching, mentoring, worksite development, placement of youth at worksites, issuing wages and fringe benefits to the youth, provisions of soft skills training as determined, youth registration on the OhioMeansJobs website, performance reporting, evaluation, other ancillary services including: work related items such as uniforms, tools, licenses or certifications, worker compensation expenses, Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA), direct supervision and training expenses, and transportation costs to and from the work site.

The youth will be provided with summer work experience up to forty (40) hours per week for a period of up to 23 weeks beginning on or after May 1, 2025, and ending on or before September 30, 2025. The number of weeks worked, and hours worked per week will be based on the total number of participants in the program, work site needs and allocation. The youth will be paid an allowable wage up to \$13.00 per hour. Fringes will consist of FICA and Worker's Compensation.

Compliance Requirement:

The Provider must comply with all TANF program compliance requirements.

Purchaser's Responsibilities:

The Purchaser's responsibilities under the terms of this agreement include:

- Evaluating eligible participants to determine the best program for each: the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) or the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program.
- At the conclusion of the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program, eligible participants shall be notified and given the opportunity to volunteer to participate in CCMEP, if applicable.
- Adopt the provisions of the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program described in Family Assistance Letter 221 and begin the program no later than May 1, 2025.
- Amends its PRC Plan to include the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program.
- Follow state and federal TANF and PRC requirements, including rule 5101:1-3-16 pf the Ohio Administrative Code.
- Upload the appropriate data in the reporting tool required by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS); and
- Correctly code expenditures to the proper fiscal codes provided by the ODJFS Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services.

Performance Objectives:

1. The Provider must ensure youth are placed at appropriate and safe work sites.
2. The Provider must ensure all required paperwork is in place including but not limited to the posting of Minor Labor Laws at worksites, posting of the Minor List at the worksites, USCIS I-9 form is completed on all youth and worksite agreements are properly completed and signed by all parties.
3. The Provider must maintain all proper payroll documentation.
4. The Provider must comply with the program requirements of reporting; OhioMeansJobs registration; evaluation; training; and certificates of completion listed within the context of this agreement.

Reporting:

The Provider is required to submit monthly necessary data to track the outcomes for the youth participants in the program. Reports are due in the reporting tool by the tenth (10th) of each month. It may be accessed at <https://syep.jfs.ohio.gov>. Instructions on using the reporting tool will be provided to the Provider once the Purchaser receives it from the state. All information shall be in the reporting tool within thirty (30) days from the youth leaving the program.

All documentation must be kept in case files at BCDJFS, OMJ Belmont County and the Community Action Commission of Belmont County.

OhioMeansJobs.com:

All youth participating in the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program must be registered on the OhioMeansJobs website. This is a primary responsibility of the Provider. A confirmation of the youth registration must be incorporated into the reporting.

Evaluation:

The Provider is responsible for completing an evaluation of the youth and worksites. The employer evaluation is contained in the reporting tool. The completion of evaluations may be subject to the reporting tool requirements once they become available.

Certificates of Completion:

Certificates of Completion are not required to be issued to the youth unless required by the reporting tool requirements once they become available.

Allowable Program Costs:

Allowable costs under this program and funding include:

- Payments to employers for wages (at no higher than \$13.00 per hour) and fringe benefits.
- Payments to third parties to operate the program.
- Recruitment and development of employers for the program.

- Other ancillary services which are offered by the employer to the subsidized employment participants include work related items such as uniforms, tools, licenses or certifications, case management activities related to the program, and employment coaches or mentors.
- Worker's compensation expenses.
- FICA
- Direct supervision and training costs.
- Transportation costs to and from the worksite.

Costs, such as other subsidized employment wages, childcare, etc. must adhere to time limits contained in 45 CFR 260.31 and can only be offered to a youth for a period of four (4) months or less.

The cost of health insurance for youth may not be charged against these TANF funds, **however, the costs of health insurance for staff employed by a third party to operate the program can be charged against this allocation.**

Administrative Costs:

The TANF Summer Youth Employment Program does not include TANF Administrative Funding. Federal regulations define what is considered TANF Administration and they are also set forth in rule 5101:9-6-08.8 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

The following activities and/or expenses are considered TANF Administration and cannot be charged to the TANF Summer Youth Employment allocation:

- Costs associated with eligibility determination activities.
- Salaries and benefits of staff performing administrative and coordination functions.
- Preparation of program plans, budgets, reports, schedules, and the monitoring of program and projects.
- Fraud and abuse units.
- Services related to accounting, litigation, audits, property management, payroll, personnel, procurement and public relations.
- Costs of goods and services and travel costs required for official business and the administration of the program unless excluded under paragraph (A) of rule 5101:9-6-08.8 of the Administrative Code; and
- Management information systems not related to the tracking and monitoring of the program.

Costs considered to be TANF Administration may be charged to the county's TANF Administration allocation pursuant to rule 5101:9-6-08.8 of the Ohio Administrative Code. **TANF Administration costs are not permitted to exceed \$6,000.00.**

Billing must detail separately direct program costs as permitted under Allowable Program Costs and TANF Administrative costs. Allowable program costs shall include the costs of health insurance for third party staff operating the program.

Unemployment Compensation:

For unemployment compensation costs, the ODJFS Office of Unemployment Insurance has stated under section 4141-5-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code that "not for profit" organizations, the state, or its instrumentalities serving as the "employer of record" are excluded for unemployment purposes.

The key decision point is determining who is the "employer of record". For unemployment purposes, the employer of record is the entity that has direction and control over participating individuals in the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program. The next key point is determining if the employer of record is a non-profit or governmental entity.

- If the employer of record is a "for profit" entity, then the services performed by and wages paid to the youth would be covered for unemployment and reported to ODJFS.
- If the employer of record is a "not for profit" entity, then the services performed by and wages paid to the youth would be excluded for employment and should not be reported to ODJFS.
- If the employer of record is a "governmental or public" entity, then the services performed by and wages paid to the youth would be excluded for unemployment and should not be reported ODJFS.

Specific questions concerning unemployment compensation should be directed to James Durbin, Assistant Chief, Contribution Section, Division of Employer & Program Services at James.Durbin@jfs.ohio.gov.

VI. Payment for Purchased Services

Upon completion of services each month, the Provider shall submit an invoice and supporting documentation to the Purchaser detailing purchased services rendered. Invoices shall include actual expenses incurred, not to exceed the maximum amount stated in Section IV above, for the delivery of these services. Invoices shall also include accruals and stand-in costs, as applicable. The Purchaser will review each invoice for completeness of information and accuracy before making payment within thirty (30) days of receipt of the invoice. Program and administrative funds are only permitted to be charged for actual services provided directly to the operation of the TANF Summer Employment Program.

Invoices shall be submitted to the Purchaser within fifteen (15) business days following the end of the month for services rendered during the previous month. The Provider shall make all reasonable efforts to include all services provided during the service month on the invoice.

The final invoice for compensation of services for the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program shall be received no later than November 24, 2025. The grant liquidation date is December 31, 2025, and due to the end of the fiscal year dates imposed by the County Auditor, all invoices to be paid in 2025 must be processed no later than December 3, 2025. Failure to submit the final invoice for services rendered under the terms of this contract timely may result in non-payment of reported charges that will then become the responsibility of the Provider.

All reported expenditures are subject to the appropriate federal, state, and/or local authority. Reported expenditures and program services are subject to monitoring by the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services.

VII. Purchasing or Leasing of Fixed Assets (Equipment)

For the purposes of this contract, a fixed asset is defined as any item having a useful life that exceeds one (1) year, regardless of cost. Fixed assets purchased with these funds are property of the Purchaser and shall only be used in the program or project for which they were acquired. No purchase of vehicles will be permitted under the terms of this contract. Procurement of fixed assets must follow federal, state and local policies. As such time as the program ends, funding expires, or the Provider no longer needs the fixed asset, the Purchaser shall provide guidance regarding its disposition. All fixed assets are to be reported to the Purchaser within thirty (30) days of purchase and registered on the Purchaser's inventory management.

Inventory: Fixed assets purchased under this agreement shall be the property of the Purchaser. Newly acquired inventory shall be reported to the Purchaser within thirty (30) days of the purchase. These assets shall be issued with the Purchaser's inventory tags. It will be the Provider's responsibility to affix and maintain these tags.

Usage: The Provider covenant to maintain the asset(s) reference above, whether purchased or leased, in good condition and repair and agrees not to commit or suffer any waste to the property and will comply with all statutes, ordinances, regulations and effecting said property or any part thereof and all covenants, restrictions, and agreements of which apply to the property or any part thereof.

VIII. Duplicate Billing

The Provider warrants that claims made to the Purchaser for payment shall be for performance of actual services rendered and shall not duplicate claims made by the Provider to other sources of funds, public or private, for the same services. Nothing in this provision shall be interpreted to prohibit multiple sources of funds, public or private, from serving participants if each service is not paid for more than once.

IX. Audit Responsibility and Repayment

The Provider is responsible for receiving, replying to and complying with any audit exception by federal, State of Ohio, or local audit authorities related to the performance of this contract. Audits may be conducted using a "sampling" method. Areas to be reviewed using this method include, but are not limited to months, expenses, total units and billable units. If errors are discovered, the error rate of the sample will be applied to the entire audit.

The Provider agrees to repay the Purchaser the entire amount of any payment received for duplicate or erroneous billings and for false or deceptive claims. When overpayment is identified, it must be repaid within one (1) month.

If repayment within one (1) month cannot be made, the Provider will sign a Repayment of Fund Agreement. Furthermore, the Purchaser may withhold payment and take any other legal action deemed necessary for recovering any funds erroneously paid

under the terms of this agreement if evidence exists of less than complete compliance with the provisions of this contract. If checks are withheld pending repayment by the Provider of erroneously paid funds, those checks held more than sixty (60) days will be canceled and not be reissued.

The Purchaser, at its sole discretion, may allow a change in terms of repayment. Such change(s) will require an amendment to the Repayment of Funds Agreement.

X. Warranty

The Provider warrants that its services shall be performed in a professional and work like manner in accordance with applicable professional standards.

XI. Insurance

The Provider shall comply with the laws of the State of Ohio with respect to insurance coverage.

XII. Notice

Notice, as required under this agreement, shall be sufficient if it is by certified mail, return receipt requested, provided that such notice states that it is a formal notice related to this contract.

XIII. Availability and Retention of Records

In addition to the responsibilities delineated in other articles, the Provider is specifically required to retain and make available to the Purchaser all records related to the performance of services of under this contract, including all supporting documentation necessary for audit by the Purchaser, the State of Ohio (including but not limited to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Auditor of the State of Ohio, Inspector General, or any other duly appointed law enforcement official), and agencies of the United States Government for at least seven (7) years after acceptance of audit exit report. If an audit is initiated during this period, the Provider shall retain such records until the audit is completed and all issues are resolved.

XIV. Confidentiality

The Provider agrees to comply with all federal and state laws applicable to the Purchaser and its clients concerning the confidentiality of its clients. The Provider understands that any access to the identities of such clients shall only be provided as is necessary for the purpose of performing its responsibilities under the terms of this contract. The Provider understands that the use or disclosure of information concerning the Purchaser's clients for any purpose not directly related to the performance of this contract is strictly prohibited.

XV. Conflict of Interest and Disclosure

Nothing in this contract precludes, prevents or restricts the Provider from obtaining and operating under other agreements with parties other than Purchaser, if this other work does not interfere with the Provider's performance of services under this contract. The Provider warrants that at the time of executing this contract, it has no interest in, and never shall it acquire any interest, direct or otherwise, in any agreement which will impede its ability to perform as provided in this agreement. The Provider further avers that no financial interest was involved on the part of any of Purchaser's offices, Board of County Commissioners or other county employees involved in the negotiation of this agreement or the development of its provisions. Furthermore, the Provider has no knowledge of any situation that would be a conflict of interest. It is understood that a conflict of interest occurs when an employee of Purchaser will gain financially or receive personal favors because of the signing or implementation of this contract.

The Provider will report on the discovery of any potential conflict of interest to the Purchaser. Should a conflict of interest be discovered during the term of this contract, the Purchaser may exercise any of its rights under this contract including termination, cancellation, rescission, remuneration, repayment and modifications.

The Provider hereby covenants that it has disclosed any information that it possesses about any business relationship or financial interest that it has with a county employee, employee's business or any business relationship or financial interest that a County employee has with the Provider or in its business.

XVI. Compliance

The Provider certifies that all who perform services, directly or indirectly, under this contract, including the Provider and all approved subcontractors, shall comply with all federal laws and regulations, including applicable OMB circulars, Ohio laws and regulations, including Ohio Administrative Code regulations.

The Provider accepts full responsibility for payment of all unemployment compensation premiums, all income tax deductions, pension deductions, and any and all other taxes or payroll deductions required for the performance of the work required hereunder by the Provider's employees, if applicable.

The Provider shall obtain all necessary approval, licenses or other qualifications necessary to conduct business in the State of Ohio prior to the effective date of this contract or this contract shall be void as of that date.

XVII. Relationship

Nothing in this contract is intended, or shall be interpreted, to constitute a partnership, association or joint venture between the Provider and Purchaser. The Provider will always have the status of independent contractor without the right or authority to impose tort, contractual or any other liability on the Purchaser, and the Belmont County Board of Commissioners.

XVIII. Assignments

The Purchaser shall not assign this contract without expressing prior, written approval of the Purchaser.

XIX. Subcontracts

In the event the Purchaser approves of a subcontract of all, or part of the performance required herein, the Provider shall remain solely responsible for all performance hereunder, including delivering services, reporting performance and assisting with evaluation and monitoring, as described in this contract. The Provider is solely responsible for making payments to all subcontractors for any services they may provide hereunder. Any subcontractors are subject to all terms, conditions and covenants contained in this contract.

XX. Integration, Modification and Amendment

This instrument is the entire contract between the parties, and no covenants, terms, conditions or obligations exist other than those contained herein. This contract supercedes all previous communications, representations or writings, including other contracts, written or oral, between the parties.

Any modification or amendment to this contract shall be made in writing executed by all parties to this contract, including any modification involving proportional payment for services performed below the standards stated in this contract.

XXI. Termination

This contract may be terminated by either party upon notice in writing delivered upon the other party prior to the effective date of termination. Should the Provider wish to terminate this contract, notice to the Purchaser must be delivered thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination. Any funds paid under this contract for services to be performed after the date of termination shall be repaid in accordance with Article IX of this agreement.

XXII. Breach of Contract

Should either party fail to perform as required under this contract, that failure of performance shall be a breach of this contract and will trigger the other party's rights of termination, cancellation, remuneration, repayment, rescission and modification, as defined herein and at the non-breaking party's discretion. Although in the event of breach, the non-breaking party has the right to terminate, cancel, rescind, modify and demand remuneration and/or repayment (as applicable), the non-breaking party is not required to avail itself of any of these rights and may choose to continue the contract, at its discretion.

XXIII. Waiver

Any waiver of any provision or condition of this contract shall not be construed or deemed to be a waiver of any provision or condition of this contract, nor a waiver of a subsequent breach of the same provision or conditions.

XXIV. Indemnification

The Provider agrees to protect, defend, indemnify and hold free and harmless the Purchaser, its officers, employees and agents, and the Belmont County Board of County Commissioners against any and all losses, penalties, damages, settlements, costs or liabilities

or every kind arising out of or in connection with any acts or omissions, negligent or otherwise, of Contractor, its officers, agents, employees and independent contractors.

The Provider shall pay all damages, costs and expenses of the Purchaser, its officers, agents and employees, and the Belmont County Board of Commissioners in connection with any omission or negligent action.

XXV.Governing Law and Forum

This contract and any modifications and amendments thereto shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of Ohio. Any legal action brought pursuant to this contract shall be filed in the courts of Belmont County, Ohio.

XXVI.Severability

If any term or provision of this contract or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this contract and its application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this contract shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

XXVII.Non-Discrimination

The Provider certifies it is an equal opportunity employer and shall remain in compliance with federal and Ohio civil rights and non-discrimination laws and regulations including but not limited to Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended, Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity", as amended by Executive Order 11375 of October 13, 1967, and as supplemented in the Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Chapter 60), the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Age Discrimination Employment Act as amended and Ohio Civil Rights Laws.

During performance of this contract, the Provider will not discriminate against any employee, contract worker or applicant for employment based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, Vietnam-era veteran status, age, political belief or place of birth. The Provider shall take affirmative action to ensure that during employment all employees and contract workers are treated without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, disability, Vietnam-era veteran status, age, political belief or place of birth. Such action shall include but not be limited to employment, promotion, demotion, transfer, recruitment, recruitment advertising, layoff termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation and selection for training including apprenticeship. Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices stating that the Provider complies with all applicable federal and Ohio non-discrimination laws.

The Provider or any person claiming through the Provider, agrees not to establish or knowingly permit any such practice or practices of discrimination or segregation in reference to anything relating to this contract, or in reference to any contractors or subcontractors of the Provider.

XXVIII.Child Support Enforcement

XXIX.The Provider agrees to cooperate with the Purchaser, ODJFS and any other child support enforcement agency in ensuring that the Provider's employees meet child support obligations established under Ohio law. Furthermore, by executing this contract, the Provider certifies present and future compliance with any order for withholding support which is issued pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code.

XXX.Public Assistance Work Program Clients

In compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, the Provider agrees not to discriminate against customers of the Ohio Works First Program in either hiring or promoting. The Provider agrees to include this provision in any contract, subcontract, grant or procedure with any other party that will be providing services, directly or indirectly, to Purchasers' Ohio Works First customers.

XXXI.Drug-Free Workplace

The Provider will comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding a drug-free workplace. The Provider will make a good faith effort to ensure that all employees performing duties or responsibilities under this contract while working will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.

XXXII.Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act

The Provider will comply with 18 USC 874 as supplemented in the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5.

XXXIII.Davis-Bacon Act

The Provider will comply with 40 USC 276a to 276a-7 as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5.

XXXIV.Contract Work Hours and Safety Act

The Provider will comply with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Act, 40 USC 327-330, as supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations 29 CFR Part 5.

XXXV.Public Records

This contract is a matter of public record under the laws of the State of Ohio. The Provider agrees to make copies of this contract promptly available to any requesting party.

XXXVI.Clean Air Act

The Provider shall comply with all applicable standards, order, or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1857[h]), Section 508 of the Clean Air Act (33 USC 1368), Executive Order 11738, and Environmental Protection Agency regulations (40 CFR Part 15).

XXXVII.Energy Efficiency

The Provider shall comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).

XXXVIII.Procurement

The Provider will follow required procurement policies and laws as applicable and as advised by the Purchaser.

Signatures:

Jefferey L. Felton /s/

Jeffery Felton, Director
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services

5/4/2026
Date

Alaire King /s/

Alaire King, Executive Direct
Community Action Commission of Belmont County

5/4/2026
Date

Jerry Echemann /s/

Jerry Echemann, President
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners

5/6/26
Date

Vince Gianangeli /s/

Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners

5/6/26
Date

J. P. Dutton /s/

J. P. Dutton, Commissioner
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners

5/6/26
Date

Approved as to form:

T. J. Schultz /s/

T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor
Belmont County Prosecutor's Office

5/6/26
Date

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann Yes

Mr. Gianangeli Yes
Mr. Dutton Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING MODIFICATION #1 TO THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES AND THE JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL, INC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign Modification #1 to the Purchase of Performance of Services contract between the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and the Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc., adding an additional \$21,000.00 for a total contract of \$106,551.51.

for the Re-employment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA) program, effective July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

Note: Certain people who are receiving unemployment compensation are required to meet with a worker and complete an assessment to develop a re-employment plan.

**Modification #1 to the
Purchase of the WIOA Performance of Services Contract
Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessment (RESEA)
Period for Revision: July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026**

Purchaser:
The Belmont County Department of
Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
(740) 695-1075

Contractor:
Jefferson County
Community Action Council, Inc.
114 North 4th Street
P. O. Box 130
Steubenville, OH 43952
(740) 282-0971

This modification is to increase the RESEA, July 1, 2025 June 30, 2026, by adding \$21,000 to the existing 85,551.51 for a total contract of \$106,551,.51. All other original terms and conditions of this contract remain in effect.

SIGNATURES

<u>Jefferey L. Felton /s/</u>	<u>3/26/2026</u>
Jeffery Felton, Director Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	Date
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u>	<u>5/6/26</u>
J. P. Dutton, Belmont County Commissioner	Date
<u>Vince Gianangeli /s/</u>	<u>5/6/26</u>
Vince Gianangeli, Belmont County Commissioner	Date
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u>	<u>5/6/26</u>
Jerry Echemann, Belmont County Commissioner	Date
<u>Rich Gualtier /s/</u>	<u>3/26/26</u>
Rich Gualtiere, CEO Jefferson County Community Action Council, Inc	Date
<u>Nicole Paulette /s/</u>	<u>3/28/26</u>
WIA-16 Workforce Development Board Chair	Date
<u>Chris Modranski /s/</u>	<u>5/1/26</u>
WIA-16 Council of Governement Chair	

Approved as to form:

<u>Terry L. Schultz, Jr. /s/</u>	<u>3/26/26</u>
T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office	Date

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MODIFICATION TO THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT FOR TITLE XIX (19) TRANSPORTATION SERVICES/DJFS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the Modification to the Purchase of Performance of Services Contract between the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and the following vendors, effective, January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 for the provision of Title XIX (19) transportation services, increasing the per loaded mileage reimbursement rate for a traditional passenger vehicle to \$7.00 and the per-loaded mileage reimbursement rate for all wheelchair transport for non-ambulatory patients to \$9.50:

VENDOR

Barnesville Taxi Service, LLC
City of Martins Ferry EMS
Green Cab Ltd, DBA Green Cab
IC Cab, LLC
Neff Volunteer Fire Department

Note: The increase is due to the spike in fuel prices.

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
Modification to Purchase of Performance of Services Contract**

Whereas, this modification is entered into on the 6th day of **May 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”), and Barnesville Taxi Service, LLC (hereinafter “Contractor”), is to modify the original contract entered into on December 2, 2025 for the purchase of transportation for eligible Medicaid patients through the Title XIX (Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation [NET]) program.

Both parties hereby agree that this modification pertains to only **Article VI, Sections 1a and 1d, only** and temporarily changes the original rates agreed upon by the following:

1. Billing and Payment Procedures

- a. The per loaded mileage reimbursement rate for a traditional passenger vehicle (i.e. sedan, SUV, etc.) shall be increased to **\$7.00 per loaded mile.**
- d. The per-loaded mileage reimbursement rate for all wheelchair transport for non-ambulatory patients shall be increased to **\$9.50 per loaded mile.** All other language of this section remains unchanged.

The parties further agree to the following as part of this revision:

1. The effective date of the increases noted above shall begin May 1, 2026.
2. The Purchaser retains the authority to monitor fuel prices and return to the original contract terms when fuel prices return to the Midwest average of \$2.67 per gallon. This was the average fuel price noted by the Bureau of Transportation for February 2026.
3. Any changes to the terms of this modification or the original contract will be communicated in writing and approved by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners before becoming final.
4. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same except for those specified in this modification.

The parties to this modification are as follows:

Purchaser: Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville OH 43950
740-695-1075

Contractor: Barnesville Taxi Service, LLC
104 Roosevelt Avenue
Barnesville OH 43713
740-425-9900

Signatures:

<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u> Jeffery Felton, Director Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	_____ 5/1/2026 Date
<u>Aaron Wildman /s/</u> Aaron Wildman, Owner Barnesville Taxi Service, LLC	_____ 5/1/2026 Date
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u> Jerry Echemann, President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>Vince Gianangeli /s/</u> Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u> J. P. Dutton, Commissioner Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
Approved as to form: <u>T. J. Schultz /s/</u> T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office	_____ 5/6/26 Date

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
Modification to Purchase of Performance of Services Contract**

Whereas, this modification is entered into on the 6th day of **May 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”), and the City of Martins Ferry, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter “Contractor”), is to modify the original contract entered into on December 2, 2025 for the purchase of transportation for eligible Medicaid patients through the Title XIX (Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation [NET]) program.

Both parties hereby agree that this modification pertains to only **Article VI, Sections 1a and 1d, only** and temporarily changes the original rates agreed upon by the following:

2. Billing and Payment Procedures

- b.** The per loaded mileage reimbursement rate for a traditional passenger vehicle (i.e. sedan, SUV, etc.) shall be increased to **\$7.00 per loaded mile.**
- d.** The per-loaded mileage reimbursement rate for all wheelchair transport for non-ambulatory patients shall be increased to **\$9.50 per loaded mile.** All other language of this section remains unchanged.

The parties further agree to the following as part of this revision:

5. The effective date of the increases noted above shall begin May 1, 2026.
6. The Purchaser retains the authority to monitor fuel prices and return to the original contract terms when fuel prices return to the Midwest average of \$2.67 per gallon. This was the average fuel price noted by the Bureau of Transportation for February 2026.
7. Any changes to the terms of this modification or the original contract will be communicated in writing and approved by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners before becoming final.
8. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same except for those specified in this modification.

The parties to this modification are as follows:

Purchaser: Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville OH 43950
740-695-1075

Contractor: City of Martins Ferry, Division of Emergency Medical Services
35 South Fifth Street
City of Martins Ferry OH 43935

Signatures:

<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u> Jeffery Felton, Director Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	_____ 5/1/2026 Date
<u>John R. Davies /s/</u> John Davies, Mayor Neff Volunteer Fire Department	_____ 5/1/2026 Date
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u> Jerry Echemann, President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>Vince Gianangeli /s/</u> Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u> J. P. Dutton, Commissioner Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
Approved as to form: <u>T. J. Schultz /s/</u> T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor	_____ 5/6/26 Date

Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
Modification to Purchase of Performance of Services Contract**

Whereas, this modification is entered into on the 6th day of **May 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”), and 59 Green Cab Ltd., DBA Green Cab, (hereinafter “Contractor”), is to modify the original contract entered into on December 2, 2025 for the purchase of transportation for eligible Medicaid patients through the Title XIX (Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation [NET]) program.

Both parties hereby agree that this modification pertains to only **Article VI, Sections 1a and 1d, only** and temporarily changes the original rates agreed upon by the following:

3. Billing and Payment Procedures

- c. The per loaded mileage reimbursement rate for a traditional passenger vehicle (i.e. sedan, SUV, etc.) shall be increased to **\$7.00 per loaded mile.**
- d. The per-loaded mileage reimbursement rate for all wheelchair transport for non-ambulatory patients shall be increased to **\$9.50 per loaded mile.** All other language of this section remains unchanged.

The parties further agree to the following as part of this revision:

- 9. The effective date of the increases noted above shall begin May 1, 2026.
- 10. The Purchaser retains the authority to monitor fuel prices and return to the original contract terms when fuel prices return to the Midwest average of \$2.67 per gallon. This was the average fuel price noted by the Bureau of Transportation for February 2026.
- 11. Any changes to the terms of this modification or the original contract will be communicated in writing and approved by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners before becoming final.
- 12. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same except for those specified in this modification.

The parties to this modification are as follows:

Purchaser: Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville OH 43950
740-695-1075

Contractor: Green Cab Ltd, DBA Green Cab
14 Cook Drive
Athens OH 45701
740-200-3500

Signatures:

Jeffery L. Felton /s/ _____ 5/1/2026
Jeffery Felton, Director Date
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services

John Rinaldi /s/ _____ 5/4/2026
John Rinaldi, Owner Date
59 Green Ltd, DBA Green Cab

Jerry Echemann /s/ _____ 5/6/26
Jerry Echemann, President Date
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners

Vince Gianangeli /s/ _____ 5/6/26
Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President Date
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners

J. P. Dutton /s/ _____ 5/6/26
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner Date
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners

Approved as to form:
T. J. Schultz /s/ _____ 5/6/26
T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor Date
Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
Modification to Purchase of Performance of Services Contract**

Whereas, this modification is entered into on the 6th day of **May 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”), and IC Cab, LLC, (hereinafter “Contractor”), is to modify the original contract entered into on December 2, 2025 for the purchase of transportation for eligible Medicaid patients through the Title XIX (Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation [NET]) program.

Both parties hereby agree that this modification pertains to only **Article VI, Sections 1a and 1d, only** and temporarily changes the original rates agreed upon by the following:

4. Billing and Payment Procedures

- d. The per loaded mileage reimbursement rate for a traditional passenger vehicle (i.e. sedan, SUV, etc.) shall be increased to **\$7.00 per loaded mile.**
- d. The per-loaded mileage reimbursement rate for all wheelchair transport for non-ambulatory patients shall be increased to **\$9.50 per loaded mile.** All other language of this section remains unchanged.

The parties further agree to the following as part of this revision:

- 13. The effective date of the increases noted above shall begin May 1, 2026.
- 14. The Purchaser retains the authority to monitor fuel prices and return to the original contract terms when fuel prices return to the Midwest average of \$2.67 per gallon. This was the average fuel price noted by the Bureau of Transportation for February 2026.
- 15. Any changes to the terms of this modification or the original contract will be communicated in writing and approved by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners before becoming final.
- 16. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same except for those specified in this modification.

The parties to this modification are as follows:

Purchaser: Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville OH 43950
740-695-1075

Contractor: IC Cab, LLC
1113 Main Street
Wheeling WV 26003
304-232-1313

Signatures:

Jeffery L. Felton /s/ _____ 5/1/2026
Jeffery Felton, Director Date
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services

<u>Tate Blanchard /s/</u> Tate Blanchard, Chief Development Officer IC Cab, LLC	_____ 5/1/2026 Date
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u> Jerry Echemann, President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>Vince Gianangeli /s/</u> Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u> J. P. Dutton, Commissioner Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
Approved as to form: <u>T. J. Schultz /s/</u> T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor Belmont County Prosecutor's Office	_____ 5/6/26 Date

**BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
Modification to Purchase of Performance of Services Contract**

Whereas, this modification is entered into on the 6th day of **May 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter "Purchaser"), and the Neff Volunteer Fire Department (hereinafter "Contractor"), is to modify the original contract entered into on December 2, 2025 for the purchase of transportation for eligible Medicaid patients through the Title XIX (Medicaid Non-Emergency Transportation [NET]) program.

Both parties hereby agree that this modification pertains to only **Article VI, Sections 1a and 1d, only** and temporarily changes the original rates agreed upon by the following:

5. Billing and Payment Procedures

- e.** The per loaded mileage reimbursement rate for a traditional passenger vehicle (i.e. sedan, SUV, etc.) shall be increased to **\$7.00 per loaded mile.**
- d.** The per-loaded mileage reimbursement rate for all wheelchair transport for non-ambulatory patients shall be increased to **\$9.50 per loaded mile.** All other language of this section remains unchanged.

The parties further agree to the following as part of this revision:

- 17. The effective date of the increases noted above shall begin May 1, 2026.
- 18. The Purchaser retains the authority to monitor fuel prices and return to the original contract terms when fuel prices return to the Midwest average of \$2.67 per gallon. This was the average fuel price noted by the Bureau of Transportation for February 2026.
- 19. Any changes to the terms of this modification or the original contract will be communicated in writing and approved by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners before becoming final.
- 20. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain the same except for those specified in this modification.

The parties to this modification are as follows:

Purchaser: Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
68145 Hammond Road
St. Clairsville OH 43950
740-695-1075

Contractor: Neff Volunteer Fire Department
54044 Pike Street
Neffs OH 43940
740-676-5563

Signatures:

<u>Jeffery L. Felton /s/</u> Jeffery Felton, Director Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services	_____ 5/1/2026 Date
<u>Michael Wallace /s/</u> Michael Wallace, President Neff Volunteer Fire Department	_____ 5/4/2026 Date
<u>Jerry Echemann /s/</u> Jerry Echemann, President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>Vince Gianangeli /s/</u> Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
<u>J. P. Dutton /s/</u> J. P. Dutton, Commissioner Belmont County Board of County Commissioners	_____ 5/6/26 Date
Approved as to form: <u>T. J. Schultz /s/</u> T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor Belmont County Prosecutor's Office	_____ 5/6/26 Date

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE OF ONE HOT SHOT BOX FROM DELIVERY CONCEPTS, INC/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the purchase of one Hot Shot Box from Delivery Concepts, Inc, in the amount of \$37,930.00, for Senior Services of Belmont County, based upon the recommendation of Executive Director Lisa Kazmirski.

Note: This will be outfitted on a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado truck recently purchased from Whiteside's and used for meal delivery.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PURCHASE OF ONE TOYOTA MODEL 8HBW23, ELECTRIC WALKIE PALLET TRUCK FROM PENN WEST, INC/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the purchase of one Toyota Model 8HBW23, Electric Walkie Pallet Truck from PennWest, Inc., in the amount of \$7,468.00, for Senior Services of Belmont County, based upon the recommendation of Executive Director Lisa Kazmirski.

Note: This is needed for safe loading and unloading of deliveries for food and supplies.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTES FROM NATIONAL EQUIPMENT CO.
AND ERB ELECTRIC COMPANY/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the following quotes to convert the basement walk-in cooler to a freezer at Senior Services of Belmont County, based upon the recommendation of Executive Director Lisa Kazmirski:

- National Equipment Co. - \$37,580.00 to unassemble existing box, reassemble box with new floor, install new freezer refrigeration equipment and hook up utilities.
- Erb Electric Company - \$1,075.00 to rework existing 120-volt evaporator coil circuit to 208- volt circuit.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AGREEMENT WITH GREAT LAKES
COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES
FOR VILLAGE OF BARNESVILLE NORTH WATERLINE PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Dutton to authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign and enter into agreement with Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, in the not to exceed amount of \$30,000.00, for Grant Administrator Services for the Village of Barnesville North Waterline project.

Note: This scope of work will be covered by the CDBG-RPIG Grant Administration Fee.



INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is made this MAY 6, 2026, between Belmont County ("Client"), with a principal place of business at 101 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 and Great Lakes Community Action Partnership ("Contractor"), of 127 South Front Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420.

ARTICLE I - TERM OF CONTRACT

This Agreement will become effective June 1, 2026 and will continue in effect through June 1, 2027 unless terminated sooner as provided in Article VI of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II - SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR

1. Independent Contractor. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Client hereby engages the Contractor as an independent contractor to perform the services set forth herein, and the Contractor hereby accepts such engagement.
2. Specific Services. Contractor agrees to perform the services specified in the "Scope of Services" **attached as Exhibit "A" to this Agreement** and incorporated in this Agreement by reference. Said "Scope of Service" may be amended in writing from time to time.
3. Method of Performing Services. Contractor will determine the method, details, and means of performing the services described in the Specific Services section. Client may specify only the results desired in regard to the specified services.

ARTICLE III - COMPENSATION

4. Compensation. Full compensation for the services rendered pursuant to this Agreement shall be as set forth on the Scope of Services.

ARTICLE IV - OBLIGATIONS OF CONTRACTOR

5. Minimum Amount of Service. Contractor agrees to devote such hours as are necessary to satisfy the obligations set forth in the "Scope of Services".
6. Tools and Instrumentalities. Contractor will supply all tools and instrumentalities required to perform the services under this Agreement.
7. Waiver of Claims. The Client shall not be liable for, and Contractor hereby waives all claims against the Client, its officers, directors, members, employees and agents, for loss or damage to Contractor's personal property, or for injury to or death of persons due to theft, fire, flood, burglary, vandalism, or any other cause whatsoever, incurred in connection with the services provided hereunder, except to the extent caused by the Client's gross negligence or willful misconduct.
8. Assignment by Contractor. Neither this Agreement nor any duties, obligations or rights under this Agreement may be assigned by Contractor, nor shall Contractor delegate the performance of any of the duties hereunder without the prior written consent of Client.

ARTICLE V - OBLIGATIONS OF CLIENT

9. Cooperation of Client. Client agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of Contractor necessary to the performance of Contractor's duties under this Agreement.
10. Assignment by Client. Neither this Agreement nor any duties, obligations or rights under this Agreement may be assigned by Client, nor shall Client delegate the performance of any of Client's duties hereunder without the prior written consent of Contractor.

ARTICLE VI - TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- 11. Termination on Notice. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement at any time by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.
- 12. Termination on Occurrence of Stated Events. This Agreement shall terminate automatically on the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - A. Death, Total Incapacity or Dissolution of Contractor;
 - B. Assignment of this Agreement by either party without the consent of the other party;
 - C. Conviction of the Contractor of any crime that, in the reasonable opinion of the Client, may adversely affect the good will, operation or interest of the Client;
 - D. Contractor damages or misappropriates the Client's property or funds.
- 13. Termination by Client for Default of Contractor. If Contractor defaults in the performance of this Agreement, fails or refuses to comply with the Client's written policies or to reasonably perform thereunder, is guilty of misconduct in connection with performance hereunder, or materially breaches any of this Agreement's provisions, Client, at Client's option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to Contractor.
- 14. Termination by Contractor for Default of Client. If Client defaults in the performance of this Agreement or materially breaches any of its provisions, Contractor, at Contractor's option, may terminate this Agreement by giving written notification to Client.
- 15. Termination for Failure to Make Payments. If Client fails to pay Contractor all or any part of the compensation set forth in Article III of this Agreement on the date due, Contractor, at Contractor's option, may terminate this Agreement if the failure is not remedied by Client within fifteen (15) days after notice from Contractor that payment is overdue.

ARTICLE VII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

16. Notifications. Any and all notices, demands, or other communications required or desired to be given by either party may be effected either by personal delivery in writing, or by registered or certified mail, with postage prepaid and with return receipt requested. Mailed and emailed notices shall be addressed to the parties at the addresses listed below. Notices, demands or communications delivered personally or by email will be deemed communicated at the time of delivery. Mailed notices will be deemed communicated five days after mailing. The addresses are as follows:

Contractor:
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership
PO Box 590
127 South Front Street
Fremont, Ohio 43420

Client:
Belmont County
101 West Main Street
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
Email: Bzuzak@belmontcountyohio.org

Each party may change its address for purposes of this section by giving written notice in the manner provided above.

- 17. Entire Agreement of Parties. This Agreement supersedes any and all agreements, both written and oral, between the parties with respect to the rendering of services by Contractor for Client, and contains all of the covenants and agreements between the parties with respect to the rendering of these services in any manner whatsoever. Each party acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises, or agreements, written or oral, have been made by either party, or by anyone acting on behalf of either party, that are not embodied in this Agreement.
- 18. Equal Employment Opportunity. Contractor will remain in compliance with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, as amended.
- 19. Partial Invalidity. If any provision of this Agreement, or any portion thereof, is held to be invalid and unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

20. Waiver of Breach. The waiver by either Client or Contractor of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach by either Client or Contractor.

21. Payment of Monies Due Deceased Contractor. If Contractor dies or is dissolved prior to completion of this Agreement, any moneys that may be due to Contractor from Client for services rendered prior to the date of death or dissolution shall be paid to Contractor's executors, administrators, heirs, personal representatives, successors, or assigns.

22. Relationship of Parties. The parties intend that Contractor shall be an independent contractor for Client under this Agreement. Since Client is interested only in the results to be achieved, Contractor shall have full discretion in the management of his operations and the performance of his obligations hereunder. Contractor is not to be considered an agent or employee of Client for any purpose, and Contractor acknowledges that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to create an employment, partnership or joint venture relationship or any association or relationship other than that of an independent contractor. Contractor shall be responsible for all federal, state and local taxes, including any employment taxes and Workers' Compensation or unemployment compensation costs, associated with his services.

23. Headings. Section headings are not to be considered a part of this Agreement and are not intended to be a full and accurate description of the contents hereof.

24. Modification or Amendment. No amendment, change or modification of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing signed by the parties hereto.

25. Governing Law. The laws of the State of Ohio shall govern the validity of this Agreement, the construction of its terms and the interpretation of the rights and duties of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have executed this Agreement at Fremont, Ohio as of the date first written above. The parties hereto agree that facsimile signatures shall be as effective as if originals.

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership

Belmont County

By: Ruthann House
Ruthann House
President/CEO
Date: 2026-04-28

By: Jerry Echemann
Jerry Echemann
President, Board of Commissioners
Date: 5-6-2026

Contact Email: jchemann@belmontcountyohio.org

Great Lakes Community Action Partnership - RCAP
Document Ref: SUMN9-YSLNH-ASB4A-HXX9C

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Barylak Road/County Road 10 Discussion-T. J. Schultz, Belmont County Assistant Prosecutor, said, "It has come to our attention that we may have an obstruction in the right of way of County Road 10, and we have an expedited proceeding that we can proceed with the opinion of the county engineer. County Engineer Terry Lively said there is an object in the right of way. His office recently had a survey done by JHA and right of way markers were placed at the intersection of County Road 10 and Barylak Road. Mr. Lively said, "I went down there and observed the obstruction myself and based on the markers that were set and in my opinion, the obstruction is in the right of way of County Road 10. It's certainly an immovable object. It's a railroad rail cemented vertically into the ground and would present a considerable danger to anybody who went off the road and struck that." Mr. Dutton said this issue has been going on for 9 to 10 months and he is happy to see a resolution for this.

IN THE MATTER OF UPON OPINION OF THE BELMONT

COUNTY ENGINEER MOTION FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE TO PROCEED WITH EXPEDITED PROCEEDINGS UNDER ORC 5547.03 AT INTERSECTION OF BARYLAK ROAD AND COUNTY ROAD 10

Upon opinion of the Belmont County Engineer motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli for the Belmont County Prosecutor's Office to proceed with expedited proceedings under ORC 5547.03 at intersection of Barylak Road and County Road 10.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

Department of Job and Family Services Director Jeff Felton, Christine Parker, Administrator and staff Nickie Couch, Annika Burga, Hope Romshak, Christy DeVore, and Ed Braun.

Re: Foster Parent Appreciation Month Proclamation

Ms. Parker said there are 47 foster homes in Belmont County, which is an increase of five homes over last year. A program has been implemented for kids that need a higher level of care. Mr. Felton said, "The best way to recruit foster families is to treat your foster family well."

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the proclamation declaring May Foster Parent Appreciation Month.

**PROCLAMATION
IN HONOR OF**

FOSTER PARENT APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, foster families provide the love, safety and stability that children need to reach their full potential; and
WHEREAS, dedicated and diverse foster families provide temporary or lifelong support and guidance to children in need of a place to call home, and
WHEREAS, Belmont County citizens applaud foster parents for their vision of change and their ability to see potential in every child, and
WHEREAS, in Belmont County there are sixty-three children in placement being provided a safe, secure, and stable home along with the compassion and nurture of a foster or kinship family, and
WHEREAS, there are forty-seven licensed foster homes in Belmont County, and
WHEREAS, Belmont County foster families are thanked for their commitment for being there for children, whether for a day or a lifetime.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2026 as "Foster Parent Appreciation Month" in Belmont County in honor of the individuals providing love, attention, and support to our children and families in need and encourage all citizens to volunteer their talents and energies on behalf of children in foster care.
 Adopted this 6th day of May 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

RECESS

Bid Opening-Engineer's Project 26-3 BEL-CR (Airport Road) Asphalt Resurfacing Project

Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively said he has received a \$500,000 Shale and Oil grant for this project. He got a base bid quote and an alternate. The alternate bid is for a portion of the road that Ascent has a pad on in case they would like to participate.

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 26-3 BEL-CR82 Asphalt Resurfacing 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 Engineer's Project 26-3 BEL-CR82 Asphalt Resurfacing Project. They proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
NLS Paving 67925 Bayberry Dr. St. Clairsville, OH 43950	X	\$610,511.80
Cast & Baker 2214 Washington Rd Cannonsburg, PA 15317	X	\$582,299.25
Shelly & Sands PO box 66 Rayland, OH 43943 Engineer's estimate: \$524,206.01.	X	\$545,435.00

Present: Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Engineer's BEL-CR82 Asphalt Resurfacing Project to Belmont County Engineer, Terry Lively, for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:15 P.M

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

May 6, 2026

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

Crystal May, HR Administrative Assistant, was present until 12:35 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:21 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 1:21 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said there is no action to be taken at this time as a result of executive session.

Reconvened at 2:52 p.m. with Commissioners Echemann and Gianangeli present. There was no further business to be had.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 2:52 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 14th day of May 2026.

Vince Gianangeli /s/_____

J. P. Dutton /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jerry Echemann – Absent

We, Vince Gianangeli 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.

Vince Gianangeli /s/_____ VICE-PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/_____ CLERK