

St. Clairsville, Ohio

June 10, 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 TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND**

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

**S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-8010-S030-S69.007 Unemployment	E-8010-S030-S57.000 Travel/Staff Develop	\$1,200.00
E-8010-S030-S69.007 Unemployment	E-8010-S030-S53.000 Medical	\$400.00

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:

**K00 MOTOR VEHICLE AND GASOLINE TAX AND BOND RETIREMENT-ENGINEERS**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2813-K000-K40.074 Transfers Out	R-9218-O039-O05.574 Transfers In	\$14,874.81

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 date:

**\*JANUARY 6, 2026\***

**N58 SARGUS REMODELING FUND**

E-9058-N058-N02.013	Contract Projects	\$285,806.90
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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 MAY 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 May 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:

**DJFS-Cindy Berry** to Lancaster, OH, on July 30, 2026, to attend the ODJFS Compliance Training-Navigating Case Closure. A county car will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: \$50.00.

**HR DEPT.-Erin McVay** to Greenville, OH, on June 26, 2026, to attend the CLCCA meeting. A county car will be used for travel.

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 June 3, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING MARY FULLER, FULL-TIME HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE AT BELMONT COUNTY BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Mary Fuller, full-time Housekeeping and Maintenance at Belmont County Building and Grounds, effective June 11, 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 PAIGE NICHOLSON, FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK/NORTHERN DIVISIONAL COURTS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Paige Nicholson, full-time Deputy Clerk at Belmont County Northern Divisional Courts, effective June 15, 2026.



Mr. Dutton Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AMENDMENT NO. 9 TO THE MILLS GROUP, LLC AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW RECORDS BUILDING AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign Amendment No. 9 to the Mills Group, LLC agreement, for the new Records Building and Health Department Building project as follows:

- Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services in the amount of \$55,000.00.

**Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio  
Records Building and Health Department Building Project**

**Amendment No. 9 to the Architect Agreement**

Pursuant to the AIA B101-2017, Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect as modified, dated May 18, 2022, between the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County (the "Owner") and Mills Group, LLC (the "Architect"), specific to the above-referenced Project (the "Agreement"), the Owner and Architect hereby amend the Agreement as set forth below.

As contemplated by Section 4.2 of the Agreement, additional construction materials testing and inspection services are added to the Architect's Scope of Services for the Project as Additional Services as set forth in Exhibit D to the extent not inconsistent with the Agreement.

The following is added to the end of Section 11.3:

The following compensation shall be added to the Architect's Additional Services Fee:

Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services	\$55,000
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The following is added to the end of Section 13.2.3:

**Exhibit D** – Design Professional's fee proposal dated June 2, 2026, as modified and to the extent not inconsistent with this Agreement; separate terms and conditions are expressly rejected.

Except as stated herein, this Amendment shall not alter any part of the Agreement between the Owner and Architect. This Amendment may be executed in any number of original counterparts, all of which evidence one agreement and only one of which needs to be produced for any purpose.

**The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio**

By: *Vince Gianangeli*  
*SERRY EICHEMANN*  
 Printed Name: VINCE GIANANGELI J.P. DUTTON  
 Title: PRESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT MEMBER  
 Date: 6-10-26

**Mills Group, LLC**

By: *Christopher J. Clark*  
 Printed Name: Christopher J. Clark  
 Title: Principal Architect  
 Date: June 3, 2026

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY APPLICATION NUMBER 14 FROM GRAE-CON CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY HEALTH AND RECORDS BUILDING PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Pay Application Number 14 (through 4/28/2026) from Grae-Con Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$219,939.23, for the Belmont County Health and Records Building project, based upon the recommendation of Mills Group, Project Architect.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann Yes

Mr. Gianangeli Yes  
Mr. Dutton Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING THE BID FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT BLAINE BOOSTER PUMP AND WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to award the bid and sign the Notice of Award for the Belmont County Water and Sewer District Blaine Booster Pump and Waterline Replacement Project to the following bidders, based upon the recommendation of Jeff Vaughn, Project Engineer:

- Blaine, Summitt & Sand Hill Water Mains-The James White Construction Company, in the amount of \$1,025,168.00.
- Furnishing Blaine Pre-Engineered Pumping Station-The Henry P. Thompson Company, in the amount of \$183,616.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE LETTER RELEASING NATURION EAST II FROM THE ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (RUMA)/ENGINEER'S**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the letter releasing Naturion East II from the Road Use Maintenance Agreement (RUMA) dated January 21, 2026, for the use of 5.08 miles of CR-128 (Boston Road) and associated bond #5890641 in the amount of \$1,854,000, based upon the recommendation of Terry Lively, Belmont County Engineer.

*Note: They no longer need to use the roadway and the roads have been inspected and found to be in acceptable condition.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO. FOR BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S PROJECT 26-4**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter into contract with Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co., in the amount of \$188,110.00 for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 26-4 BEL-CR4-0.10 (Hawthorne Hill Road) Slide Repair, based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

*Note: OPWC Grant \$139,201.40, Local Share \$48,908.60 paid by MVGT funds.*

**CONTRACT WITH BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S  
PROJECT #26-4: BEL-CR4-0.10 SLIDE REPAIR  
OPWC PROJECT CR23AC/CR24AC**

Auditor's Office, Belmont County, Ohio

This contract made and entered into this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2026 between **OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.**, P.O. Box 128, Powhatan Point, OH 43942 and J.P. Dutton, Jerry Echemann, and Vince Gianangeli, Commissioners of Belmont County, WITNESSETH that said **OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.** hereby agrees to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, supplies, and other incidentals and all tasks necessary to repair a roadway embankment failure and pavement damage areas along CR4 (Hawthorne Hill Road) and all related Work described by the Contract Documents.

All Work for BEL-CR4-0.10 SLIDE REPAIR PROJECT shall be completed by AUGUST 15, 2026.

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

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

**PROJECT #26-4: BEL-CR4-0.10 SLIDE REPAIR TOTAL = \$188,110.00**  
*LOCAL SHARE \$48,908.60 (MVGT = 26%)*  
*OPWC GRANT \$139,201.40 (CR23AC/CR24AC = 74%)*

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

**BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
*Jerry Echemann /s/*  
*Vince Gianangeli /s/*

**OHIO - WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING CO.**  
*By: Dale E. Lewis /s/*  
*Dale. E. Lewis, VP*

*Print/Type Signature*

*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 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE FY 2026 CBDG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Motion made by Commissioner Echemann seconded by Commissioner Gianangeli to adopt the following:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE FY 2026 CBDG COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF OHIO- OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Office of Community Development has made available Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Community Development Allocation for projects benefiting low-to-moderate income persons, and projects eliminating slum and blight; and WHEREAS, the Belmont County Commissioners have eligible community development projects in need of funding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission President Jerry Echemann be authorized to apply for CDBG Community Development Allocation Program funds from the Ohio Office of Community Development in the amount of \$288,000 to undertake the Village of Barnesville Memorial Park Playground Improvement Project and the Belmont Countywide Demolition Project, as part of the FY 2026 Community Development Allocation Program.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**Subdivision Hearing-Balsei’s Second Addition & Vacation/Dedication of Private Road**

Present: Josh Crowley and Kate Myers, Belmont County Engineer’s Office. Mr. Crowley said the road is being shifted. Another lot is being added to the family-owned property.

**IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT DEDICATION FOR BALSEI’S SECOND ADDITION & VACATION/DEDICATION OF PRIVATE ROAD, PULTNEY TOWNSHIP, SEC. 28, T-2, R2**

**“FINAL PLAT APPROVAL”**

**O.R.C. 711.05**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann to grant the final plat for the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, this day there was presented to the Board for approval of the Final Plat Dedication for Balsei’s Second Addition & Vacation/ Dedication of private road, Pultney Township, Sec. 28, T-2, R2, which appears to be regular in form and approved by the proper parties;

**THEREFORE**, said plat is hereby approved, upon recommendation of the County Engineer and with concurrence of the Township Trustees.

Mr. Gianangeli seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**Ethan Combs, Belomar Transportation Planner & Chad Zambori, Belmont County Mobility Manager**

**Re: Belmont County Coordinated Transit Plan for Human Services**

Mr. Combs said, “A coordinated transit plan is a federally mandated plan. It makes your county eligible for 5310 funds which can be used for programs and projects serving seniors and people with disabilities. It looks at how people get around the community; seniors, people with disabilities and low-income residents.” Mr. Combs noted the planning committee included non-profits, Health Department, Department of Job and Family Services and Senior Services. Mr. Zambori said, “ The mobility manager is about connecting residents with existing transportation resources. We’re not providing any transportation to them. So, we’re one contact now instead of people talking to multiple agencies.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE 2026-2030 BELMONT COUNTY COORDINATED TRANSIT PLAN FOR HUMAN SERVICES**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the 2026-2030 Belmont County Coordinated Transit Plan for Human Services.

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 10:56 A.M**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter executive session with Crystal May, HR Administrative Assistant, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:10 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 11:10 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said as a result of executive session there is one motion to consider.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF KRISTA PATTERSON, FULL-TIME BILLING CLERK/WATER AND SEWR DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the resignation of Krista Patterson, full-time Billing Clerk at Belmont County Water and Sewer District, effective June 12, 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 11:13 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 17th day of June, 2026.

Jerry Echemann /s/\_\_\_\_\_

Vince Gianangeli /s/\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

J. P. Dutton /s/\_\_\_\_\_

We, Jerry Echemann and Jessica Koller, President and Assistant 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

Jessica Koller /s/\_\_\_\_\_ ASSISTANT CLERK