

St. Clairsville, Ohio

May 20, 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 \$1,851,224.90

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:

S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S71.000 Education/Rec.	E-8010-S030-S62.000 Printing	\$126.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under the following certification dates:

JANUARY 6, 2026

G50 LODGING EXCISE TAX FUND

E-1910-G050-G01.000	Convention and Visitor Bureau	\$109,331.41
E-1910-G050-G10.000	Colerain Township Dist.	\$33.31
E-1910-G050-G12.000	Village of Barnesville	\$.50

S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S40.000	Grant Holding Account	(\$75,000.00)
E-8010-S030-S51.002	Salaries	\$6,482.91
E-8010-S030-S67.004	Workers' Compensation	(\$8,315.16)
E-8010-S030-S70.005	Medicare	(\$904.00)

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

N90 BLACK HORSE INN PROJECT

E-9799-N090-N03.000	Construction-Ross County	\$146,226.70
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MAY 19, 2026

N92 SENIOR SERVICES CAPITAL PROJECT

E-5005-N092-N10.013	Flushing Senior Center	\$100,000.00
E-5005-N092-N11.013	St. Clairsville Senior Center	\$250,000.00
E-5005-N092-N12.013	Oakview Building	\$2,650,000.00

O03 USDA-SSD BOND PAYMENT

E-9200-O003-O03.050	Bond Payment	\$7,000.00
E-9200-O003-O04.051	Interest Payment	\$87,000.00

O61 SEWER BOND RETIREMENT

E-9261-O061-O01.050	Principal Loan Payments	\$1,000.00
E-9261-O061-O02.051	Interest Payments	\$11,000.00

S12 PORT AUTHORITY

E-9799-S012-S07.000	Professional Services	\$11,139.93
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S30 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

E-8010-S030-S54.000	Food	\$6,080.29
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S32 OAKVIEW JUV-ACTIVITY FUND

E-8010-S032-S00.000	Activity Fund	\$775.42
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W20 LAW LIBRARY

E-9720-W020-W02.002	Salaries	\$1,000.00
E-9720-W020-W03.003	PERS	\$600.00
E-9720-W020-W07.010	Supplies	\$5,764.53

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-Christine Parker to Lewis Center, OH, on June 24-26, 2026, to attend the PCSAO Executive meeting. Estimated expenses: \$628.15.

SSOBC-Bellaire Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on June 25, 2026, for a senior outing. Bethesda Senior Center employees to Cadiz, OH, on June 16, 2026, for a senior outing. Centerville Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on June 11, 2026, for a senior outing. Colerain Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on June 4, 2026, for a senior outing. Lansing Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on June 22, 2026, for a senior outing. Powhatan Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on June 8, 2026, for a senior outing. St. Clairsville Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on June 15, 2026, for a senior outing. Barnesville Senior Center employees to Hartsville, OH, on June 4, 2026, for a senior outing. Bellaire Senior Center employees to Rogers, OH, on June 5, 2026, for a senior outing. Centerville Senior Center employees to Cadiz, OH, on June 29, 2026, for a senior outing. Colerain Senior Center employees to Washington, PA, on June 17, 2026, for a senior outing. Flushing Senior Center employees to Washington, PA, on June 4, 2026, for a senior outing. Powhatan Senior Center employees to Clarington, OH, on June 22, 2026, for a senior outing. St. Clairsville Senior Center employees to Washington, PA, on June 3, 2026, for a senior outing. County vehicles 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 May 14, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING TEMPORARY SUMMER EMPLOYEES/ WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of the following temporary summer employees at Belmont County Water and Sewer District:

- Jack Koontz, effective May 21, 2026
- Chaz Moore, effective May 26, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING MARY CARREL, FULL-TIME COORDINATOR/JFS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Mary Carrel, full-time Coordinator at Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, effective June 1, 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 GANNON KAZMIRSKI, FULL-TIME UTILITY WORKER/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Gannon Kazmirski, full-time Utility Worker at Belmont County Water and Sewer District, effective June 8, 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 ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH MASTERMIND SYSTEMS, INC/ENGINEER'S

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter into contract with MasterMind Systems, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$9,800.00 to perform a "Speed Zone Study" on seven locations, based upon the recommendation of Terry Lively, County Engineer.

Note: This project will be paid for with CEAO Safety Funds.

BELMONT COUNTY OHIO

AGREEMENT NO. 1

This Agreement No. 1 entered into this 20th day of May 2026, by and between Belmont County Ohio acting by and through the County Engineer, hereinafter referred to as the County and MasterMind, LLC, hereinafter referred to as the Consultant, with an office located at 6530 Dublin Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

WITNESSETH:

That the County and the Consultant, for the mutual considerations herein contained and specified, have agreed and do hereby agree as follows:

CLAUSE I - WORK DESCRIPTION

The Consultant agrees to perform all professional services as may be authorized by the County for the safety study in the Scope of Services and funded through the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) in Belmont County Ohio, identified as SZ CEAO Safety Studies FY2026.

CLAUSE II - INVOICE & PROGRESS SCHEDULE

The County and the Consultant agree to a project completion date of January 31, 2027.

CLAUSE III - PRIME COMPENSATION

The County agrees to compensate the Consultant for the performance of the authorized portions of the Work specified in this Agreement. If the County authorizes the performance of other portions of the Work said authorization is subject to the availability of funds in accordance with Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.

CEAO CSTP Safety Study:

Unit of work compensation as authorized for each specific assignment. The total of the maximum prime compensation for all assignments authorized shall not exceed **Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800.00)**. All costs shall be included in the maximum prime compensation.

Prime Compensations, only as agreed and by proper modification of this Agreement and authorized in writing by the County, may be added to or subtracted from under the authority of the Department of Transportation's "Specifications for Consulting Services, 2010 Edition".

CLAUSE IV - INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The following documents, or specified portions thereof, are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement as though expressly rewritten herein:

- (a) The Department of Transportation's "Specifications for Consulting Services, 2010 Edition."

- (b) The attached Scope of Services
- (c) The Invoice & Progress Schedule
- (d) The most current Office of Budget and Management Travel Policy as published on the State of Ohio Website (<http://obm.ohio.gov/TravelRule/default.aspx>).

CLAUSE V – OWNERSHIP AND COPYRIGHT OF DELIVERABLES

Provision I - Deliverables Ownership:

- A. Except as otherwise provided herein, the Consultant shall deliver, assign, transfer, and convey to the County rights, title, and interest to all survey data, survey reports, specifications, estimates, maps, charts, schedules, and documentation prepared or developed or created or discovered as a Deliverable for the benefit of the County under or in connection with a Consultant Agreement (the “Deliverables”). The Deliverables provided by the Consultant shall become the property of the County. The County, and any person, agency, or instrumentality providing financial assistance for the Services performed under the Agreement shall have an unrestricted right to reproduce, distribute, modify, maintain, and use the Deliverables. The County assumes all responsibility for any modifications they make to the Deliverables.
- B. In the event of any claim or suit against the County arising from any alleged patent or copyright infringement arising out of the performance of the services under this Agreement, or out of the use of any supplies furnished or work or Services performed under said Agreement, the Consultant shall furnish to the County upon request, all evidence and information in possession of the Consultant pertaining to such suit or claim. The Consultant agrees to include, and require inclusion of, this clause in all subcontracts at any tier for supplies or Services (including construction and architect-engineer subcontracts and those for material, supplies, models, samples, or design or testing services).
- C. The Consultant acknowledges and agrees that, subject to certain statutory exceptions, most documents and records maintained by, and for, the County are public records and are subject to disclosure under the Ohio Public Records Act. All documented evidence of the Services prepared by or for the Consultant under any Agreement with the County shall be produced at the County’s request.

Provision II - Grant of License for Software:

- A. The Contractors software (“Software”) modules are commercial software and are provided with “restricted rights” and are protected under copyright laws in the United States and by international copyright treaty provisions. The County must treat the software products as any other copyrighted material with the exception that they may be installed on County computers.
- B. Each Software product, including all data programs or set of programs, or routines and subroutines, consisting of a series of instructions or statements in machine readable form, and including any documentation relating to or describing such Software, such as, but not limited to manuals, online documentation and user instructions, flow charts, database schemas and improvements or updates provided by Contractor (collectively “Software”), is furnished to the County under a personal, non-exclusive, nontransferable limited license solely for the County’s own internal use on County computer systems.
- C. The County agrees that this license does not permit sublicensing of the Software.
- D. County shall not, and shall not permit others to:
 - 1. Reverse engineer, decompile, decode, decrypt, disassemble, or in any way derive source code from the Software.
 - 2. Modify, translate, adapt, alter, or create derivative works from the Software.
 - 3. Copy, (other than back-up copies), distribute, publicly display, transmit, sell, rent, lease or otherwise exploit the Software; or
 - 4. Distribute, sublicense, rent, lease, loan (or grant any third-party access to or use of) the Software to any third party.

The County may create archival (back-up) copies of the software for use only within the County.

Provision III – Software and Mobile “Video” Mapping data Title:

- A. Software Ownership of the Software, any portions thereof and any modifications, translations, or derivatives thereof, even if unauthorized, remains with Contractor as do all applicable rights in patents, copyrights and trade secrets and any other proprietary rights in the Software. Software provided hereunder is valuable, proprietary and unique, and County agrees to be bound by and observe the proprietary nature thereof as provided herein.
- B. Mobile “Video” Mapping data The Contractor retains copyright ownership and title of the mobile mapping imagery/photography/LiDAR data, and hereby grants the County “Unlimited,” but non-exclusive rights to use and/or reproduce the mobile mapping imagery/photography/LiDAR data.

CLAUSE VI – EMPLOYMENT, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE POLICY AND OBLIGATIONS

During the performance of this Agreement, the Consultant agrees to fulfill the requirements of the Department of Transportation’s “Specifications for Consulting Services 2010 Edition” and further agrees:

- (a). Compliance with Regulations: The Consultant will comply with the Acts and Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
- (b). Non-discrimination: The Consultant, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency in the selection and retention of subconsultants, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Consultant will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations as set forth in paragraph (f), including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
- (c). Solicitations of Subconsultants, including procurement of materials and equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential Subconsultant or supplier will be notified by the Consultant of the Consultant’s obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency.
- (d). Information and Reports: The Consultant will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Ohio Department of Transportation (hereinafter “ODOT”) or FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a Consultant is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Consultant will so certify to ODOT or FHWA, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.
- (e). Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of a Consultant’s noncompliance with the Nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, ODOT will impose such contract sanctions as it or FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - 1. Withholding payments to the Consultant under the contract until the Consultant complies; and/or
 - 2. Cancelling, terminating, or suspending a contract, in whole or in part.
- (f). Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities: During the performance of this contract, the Consultant, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest (hereinafter referred to as the “contractor,” which includes consultants) agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:
 - 1. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d *et seq.*, 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21
 - 2. The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601) (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-Aid programs and projects)
 - 3. Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 U.S.C. § 324 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex)
 - 4. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.*), as amended (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR Part 27
 - 5. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age)
 - 6. Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex)

7. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209) (broadened the scope, coverage, and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of Federal-Aid recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not)

8. Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189), as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities)

9. The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-Discrimination Statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex)

10. Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations)

11. Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for People with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100)

12. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended (prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status (presence of child under the age of 18 and pregnant women)

13. Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681 *et seq.*) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities)

(g). Incorporation of Provisions: The Consultant will include the provisions of paragraphs A through F in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Consultant will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as ODOT or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the Consultant becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a Subconsultant, or supplier because of such direction, the Consultant may request ODOT to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of ODOT. In addition, the Consultant may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

CLAUSE VII – OHIO ETHICS LAW REQUIREMENTS

The Consultant agrees that it is currently in compliance with, and will continue to adhere to, the requirements of Ohio Ethics law as provided by Section 102.03 and 102.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

CLAUSE VIII - GENERAL PROVISIONS

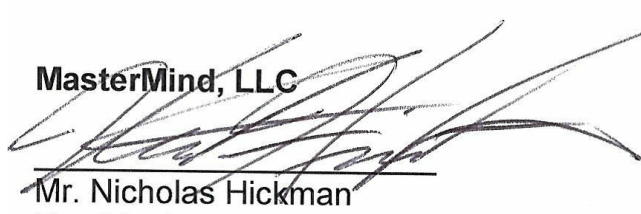
It is fully understood and agreed that the Consultant, their employees, agent(s), and subconsultant(s) are independent contractors and not agents, servants, or employees of the State of Ohio or the Ohio Department of Transportation. The Consultant declares that it is engaged as an independent business and has complied with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding business permits and licenses of any kind, including but not limited to any insurance coverage that is required in the normal course of business.

Any person executing this Agreement in a representative capacity hereby warrants that he/she has been duly authorized by his/her principal to execute this Agreement on such principal's behalf.

Additionally, it is expressly understood by the parties that none of the rights, duties and obligations described in this Agreement shall be binding on either party until such time as the expenditure of funds is certified by the Director of Budget and Management, pursuant to Section 126.07 of the Ohio Revised Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written by affixing the signature of the duly authorized officer of Consultant and the signature of the **Belmont County Ohio Engineer**.

MasterMind, LLC



Mr. Nicholas Hickman
President

Belmont County Commissioners

Jerry Echemann /s/

Jerry Echemann, President

Vince Gianangeli /s/

Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President

J. P. Dutton /s/

J. P. Dutton

Belmont County Ohio

Terry Lively /s/

Mr. Terry Lively P.E., P.S.

Belmont County Ohio Engineer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: T.J. Schultz /s/

Title: Assistant Prosecutor

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM ALL AMERICAN FIRE EQUIPMENT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the proposal from All American Fire Equipment, in the amount of \$11,462.78, for respirator fit testing equipment, to be used by fire departments in Belmont County.

Note: The cost will be covered by the XTO settlement funds.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Motion, made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Dutton as the co-sponsor for the Belmont County Regional Airport Authority, to adopt the resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Belmont County Commissioners, Jerry Echemann, to sign the Ohio Department

of Transportation, Office of Aviation Airport Improvement Program Grant and any related documents for the SFY 2027 Ohio Airport Improvements Program.

Note: \$23,750 is being requested purchase a rotating beacon. The Airport's matching fund amount is \$3,250.00

BELMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
101 West Main Street
St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950
740-699-2155

Jerry Echemann, President
Printed Name and Title

May 20, 2026
Date

Resolution # N/A

The Belmont County Commissioners ("the Board") met on May 20, 2026 with the following members present: Jerry Echemann, Vince Gianangeli and J. P. Dutton.

The following resolution was presented by Commissioner Gianangeli who moved its adoption, and seconded by Commissioner Dutton:

WHEREAS, The Barnesville- Bradfield Airport is in need of improvements and those improvements will be accomplished through the Install Rotating Beacon project, which includes the purchase and installation of the beacon. The Ohio Department of Transportation, Office of Aviation, is accepting applications for its State Fiscal Year 2027 Airport Improvement Program Grants, Supplemental; and WHEREAS, The Board desires to authorize any active member of the Belmont County Commissioners to submit an application for funding and execute the grant contract and any related documents for the SFY 2027 Ohio Airport Improvements Program;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an application be submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation in the amount of \$23,750 for the Rotating Beacon project by the Board and once a Grant offer is received from the Ohio Department of Transportation this board authorizes any active member of the Belmont County Commissioners and/or the Board to accept and execute the Grant contract and all related documents and to manage the grant as necessary inclusive of amendments to the Grant contract and submission of applications for payment associated with the Grant as required by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

AND BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board shall commit the matching funds of \$3,250.00 for the project.

CERTIFICATION: Whereupon the resolution was declared adopted.

I, Jerry Echemann, as President
(Name) (Title)
of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners
(Organization)

have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution with the original resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office which was duly passed by the Board on the 20th day of May, 2026, and that the same is a correct and true copy of said resolution.

Jerry Echemann /s/ 5/20/26
Jerry Echemann, President Date

Printed Name and Title

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE EPA-STAG FUNDING APPLICATION AND FORMS FOR THE SANITARY COLLECTION SCADA PROJECT

Motion made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve and authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign the EPA-STAG funding application and forms for the Sanitary Collection SCADA project, based upon the recommendation of Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water & Sewer District Director.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Discussion-

Fit Test Respirator Equipment-Chief Fellows, OR&W Fire Department, said all fire departments are required to have fit testing done yearly. This helps to make certain the individual is wearing the correct size face mask to help with safety. All Belmont County Fire Departments and the Sheriff's Department will also be using the equipment.

Airport Improvement Grant-Greg Batts, Barnesville-Bradfield Airport, said the beacon will identify the airport environment. It is required that they have one. The current one does not work and is too old to get parts for repairs. Mr. Batts said they have alot of overdue projects and noted they are the only public airport in Belmont County.

RECESS

**Lisa Ward, Executive Director, Mental Health and Recovery Board
Re: Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation**

Ms. Ward said they are continuing to work in the community with their partners on services. She said there is still a growing need. Ms. Ward is hoping for financial sustainability. If the state uses the census count model there could be cuts in funding. Ms. Ward said they pay for a counselor at the Belmont County Jail and Sargus.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the proclamation designating May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

***Mental Health Month 2026
"More Good days Together"***

WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Month, observed each May, plays a crucial role in enhancing public understanding and acceptance of mental health issues. It serves as a powerful reminder that mental wellness is as important as physical health, advocating for the support and resources necessary to maintain it; and

WHEREAS, mental health is an essential part of overall well-being, impacting individuals, families, and communities across the county of Belmont; and

WHEREAS, one in five American adults experience a mental health condition each year and everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health; and

WHEREAS, despite its prevalence, mental health remains shrouded in stigma, preventing many from seeking help; and

WHEREAS, May is recognized nationally as Mental Health Awareness Month, providing an opportunity to raise awareness, combat stigma, and promote mental health resources.

THEREFORE, We, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim May 2026 as Mental Health Month in Belmont County. We encourage all residents of Belmont County to:

- Define what a “good day” looks like to you.
- Care for your whole self: Mind and Body
- Work together for more good days. Check in with friends, colleagues, and loved ones to see how they’re feeling, and offer support and encouragement.
- Find the right path for you. Mental health is deeply personal, and what works for one person may not work for another. Explore which practices, treatments, or other support best fit your unique needs and circumstances.

Adopted on this 20th 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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:34 A.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:

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

Crystal May, HR Administrative Assistant, was present until 11:41 a.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:38 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 12:38 p.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 are two motions to consider.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SAMUEL GORENCE, PART-TIME NON-EMERGENCY MEDICAL DRIVER/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the resignation of Samuel Gorence, part-time Non-Emergency Medical Driver at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective April 17, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING UNPAID LEAVE FOR JULIE TABOR, FULL-TIME KENNEL STAFF

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve unpaid leave for Julie Tabor, full-time Kennel Staff at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective May 8, 2026, through June 3, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:39 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 12:39 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 27th day of May, 2026.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____

Vince Gianangeli /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

J. P. Dutton /s/_____

We, Jerry Echemann and Bonnie Zuzak, President and Clerk respectively of the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, do hereby certify the foregoing minutes of the proceedings of said Board have been read, approved and signed as provided for by Sec. 305.11 of the Revised Code of Ohio.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____ PRESIDENT

Bonnie Zuzak /s/_____ CLERK