

St. Clairsville, Ohio

July 22, 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 \$1,146,301.40

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:

8380 OAKVIEW JUV RHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
8380-380-520001 Food	8380-380-32-525004 Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$1,200.00
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-510026 Dental	\$1,150.00
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-510227 Vision	\$350.00
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-510228 Life	\$245.16
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-510226 Dental	\$3,436.32
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-510227 Vision	\$1,050.03
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-510228 Life	\$256.53

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:

1000 GENERAL FUND AND 2620 CHILDREN SERVICES

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
1000-110-41-560000 Transfers Out	2620-620-95-460000 Transfers In	\$9,441.39

2140 PROSECUTOR’S-VICTIM PROGRAM AND 1000 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
2140-140-30-510101 Salaries	1000-240-95-460000 Transfers In	\$2,472.06

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

4104 BUILDING CONSTR. PROJECT FUND

4104-110-40-525000	Contract Services	\$150,000.00
4104-110-40-530000	Construction	\$804,314.06

JULY 21, 2026

1000 GENERAL FUND

1000-140-30-510101	Salaries	\$2,472.06
1000-310-32-520005	Background	\$563.00
1000-310-32-525007	E-SORN	\$710.00
1000-310-32-520200	Equipment	\$514.00
1000-310-32-525900	False Alarms	\$100.00
1000-310-32-510222	Medical	\$1,059.02
1000-310-32-525002	Training	\$2,000.00
1000-310-32-525012	Warrant Fee	\$526.86

2140 PROSECUTOR’S-VICTIM PROGRAM

2140-140-30-510101	Salaries	\$2,472.06
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2232 CARE AND CUSTODY-JUV COURT

2232-230-31-525901	Other Expenses-YSSP	\$14,221.20
2232-231-31-510102	Salaries C-CAP	\$159,000.00
2232-231-31-510210	PERS C-CAP	\$22,655.50
2232-231-31-510201	Medicare C-CAP	\$700.00
2232-231-31-510222	Insurances C-CAP	\$11,000.00
2232-231-31-510220	Worker’s Compensation	\$5,000.00

2313 COMMISSARY FUND/SHERIFF

2313-000-00-110100	Commissary	\$11,699.71
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2314 CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE FUND

2314-000-00-110100	CCW License	\$3,764.00
2314-310-32-520200	CCW Equipment	\$6,408.00

2411 MOTOR VEHICLE AND GASOLINE TAX

2411-412-33-525000	Contract Services	\$165,139.02
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2526 MENTAL HEALTH

2526-520-34-525002	Contract Services	\$1,116,314.34
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7310 SHERIFF’S RESERVE ACCOUNT

7310-310-32-520000	Reserve	\$300.00
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8380 OAKVIEW JUV EHABILITATION

8380-380-32-525003	Grant Holding Account	\$244,719.49
8380-380-32-510101	Salaries	\$79,968.51
8380-380-32-520001	Food	\$5,727.16

8830 BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

8830-930-55-5255000	Professional Services	\$2,300.75
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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 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:

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION-David Carter and Noah Atkinson to Columbus, OH, on August 7, 2026, to attend the DYS Quarterly RECLAIM meeting.

DJFS-Mike Schlanz to Steubenville, OH, on August 5, 2026, to attend the Jefferson County Job Fair. Estimated expenses: \$50.00. A county car will be used for travel. Jeff Felton to Columbus, OH, on August 16-17. 2026, to attend the PCSAO Impact Work Group meeting. Estimated expenses: \$466.76.

SSOBC- Barnesville Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on August 12, 2026. Bellaire Senior Center employees to Zanesville, OH, on August 11, 2026 and Moundsville, WV, on August 12, 2026. Bethesda Senior Center employees to Washington, PA, on August 25, 2026. Centerville Senior Center employees to Moundsville, WV, on August 12, 2026. Colerain Senior Center employees to Scio & Cadiz, OH, August 13, 2026 and Zanesville, OH, on August 18, 2026. Flushing Senior Center employees to Amish Country on August 4, 2026 and Wheeling, WV, on August 18, 2026. Lansing Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, on August 18, 2026. Martins Ferry Senior Center employees to Wheeling, WV, in August 25, 2026. St. Clairsville Senior Center employees to Amish Country on August 17, 2026 and Beallsville, OH, on August 28, 2026. These are for senior outings and 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 ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF MIRANDA DARROW, PART-TIME DISPATCHER AT BELMONT COUNTY 911

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the resignation of Miranda Darrow, part-time Dispatcher at Belmont County 9-1-1, effective July 31, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSION GOVERNING BOARD

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to make the following reappointment to the Belmont County Community Action Commission Governing Board, based upon the recommendation of the CAC Governing Board Executive Committee:

<u>REAPPOINTMENT:</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Mr. Joseph Vavra	August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2031

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the following reappointments to the Belmont County Port Authority Board for a four-year term, effective July 20, 2026 through July 19, 2030, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 4582.03.

Reappointments:

Mr. John Timko, St. Clairsville

Ms. Lisa Armann-Blue, Powhatan Point

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING ESTIMATE #4576 FROM TIM’S CUSTOM INSTALLATION, INC. COUNTERTOP DIVISION/JUVENILE COURTROOM

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept estimate #4576 in the amount of \$2,175.00 from Tim’s Custom Installation, Inc, Countertop Division for custom rework of the stairs and additional cabinetry for the Belmont County Juvenile Courtroom.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE NUMBER 10159 FROM DIGITAL DATA COMMUNICATIONS/HR

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Quote Number 10159 from Digital Data Communications, Inc., in the amount of \$309.00, for one Lenovo ThinkPad Smart Dock for the Belmont County Human Resources Department.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PROPOSAL FROM PROFESSIONAL SERVICE INDUSTRIES, INC/ENGINEER’S

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign a proposal from Professional Service Industries, Inc., to provide construction materials testing and inspection services for general testing for the Belmont County Engineer’s Department.
Note: Testing fees vary per service.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SERVICE AGREEMENT
FROM JOHNSON CONTROLS/JAIL**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the service agreement from Johnson Controls in the amount of \$1,925.00 for the annual Backflow Test & Inspection and Quarterly Wet Sprinkler Test and Inspection for the Belmont County Jail for the period of August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2027.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS FROM GRAE-CON CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE RECORDS BUILDING AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT**

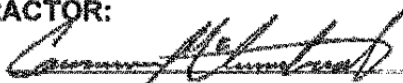
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the following Change Orders from Grae-Con Construction, Inc., for the Records Building and Health Department Building Project:

- Change Order No. 19, in the increased amount of \$162,750.00, for additional work including new sanitary service to connect 911 center and new system behind the Water Department, downspout connection and rain leader system around Water Department, removal of concrete pad at 911 building and replace with full depth asphalt as well as remove and replace the sidewalk/ADA ramp and curbs at 911 entrance.
- Change Order No. 20, in the increased amount of \$2,033.85, for additional work related to furnishment and installation of 50-amp circuit for the shredding machine for the Records Department.
- Change Order No. 21, in the increased amount of \$23,730.00, for additional work related to furnishment and installation of heavy-duty concrete in lieu of heavy-duty asphalt on a portion of the payment.
- *Note: New contract total is \$16,229,114.11.*

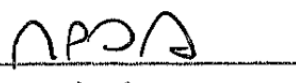
General Contractor Change Order Form CHANGE ORDER NO. 19	
Project Name: Records Building and Health Department Building Project (the "Project")	
Source document(s) and # (RFI, Bulletin, Shop Drawing Review): Proposed Change Order 24 attached hereto as Exhibit A .	This Change Order is effective as of the date of execution by the Owner.
Owner: Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio	General Contractor (Contractor): Grae-Con Construction, Inc.
Architect: Mills Group, LLC	
Description/Justification (Add more pages or attach scope detail if necessary) This Change Order addresses the additional work related to ASI-17 as set forth in Exhibit A.	
Original Contract Sum	\$10,694,075.00
Net Change by Previous Change Orders	\$5,346,525.26
This Change Order Increase/Decrease (clearly indicate)	\$162,750.00
New Contract Sum	\$16,203,350.26
Revised Contract Time (critical path only) Original Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 545 calendar days of the Date of Commencement Previous Adjustments by Change Order(s) <u>115</u> (calendar days) This Change Order ☒ ADD or ☐ DEDUCT <u>0</u> (calendar days) Revised Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within <u>660</u> calendar days of the Date of Commencement If applicable, revised Final Completion Date or Duration: <u>N/A</u>	

The compensation, Contract Sum adjustment, or time extension provided by this Change Order constitutes full and complete satisfaction for all direct and indirect costs, cumulative impact, if any, and interest related thereto, which has been or may be incurred in connection with alleged changes to the Work or alleged schedule impacts for all portions and phases of the Project through the date of the change order. To the extent any attachment(s) hereto are inconsistent with this provision, this provision and Section 7.2.3 of the modified AIA-A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction shall control.

By executing this Change Order, Owner and Contractor agree to modify the Agreement's Scope of Work, Contract Sum, and/or Contract Time as stated above. Upon execution, this Change Order becomes a Contract Document.

CONTRACTOR:		ARCHITECT:	
By:	<u></u>	By:	<u></u>
Printed		Printed	
Name:	<u>Cameron McIntosh</u>	Name:	<u>Christopher J. Clark, AIA</u>
Title:	<u>Project Manager</u>	Title:	<u>Principal</u>
Date:	<u>July 21, 2026</u>	Date:	<u>July 21, 2026</u>

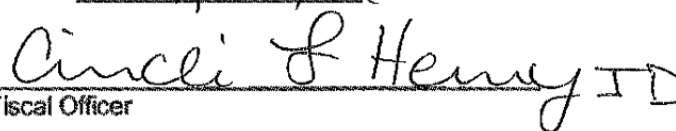
OWNER:

By:	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Printed			
Name:	<u>JERRY ECHEMANN</u>	<u>VINCE GIANANGELI</u>	<u>J.P. DUTTON</u>
Title:	<u>BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS</u>		
Date:	<u>7-22-26</u>		

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS
(ORC Section 5705.41)

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Owner, hereby certifies in connection with the Agreement to which this Certificate is attached that the amount required to meet the obligations under the contract, obligation, or expenditure for the services described in the attached agreement, has been lawfully appropriated for the purpose, and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any outstanding obligation or encumbrance.

Dated: 07/22/26

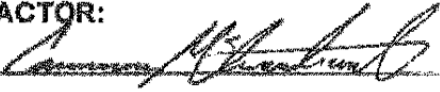


Fiscal Officer

General Contractor Change Order Form CHANGE ORDER NO. 20	
Project Name: Records Building and Health Department Building Project (the "Project")	
Source document(s) and # (RFI, Bulletin, Shop Drawing Review): Proposed Change Order 25.R1 attached hereto as Exhibit A .	This Change Order is effective as of the date of execution by the Owner.
Owner: Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio	General Contractor (Contractor): Grae-Con Construction, Inc.
Architect: Mills Group, LLC	
Description/Justification (Add more pages or attach scope detail if necessary) This Change Order addresses the additional work related to furnishment and installation of (1) 50 amp circuit for the shredding machine in Room 022 including (1) 240 volt 3 phase fused disconnect with 50 amp fuses, (1) 50 amp QOB breaker, 1" EMT, #6 THHN as set forth in Exhibit A.	
Original Contract Sum	\$10,694,075.00
Net Change by Previous Change Orders	\$5,509,275.26
This Change Order Increase/Decrease (clearly indicate)	\$2,033.85
New Contract Sum	\$16,205,384.11
Revised Contract Time (critical path only) Original Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 545 calendar days of the Date of Commencement Previous Adjustments by Change Order(s) 115 (calendar days) This Change Order <u>X</u> ADD or ____ DEDUCT <u>0</u> (calendar days) Revised Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 660 calendar days of the Date of Commencement If applicable, revised Final Completion Date or Duration: N/A	

The compensation, Contract Sum adjustment, or time extension provided by this Change Order constitutes full and complete satisfaction for all direct and indirect costs, cumulative impact, if any, and interest related thereto, which has been or may be incurred in connection with alleged changes to the Work or alleged schedule impacts for all portions and phases of the Project through the date of the change order. To the extent any attachment(s) hereto are inconsistent with this provision, this provision and Section 7.2.3 of the modified AIA-A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction shall control.

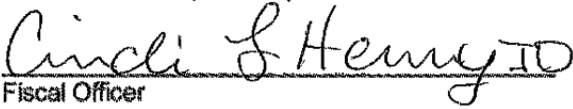
By executing this Change Order, Owner and Contractor agree to modify the Agreement's Scope of Work, Contract Sum, and/or Contract Time as stated above. Upon execution, this Change Order becomes a Contract Document.

CONTRACTOR:		ARCHITECT:	
By:		By:	
Printed		Printed	
Name:	Cameron McIntosh	Name:	Christopher J. Clark, AIA
Title:	Project Manager	Title:	Principal
Date:	July 21, 2026	Date:	July 21, 2026

OWNER:		
By:		
Printed		
Name:	JERRY ECHEMANN	VINCE GIANNANGELI
Title:	BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	
Date:	7-22-26	

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS
(ORC Section 5705.41)

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Owner, hereby certifies in connection with the Agreement to which this Certificate is attached that the amount required to meet the obligations under the contract, obligation, or expenditure for the services described in the attached agreement, has been lawfully appropriated for the purpose, and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any outstanding obligation or encumbrance.

Dated: 07/22/26

Fiscal Officer

General Contractor Change Order Form	
CHANGE ORDER NO. 21	
Project Name: Records Building and Health Department Building Project (the "Project")	
Source document(s) and # (RFI, Bulletin, Shop Drawing Review): Proposed Change Order 26 attached hereto as Exhibit A .	This Change Order is effective as of the date of execution by the Owner.
Owner: Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio	General Contractor (Contractor): Grae-Con Construction, Inc.
Architect: Mills Group, LLC	
Description/Justification <i>(Add more pages or attach scope detail if necessary)</i> This Change Order addresses the additional work related to the furnishment and installation of heavy-duty concrete in lieu of heavy-duty asphalt as set forth in Exhibit A .	
Original Contract Sum	\$10,694,075.00
Net Change by Previous Change Orders	\$5,511,309.11
This Change Order Increase/Decrease (clearly indicate)	\$23,730.00
New Contract Sum	\$16,229,114.11
Revised Contract Time (critical path only) Original Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 545 calendar days of the Date of Commencement Previous Adjustments by Change Order(s) <u>115</u> (calendar days) This Change Order ☒ ADD or ☐ DEDUCT <u>0</u> (calendar days) Revised Substantial Completion Date or Duration: within 660 calendar days of the Date of Commencement If applicable, revised Final Completion Date or Duration: <u>N/A</u>	

The compensation, Contract Sum adjustment, or time extension provided by this Change Order constitutes full and complete satisfaction for all direct and indirect costs, cumulative impact, if any, and interest related thereto, which has been or may be incurred in connection with alleged changes to the Work or alleged schedule impacts for all portions and phases of the Project through the date of the change order. To the extent any attachment(s) hereto are inconsistent with this provision, this provision and Section 7.2.3 of the modified AIA-A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction shall control.

By executing this Change Order, Owner and Contractor agree to modify the Agreement's Scope of Work, Contract Sum, and/or Contract Time as stated above. Upon execution, this Change Order becomes a Contract Document.

CONTRACTOR:

By: [Signature]

Printed Name: Cameron McIntosh

Title: Project Manager

Date: July 21, 2026

ARCHITECT:

By: [Signature]

Printed Name: Christopher J. Clark, AIA

Title: Principal

Date: July 21, 2026

OWNER:

By: [Signature] [Signature] [Signature]

Printed Name: JERRY ECHEMANN VINCE GIANANGELI J.P. DUTTON

Title: BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Date: 7-22-26

CERTIFICATE OF FUNDS
(ORC Section 5705.41)

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the Owner, hereby certifies in connection with the Agreement to which this Certificate is attached that the amount required to meet the obligations under the contract, obligation, or expenditure for the services described in the attached agreement, has been lawfully appropriated for the purpose, and is in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any outstanding obligation or encumbrance.

Dated: 07/22/26

[Signature]
Fiscal Officer

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:		
Mr. Echemann	Yes	
Mr. Gianangeli	Yes	
Mr. Dutton	Yes	

COUNTY’S CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND PAYMENT TO CONTINUING TO MAKE A NECESSARY INVESTMENT IN SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE PENNWOOD SEWAGE PACKAGE PLANT PROJECT WITHIN BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

A RESOLUTION REDIRECTING AN UNUSED PORTION OF THE COUNTY’S CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND PAYMENT TO CONTINUING TO MAKE A NECESSARY INVESTMENT IN SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE PENNWOOD SEWAGE PACKAGE PLANT PROJECT WITHIN BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO

WHEREAS, Title IX, Subtitle M, Section 9901 of the American Rescue Plan Act, Pub. L. 117-2 [H.R. 1319], signed into law March 11, 2021 (“ARPA”), appropriated Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (“Fund”) payments from the U.S. Treasury Secretary to metropolitan cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the ARPA’s Fund methodology, the County of Belmont, Ohio (the “County”) was allocated approximately \$13,015,130.00 (the “Fund Payment”) to “mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)”; and,

WHEREAS, in response to this economic crisis, the Department of the Treasury (“Treasury Department”) provided such relief to state and local governments to enable them to support the public health response and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable economic recovery; and,

WHEREAS, the ARPA and its supporting guidance issued by the Treasury Department provide that the Fund Payment may only be used by the County to finance costs that (a) respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts; (b) respond to workers performing essential work; (c) provide government services to the extent of reduction in revenue; and (d) make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure (collectively, “Criteria”); and,

WHEREAS, so long as the County duly directs its Fund Payment to finance those costs in compliance with the Criteria, the County may use the Fund Payment to offset the County’s various fiscal effects from COVID-19 during the period beginning March 3, 2021, and ending December 31, 2024 (“Covered Period”); and,

WHEREAS, the Treasury Department has published an Interim Final Rule and a Final Rule with an effective date of April 1, 2022 (collectively, 31 CFR 35.1 *et seq.*), its regularly updated Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds’ Frequently Asked Questions, and its and its Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: Overview of the Final Rule (collectively, “Guidance”), further explaining the Criteria and the proper use of the Fund Payment during the Covered Period; and,

WHEREAS, the Criteria and Guidance describe such eligible uses of the Fund Payment to include making necessary investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Belmont County, Ohio, intends to take action and use the Fund Payment as described herein in a manner consistent with the Final Rule released by the Treasury Department on January 6, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Belmont, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Board of Commissioners hereby declares that it is continuing to make a necessary investment in sewer infrastructure to use otherwise unspent amounts from County’s Fund Payment to improve the Pennwood Sewage Package Plant infrastructure within Belmont County, Ohio, and as such duly authorizes taking such actions as necessary or advisable in furtherance thereof. This Board’s decision that such expenditures are appropriate by virtue of charging to the County’s Fund Payment is based on the consideration that the County is making a necessary investment in sewer infrastructure, namely: replacing the effluent sand filter beds; repairing the sludge holding aeration tanks; repairing the clarifier tanks; replacing pumps and blowers; and electrical work, all in accordance with 31 C.F.R. 35.6(e)(1).

SECTION 2. That the redirected use of otherwise unspent County Fund Payment funds for the expenditures authorized by this resolution and pursuant to FAQ 17.19 of the U.S. Treasury Guidance shall not exceed an additional \$363,813.99 and shall be paid from the Fund Payment and from any other funds that are appropriated for this purpose as determined by the County Treasurer.

SECTION 3. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and any of its committees concerning and relating to the passage of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public, all in compliance with Ohio’s Sunshine Laws, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Commissioner Echemann moved and Commissioner Gianangeli seconded the foregoing resolution, and the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Echemann; Mr. Gianangeli; Mr. Dutton

Nays: _____; _____; _____

Attest: Bonnie Zuzak /s/

Clerk

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING FIRST ADDENDUM TO THE SUBGRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BELMONT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND THE BELMONT COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 23, 2024, FOR THE EAST END SEWAGE LIFT STATION PROJECT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve First Addendum to the Subgrant Agreement by and between the Belmont County Board of Commissioners and the Belmont County Water and Sewer District, effective October 23, 2024, for the East End Sewage Lift Station Project

Note: The Commissioners are redirecting the use of \$99,539.00 additional ARPA funds for a new total of \$2,155,062.00.

FIRST ADDENDUM TO SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

THIS FIRST ADDENDUM is an integral part of the Subgrant Agreement, attached hereto, by and between the Board of Commissioners, Belmont County, State of Ohio (the “**Board**”), and Belmont County Water and Sewer District (“**Subgrantee**”), in respect of the subgranting of a portion of the Board’s ARPA Funds to Subgrantee for the purpose of making necessary investment in water and sewer infrastructure (the “**Project**”). The Board and Subgrantee agree that the Subgrant Agreement is expressly conditioned upon the terms of this First Addendum. To the extent that this First Addendum modifies the Subgrant Agreement, this First Addendum controls.

Under Article III, “Compensation,” of the Subgrant Agreement, the existing Section 3.1 is DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED by the following:

3.1 The Board shall compensate the Subgrantee for eligible Project costs by remitting payments directly to the Subgrantee’s duly procured vendors engaged in the Project. The sufficiency of the vendors’ invoiced requests for payment, notwithstanding their approval by the Subgrantee, is at the sole discretion of the Board. In all instances, the Board’s compensation to the Subgrantee’s duly procured vendors under this Agreement, according to the Project as described in the attached Project Proposals, will not exceed Two Million One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Sixty-Two Dollars (\$2,155,062.00) (“Total Payment”), which such amount represents the Board’s full and complete amount of payments for the Project performed hereunder.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this First Addendum to be effective as of the date set forth in the Subgrant Agreement.

BELMONT COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT

Kelly Porter /s/

Authorized Signature

Kelly Porter, Director
Printed Name and Title
July 21, 2026
Date
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
BELMONT COUNTY,
STATE OF OHIO
Jerry Echemann /s/, Vince Gianangeli /s/, J. P. Dutton /s/
Authorized Signature
Jerry Echemann – President
Vince Gianangeli – Vice-President
J. P. Dutton – Member
Printed Name and Title
July 22, 2026
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
T. J. Schultz /s/
Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SALE OF
SURPLUS RADIO EQUIPMENT FROM THE 911 DEPARTMENT
TO VARIOUS PUBLIC ENTITIES**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, Belmont County 911 Department is in possession of a used surplus radio equipment, that the Belmont County 911 Department has determined is no longer needed for the operation of the 911 Department; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.12(D) *regardless of the property’s value, the board of county commissioners may sell or donate county personal property, including motor vehicles, to the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision of the state without advertisement or public notification*; and
WHEREAS, the sale of the surplus equipment will help offset a portion of the costs of the new radios. The sale price of the surplus equipment will be between \$500-\$750 per radio.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the sale of the surplus equipment to various public entities.
Adopted this 22nd day of July 2026.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION DECLARING
THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE
TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY
AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH
REGARDING .75 MILL RENEWAL LEVY/BELMONT COUNTY 911**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners anticipates levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation as described herein; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. No 201 enacted by the 122nd General Assembly, this Board of Commissioners is required to certify to the County Auditor a resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify certain matters in connection with such a tax levy;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners:
SECTION 1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that a renewal tax be levied in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Belmont County
for the purpose of funding the Belmont County 911 Public Safety Emergency radio Communications System and equipment TO BE UTILIZED BY POLICE, FIRE, EMS AGENCIES AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPLACEMENT, ADDITIONS, AND UPGRADES OF THE CURRENT EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT BY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF MOBILE AND PORTABLE RADIOS WITH ACCESSORIES, RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE, RADIO BACKBONE EQUIPMENT, DISPATCH RADIO CONSOLES, PAGERS AND PAGING EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE BACKBONE AND PAGING EQUIPMENT, COMPUTERS FOR MOBILE DATA TERMINALS, AND/OR DEEMED EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO OPERATE THE SAID BELMONT COUNTY 911 PUBLIC SAFETY EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT, TO INCLUDE NEXT GENERATION 911 EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (EXCLUDING SALARIES) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 5705.19(KK) OF THE REVISED CODE OF OHIO at a rate not to exceed .75 mill for each one dollar valuation, which amounts to seven and one-half cents (.075 cents) for each one hundred dollars (\$100) of valuation, for a five year period of time commencing with tax list year 2027
SECTION 2. That the question of the passage of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Belmont County at an election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026. If approved by the electors, said tax levy shall first be placed upon the 2027 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2028.
SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to this Board of Commissioners the total current tax valuation of the Belmont County 911 Public Safety Emergency Radio Communication System and Equipment Levy and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified in Section 1 hereof, and the Clerk of this Board of Commissioners be and is hereby directed to certify forthwith a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor so that said County Auditor may certify such matters in accordance with such Section 5705.03.
SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of Commissioners were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the rules of this Board of Commissioners adopted in accordance therewith.
Be it further resolved, that the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the Auditor of Belmont County, Ohio, forthwith, as provided by law.
Commissioner Echemann moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution, Commissioner 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>

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION DECLARING
THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE
TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY
AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH/
REGARDING .75 MILL RENEWAL AND DECREASE LEVY /SENIOR SERVICES
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners anticipates levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation as described herein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code as amended by Am. Sub. S.B. No 201 enacted by the 122nd General Assembly, this Board of Commissioners is required to certify to the County Auditor a resolution requesting the County Auditor to certify certain matters in connection with such a tax levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners:

SECTION 1. That pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.21 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary that a renewal and a decrease of an existing tax be levied in excess of the ten mill limitation for the benefit of Belmont County to supplement the General Fund for the purpose of *providing and maintaining senior services and facilities including but not limited to, transportation, nutrition and in-home services to elderly residents at a rate not exceeding .75 mill for each one dollar (\$1.00) of valuation, which amounts to seven and one-half cents (0.75) for each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of valuation, for a period of five (5) years, commencing with tax list year 2027* (Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(Y)).

SECTION 2. That the question of the passage of said tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Belmont County at a General election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026. If approved by the electors, said tax levy shall first be placed upon the 2027 tax list and duplicate, for first collection in calendar year 2028.

SECTION 3. That pursuant to Section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the County Auditor is hereby requested to certify to this Board of Commissioners the total current tax valuation of the Belmont County Senior Citizens Levy and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the number of mills specified in Section 1 hereof, and the Clerk of this Board of Commissioners be and is hereby directed to certify forthwith a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor so that said County Auditor may certify such matters in accordance with such Section 5705.03.

SECTION 4. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Commissioners concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board of Commissioners, and that all deliberations of this Board of Commissioners were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code, and the rules of this Board of Commissioners adopted in accordance therewith.

Commissioner Echemann moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, Commissioner 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>

Discussion-

ARPA funds for Water & Sewer District-Kelly Porter, Belmont County Water & Sewer District Director, said upgrades were made to eight lift stations. The Pennwood lift station was installed in the late 1970’s and has outlived its useful life. A package plant will be installed, which is more cost effective.

911 Radio sale-Bryan Minder, 911 Director, said new radios were purchased. The old radios will be sold to townships, fire departments, etc. They are still usable, just not easy to repair.

911 Levy-Mr. Minder said this is a renewal of an existing levy. It is the Radio System Upgrade levy. The radio system is in use by all first responders, Water Department and Engineer’s Department. It is also used for the Next Gen costs. Mr. Minder said it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars to maintain the system. He noted all of the mobile radios will need to be replaced in the next 3-5 years. The radios are provided at no cost to other entities that use them. In 2021 the levy was lowered to .75 mill from 1.0 mill. Mr. Minder said, “We’re asking for support from everybody in Bemont County to continue to support us with our radio system levy.”

SSOBC Levy-Lisa Kazmirski, SSOBC Executive Director, said the 1.0 mill levy was put on in 2007. It will be renewed this year at .75 mill. Ms. Kazmirski said, “The 0.75 mill will generate enough income for us to maintain what we’re doing now. We wanted to do what we could for taxpayers to reduce their burden, but at the same time not compromise our home delivered meals, medical transportation, or our 10 senior centers.” The 1.5 mill levy will be on the ballot next year. The Commissioners decided to let a third levy expire a few years ago. 20% of SSOBC’s funding comes from other sources which are not guaranteed. Mr. Dutton noted that they also reduced a Children Services levy. He said food and gasoline costs are increasing and they want to provide some savings to the taxpayers. Ms. Kazmirski said if an additional levy was put on it would be at the new property values and residents could pay more. Mr. Echemann said they met with the Budget Commission and levy collections could be suspended if necessary. He said the voters are usually generous in voting the levies through.

RECESS

Jackee Pugh, Exec. Director, Belmont County Tourism Council, Inc.

Re: Tourism Report

Ms. Pugh said, “This summer has been filled with some incredible momentum, not just within the tourism office but all across the county. We bring people together in a compounding effect that really impacts the effort and work happening throughout the county. Every event that we promote, every partnership that we’re building, every grant that we award, every visitor that we welcome in every historic site adds to another piece of something much larger that we’re building. Tourism isn’t simply marketing, it’s economic development and it’s community development and it’s relationship building.” In 2025 Tourism throughout Ohio generated \$58 billion. In Belmont County it generated \$275.6 million which is a 12% increase over 2019.The total tax burden relief per household is \$667.00.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:55 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, compensation and discipline of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Gianangeli left executive session at 1:15 p.m.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:50 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to exit executive session at 1:50 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING UNPAID LEAVE FOR
JESSICA KOLLER, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT CLERK/PAYROLL
FOR BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve unpaid leave for Jessica Koller, full-time Assistant Clerk/Payroll for the Belmont County Board of Commissioners, effective July 23-24, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF
TRACEY EDDY, PART-TIME COOK/SSOBC**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the resignation of Tracey Eddy, part-time Cook at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective July 31, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of July 15, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:51 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 1:51 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 29th day of July, 2026.

Jerry Echemann /s/_____

Vince Gianangeli /s/_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dutton – Absent_____

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