

St. Clairsville, Ohio

August 26, 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 \$1,004,148.51

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:

1000 GENERAL FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
1000-310-32-520203 Body Cameras	1000-310-32-520200 Equipment	10,238.13

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

2102 ARP ST & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY

2102-110-30-525002	Contract Services	\$211,600.00
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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 FINAL SALES
& USE TAX DISTRIBUTION REPORT FOR JUNE 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:

- Final Sales & Use Tax Distribution Report for the month of June 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION
FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli granting permission for county employees to travel as follows:

COMMISSIONERS-Jerry Echemann, Vince Gianangeli and J. P. Dutton to Cincinnati, OH, on August 30-September 1, 2026, to attend the CCAO Summer Symposium. A county vehicle will be used by Mr. Echemann.

DJFS-Jeff Edwards to Reynoldsburg, OH, on September 1-2, 2026, to attend the Kinect Training. A county vehicle will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: \$222.00. Larisa Ponzani, Jonette Lowe, Virginia Noon and Cindy Berry to Columbus, OH, on October 18-20, 2026, to attend the Child Support Fall Conference/Hearing Officer Training. Estimate: \$3,901.12.

RECORDS CENTER AND ARCHIVES-Laura Ellis to Zanesville, OH, on October 23, 2026, to attend the Fall CARMA (County Archivists and Records Managers Association) meeting. Estimated expenses: \$91.20

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 August 19, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF JENNIFER BROWN,
FULL-TIME SENIOR CENTER OUTREACH ADMINISTRATOR
TO PART-TIME CENTER COORDINATOR/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the transfer of Jennifer Brown, full-time Senior Center Outreach Administrator to part-time Center Coordinator at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective September 7, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the proposal from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of \$4,978.00 for all labor and materials to remove and replace ten aluminum ceiling diffusers in the kitchen at Senior Services at Belmont County.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM BRANDI PATT DESIGN, LLC/SSOBC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the proposal from Brandi Patt Design, LLC, for WCAG Accessibility Compliance and Website Modernization for Senior Services of Belmont County, in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ESTIMATE FROM WESTERN BRANCH DIESEL/JAIL

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the estimate from Western Branch Diesel, in the amount of \$4,722.80, to remove and replace water pump on the back-up generator at the Belmont County Jail.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ESTIMATE FROM UP ABOVE TREE SERVICE, LLC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve estimate from Up Above Tree Service, LLC., in the amount of \$6,644.51, to remove three trees from county property located in Colerain Township, Parcel No. 68-00696.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE RELEASE OF BOND NO. SBP150147 017 AND REPLACE WITH BOND NO. SPA150147 013 FOR GULFPORT APPALACHIA, LLC, ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 6, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the release of Bond No. SBP150147 017 and replace with Bond No. SPA150147 013, in the amount of \$150,000, for Gulfport Appalachia, LLC, Road Use Maintenance Agreement dated November 6, 2024 for use of 0.75 miles of CR102(Stumptown Road) for water transfer activity at the West Transfer.

Note: The Surety Writing Company has changed from Pennsylvania Insurance Company to Applied Surety Underwriters.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 26-6: BEL-CR4-0.16/0.19/0.26/0.34 SLIDE REPAIR TO OHIO-WEST VIRGINIA EXCAVATING

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to award the bid for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 26-6: BEL-CR4-0.16/0.19/0.26/0.34 (Hawthorne Hill Road) Slide Repair to low bidder Ohio-West Virginia Excavating, in the amount of \$730,000.00, based upon the recommendation of Terry Lively, Belmont County Engineer.

Note: Engineer's estimate \$870,000.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING J. P. DUTTON TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED
"AUTHORIZATION LEGISLATION DESIGNATING OFFICIAL"

ATTACHMENT C

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Commission is planning to make capital improvements to BEL-10-7.02/8.57 CRABAPPLE ROAD paving project; and

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvements herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Belmont County Commission:

Section 1: Belmont County Commissioner J. P. Dutton is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

Section 2: Belmont County Commissioner J. P. Dutton is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Motion made by Commissioner Echemann seconded by Commissioner Gianangeli to adopt the foregoing resolution which upon roll call was unanimously adopted.

Passed: August 26, 2026

Signed: **Belmont County Commissioners**
Jerry Echemann /s/
Jerry Echemann, President
Vince Gianangeli /s/
Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President
J. P. Dutton /s/
J. P. Dutton

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann

Mr. Gianangeli

Mr. Dutton

Yes

Yes

Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 FROM SC CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS, LLC,
FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER’S PROJECT #26-2 2026 CHIP SEAL**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Change Order No. 2 from SC Construction & Materials, LLC, for the Belmont County Engineer’s Project #26-2 2026 Chip Seal for additional quantities and non-preformed quantities, in the amount of \$5,991.91, for a new contract total of \$770,499.52, based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2
SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT WITH BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S
PROJECT #26-2: 2026 CHIP SEAL PROGRAM

Auditor's Office, Belmont County, Ohio
This contract made and entered into this 26th day of August, 2026 between **SC CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS, LLC**, 800 Nathan Denton Road, Seaman, OH 45679, and J.P. Dutton, Jerry Echemann, and Vince Gianangeli, Commissioners of Belmont County, WITNESSETH that said **SC CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS, LLC** hereby agrees to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, supplies, and other incidentals and all tasks necessary for applying asphalt emulsion to existing gravel roads and repaired areas and preparing and applying a single chip seal on various County Roads and Township Roads and all related Work described by the Contract Documents.

CHANGE ORDER
*** ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES ***

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
18,710.88 SY	422 SINGLE CHIP SEAL, CRS-2P, AS PER PLAN	\$2.07	+ \$38,731.52
	TOTAL ADDITIONS		+ \$38,731.52

*** NON-PREFORMED QUANTITIES ***

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
8,744 GAL	AE-DP ASPHALT EMULSION, AS PER PLAN	\$2.25	- \$19,674.00
6,311.89 SY	422 SINGLE CHIP SEAL, CRS-2P, AS PER PLAN	\$2.07	- \$13,065.61
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		- \$32,739.61

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE ORDER	+ \$5,991.91
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Reason for Contract – Quantities based on as-built work.
*** SUMMARY ***

ORIGINAL CONTRACT		\$698,110.29
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1		+ \$66,397.32
CHANGE ORDER NO. 2		+ \$5,991.91
TOTAL WORK INCLUDING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND CHANGE ORDER NO. 2		\$770,499.52

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Echemann /s/
Vince Gianangeli /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

SC CONSTRUCTION & MATERIALS, LLC

By: Nathanial Shelton /s/
Nathanial Shelton
Print/Type Signature
Owner
Title

RECOMMENDED BY:
Terry Lively /s/
TERRY D. LIVELY, P.S., P.E.
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Echemann

Mr. Gianangeli

Mr. Dutton

Yes

Yes

Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
FROM MILLER BUILDERS OF OHIO, LLC/ENGINEER’S**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Change Order No. 1 from Miller Builders of Ohio, LLC,, for the Belmont County Engineer’s Project #25-12 Salt Storage Building due to change to original specifications, in the amount of \$4,063.00, for a new contract total of \$218,843.00, based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT WITH BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER'S
PROJECT #25-12: SALT STORAGE BUILDING

Auditor's Office, Belmont County, Ohio
This contract made and entered into this 26th day of August, 2026 between **MILLER BUILDERS OF OHIO, LLC**, 613 North Carr Road, Orrville, OH 44667 and J.P. Dutton, Jerry Echemann, and Vince Gianangeli, Commissioners of Belmont County, WITNESSETH that said **MILLER BUILDERS OF OHIO, LLC** hereby agrees to furnish all labor, materials, equipment, tools, transportation, supplies, and other incidentals and all tasks necessary to design and construct a permanent rectangular-shaped tension membrane covered truss type building and all related Work described by the Contract Documents.

CHANGE ORDER
*** ADDITIONS ***

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
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LUMP SUM	MATERIAL COSTS – 6” TO 8” FLOOR SLAB CONCRETE (29 C.Y.)	\$5,964.00	\$5,964.00
LUMP SUM	CORROSION INHIBITOR – FLOOR SLAB	\$1,334.00	\$1,334.00
LUMP SUM	FIBER REINFORCEMENT – FLOOR SLAB	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
LUMP SUM	LABOR COSTS – 6” TO 8” FLOOR SLAB PLACEMENT	\$815.00	\$815.00
	TOTAL ADDITIONS		+ \$9,373.00

* DEDUCTIONS *

APPROXIMATE QUANTITY	ITEM	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT
LUMP SUM	BCE INSPECTOR – TIME & MILEAGE (CONTRACTOR NOT ON-SITE)	\$1,310.00	- \$1,310.00
LUMP SUM	BCE COST TO RELOCATE SALT	\$4,000.00	- \$4,000.00
	TOTAL DEDUCTIONS		- \$5,310.00

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHANGE ORDER	+ \$4,063.00
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Reason for Contract – Changes to original specifications, lack of communication with BCE Inspector, late Completion Date.

* SUMMARY *

ORIGINAL CONTRACT		\$214,780.00
CHANGE ORDER NO. 1		+ \$4,063.00
TOTAL WORK INCLUDING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1		\$218,843.00

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Echemann /s/
Vince Gianangeli /s/

J. P. Dutton /s/

RECOMMENDED BY:

Terry Lively /s/
TERRY D. LIVELY, P.S., P.E.
BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

MILLER BUILDERS OF OHIO, LLC

By: Duane Miller /s/
Duane Miller
Print/Type Signature
8/19/26
Title

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MODIFICATION TO THE PURCHASE OF PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB & FAMILY SERVICES AND THE UNITED WAY OF THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the Modification to the Purchase of Performance of Services contract between Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services and The United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley adding an additional \$20,250.00 for a new contract total of \$170,250.00, effective through December 31, 2026 to facilitate the operation of the 2026 School Clothes for Kids Program.

Note: An additional \$20,250 was received from Community Action Commission of Belmont County.

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

Whereas, this modification is entered into on the **26th** day of **August 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”), and the United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley (hereinafter “Contractor”), is to modify the original contract entered into on August 5, 2026 is for the purchase of the performance of the following service: Facilitation of the Back to School clothing program for needy Belmont County children attending school in participating Belmont County school districts through the School Clothes for Kids Program (SC4K).

Both parties hereby agree that this modification pertains to only **Article VI** and changes the language of the Article as follows:

Article VI; Payment for the purchase of services pursuant to this agreement is contingent upon the continued availability of TANF funds (CFDA #93.558). In no event shall the amount of reimbursement to the Contractor under the terms of this contract exceed **\$170,250.00**. The maximum reimbursement per eligible child is for the purchase of **851** Ohio Valley Mall Gift Cards at a per unit rate of \$200.00.

The parties agree that this modification only affects the specific Article mentioned above and that all other terms and conditions of the original contract are not affected by this modification and remain in place.

The parties to this modification are as follows:

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

Contractor: The United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley
1425 Chapline Street
Wheeling WV 26003
304-232-4625

Signatures:

Jeffery L. Felton /s/
Jeffery Felton, Director
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
Staci Stephen /s/
Staci Stephen, Executive Director
United Way of the Upper Ohio Valley
Jerry Echemann /s/

8/21/2026
Date
8/21/2026
Date
8/26/26

Jerry Echemann, President
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners
Vince Gianangeli /s/
Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners
J. P. Dutton /s/
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners
Approved as to form:
T.J. Schultz /s/
T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor
Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Date
8/26/26
Date
8/26/26
Date
8/25/26
Date

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTRING INTO CONTRACT WITH CUMBERLAND TRAIL FIRE DISTRICT #4/EMA
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter into contract with Cumberland Trail Fire District #4 for services of one employee for 80 hours a month to be utilized by the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency in the role as Deputy Director, in the annual amount of \$45,000.00, effective November 1, 2026 to November 30, 2028.

EMA (Emergency Management Agency) SERVICES CONTRACT

This contract, made by and between Cumberland Trail Fire District #4, in the State of Ohio (hereinafter referred to as “CTFD”) doing business as Cumberland Trail Fire District #4 located at 142 S. Marietta Street, Saint Clairsville, OH 43950, and the Belmont County Board of Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as “the AGENCY”) and located at 101 West Main Street, Saint Clairsville, OH 43950. The CTFD will provide the services of one employee for eighty (80) hours a month to be utilized by the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency. The employee will work Tuesday’s, Thursday’s and every other Friday. Its mutually understood that the employee shall be notified at earliest convenience if additional time is needed at either entity as soon as possible. The employee will have an office space, internet and supplies provided by CTFD located at 142 S. Marietta Street, Saint Clairsville, OH 43950 or 68389 Stewart Drive, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. CTFD will provide electronic communication devices and platforms to the employee to enable he or she to be contacted through but not limited to a laptop and email. It’s encouraged for the employee to also have a Belmont County email and office space at the Belmont County EMA office located at 68329 Bannock Road, St. Clairsville, OH 43950. WHEREAS, the AGENCY needs an employee for Belmont County EMA, and, WHEREAS, the CTFD is qualified in the State of Ohio and willing to provide such services as may be needed by the AGENCY. NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby mutually understood and agreed as follows:

- I. The CTFD agrees to the following:
 - A. Provision of goods and/or services.
 - 1) The CTFD hereby agrees to provide the services of a part-time employee to the Belmont County EMA. CTFD shall carry liability insurance with limits of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
 - 2) The CTFD shall provide and supply upon request to the AGENCY with a copy of the following documents: Bureau of Workers’ Compensation Certificate, Liability Insurance Certificate, pertinent licenses and credentials as it pertains to the job description for the services provided to the AGENCY.
 - 3) In the event the EMA Director is absent due to sick, personal, vacation leave, etc. The employee should be available to cover his duties. It’s mutually understood that the employee should share on call duties with the Director.
 - B. Payment of goods and/or services.
 - 1) AGENCY shall reimburse for cost incurred by the CTFD through Belmont County Board of Commissioners, \$45,000.00 annually for the services to the AGENCY by CTFD under this contract. This shall be paid in equal monthly installments of \$3,750.00 upon invoice.
 - 2) Such payments shall be made by the AGENCY upon approval of the AGENCY of a monthly billing by the CTFD that details cost of services provided. Said payments are due to the CTFD with-in thirty (30) days receipt on invoice from CTFD.
 - 3) CTFD and the AGENCY agree to adhere to governance set forth by the State of Ohio to allow agencies to share information amongst one another for fiscal and emergency operations.
 - 4) CTFD shall provide fiscal and program documentation to AGENCY upon request.
 - C. Records/Services relating to EMA Services.
 - 1) Until the expiration of November 30, 2028 after furnishing of the services provided under this contract, the CTFD will make available to AGENCY and/or Auditor of the State of Ohio and their representatives, this contract and all books, documents, and records necessary to certify the nature and extent of the cost of those services.
 - 2) Acceptance of this contract/agreement or authorization is evidence of your intent to comply with the obligations and activities set forth by Belmont County Board of Commissioners and CTFD Board of Trustees.
 - a) The CTFD agrees to not use or disclose Protected Health Information other than as permitted or required under our agreement or as required by law.
 - b) The CTFD agrees to use appropriate safeguards to prevent use or disclosure any protected information other than provided by our agreement.
 - c) The CTFD agrees at the Belmont County Board of Commissioners request to provide an update on progress and statistics in collaboration with the Belmont County EMA Director.
 - d) The CTFD agrees the employee should attend Belmont County LEPC meetings, Belmont County Fire & Squad Officer Association Meetings, Belmont County Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement trainings pertinent to their job as time allows with other duties assigned. With the mutual understanding attendance my increase upon specific request.
 - e) CTFD understands that in light of the uniqueness of this job the employee may be required to be present more often due to exercises or real-life events. Also, the job may require some evenings and weekend responsibilities. It is mutually understood that letter (e.) is also reciprocated to CTFD. Any time spent after hours or weekends shall be deducted from overall allotted hours in a month.
 - f) The CTFD agrees the employee should visit each Belmont County Fire, EMS & Law Enforcement agency annually for public relations and participate in as many community events as possible.
 - g) The CTFD agrees to pay for any training that’s pertinent to the Fire & EMS profession for the employee to maintain current certifications. Belmont County Board of Commissioners agree to pay for any training pertinent to EMA operations that are necessary for employment and continuing education.
 - h) In light of the unique nature of the professional duties of the employee and the large geographic area encompassed within Belmont County, the Board of Commissioners shall provide the employee with a Board owned vehicle. This includes for the vehicle to be taken home to respond to an afterhours incident, training or other duties assigned by Belmont County EMA or CTFD. The vehicle shall be fully maintained by the Board of Commissioners, including but not limited to, vehicle maintenance, fuel, expenses incidental to usage, and vehicle insurance.
 - i) The Board of Commissioners shall provide the employee with a Belmont County 911 portable radio with fire, ems and law enforcement template to be used in the event a real-life incident and/or training. Preferably for the radio to have Multi-Agency Radio Communication System ability too.
 - j) CTFD shall be provided a job description for the position and provided notice within seventy-two (72) hours of any modifications or amendments to it.

Vince Gianangeli, Vice President

J. P. Dutton /s/

J. P. Dutton

Date: 8/26/26

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF SERVING NOTICE TO QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC./WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to serve notice to Quality Environmental Services, Inc. that Belmont County Water and Sewer District elects not to automatically renew the term of the contract for operations at the Fox WWTP entered on October 8, 2025.

Note: The District now employs qualified Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Dana Goletz, Barton, voiced concern over the flooding that happened in Barton last week. She said the problem is not going away and is getting worse and they would like some assistance to get the issues taken care of. Ms. Goletz said the culverts are poorly maintained; they are backed up with mud and debris. The culverts are old and need replaced. Nick Oberdick, Barton, said they have been dealing with flooding twice a year for the last eight years. He has structural damage to his house due to the water eroding the foundation. John Henthorne, Barton, said a resident put an 18- inch culvert into a four-foot culvert and then put a storage shed over the culvert. This causes flooding when there is heavy rain. Mr. Henthorne said he believes the Corps of Engineers or Ohio Department of Natural Resources should view the area to see if the shed should be removed. Ms. Goletz said a resident lost 575 gallons of heating oil when debris broke the line. The oil contaminated the flood water. They are waiting to hear from the EPA on what can be done. Mr. Echemann said this is the responsibility of the county engineer and he is aware of the issues Mr. Dutton said the residents should contact the Corps of Engineers and he will follow up with the county engineer. Mr. Dutton will also follow up with the EPA and Belmont County EMA and will make sure the Corps of Engineer is aware of the situation.

Public Hearing-Road Improvement 1198

Re: Vacation of Alley 3 in Cope’s Addition, Colerain Township

Present: Josh Crowley, Engineer’s Office, Cindy & Kenenth Falkenstein and Robert Singhaus. Mr. Crowley said this is a 12’x300’ alley. It will be split between the adjacent landowners. A garage was added and is in the alley. The property owner wants to sell but the alley needs vacated first. Mr. Falkenstein was upset that the petition was not given to the adjacent property owners to sign, but he is not opposed to the vacation of the alley. Mr. Crowley said they recommend the petition is given to adjacent property owner’s to sign, but they cannot tell the petitioner that they have to do this.

Note: Present at the viewing: County Engineer Terry Lively, Josh Crowley, Engineer’s Office, Commissioner J. P. Dutton Colerain Township Trustee John Yoker and residents Ken Falkenstien, Cindy Falkenstein, Robert Singhaus, Thomas Singhaus and Denivan Taylor.

**REPORT OF COUNTY ENGINEER
OHIO REV. CODE, SEC. 5553.06
ROAD IMP #1198
DATE: AUGUST 26, 2026**

**IN THE MATTER OF:
THE VACATION OF Alley No 3
COLERAIN TWP. SEC. 13, T-7, R-3**

To the Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio:

The undersigned, in obedience to your order, dated **AUGUST 19, 2026**

Proceeded on **AUGUST 26, 2026** to make an accurate survey and plat of the Public Road proposed to be improved and respectfully submits the following report:

In the opinion of the undersigned the proposed improvement should be granted.

An accurate survey and plat, and an accurate and detailed description of each tract of land which the undersigned County Engineer believe will be necessary to be taken in the event the proposed improvement is made, together with the name of each owner, accompany this report and are made a part thereof.

An accurate and detailed description of the proposed improvement describing therein the centerline and right-of-way lines follow:
“See Attached Plat”

Terry Lively /s/
Terry D. Lively, P.S., P.E.,
COUNTY ENGINEER OF BELMONT CO, OH

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF
ALLEY 3 IN COPE’S ADDITION
COLERAIN TWP. SEC.13, T-7, R-3/RD IMP 1198**

Office of County Commissioners
Belmont County, Ohio

**RESOLUTION-GRANTING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT
ORDERING RECORD, ETC.
*Rd. Imp. #1198***

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 26th day of August 2026, in the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

Mr. Echemann
Mr. Gianangeli
Mr. Dutton

Mr. Echemann moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, This day this matter came on to be heard on the report, survey, plat, and detailed and accurate descriptions as filed by the County Engineer, and said report having been read in open session, the Board proceeded with the hearing of testimony bearing upon the necessity of the said improvement for the public convenience or welfare and offered either for or against going forward with the proposed improvement by interested persons; and

WHEREAS, Said Board has considered said report and all the testimony offered, and all the facts and conditions pertaining to said matter; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That said Board of County Commissioners do find said improvement will serve the public convenience and welfare; and be it further

RESOLVED, That said improvement as set forth and defined in said report, survey, plat and detailed and accurate descriptions as filed by the County Engineer be and the same is hereby granted and said road is hereby ordered vacated.

RESOLVED, That the County Engineer be and he is hereby directed to cause and record the proceeding, including the survey and plat and accurate and detailed description of said proposed improvement, to be forthwith entered in the proper road records of said County; and be it further

Mr. Dutton seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Echemann Yes

Mr. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Abstain

Commissioner Gianangeli said he abstained from voting due to him being the Colerain Township Fiscal Officer.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:57 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 of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:05 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 1:05 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 is no action to be taken at this time.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:05 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 2nd day of September, 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