

St. Clairsville, Ohio

September 16, 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 \$934,824.95

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

1000-110-30-525500 Professional Services	1000-110-41-560000 Transfers Out	\$7,916.66
1000-110-30-520202 Equipment	1000-110-30-510300 Travel	\$4,000.00

8380 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION
FROM

	TO	AMOUNT
8380-380-32-525003 Grant- Holding Acct	8380-380-32-525004 Motor Vehicle's Exp	\$1,500.00
8380-380-32-510227 Vision	8380-380-32-525005 Indirect Costs	\$22.76
8380-380-32-525005 Indirect Costs	8380-380-32-510220 Workers Comp	\$22.76
8380-380-32-525003 Grant- Holding Acct	8380-380-32-510101 Salary Employees	\$200,000.00
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	83880-380-32-510201 PERS	\$60,713.72
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	8380-380-32-510210 Medicare	\$6,622.47
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	8380-380-32-520002 Fuels and Utilities	\$5,906.25
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	8380-380-32-520101 Supplies	\$3,750.00
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	8380-380-32-520103 Medical	\$500.00
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	8380-380-32-525001 Communications	\$4,500.00
8380-380-32-525003 Grant Holding Acct	8380-380-32-525002 Maintenance & Repair	\$12,519.85

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 2530 COUNTY HEALTH

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
1000-110-41-560000 Transfers Out	2530-530-24-429002 Transfers In	\$7,916.66

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

5437 WATER WORKS FUND AND 3100 MY. VICTORY-BOND RETIREMENT FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5437-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	3100-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$1,030.00

5437 WATER WORKS FUND AND 3432 USDA WATER BOND PAYMENT FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5437-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	3432-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$150,000.00

5437 WATER WORKS FUND AND 3433 USDA WATER BOND RESERVE FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5437-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	3433-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$12,350.00

5437 WATER WORKS FUND AND 4432 WWS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5437-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	4432-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$28,750.00

5437 WATER WORKS FUND AND 4441 WWS REVENUE BOND SHORT LIVED FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5437-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	4441-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$58,000.00

5440 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND 3431 SEWER BOND RETIREMENT FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5440-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	3431-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$11,000.00

5440 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND 3435 NEFFS BOND RETIREMENT FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5440-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	3435-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$2,848.00

5440 SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT FUND AND 5430 USDA-SSD BOND PAYMENT FUND

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
5440-430-41-560000 Transfers Out	5430-430-95-460000 Transfers In	\$29,167.00

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

7110 LODGING EXCISE TAX

7110-110-30-525001	Convention and Visitor Bureau	\$135,018.33
7110-110-30-525002	Colerain Township Dist.	\$35.77
7110-110-30-525003	Mead Township Dist.	\$2.41
7110-110-30-525004	Village of Barnesville	\$.50

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

4104 BUILDING CONSTR. PROJECT

4104-110-40-530000	Construction	\$949,079.72
4104-110-40-525000	Contract Services	\$300,000.00

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

1000 GENERAL FUND

1000-110-30-525901	Other Expenses	\$31,935.05
1000-140-30-510101	Salary	\$2,472.06

2140 PROSECUTOR’S-VICTIM PROGRAM

2140-140-30-510101	Salary	\$2,472.06
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2180 DOG & KENNEL FUND

2180-180-30-510101	Salary Employees	\$25,000.00
2180-180-30-510201	PERS	\$5,000.00

2381 OAKVIEW JUV-ACTIVITY FUND

2381-380-32-510000	Activity Fund	\$436.72
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8380 OAKVIEW JUV REHABILITATION

8380-380-32-520001	Food	\$6,465.09
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8830 BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

8830-930-55-525500	Professional Services	\$4,796.17
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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 BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE INTEREST REPORT AND INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2026

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

- Interest Report and Investment Portfolio for the months of August 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:

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/PROBATE & JUVENILE DIVISION-Andrea Brueggemeier and Jonell Tolzda to Dublin, OH, on September 27-28, 2026, to attend the 2026 Court Investigator’s Continuing Education Program.

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 September 9, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF HIRING HANNAH MCGRAW, FULL-TIME CHILDREN SERVICES CASE MANAGER/DJFS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the hire of Hannah McGraw, full-time Children Services Case Manager at Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, effective September 21, 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 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JACKEE PUGH FROM BELMONT COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the resignation of Jackee Pugh from the Belmont County Port Authority Board of Directors, effective August 3, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY REQUEST NUMBER 2 (THROUGH 8/31/2026) FROM BORDER PATROL, LLC FOR THE PENNWOOD LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN PROJECT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Pay Request Number 2 (through 8/31/2026) from Border Patrol, LLC, in the amount of \$106,434.25, for the Pennwood Lift Station and Force Main project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM M&G ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS/ANNEX III

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the proposal from M&G Architects & Engineers, in the amount of \$15,000.00, to provide architectural and engineering services for the existing exterior stair replacement at the Annex III building.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM H. E. NEUMANN COMPANY/SARGUS JUVENILE CENTER

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept proposal from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of \$7,600.00 for all labor and materials necessary to remove one existing faulty boiler controller and install one new Honeywell unitary controller at Belmont County Sargus Juvenile Center.

Note: The cost will be paid with Capital Project funding.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO THE AUCTION SALE AGREEMENT WITH DYLAN CRALL, AUCTIONEER/COUNTY AUCTION

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter into the Auction Sale Agreement with Dylan Crall, Auctioneer, to conduct the annual Belmont County Auction to be held Thursday, October 8, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Belmont County Engineer’s Lloydsville Garage located at 44322 National Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio.



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AUG 31 2026

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SALES AGREEMENT

This agreement made on Aug 31 2026 between Belmont County Commissioners, hereafter called the Seller and Dylan Crall Auctioneer, hereafter called the Auctioneer.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
Both parties agree that Auctioneer will act as the Seller's agent and conduct a public auction of personal and other property of the Seller. The auctioneer will use his professional skills, knowledge and experience to the best advantage of both parties in preparing for and conducting the auction. The auction is to be held on Oct 8 @ 4:00pm (date/time) 2026 at 180 44322 NATIONAL RD. ST CLAIRSVILLE (location). If the auction is postponed for any reason beyond either party's control, the auctions will take place on a date agreeable to both parties. The Seller agrees to turn over, deliver and/or make available the items listed here to be sold at public auction.

NA

No item shall be sold prior to or withdrawn from the auction except by mutual agreement of the Seller and Auctioneer. It is the Sellers intent to transfer ownership of said property to the highest bidder (absolute auction) except those items specified in writing by the Seller to have a reserve bid. The Sellers affirm that they have good title and right to sell said property and that the property is free of all encumbrances and liens except at follows:

ITEM	MORTGAGE OR LIEN HOLDER	AMOUNT OWED
<u>NA</u>		

The (AUCTIONEER/SELLER) is responsible for the collection of payments made by check (including bad checks), debts and unpaid auction items. It is agreed that the Auctioneer (WILL/WILL NOT) accept absentee bids. It is agreed that the following fees and expenses will be charged by the Auctioneer:

Professional Fees		Promotion Expenses	
Auctioneer			
Personal Property	<u>20% OF Gross</u>	<u>Paid By Auctioneer</u>	
Real Estate	<u>NA</u>	<u>II</u>	
Capitol Goods	<u>NA</u>	<u>Face book Farm & Dairy - Auction 2</u>	
Other vehicles	<u>12% OF Gross</u>	Other Expenses	
Clerk.....	<u>Paid By Auctioneer</u>	<u>NA</u>	
Cashier.....	<u>II</u>		
Other.....	<u>II</u>		

APPROVED TO FORM:
[Signature]
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

It is agreed that the Auctioneer will turn over the net proceeds of the auction along wit the sale receipts and records to the Seller within 15 days of the auction along with any unsold items. It is agreed that all auction fees and expenses will be deducted from the proceeds before receipt of payment and satisfaction of liens or encumbrances. Seller agrees to hold harmless the Auctioneer against any claims of the nature referred to in this contract.

Dylan Crall Auctioneer Signature
The Auctioneer is licensed by ODA
As Bonded in favor of the State of OH:io
X JERRY ECHEMANN Seller Signature
X VITO GIANANGELI Seller Signature 9/16/26

WHITE - AUCTIONEER YELLOW - SELLER PINK - SELLER

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

IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM VANDYNES RESTAURANT AND MOTEL TO DILLES TAVERN & INN
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to advise the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does not request a hearing on the matter of a request for the transfer of a D1 liquor license, Permit No. 10018339-1 from VanDynes Restaurant & Motel, Inc. 56721 Ferry Landing Road, Mead Township, Shadyside, Ohio 43947 to Dilles Tavern & Inn, at above address. There have been no objections received and the Board of County Commissioners has no objections to the permit.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Discussion-

Pennwood Sewer Project-Mr. Dutton said ARPA funds are being used for the sewer project. The ARPA funds need to be spent by the end of the year.
Sargus Juvenile Center-Mr. Dutton said a tremendous amount of funds have been put into the facility for upgrades. It has been decades without anything being done. The county committed some funds to help secure funding through the Capital Bill. He noted if the county didn’t have the center kids would be sent out of the county to other facilities.

RECESS

**Jackee Pugh, Exec. Director, Belmont County Tourism Council, Inc.
Re: Tourism Update**

Ms. Pugh said fall is a busy time for fairs and festivals. The Belmont County Fair was held last week and the Pumpkin Festival will be next week. The Wall That Heals Vietnam Memorial replica event will be October 1-4, 2026. There are more than 58,000 service members’ names on the wall, 26 of those names are from Belmont County. The Underground Railroad museum’s grand opening will be November 13, 2026. Tourism along with it’s partners are working on more reasons to visit Belmont County.

RECESS

Subdivision Hearing-Jeru Park Drive

Present: Joshua Crowley, Engineer’s Department. Mr. Crowley said this is a vacation and rededication of a public road. The road goes through the Industrial Park. A portion of the cul-de-sac needs to be vacated due to zoning restrictions.

**IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT DEDICATION
FOR JERU PARK DRIVE VACATION/REDEDICATION
OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
WARREN TOWNSHIP, SEC. 4 T-8, R-6**

**“FINAL PLAT APPROVAL”
O.R.C. 711.05**

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, this day there was presented to the Board for approval of the Final Plat Dedication for Jeru Park Drive Vacation/Rededication of a Public Right-of-Way, Warren Township, Sec. 4, T-8, R-6, which appears to be regular in form and approved by the proper parties;
THEREFORE, said plat is hereby approved, upon recommendation of the County Engineer and with concurrence of the Township Trustees.
Mr. Gianangeli seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:11 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 termination 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 12:19 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 12:19 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 be considered.

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF
THOMAS PLATT, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DOG WARDEN**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the resignation of Thomas Platt, full-time Assistant Dog Warden at the Belmont County Animal Shelter, effective September 18, 2026.
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
CHAZ MOORE, TEMPORARY FULL-TIME SUMMER EMPLOYEE
AT BELMONT COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the resignation of Chaz Moore, temporary full-time summer employee at Belmont County Water and Sewer District, effective September 18, 2026.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

RECESS

New Auditor’s system issues-Present: Cindi Henry, Auditor and Jacob DeBertrand, Chief Deputy Auditor
The Commissioners were told there are payroll issues with the new system. Not everyone is receiving a payroll stub and there have also been errors with deductions. Also, the HSA employer share is not up to date. Mr. DeBertrand said the HSA employer share is up to date except for one month. He said they are working with Digital Data and SSI on getting the payroll stub issue taken care of. It does not seem to be on Digital Data’s side but on SSI’s side. Mr. DeBertrand said the new system is using the current tax rates; it is built into the system. Harris used old rates which is why there is a difference. Also, IRS changed the tax table mid-year. Mr. Dutton asked if it would be beneficial for the Commissioners to reach out to SSI about the issues since they are the ones that signed the contract. Ms. Henry said to send her a letter with their concerns and she would forward it to SSI. She said the tax deductions will be correct at the end of the year. Mr. Gianangeli suggested running a W-2 for an employee that is no longer employed to check their W-2 to see if correct. Mr. DeBertrand said that was done and it was correct. He said they still have 15 hours of paid training with SSI. Ms. Henry stated she doesn’t like SSI and never did. Mr. DeBertrand noted that the audit should be quicker with the new system. Forty-six counties in Ohio are using SSI. The SSI system is based on excel spreadsheets. Ms. Henry said two employees came from Lawrence County twice to help with the start-up, which cost around \$7,000.00. The Commissioners were told all claims last month for Delta Dental were denied. Mr. DeBertrand said he called Delta Dental and they said there was no issue, but employees are still having issues. He said the county’s invoices have been paid. Mr. DeBertrand called Schwendeman’s and they called Delta Dental and were told it was not due to Belmont County’s invoices not being paid but didn’t know what the issue was. They are working on it. Schwendeman’s is also working on it. Mr. Dutton asked if the Commissioners should also call Schwendeman’s. Mr. DeBertrand said yes. He also said there were issues with the health insurance in June and July but as of August it is balanced. Mr. DeBertrand said the \$50 employee deductions for the Wellness Program were covered by the General Fund before. Now each department will cover the cost of the employee deductions for the employees that participated in the program. Ms. Henry said her office will send an email regarding the issues.
Note: The board called Mark Schwendeman and was told other counties were also having the same issues with Delta Dental and it’s not due to the invoices not being paid. Mr. Schwendeman called back and said after further discussion with Delta Dental the issue is due to the county’s invoices not being paid. August and September premiums and July claims have not been paid. Mr. Schwendeman said the Auditor’s office is trying to get the invoices paid by EFT.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:38 P.M.
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 1:38 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 23rd 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