

St. Clairsville, Ohio

September 9, 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 Jessica Koller, Assistant 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 \$743,760.76

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 REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
8380-380-32-510225 Hospitalization	8380-380-32-525005 Indirect Costs	\$5,031.88
8380-380-32-510226 Dental	8380-380-32-525005 Indirect Costs	\$43.60
8380-380-32-510220 Workers Compensation	8380-380-32-525005 Indirect Costs	\$1,774.87

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

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

FEBRUARY 17, 2026

4830 BLACK HORSE INN PROJECT

4830-930-40-530000	Construction-Ross County	\$306,679.61
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING THE BELMONT COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED THE MONTHLY
STATEMENT OF CASH FROM REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORT FOR JULY 2025

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

- Monthly Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense Report for the month of July 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION
FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

DJFS-Lisa Davis and Tanya Neal to Rayland, OH, on September 9, 2026, to attend the CCMEP meeting. A county car will be used for travel. Stacie Brown to Westerville, OH, on October 26, 2026, to attend the System of Care Summit. Estimated expenses: \$213.48. A county vehicle will be used for travel.

HR DEPARTMENT-Erin McVay to Greenville, OH, on October 2, 2026, to attend the Fall CLCCA meeting. A county vehicle will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of September 2, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MODIFICATION TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE
BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE BELMONT
COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR TITLE IV-E LEGAL SERVICES

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the modification to the contract between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services and the Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office for Title IV-E Legal Services increasing the maximum reimbursement from \$93,480.80 to \$144,895.24, effective through December 31, 2026.
Note: This is due to an increase in the workload.

BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
Modification to Contract between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services and the Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office for Title IV-E Legal Services

This contract modification is entered into on the 9th day of **September 2026**, by and between the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter “Purchaser”) and the Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office (hereinafter "Contractor") is to modify the terms and conditions of the original contract and appendices as noted herein.
This modification is necessary to increase the maximum reimbursement and hours worked from the original contract entered on March 4, 2026. In the budget appendix, the maximum reimbursement was \$93,480.80 (\$166.93 per hour x 560 hours). **Due to an increase in the workload, it is necessary to amend the original contract to a maximum reimbursement of \$144,895.24.00 (\$166.93 per hour x 868 hours).** Time charged to this contract remains billable at \$41.73 per quarter hour using traditional rounding methodology.
All parties agree that all other terms and conditions of the original agreement remain unchanged.

Signatures:
Jeffery L. Felton /s/ 9/3/2026
Jeffery L. Felton, Director Date
Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services
J. Kevin Flanagan /s/ 9/3/2026
J. Kevin Flanagan, Prosecutor Date
Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office
Jerry Echemann /s/ 9/9/2026
Jerry Echemann, President Date
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners
Vince Gianangeli /s/ 9/9/2026
Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President Date
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners
J. P. Dutton /s/ 9/9/2026
J. P. Dutton, Commissioner Date
Belmont County Board of County Commissioners
Approved as to Form:
T.J. Schultz /s/ 9/3/2026
T.J. Schultz, Assistant Prosecutor Date
Belmont County Prosecutor’s Office

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Jack Regis, Job and Family Fiscal Administrator, said this contract saved the county \$38,000 from 2025 through March 2026. Mr. Dutton said there was a section of the Law Library that wasn’t being used so they renovated it for the Magistrate using this funding.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAY APPLICATION NUMBER 18 (THROUGH 8/26/2026) FROM GRAE-CON CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY HEALTH AND RECORDS BUILDING PROJECT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve Pay Application Number 18 (through 8/26/2026) from Grae-Con Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$949,079.72, for the Belmont County Health and Records Building project, based upon the recommendation of Mills Group, Project Architect.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF 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**

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met in Regular session on the 9th day of September, 2026, at the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

Mr. Echemann
Mr. Dutton
Mr. Gianangeli

RESOLUTION – ORDER TO CLOSE ROAD
Sec. 5553.10 O.R.C.

Mr. Echemann moved the adoption of the following Resolution:
WHEREAS, At least ten days have elapsed since the final order of the board in the matter of this improvement, and
WHEREAS, No person, firm or corporation interested, has effected an appeal from our orders in the matter of the above named improvement, therefore, be it
RESOLVED, That it is hereby ordered that the proceedings be recorded as provided by law, and that said alley be vacated, as ordered heretofore, made on journal of the date of August 26, 2026, and a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Colerain Township Trustees.
Mr. Dutton seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote was as follows:

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

Adopted the 9th day of September 2026.
Jessica Koller /s/
Assistant Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
Belmont County, Ohio

1. “locating,””establishing,””altering,””widening,””straightening,””vacating” or “changing the direction of.”

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR BELMONT COUNTY’S NEW ANIMAL SHELTER

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to advertise for bids for Belmont County’s new animal shelter.
ADVERTISEMENT FOR SEALED BIDS

Belmont County Commissioners invite sealed bids from prospective contractors for Belmont County’s new animal shelter. The project is a single-story, slab-on-grade, Omniblock structure totaling approximately 14,100 SF, located at 68401 Hammond Rd. St. Clairsville, OH 43950
Bid documents, specifications, and drawings are available at the SE Blueprint Co., 520 South Main Street, Suite 2411, Akron, OH 44311
[\[www.seblueprint.com\]](http://www.seblueprint.com) at the cost of reproduction and shipping. No refunds will be given. The bid documents, specifications, and drawings

may also be examined without charge during business hours at TC Architects, 430 Grant Street, Akron, Ohio 44311. Bidders are advised to contact the office in advance to ascertain the hours during which the documents will be available.

Physical bids will be received until **11:15 a.m.**, local time, on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026**, and publicly opened forthwith at the Belmont County Commissioners Office, 101 W Main St., St. Clairsville, OH 43950. No electronic bids will be accepted.

Bids shall be accompanied by bid security not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid amount (including any alternates), made payable to Belmont County Commissioners Office.

All bids shall be based on the products and systems specified. Questions and requests for substitutions shall be submitted to the Architect's office not later than **11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 30, 2026. Contact Susan Allen at sallen@tcarchitects.com.**

A Pre-Bid meeting will convene at 101 W Main St., St. Clairsville, OH 43950 on **Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 1:15 p.m.** Prospective bidders are encouraged to attend, but it is not mandatory.

Belmont County Commissioners reserves the right to cancel any solicitation and to accept or reject in whole or in part any bid for good cause when it is in the best interest Belmont County.

To be advertised Monday, September 14 and September 21, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said the project is estimated to be around \$6 million.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Michael Rey, Fairpoint in Wheeling Township, said there is a culvert running down the hill which is a runoff from Route 9. The township made a makeshift catch basin in the right-of-way. This is causing Mr. Rey's foundation to sink. Mr. Rey said ODOT said this needs taken care of as soon as possible. Mr. Rey brought it up to the township 10 years ago. Mr. Echemann recommended Mr. Rey speak to the county engineer.

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IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:44 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 of public employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:08 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 11:08 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said as a result of executive session there is no action to be taken at this time.

Reconvened at 11:49 a.m. with no further business to be had.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:49 A.M.
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 11:49 a.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 16th 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