St. Clairsville, Ohio November 4, 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 $1,608,125.48

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:

2411 MOTOR VEHICLE AND GASOLINE TAX

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
2411-411-33-520200 Equipment-Office	2411-411-33-520000 Other Expenses-Office	$1,500.00

8380 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
8380-380-32-510221 Unemployment Compensation	8380-380-32-520200 Equipment	$3,141.00

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:

NOVEMBER 3, 2026

1000 GENERAL FUND		
1000-310-32-520005	Background	$71.00
1000-310-32-525007	E-SORN	$205.00
1000-310-32-525900	False Alarms	$700.00
1000-310-32-510222	Medical	$476.32
1000-310-32-525012	Warrant Fee	$530.36
2238 TITLE IV-E REIMBURSEMENT		
2238-230-31-510101	Salary Employees	$2,480.00
2238-230-31-510200	Fringe Benefits	$383.16
2238-230-31-525900	Salary Employees	$1,760.00
2313 COMMISSARY FUND/ SHERIFF		
2313-000-00-110100	Commissary	$5,672.39
2313-310-24-429000	Jail Equipment	$15,015.00
2314 CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE FUND		
2314-000-00-110100	CCW License	$606.00
2314-310-32-520200	CCW Equipment	$953.00
2341 NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1 FUND		
2341-340-32-525000	Contract Services	$28,702.37
4410 FEMA PROJECTS ENGINEERS		
4410-410-33-525000	Contract Services	$4,974.75
4410-410-33-525000	Contract Services	$829.13
4830 BLACK HORSE INN PROJECT		
4830-930-40-530000	Construction- Ross County	$223,623.59
7310 SHERIFF'S RESERVE ACCOUNT		
7310-310-32-520000	Reserve	$1,088.00
8380 OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION		
8380-380-32-525003	Grant Holding Account	$203,236.09
8380-380-32-510101	Salaries	$299,461.09
8380-380-32-520001	Food	$110.00
8380-380-32-520200	Equipment	$40,000.00
8380-380-32-510225	Hospitalization	$115,864.85
8380-380-32-510221	Unemployment Compensation	$6,137.71

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING MOTION MADE ON OCTOBER 28, 2026, APPROVING THREE TRANSFERS WITHIN FUNDS

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to rescind the motion made on October 28, 2026 approving three Transfers Within Funds.

Note: The transfers were done incorrectly.

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-

- Judge Davies to Columbus, OH, on December 3-4, 2026, to attend the Ohio Juvenile Judges Conference.

DJFS-

- Jeff Felton to Newark, OH, on November 1-2, 2026, to attend the PCSAO Aetna Ohio Rise meeting. A county car will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: $280.00.
- Alison Comack to Sugarcreek, OH, on November 8-9, 2026, to attend the Adoption Training Seminar.

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 October 28, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Announcement-

The board's regular meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, instead of Wednesday, November 11, 2026, due to the Veterans Day holiday.

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING MOTION MADE ON OCTOBER 28, 2026, APPROVING THE TEMPORARY MOVE OF KYLE LACHENDRO CHANGING THE EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to amend the motion made on October 28, 2026, approving the temporary move of Kyle Lachendro, full-time Equipment Operator II to full-time Crew Leader, changing the effective date from September 9, 2026 to September 14, 2026, for 75 days or until the Crew Leader position can be filled, whichever happens first.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING QUOTE FROM DIGITAL DATA COMMUNICATIONS NEW HEALTH DEPARTMENT, RECORDS CENTER AND CORONER'S BUILDING

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the Quote from Digital Data Communications, Inc., in the amount of $19,985.19 for a main firewall, network management devices and installation on the lower floor of the new Health Department, Records Center and Coroner's 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 BEARCOM/SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the proposal from BEARCOM, in the amount of $7,449,46, to strip wrecked 2025 Dodge Durango Pursuit and install equipment on new 2027 Dodge Durango for uplifting for the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

Note: This will be paid for by the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

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 ROAD USE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS WITH BLUE RACER MIDSTREAM, LLC

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the release of the following Road Use Maintenance Agreements with Blue Racer Midstream, LLC, based upon the recommendation of County Engineer Terry Lively:

- 3.76 miles of CR 56 (Country Club Road) dated November 20, 2019
- 0.05 miles of CR 82 (Airport Road), dated April 21, 2021
- 1.36 miles of CR 64 (Shepherdstown Road) dated May 11, 2021
- 1.36 miles of CR 64 (Shepherdstown Road) dated May 11, 2021
- 1.13 miles of CR 64 (Shepherdstown Road) and 0.71 miles of CR10 (Fairpoint Maynard Road) dated June 15, 2022
- .5 miles of CR 114 (Fairview Road), dated December 11, 2024
- 0.25 miles of CR 54 (Pipe Creek Road) and 1.5 miles of CR56 (Mt. Victory Road), dated March 26, 2025
- 4.34 miles of CR 5 (Glencoe Road), dated March 26, 2025
- 0.86 miles of CR 48 (Wegee Road), dated May 14, 2025
- .42 miles of CR 114 (Fairview Road), dated October 22, 2025
- 1.41 miles of CR 120 (Douglas Road), dated February 18, 2026

Note: Blue Racer Midstream has completed any needed repairs to the roads per Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAY ENGINEERING, ON BEHALF OF BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED

Motion made by Mr. Gianangeli, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adopt the resolution and authorize Commission President Jerry Echemann to sign the resolution authorizing May Engineering, on behalf of the Belmont County Engineer, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Program and to execute contracts as required.

Note: This is for the Boyd Avenue Storm Sewer Project.

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) and Ohio Governor's Office of Appalachia (GOA) provide financial assistance for equipment, and

WHEREAS, Belmont County is planning to make capital improvements for the Boyd Avenue Storm Sewer Project, and

WHEREAS, the proposed improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the ARC and GOA programs, and

WHEREAS, Belmont County is requesting a grant from the ARC program in the amount of $125,000 for said project; and

WHEREAS, Belmont County has matching funds in the amount of $214,781 from M.V.G.T. Funds for said project.

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

Section 1: The Board of Commissioners President of Belmont County is hereby authorized to apply to the ARC program for funds as described above.

Section 2: The Board of Commissioners President of Belmont County is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

PASSED BY Belmont County Commissioners this 4th day of November, 2026.

Jerry Echemann /s/
Jerry Echemann, Board of Commissioners President

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE 2026 BELMONT COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Commissioner Echemann to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Belmont County, Ohio recognizes the threat that natural hazards and other applicable hazards pose to people, property, infrastructure, public services, and the overall safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for loss of life, injuries, property damage, and disruption of essential services; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency, in coordination with participating jurisdictions, stakeholders, and community partners, has participated in the development of the **2026 Belmont County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Belmont County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update identifies hazards affecting Belmont County, assesses community vulnerabilities, and establishes mitigation goals, strategies, and actions intended to reduce future disaster losses; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Commissioners have reviewed the 2026 Belmont County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update and recognizes the importance of implementing appropriate mitigation measures to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the updated plan demonstrates the jurisdiction's commitment to reducing hazard risks and supports compliance with applicable hazard mitigation planning requirements, including those established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA);

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

SECTION 1. Adoption of Plan.

The Belmont County Commissioners hereby adopts the **2026 Belmont County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update**, including the mitigation actions applicable to Belmont County, Ohio as the jurisdiction's hazard mitigation planning document, subject to the final plan as approved by the appropriate authorities.

SECTION 2. Commitment to Mitigation.

Belmont County commits to supporting appropriate hazard mitigation measures, as practicable and subject to available funding, applicable law, and governing-body approval, to reduce risks identified in the plan.

SECTION 3. Implementation and Coordination.

The appropriate officials of Belmont County, Ohio are authorized to coordinate with the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency and other participating agencies regarding implementation, monitoring, and future updates of the plan.

SECTION 4. Funding and Resources.

Implementation of mitigation actions shall be subject to the availability of funds, applicable grant requirements, budgetary approval, and any additional authorization required by law. This resolution does not independently authorize expenditures or obligate the jurisdiction to undertake a specific project without the required approvals.

SECTION 5. Record of Adoption.

The Clerk or other appropriate recording official is directed to maintain a copy of this resolution in the jurisdiction's official records and provide a signed copy to the Belmont County Emergency Management Agency for documentation of plan adoption.

SECTION 6. Effective Date.

This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption in accordance with applicable law.

Commissioner Gianangeli seconded the foregoing resolution and upon vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

ATTEST:
Bonnie Zuzak /s/
Bonnie Zuzak, Clerk

Board of Belmont County Commissioners
Belmont County, Ohio
By: *Jerry Echemann /s/*
Jerry Echemann, President
By: *Vince Gianangeli /s/*
Vince Gianangeli, Vice-President
By: *J. P. Dutton /s/*
J. P. Dutton

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Dave Ivan, EMA Director, said it took about two years to complete the process for the plan update. The plan must be updated every five years. The plan is needed in order for the county or other entities in the county to receive potential funding from FEMA if a disaster occurs.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM-Randy Becker, Bridgeport, said he represents several homeowners in the Kirkwood Heights area who are petitioning for detachment from the Village of Bridgeport to Pease Township. They are paying the RITA tax and don't feel they are getting the services they should be. Mr. Becker said he attended a Village of Bridgeport council meeting and will be attending the next meeting of the Pease Township Trustees.

RECESS

Kirby Dearth, ODOT Transit Grant Coordinator and Chad Zambori, Belmont County Mobility Manager
RE: GoBus Presentation
Mr. Dearth said, "GoBus is statewide public transportation. We use a mix of mostly federal and some state dollars to provide subsidized inner-city bus connectivity between rural communities." He said the bus lines are designed so people can connect to other modes of transportation. ODOT contracts with local transit agencies. GoBus started with a goal of 10,000 riders and are now up to 120,000 riders per year. Since March, Belmont County has had 650 riders. Typically, there is one stop in a county. An intercity needs assessment is done every five years. The buses are ADA accessible and run 365 days a year.

Commissioner Gianangeli left the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

RECESS

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:23 A.M
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton 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. Dutton	Yes
Mr. Gianangeli	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:04 P.M.
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to exit executive session at 12:04 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said there is one motion to consider as a result of executive session.

IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF MAXINE JUROVCIK, FULL-TIME SENIOR CENTER COORDINATOR/SSOBC
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to approve the retirement of Maxine Jurovcik, full-time Senior Center Coordinator at Senior Services of Belmont County, effective January 15, 2027.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Reconvened at 1:03 p.m. with Commissioners Echemann and Dutton present.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:03 P.M.
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Dutton to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 10th day of November, 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