St. Clairsville, Ohio October 28, 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 $2,183,010.74**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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| 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:

**4410 FEMA PROJECTS ENGINEERS**

| FROM | TO | AMOUNT |
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| 4410-410-18-423001 FEMA Reimbursement Dr | 4410-410-33-525000 Contract Services | $4,974.75 |
| 4410-410-18-423002 State | 4410-410-33-525000 Contract Services | $829.13 |
| 4410-410-18-423003 State/Local | 4410-410-33-525000 Contract Services | $829.12 |

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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| 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:

***OCTOBER 20, 2026***

**2710 SOIL CONSERVATION**

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| 2710-710-39-510103 | Salary | $17,000.00 |
| 2710-710-39-510201 | PERS | $5,000.00 |
| 2710-710-39-510225 | Hospitalization | $5,680.00 |

**2280 LAW LIBRARY RESOURCES FUND**

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| 2280-280-31-5201000 | Supplies | $10,003.15 |

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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| 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 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 Auditor's Office:

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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| 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**-Cindy Berry to Dover, OH, on November 6, 2026, to attend the 4th Qtr. Attorney Networking OCSPA meeting. Estimated expenses: $125.36. Mike Schlanz to Carrollton, OH, on November 6, 2026, to attend the Ohio Career Launch. A county will be used for travel. Estimated expenses: $25.00. Brianne Kidder, Ava Fluharty to Sugarcreek, OH, on November 8-9, 2026, to attend the Adoption Training Seminar. Estimated expenses: $623.32. Stacie Brown to Sugarcreek, OH, on November 9, 2026, to attend the Adoption Training Seminar. Estimated expenses: $157.72. Stacie Brown to North Canton, OH, on November 13, 2026, to attend the Alternatives to Residential Treatment Training. Estimated expenses: $149.64. Christine Parker to Lewis Center, OH, on December 2-4, 2026, to attend the PCSAO meeting. Estimated expenses: $867.04.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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| 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 20, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RESCHEDULING COMMISSIONERS' MEETING TIME**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to hold the board's regular meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, instead of Wednesday, November 11, 2026, due to the Veterans Day holiday and to notify the media of the same.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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|---|---|
| Mr. Echemann | Yes |
| Mr. Gianangeli | Yes |
| Mr. Dutton | Yes |

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF WILLIAM ELLIS, FULL-TIME INCOME MAINTENANCE AIDE II/DJFS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the retirement of William Ellis, full-time Income Maintenance Aide II at Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, effective November 30, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RETIREMENT OF JEFFERY FELTON, FULL-TIME DIRECTOR/DJFS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the retirement of Jeffery Felton, full-time Director at Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services, effective November 30, 2026.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTING ALL BIDS RECEIVED FOR BELMONT COUNTY'S NEW ANIMAL SHELTER RECEIVED ON OCTOBER 20, 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to reject all bids received for Belmont County's New Animal Shelter received on October 20, 2026.

*Note: All bids received were over 20% of the estimate.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FROM H. E. NEUMANN CO/SARGUS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept proposal from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of $9,995.00 to excavate and remove roughly 6'x4' box of asphalt and excavate and expose existing sanitary piping and evaluate existing sanitary underground at Belmont County Sargus Juvenile Center.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the proposal from H. E. Neumann Company in the amount of $3,626.00 for all labor and materials to remove and replace one control module and one expansion board kit on the on the Weil-McClain boiler located in the basement and serving the sidewalk melting system at Senior Services of Belmont County.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FROM MAY ENGINEERING CO/ENGINEER'S**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to accept the Professional Engineering Proposal from May Engineering Co., on behalf of the Belmont County Engineer's Department, in the amount of $48,020.00 (2026 Engineering Services) for design, easement coordination and construction documents only for the Boyd Avenue Storm Sewer Project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO MODIFY THE PRESENT SPEED LIMIT ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS**

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio met in regular session on the 28th day of October, 2026 with the following members present:

Jerry Echemann _____, President
Vince Gianangeli _____, Vice-President
J. P. Dutton _____

Mr. Echemann moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO MODIFY THE PRESENT SPEED LIMIT ON VARIOUS COUNTY ROADS**

**WHEREAS,** a request has been made to this Board that the statutory vehicular speed limit established by Section 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio is greater than that considered reasonable and safe on:

County Road 10 Fairpoint-Maynard Road (from TR-431 Kagg Hill Road proceeding east 2.932 miles along CR 10 to CR 56 Maynard Road), and
County Road 34 Hospital Road (from the Bellaire corporation limit proceeding north 2.554 miles along CR 34 to CR 214 High Ridge Road), and
County Road 34A Alternate Hospital Road (from CR 214 High Ridge Road proceeding north 0.263 miles along CR 34A to CR 34 Hospital Road), and
County Road 40B Main Street (from US 40 National Road proceeding east 0.846 miles along CR 40B to US 40 National Road), and
County Road 78 Plainfield Road (from SR-149 Belmont Warnock Road proceeding north 3.749 miles along CR 78 to CR 40B Main Street), and
County Road 102 Mt Olivett Road (from the Barnesville Corporation limit proceeding north 6.464 miles along CR 102 to SR 800 Barnesville Hendrysburg Road), and

County Road 108 Main Street/North Road (from SR-800 Barnesville-Hendrysburg Road proceeding north 0.420 miles along CR 108 to 0.198 miles north of Kirkwood Twp. TR-807 Main Street).
**WHEREAS,** this Board has caused to be made an engineering and traffic investigation upon the section of road described above, and
**WHEREAS,** it is the belief of this Board that such investigation confirms the allegation that the statutory speed limit of 55 mph is unrealistic.
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio that:
Section 1, By virtue of the provisions of Section 4511.21, Revised Code of Ohio the Director of Transportation is hereby requested to review the engineering and traffic investigation and to determine and declare a reasonable and safe prima facie speed limit on the above-referenced County in Belmont County, Ohio.
Section 2, That when this Board is advised that the Director of Transportation has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described in Section 1 hereof, standard signs, properly posted and giving notice thereof will be erected.
Mr. Gianangeli seconded the foregoing Resolution.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Mr. Echemann_____, Yes
Mr. Gianangeli_____ , Yes
Mr. Dutton_____, Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF POWHATAN POINT'S APPLICATION FOR USE OF MUNICIPAL STREET FUND/VEHICLE LICENSE TAX**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the Village of Powhatan Point's application in accordance with O.R.C. Section 4504.04 for the use of Municipal Street Fund/Vehicle License Tax in the amount of $22,603.77**,** based upon the recommendation of Belmont County Engineer, Terry Lively, for paving improvements – Ben Avenue from Main Street to Locust Lane.
*Note: The estimated cost is $29,275.00 of which $22,603.77 will be paid from this source.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY REDUCING LEGAL AXLE LOAD LIMIT ON WAYNE TOWNSHIP ROADS/ENGINEER**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**Whereas,** Ohio Revised Code Section 5577.07 empowers the Belmont County Commissioners to prescribe reduction of weight and speed during times of thaws and moisture that render the improved highways of the County insufficient to bear the traffic thereon; and
**Whereas,** the Belmont County Board of Commissioners have received a request from the Wayne Township Trustees requesting that the legal axle load limit on all of their roads be reduced by fifty percent (50%); and
**Whereas,** the Belmont County Engineer has recommended that the Wayne Township Trustees' request be granted.
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does hereby authorize that the legal axle load limit on all of the roads in Wayne Township be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for the period beginning December 1, 2026 and ending April 15, 2027.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 30 & 31 FROM GRAE-CON CONSTRUCTION, INC., 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. 30, in the increased amount of $1,680.00, for additional work related to the installation of a front desk panic button tied to exterior-door lockdown functionality and emergency 911 notification.
- Change Order No. 31, in the increased amount of 2,184.00 for additional work related to the installation of an aiphone audible alert/ access control device at Door 004C.

*Note: New contract total is $16,289,224.61.*

October 28, 2026

| General Contractor Change Order Form<br><br>CHANGE ORDER NO. 30 | |
|---|---|
| **Project Name:** Records Building and Health Department Building Project (the "Project") | |
| Source document(s) and # (RFI, Bulletin, Shop Drawing Review): Proposed Change Order 37 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 the installation of a front-desk panic button tied to exterior-door lockdown functionality and emergency 911 notification, with the first year of monitoring included as set forth in **Exhibit A.** Accordingly, the Contract Sum is increased by $1,680.00.

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| Original Contract Sum | $10,694,075.00 |
| Net Change by Previous Change Orders | $5,591,285.61 |
| This Change Order Increase/Decrease (clearly indicate) | $1,680.00 |
| **New Contract Sum** | $16,287,040.61 |

**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) **146** (calendar days)

This Change Order **X** ADD or ____ DEDUCT **0** (calendar days)

**Revised Substantial Completion Date or Duration:** within **691** 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:**

By: Cameron McIntosh
Printed Name: Cameron McIntosh
Title: Project Manager
Date: October 23, 2026

**ARCHITECT:**

By: Christopher J. Clark
Printed Name: Christopher J. Clark, AIA
Title: Principal
Date: 10/23/2026

**OWNER:**

By: Jerry Echemann x Vince Gianangeli x JP Dutton
Printed Name: JERRY ECHEMANN VINCE GIANANGELI J.P. DUTTON
Title: BELMONT Co. COMMISSIONERS
Date: 10-28-26

**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: 10/29/26

Cindi L Cheney JD
Fiscal Officer

| General Contractor Change Order Form<br><br>CHANGE ORDER NO. 31 | |
|---|---|
| **Project Name**: Records Building and Health Department Building Project (the "Project") | |
| Source document(s) and # (RFI, Bulletin, Shop Drawing Review): Proposed Change Order 38 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 the installation of an aiphone audible alert/access control device at Door 004C as set forth in **Exhibit A**. Accordingly, the Contract Sum is increased by $2,184.00.

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| Original Contract Sum | $10,694,075.00 |
| Net Change by Previous Change Orders | $5,592,965.61 |
| This Change Order Increase/Decrease (clearly indicate) | $2,184.00 |
| **New Contract Sum** | $16,289,224.61 |

**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) **146** (calendar days)

This Change Order **X** ADD or ____ DEDUCT **0** (calendar days)

**Revised Substantial Completion Date or Duration:** within **691** 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:**

By: [signature]
Printed Name: Cameron McIntosh
Title: Project Manager
Date: October 23, 2026

**ARCHITECT:**

By: [signature]
Printed Name: Christopher J. Clark, AIA
Title: Principal
Date: 10/23/2026

**OWNER:**

By: [signature] [signature] [signature]
Printed Name: JERRY ECHEMANN VINCE GIANANGELI J.P. DUTTON
Title: BELMONT Co. COMMISSIONERS
Date: 10-28-26

**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: 10/29/26

Cindi L Henry JD
Fiscal Officer



Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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|---|---|
| Mr. Echemann | Yes |
| Mr. Gianangeli | Yes |
| Mr. Dutton | Yes |

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO CONTRACT WITH MONROE**

**COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR HOUSING PRISONERS**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to enter into a contract with the Monroe County Board of Commissioners for the housing of Belmont County prisoners at a rate of $75.00 per day, effective October 23, 2026 to December 31, 2026, based upon the recommendation of Sheriff James Zusack.

**CONTRACT FOR HOUSING PRISONERS**
**IN THE**
**MONROE COUNTY JAIL**

**WHEREAS,** this contract is made this 28th day of October, 2026, by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "County", the Sheriff of Monroe County, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "Sheriff", and Belmont County, Ohio hereinafter referred to as "Contractor".

**WHEREAS,** Contractor wants to use the Monroe County Jail to house as prisoners those persons who have been lawfully committed to custody by arrest or court order for any reason, and/or who have been charged with any misdemeanor or felony offense and are awaiting a bond hearing, and/or who are awaiting a trial and have not otherwise posted bail or been released by court order, and/or who are serving a jail sentence after conviction.

**WHEREAS, t**his agreement is intended to set forth the rights, duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the County and Contractor for the term hereinafter set forth.

**WITNESSETH:** In consideration of the mutual covenants herein made each of the parties agrees as follows:

1. The County shall receive, keep, board and safely maintain in the Monroe County Jail the following persons:
   a. Persons arrested by Contractor for violations of state criminal statutes until such persons have had an initial appearance before a judge, after which such persons shall be deemed to be incarcerated in the Monroe County Jail for purposes of compensation under this contract.
   b. Persons arrested for violation of municipal ordinances from arrest through termination of any jail sentences imposed for that violation except as provided in Paragraphs 4 through 9 below.
   c. Persons incarcerated pursuant to Subparagraphs a. and b. above shall be designated as prisoners in this contract.
2. The cost to be paid to the County by the Contractor shall be the amount of Seventy-five dollars ($75.00) per day for each person incarcerated in the Monroe County Jail under Paragraph 1. For purposes of determining compensation, any calendar day, or part thereof, shall constitute one (1) day.
3. Prisoners confined in the Monroe County Jail shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the jail, which apply to all the prisoners therein.
4. The County may reject and refuse to receive any prisoners who may be afflicted with a prior medical problem, afflicted with any contagious, infectious, venereal disease, mental illness or injury that has not been treated prior to entry into the Monroe County Jail, or having received prisoner thereafter.
5. Sheriff may refuse to receive any prisoner based upon current jail population, internal security conditions of the jail or any other reason that the Sheriff deems pertinent at the time.
6. Contractor agrees to pay for any and all medical, surgical, dental, or ophthalmology expenses incurred on behalf of a prisoner including doctor's fees, hospital charges and prescription costs.
7. Contractor shall transport and provide security anytime a prisoner must leave the Monroe County Jail for any reason unless a court orders that there is no transportation or security needed.
8. Contractor shall bear the expense of the burial of a prisoner who dies in the Monroe County Jail, if the body is not claimed for interment at the expense of friends or relatives.
9. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be received except on the approval of the Monroe County Juvenile Court.
10. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office shall provide an itemized statement of the amount due each month for housing prisoners. Payment shall be made by the Contractor to the Monroe County Sheriff at 47129 Moore Ridge Road, Woodsfield, Ohio 43793 within thirty (30) days of the date of the statement. The Monroe County Sheriff may refuse to accept prisoners if timely payment is not made.
11. Contractor agrees that during the period of time this contract covers, it shall and will abide and be governed by any and all rules and regulations which now are, or at any time in the future may be, in force at the offices of the Monroe County Commissioners, Common Pleas and Probate Juvenile Judges, and the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.
12. Anytime the Contractor arrests an individual for domestic violence, violations of a protection order, or menacing threats by stalking, the Contractor will be responsible for attempting to make notification to the victim of the offender's being released from the Monroe County Jail.
13. This agreement may be terminated by either party during the term by giving the other party a minimum of Sixty (60) days' written notice.
14. This agreement shall be effective on October 23, 2026, and will terminate on December 31, 2026.
15. All former contracts and/or agreements between the parties hereto relative to the subject matter of this contract are hereby canceled and terminated.

This agreement entered into on behalf of the Belmont County Sheriff
Pursuant to Resolution Ordinance Number N/A passed Oct. 28, 2026.
Any alteration of contract shall result in the contract being null and void.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** the parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers; none hereto caused their names to be transcribed on the day first written above.

**Monroe County Commissioners**

*Diane Burkhart /s/*
COMMISSIONER

*Mick Schumacher /s/*
COMMISSIONER

*L. William Bolon /s/*
COMMISSIONER

*Sheila Turner /s/*
WITNESS

*Derek Norman /s/*
DEREK A. NORMAN, SHERIFF

**Belmont County Commissioners**

*Jerry Echemann /s/*
JERRY ECHEMANN, PRESIDENT

*Vince Gianangeli /s/*
VINCE GIANANGELI, VICE-PRESIDENT

*J. P. Dutton /s/*
J. P. DUTTON

*Bonnie Zuzak /s/*
WITNESS

*James Zusack /s/*
JAMES G. ZUSACK, SHERIFF

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

*T. J. Schultz /s/*
TERRY L. SCHULTZ, JR. BELMONT COUNTY
ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

**WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE/YEAR END 2026**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve and sign the **Engagement Letter** with the Auditor of State for services to be performed regarding the Belmont County Audit for the year ending December 31, 2026 at an estimated cost of not to exceed $123,480.00.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the purchase of one 2027 Dodge Durango for a cost of $44,757.00, from Shorkey Auto Group, based upon the recommendation of Sheriff James Zusack.

*Note: This vehicle replaces a cruiser that was totaled during a vehicle pursuit. The vehicle will be paid for with funds from insurance and the Sheriff's Cruiser Fund.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Senator Brian Chavez and State Representative Ty Moore were in attendance. They both offered to help the county in any way they can. Representative Moore said they both helped bring $775,000 in grant funding to Belmont County.

**Open Public Forum-**Gary Mallett, St. Clairsville, voiced his concern about an issue with a subdivision he created on Hidden Springs Drive in St. Clairsville. There are 15 lots with 10 homes in the subdivision. The road is a dedicated road and was paved when it was put in. Recently the township did chip seal instead of paving. The residents view this as a downgrade. Mr. Mallett said the road could be vacated through the Engineer's Department or a supplemental assessment could be added to the homeowners taxes to cover the cost of paving. Mr. Dutton explained chip seal is done due to the cost savings. The road does not have a high traffic count which compacts the chip seal better. Mr. Dutton said they would pass on the information to the township trustees.

**RECESS**

**St. Clairsville Indoor Percussion Ensemble Resolution**

Ensemble Director Justin Schwertfeger and several students were in attendance. The students range from 7th grade to 12th grade. The Percussion Ensemble was named 2026 OIPA Percussion State Champions in their division. This marked the first-ever state title in the history of St. Clairsville's Percussion Program.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE ST. CLAIRSVILLE INDOOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adopt the resolution honoring the St. Clairsville Indoor Percussion Ensemble.

**WHEREAS**, the St. Clairsville Red Devil Indoor Percussion Ensemble is an ensemble of the instrumental music program representing the St. Clairsville School District. This ensemble is made up of over 30 performers from 8th grade to seniors who have a passion for performance. This includes marching drums, mallets, auxiliary percussion, guitars, keyboards, and dancers; and

**WHEREAS,** St. Clairsville is the only school in Belmont County that has a competitive marching band, indoor percussion ensemble, and color guard; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Clairsville, Red Devil Indoor Percussion Program, through their hard work, commitment and perseverance, was named the 2026 OIPA Percussion State Champions in their respective division; and

**WHEREAS**, this marked the first-ever state title in the history of the St. Clairsville, Red Devil Indoor Percussion Program; and

**WHEREAS,** the St. Clairsville, Red Devil Indoor Percussion Program is directed by Justin Schwertfeger and assisted/instructed by Nick Reidmiller; and

**WHEREAS**, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize and publicly congratulates Dom Alexander, Eriana Botizan, Caleb Bradley, Elijah Cameron, Morgan Conway, Aidan Donathan, Austin Duplaga, Kane Flanagan, Sabrina Foraker, Ella Fulton, Megan Gordan, Laura Griffith, Quinn Henry, Eli Hepburn, Josh Hernandez, Blake Higgins, Hannah Hodorowski, Ava Holden, Abigail Howard, Miles Jarrett, Samantha Jarrett, CJ Jochumsen, Noah Locke, Morgan Lowe, Rylee Pack, Leslie Perez, Hannah Sattler, Grace Senakievich, Kimber St. Clair, Peyton Tiger, Benson Volk and Camden Young.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor the St. Clairsville Red Devil Indoor Percussion Program for the level of success achieved and congratulates them on their outstanding performance and fine representation of Belmont County.

Adopted this 28th day of October 2026.

**BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Jerry Echemann /s/*

*Vince Gianangeli /s/*

*J. P. Dutton /s/*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**11:03Bid Opening-Engineer's Project 26-7 BEL-CR4-19.42/19.68/19.78 (Barton Road) Slide Repair**

Mr. Echemann noted no bids were accepted after 11:00 a.m. Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively and Assistant County Engineer Dan Boltz were present. Mr. Boltz said this is the last of the 2018 FEMA Disaster Projects to be completed. Mr. Lively said the project is contingent on getting an extension before the bids expire.

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR ENGINEER'S PROJECT 26-7 BEL-CR4-19.42/19.68/19.78 Slide Repair**

This being the day and 11:00 a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Engineer's Project 26-7 BEL-CR4-19.42/19.68/19.78 Slide Repair. They proceeded to open the following bids:

| NAME | BID BOND | BID AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| Alan Stone Company<br>5519 Suite A<br>State Route 339 | X | $616,287.00 |

Vincent, OH 45784
Ohio-West Virginia Excavating X $471,344.00
PO Box 128
Powhatan Point, OH 43942
Engineer's Estimate: $270,000.00.
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to turn over all bids received for the Engineer's Project 26-7 BEL-CR4-19.42/19.68/19.78 Slide Repair Project to Belmont County Engineer Terry Lively for review and recommendation.
*Note: Engineer's estimate: $536,710.00*
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**RECESS**

**BUDGET HEARINGS**
Present: Jessica Koller, Assistant Clerk/Payroll
2027 budget requests were reviewed.

**RECORDER-**Jason Garczyk
$556,744 requested for 2027. This is an increase of $130,626 from 2026 which is due to insurance increases. Mr. Garczyk is looking at doing potential renovations in the office.

**RECESS**

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:11 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:

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

Crystal May, HR Administrative Assistant, was also present.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:18 P.M.**
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to exit executive session at 1:18 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Echemann said there are three motions to consider as a result of executive session.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDING TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENTS TO SECTION 3.5 OF THE BELMONT COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL**
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to Add Temporary Assignments to Section 3.5 of the Belmont County Personnel Policy Manual, effective October 19, 2026.
**3.5 Temporary Assignments**
A temporary assignment is defined as the assignment of an individual employee to a classification different from their own, which has substantially different duties than the employee would normally perform. A temporary assignment may be made by the Appointing Authority to meet the operational needs of the department due to illness, emergencies, or special circumstances, and should not be done for disciplinary purposes.
All temporary assignments of classified employees shall be accomplished by a written letter of assignment delivered to the employee with copies to the auditor (if a pay adjustment is necessary).
Classified employees temporarily assigned to a position with a higher rate of pay for more than 5 consecutive workdays shall receive the lowest rate of pay for that position which represents an increase in pay to the employee, beginning on the sixth ($6^{th}$) consecutive workday. This temporary increase in pay does not apply to employees who are actively involved in training.
Classified employees temporarily assigned to a position with a lower rate of pay shall continue to receive their current rate of pay.
Original Adoption Date 10/28/26 Revision Date:_____
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE MOVE OF JESSICA KOLLER, FULL-TIME ASSISTANT CLERK/PAYROLL TO A TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT AS FISCAL CLERK/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the move of Jessica Koller, full-time Assistant Clerk/Payroll, to a temporary assignment as Fiscal Clerk for the Belmont County Board of Commissioners at pay scale 8 probation step, effective October 19, 2026 through November 20, 2026.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE TEMPORARY MOVE OF KYLE LACHENDRO, FULL-TIME EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II TO FULL-TIME CREW LEADER/WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to approve the temporary move of Kyle Lachendro, full-time Equipment Operator II to full-time Crew Leader, effective September 9, 2026 for 75 days or the return of the Distribution Manager, whichever happens first.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**
**COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 1:20 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Echemann, seconded by Mr. Gianangeli to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m.
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 4th 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