

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Ryan E. Olexo, Charles R. Probst, absent and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Darlene Pempek, Clerk of the Board. Minutes of the meeting of August 31, 2001, were read, approved and signed.

MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING RECORDED
ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE SUMMARIZED, FOR COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS
PLEASE SEE CORRESPONDING TAPE FOR THIS MEETING DAY.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ALLOWANCE OF BILLS
AS CERTIFIED IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

"BILLS ALLOWED"

The following bills having been certified in the Auditor's office, on motion by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas all members present voting YES, each bill was considered and it is hereby ordered that the County Auditor issue his warrant on the County Treasurer in payment of bills allowed.

Claim of	Purposes	Amount
Amy Busic, Victim Assistant	Guardian ad litem/Clk of Crts-General	537.50
Belmont County Human Services	Sept mandated share/Grants-General	30,119.75
Paul B. Jefferis, Attorney	Misc. attorney fees-General	539.43
Lash Excavating & Paving	Liquid bituminous material-Eng. MVGT	82,635.20
Cloud 9 Beauty Salon	Makeovers/SPIRIT Program-Juvenile Ct.	180.00
Homestead Awards	Plaques/Drug Ct Graduation-Juvenile Ct.	40.00
Eastern Ohio Regional Wastewater Auth.	Service/Eastern Court-Satellite Bldg.	39.50
Xerox Corporation	Lease payment-Clerk of Courts	78.30
McGhee Office Supply	Electric letter opener-Eastern Court	111.36
Health Assurance PPO	September premium-Insurance	112,668.31
Health Assurance HMO	September premium-Insurance	57,833.38
Health Plan	September premium-Insurance	96,310.66

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
RECAPITULATION OF VOUCHERS
FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers for the various funds dated for September 5, 2001 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
General	\$1,498.71
General/Sheriff's	\$2,655.70
BCDJFS/PA	\$174.75
Engineer's MVGT	\$388.51, \$10,327.28
Common Pleas Corrections Act Grant	\$375.68

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
OF FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds within the Belmont county General Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A202-E09 Workers Comp	A015-A14 Attorney Fees	\$5,000.00
A202-E09 Workers Comp	A301-A11 Unemployment	741.28

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
WITHIN FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY
DOG AND KENNEL FUND

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to make the following transfer within fund for the Belmont County Dog & Kennel Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
B000-B11 Other Expenses	B000-B03 Supplies	\$650.00
B100-B07 Vets	B000-B03 Supplies	412.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Mr. Olexo Yes
Mr. Thomas Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
WITHIN FUND FOR THE BCDJFS/PA FUND H000

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfer within fund for the BCDJFS/ PA Fund H000.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
H000-H04 Contracts	H000-H05 Pub Assist	\$110,000.00
H000-H04 Contracts	H000-H07 Purchase of Service	31,000.00
H000-H03 Equipment	H000-H15 Other Expenses	5,000.00
Total		\$146,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Mr. Olexo Yes
Mr. Thomas Yes

IN THE MATTER OF BID
OPENING FOR SMITH TOWNSHIP
SLIP REPAIR PROJECT 15-1/ENGINEER'S

BID OPENING

This being the day and 9:30 A.M. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioner's Office for the Smith Township Slip Repair Project 15-1 for the Belmont County Engineer's Department, they proceeded to open the following bids.

BBR Drilling	Bid Bond	\$29,180.00
41462 Palmer Rd.		
Belmont, OH 43718		

Present for the bid opening were Barbara Balcar, BBR Drilling; Mike Wahl, Deputy Engineer; Fred Bennett, County Engineer; Jeremy Midei, Times Leader and Joselyn King, Intelligencer.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to turn bids over to Fred Bennett, County Engineer for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Mr. Thomas Yes
Mr. Olexo Yes

IN THE MATTER OF SUBDIVISION NOTICE
BAILEY DRIVE EXTENSION, WARREN TOWNSHIP

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to notify the Warren Township Trustees of the following sub-division hearing.

NOTICE OF NEW SUB-DIVISION

To Warren Township Trustees

You are hereby notified that the 14th day of September, 2001, at 9:45 o'clock AM., has been fixed as the date, and the office of the Commissioners, in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, as the place where the Commissioners will act on the above stated matter.

By order of the Belmont County Commissioners.

Darlene Pempek /s/
Clerk of the Board

Mail by certified return receipt requested.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:
Mr. Thomas Yes
Mr. Olexo Yes

IN THE MATTER OF SUBDIVISION NOTICE
SPACEVIEW RIDGE 11TH ALLOTMENT
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to notify the Richland Township Trustees of the following sub-division hearing.

NOTICE OF NEW SUB-DIVISION

To Richland Township Trustees

You are hereby notified that the 14th day of September, 2001, at 9:30 o'clock AM., has been fixed as the date, and the office of the Commissioners, in the Courthouse, St. Clairsville, Ohio, as the place where the Commissioners will act on the above stated matter.

By order of the Belmont County Commissioners.

Darlene Pempek /s/
Clerk of the Board

Mail by certified return receipt requested.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING
FOR RESURFACING COLERAIN, RICHLAND,
AND WHEELING TWP. PROJECT 15-2/ENGINEER'S

BID OPENING

This being the day and 9:40 A.M. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioner's Office for Project 15-2, Resurfacing Colerain, Richland and Wheeling Township for the Belmont County Engineer's Department, they proceeded to open the following bids.

Tri-State Asphalt Co. P.O. Box 66 Rayland, OH 43943	Bid Bond	\$75,325.40
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Wilson Blacktop P.O. Box 128 Colerain, OH 43916	Bid Bond	\$81,461.00
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Present for the bid opening were Dennis Wilson, Wilson Blacktop; Chuck Taylor, Tri-State Asphalt Co., Mike Wahl, Deputy Engineer; County Engineer Fred Bennett; Jeremy Midei, Times Leader and Joselyn King, Intelligencer.

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to turn bids over to Fred Bennett, County Engineer for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS
FOR FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT/SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to approve the request of John Christopher, Sanitary Sewer District Director, to advertise for bids to replace the filter media at the Water Treatment Plant.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING
FOR RESURFACING MEAD, PEASE AND YORK
TOWNSHIPS PROJECT 15-3/ENGINEER'S

BID OPENING

This being the day and 9:50 A.M. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioner's Office for Project 15-3, Resurfacing Mead, Pease and York Townships for the Belmont County Engineer's Department, they proceeded to open the following bids.

Lash Excavating & Paving Colerain, Ohio	Bid Bond	\$77,184.86
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Tri-State Asphalt Co. P.O. Box 66 Rayland, OH 43943	Bid Bond	\$68,272.26
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Wilson Blacktop P.O. Box 128 Colerain, OH 43916	Bid Bond	\$85,690.20
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Steele Construction New Martinsville, Ohio 26155	Bid Bond	\$86,794.15
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Present for the bid opening were Steve Steele, Steele Construction; Dennis Wilson, Wilson Blacktop; Chuck Taylor, Tri-State Asphalt Co., W. Adams, Lash Excavating & Paving; Mike Wahl, Deputy Engineer; County Engineer Fred Bennett; Jeremy Midei, Times Leader and Joselyn King, Intelligencer.

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to turn bids over to Fred Bennett, County Engineer for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING BELMONT COUNTY
AUDITOR TO BORROW MONIES FOR
THE BELMONT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT
WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECTS

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners authorize County Auditor Joseph A. Pappano the authority to borrow monies on behalf of the Belmont County Commissioners for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District Waterline Extension Projects and;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby authorizes Belmont county Auditor Joseph A. Pappano to contact Joe Magdich, Bond Counsel and proceed with the required steps to borrow \$1,000,000.00 (one million dollars) for this project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: BORROWING ONE MILLION DOLLARS
FOR WATERLINE EXTENSION PROJECTS

Commissioner Olexo attempted to clarify the monies to be borrowed. "The last monies borrowed were done so at 3.19%. We're hoping for that low of a rate again. This is the first, we hope, in a continued series of projects that we previously announced." Commissioner Thomas stated, "This money will fund the first two projects announced, Lashley Road/ Hawthorne Hill; and Route 9 Booster Station. This booster station will allow us to extend the water service to those directly south in the county. This will permit us to provide adequate service, in terms of pressure, in the future. Additional projects will be bid later this year or early in 2002. Those projects will include Barnesville, and Lamira/Loomis." Jeremy Midei, Reporter, The Times Leader, asked if the one million dollars was just for these two projects. Commissioner Olexo stated, " We are starting with these two first. We are not ready to bid the others until the new year. We won't borrow the money for them until they are ready to be let out for bid. Our intent is to follow through with our plan. These two are just the first in a series. It is going to be January before it is ready to be let out." Commissioner Thomas stated they would be let out for bid no later than Summer 2002.

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING
FOR RESURFACING COUNTY HIGHWAY 10,
FAIRPOINT-MAYNARD RD, PROJECT 01-6/ENGINEER'S

BID OPENING

This being the day and 10:00 A.M. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioner's Office for Project 01-6, Resurfacing County Highway 10, Fairpoint-Maynard Rd., for the Belmont County Engineer's Department, they proceeded to open the following bids.

Lash Excavating & Paving Colerain, Ohio	Bid Bond	\$131,874.29
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Tri-State Asphalt Co. P.O. Box 66 Rayland, OH 43943	Bid Bond	\$122,949.42
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Present for the bid opening were Chuck Taylor, Tri-State Asphalt Co.; W. Adams, Lash Excavating & Paving; Mike Wahl, Deputy Engineer; County Engineer Fred Bennett; Jeremy Midei, Times Leader and Joselyn King, Intelligencer.

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to turn bids over to Fred Bennett, County Engineer for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF INCREASING
WAGES OF NON-UNION EMPLOYEES/
PARK HEALTH CENTER**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo to increase the wages of all non-union employees of Park Health Center by four percent (4%) retroactive to January 2001. In addition to the four percent (4%) increase, four administrative nurses will receive a two percent (2%) increase retroactive to January 2000.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to amend the foregoing motion to read as follows:

Motion made to increase the wages of all non-union employees of Park Health Center by four percent (4%) retroactive to January 2001. In addition to the four percent (4%) increase, four administrative nurses will receive a two percent (2%) increase retroactive to January 2000. **Raises would exclude the Park Health Center Administrator and Director of Nursing.**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: PAY INCREASES AT PARK HEALTH CENTER**

Commissioner Olexo stated, " Four administrative nurses will receive a 2% pay increase retroactive to January 2000." The reason for this is the nurses received a 2% pay raise at that time, rather than a 4% increase which is the norm for all county employees. Commissioner Olexo stated this is an effort to make raises uniform throughout the county. He continued stating there are currently 110 employees at Park Health Center, however, this number fluctuates greatly, and "This is one way to try to keep quality employees." Commissioner Thomas amended the motion for raises to exclude the Park Health Administrator and the Director of Nursing. He explained, "These two employees are fairly new and we have previously addressed their pay rates."

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING
THE SIGNING AND SUBMITTAL OF THE
VICTIMS ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD AND ACCEPTANCE FORM/PROSECUTOR'S**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to authorize the signing and submittal of the Victims Assistance Grant Award and Acceptance Form for the Prosecutor's Office as follows:

Grant Period From: October 1, 2001 through September 30, 2002, State Grant Number 2002VAGENE034 in the amount of \$38,910.00

Upon roll call the vote was a follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: UPDATE BY BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT**

William Eddy, Building and Grounds Superintendent, came before the Board with updates on various issues pending. Mr. Eddy stated, "There is no new information pertaining to the Bethesda Satellite building boiler. I have talked with William Hooker, Architect, and he is ok with us designing our own. I am currently gathering prices." Also pertaining to the Bethesda Building, Mr. Eddy stated, "Mr. Pat Swallie wants to rent more space at the Bethesda Building." When questioned by Commissioner Thomas as to any renovations that might be required for this additional space, Mr. Eddy assured the Board that Mr. Swallie would make any needed changes with his own money and labor. Mr. Eddy informed the Board that he feels this is a positive thing for the county.

In matter regarding the Martins Ferry Satellite Building, Mr. Eddy informed the board he has discussed the issue of a compressor for the air conditioning system with three or four vendors, and feels it will have to be replaced.

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD

RE: UPDATE BY BUILDING AND GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT (Cont'd)

Concerning the County Auction, tentatively scheduled for October 20, 2001, Mr. Eddy asked for permission to proceed. He recommended acquiring the services of auctioneer David Jones, who had serviced the past two years in a very professional manner. Commissioner Thomas asked, " We need to check the journal and see the prior Boards of Commissioners wording on this issue. We need to spread it around, and not go with just one auctioneer, if we do not have to have bids for the job. In looking in the phone book, I notice four names of auctioneers in the county. Mr. Eddy stated that the county, "really relies on the auctioneer's for keeping items clear and orderly. Dave Jones did an excellent job." Darlene Pempek, Clerk, Belmont County Commissioners, stated that the proceeds from the auction would be returned to the various agencies, which are involved.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 10:28 A.M.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 A.M.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 7th day of September A.D., 2001.

_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Charles R. Probst, Jr., absent

We, Ryan E. Olexo and Darlene Pempek, 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.

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ CLERK

