

St. Clairsville, Ohio

April 23, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Ginny Favede, Matt Coffland and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, 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 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. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland, 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
A-Columbia Gas	Service to EOC/General Fund	169.28
A-Kent State University	Registration fees-Auditor/General Fund	60.00
A-Ohio Valley Printing Co.	Letterhead & business cards-Treasurer/General Fund	223.00
A-Quill	Supplies-Adult Probation/General Fund	84.42
A-Speedway SuperAmerica	Gasoline-Common Pleas Court/General Fund	151.50
A-Staples	Supplies-Public Defender/General Fund	16.86
A-Wheeling Office Supply Co.	Supplies-Prosecutor/General Fund	66.39
K-Poggemeyer Design Group	Barton Blaine Rd. Bridge/Engineer MVGT Funds	649.73
K-Staples Credit Plan	Supplies/Engineer MVGT Funds	195.48
O-USDA, Rural Development	Refunding 97 Bond/Bond Ret-2014 Refunding 97 Bond Fund	4,503,079.17
O-USDA, Rural Development	Refunding 92 Bond/Bond Ret-2014 Refunding 92 Bond Fund	1,538,543.45
P-American Trainco, Inc.	Services/BCSSD Funds	495.00
P-EORWA	Sewage disposal/BCSSD Funds	48,189.93
P-Renee' Wilson	Reimburse travel expenses/BCSSD Funds	141.75
P-Staples	Supplies/BCSSD Funds	225.96
S-Buckeye Hills HVRDD	Marketing/Promo EODA Oil & Gas Events/Port Authority Fund	250.00
S-Cardmember Service	Supplies & materials/Oakview Juvenile Residential Center Fund	48.79
S-Digital Data Communications	Replace computer/Port Authority Fund	876.97
S-Hughes Xerographic	Copier/Port Authority Fund	71.88
S-Kent State Tuscarawas/Office of Business	Marketing/Promo EODA Annual Dinner/Port Authority Fund	30.00
S-Richardson Copy Concepts, Inc.	Copier bill/District Detention Home Fund	295.00
S-Sam's Club	Kitchen food & supplies/District Detention Home Fund	2,189.54
S-Sherwin Williams Company	Carpet-video court area/District Detention Home Fund	1,803.00
S-Walmart Community/GECREB	Food & supplies/Oakview Juvenile Residential Center Fund	374.77
Y-Health Plan PPO	May hospitalization premium/Employer's Share Holding Account	384,549.68

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for April 23, 2014 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
A-GENERAL	\$54,831.17
A-GENERAL/AUDITOR	\$3,500.39
A-GENERAL/CLERK OF COURTS	\$445.10
A-GENERAL/JUVENILE COURT	\$225.00
A-GENERAL/SHERIFF	\$6,258.71
A-GENERAL/911	\$2,545.76
B-Dog Kennel	\$200.54
E-911	\$9,623.36
H-Job & Family, CSEA	\$36.00; \$3,322.43
H-Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$35,327.14
H-Job & Family, WIA	\$84,262.25; \$5,918.75
J-Real Estate Assessment	\$1,475.00
K-Engineer MVGT	\$1,661.04; \$74,622.39
M-Juvenile Ct.-Placement II	\$1,567.80
M-Juvenile Ct.-Title IV-E Reimb.	\$986.67
N-Capital Projects-Facilities	\$2,476.00; \$7,797.00
P-Oakview Admn Bldg.	\$1,869.98
P-Sanitary Sewer District	\$1,243.39; \$19,535.13; \$3,400.05; \$12,984.56; \$2,652.30
S-Certificate of Title Adm Fund	\$202.41
S-District Detention Home	\$1,128.35; \$2,849.33
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$3,784.96; \$75,301.50
S-Juvenile Court-Computer Fund	\$83.90
S-Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$37,407.75
S-Senior Services	\$25,502.49
S-Sheriff CCW	\$4,403.00
S-Sheriff Commissary	\$1,471.60
T-CDBG Escrow Account	\$12,503.00
T-Sanitary Sewer District	\$69.28

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfers within fund for the following funds:

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0051-A001-A50.000 Budget Stabilization	E-0131-A006-A09.000 Medical Exp.	\$20,828.29

*For medical expenses of a jail inmate from 2012 (total original cost reduced from \$35,099.00).*

**L01 SOIL & WATER CONVERSATION DISTRICT**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1810-L001-L01.002 Salaries	E-1810-L001-L12.004 Workers Comp	\$3,000.00

**L05 SOIL & WATER CONVERSATION DISTRICT/**

**WATERSHED COORDINATOR GRANT FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1815-L005-L11.003 PERS	E-1815-L005-L12.004 Workers Comp	\$2,000.00

**S54 COMMON PLEAS/GENERAL FUND/**

**MEDIATION SERVICES FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1544-S054-S05.000 Other Expenses	E-1544-S054-S01.002 Salaries	\$1,012.56

**S84 EASTERN DIVISION COURT/COMPUTER FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1570-S084-S06.000 Computer Software	E-1570-S084-S12.004 Workers Comp	\$500.00

**S96 JUVENILE COURT/GENERAL SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1589-S096-S12.000 Other Expenses	E-1589-S096-S09.000 Fringes	\$500.00

**W80 PROSECUTOR/VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1511-W080-P06.004 Workers Comp	E-1511-W080-P01.002 Salaries	\$623.81

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfers between funds:

**GENERAL FUND AND THE O51-BOND RETIREMENT**

**FUND/REFUNDING 97 BOND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>General Fund</i> E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers-Out	<i>O51 Bond Ret/2014 Refunding 97 Bond</i> R-9251-O051-O10.574 Transfers-In	\$1,300,000.00

**GENERAL FUND AND THE O52-BOND RETIREMENT**

**FUND/REFUNDING 92 BOND**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<i>General Fund</i> E-0257-A015-A15.074 Transfers-Out	<i>O52 Bond Ret/2014 Refunding 92 Bond</i> R-9251-O052-O10.574 Transfers-In	\$700,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Thomas to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under the following dates:

**GENERAL FUND**

E-0121-A006-B02.002	Recorder/Salaries-Employees	\$7,500.00
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Sheriff/Salaries-Road Deputies	\$ 600.00
<b><u>L01 SOIL &amp; WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT</u></b>		
E-1810-L001-L02.010	Supplies	\$1,503.33
<b><u>O50 NOTE RETIREMENT FUND-2014 WATER SYS IMP</u></b>		
E-9250-O050-O03.000	Issuance Fees	\$16,380.00
<b><u>O51 BOND RETIREMENT FUND-REFUNDING 97 BOND</u></b>		
E-9251-O051-O01.050	Principal Loan Payments	\$4,503,079.17
E-9251-O051-O03.000	Issuance Fees	\$89,617.08
<b><u>O52 BOND RETIREMENT FUND-REFUNDING 92 BOND</u></b>		
E-9251-O052-O01.050	Principal Loan Payments	\$1,538,543.45
E-9251-O052-O03.000	Issuance Fees	\$24,092.35
<b><u>P95 EMA/HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT/EMA FUND</u></b>		
E-1725-P095-P01.011	Contract Services	\$4,688.00
<b><u>S54 COMMON PLEAS/GENERAL FUND/MEDIATION SERVICES FUND</u></b>		
E-1544-S054-S01.002	Salaries	\$2,400.00
<b><u>W80 PROSECUTOR/VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUND</u></b>		
E-1511-W080-P01.002	Salaries	\$1,716.34

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE/AUDITOR'S**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated April 23, 2014, presented by the County Auditor pursuant to O.R.C. 5705.41(d) 1, and authorizing the drawing of warrant(s) in payment of amounts due upon contract or order.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF MONIES BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to request the Belmont Co. Budget Commission certify the following monies.

<b>Debt Service Funds</b> – O-50 Note Retirement Fund-2014 Water Sys. Imp.	<b>16,380.00</b>
O-51-Bond Retirement Fund-2014 Refunding 1997 Bond	<b>4,592,696.25</b>
O-52 Bond Retirement Fund-2014 Refunding 1992 Bond	<b>1,562,635.80</b>

**CDBG-Grant CHIP - \$32,021.00** paid into R-9702-T011-T05.501 on April 22, 2014, Grant #B-C-12-1AG-2, Draw No. 0173.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL**

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

**AUDITOR** – Andrew L. Satak and Larry Craig to travel to Walnut Creek, OH, on April 25, 2014, to attend a meeting with the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance on “Discussion of Ohio’s laws and regulations related to oil and gas production. Estimated expenses: \$150.00

**DJFS** – Don Giffin and Dave McFarlan to travel to Dublin, OH, on April 27-29, 2014, to attend Hearing Officer Training/Spring Symposium CSEA. Estimated expenses: \$1,492.46

**SENIOR SERVICES** – Martins Ferry Senior Center with Bruce Maguire and Bill Beckett to travel to Dallas Pike, WV, on April 2014.

Sue Hines and seniors to travel to Zanesville, OH, on May 1, 2014, for an outing at the Old Tractor Show, and to Cambridge, OH, on May 14, 2014, for an outing at the Older Adult Extravaganza.

Daisy Braun and seniors to travel to Cambridge, OH, on May 14, 2014, to attend an Older Adult Extravaganza and to Amish Country on May 29, 2014, for a senior center outing.

Shirley Jo Case and seniors to travel to Amish Country on May 15, 2014, for a senior center outing. Senior Center vans will be used for all outings.

**TREASURER** - Two employees will be traveling to Columbus, OH, on Sept. 8, 2014, for a software seminar by Thompson Reuters. Estimated expenses are \$350.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meetings of March 12, 2014.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING AND SIGNING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1-FINAL FOR PROJECT 13-2 BEL-CR28A & B SIGNAL**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve and sign Change Order No. 1-Final for Project **13-2 BEL-CR28A&B Signal Improvements- Mall and Banfield Roads, PID #87007**, for Perram Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$1,659.16, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, County Engineer. The adjusted contract amount is \$120,153.34.

*Note: This project is 100% federally funded and there is no cost to the county. This is for the traffic signals at Mall/Banfield intersection.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF CANCELING ALL COBRA ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WITH CERIDAN/COMMISSIONERS**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Coffland to cancel all COBRA Administrative Services with Ceridian as of June 1, 2014 and to notify them of the same.

**DISCUSSION** – Wendy Dillingham of CCAO/CEBCO, the county’s new carrier for our health insurance, was introduced by Mr. Coffland. She welcomed Belmont County and the employees to the CEBCO program. We are now the 31<sup>st</sup> county to join the program. Mrs. Favede thanked her for the extra service to the employees during this transition phase. Mrs. Favede noted for the record that CEBCO is a consortium that we have joined. Anthem is the insurance provider that will be providing health insurance to the county employees.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – In response to questions, Mr. Coffland said the Board is close to making a decision on the DJFS Director position and noted that the County Engineer’s Department is patching every day, weather permitting. Mr. Coffland said, “There are 306 miles of county roads, and they are doing hot patch now.” Richard Hord said he would like to be considered for a Senior Services Advisory Board position if a committee is formed.

**9:30 Subdivision Hearing**

Present for the hearing were Engineer Fred Bennett; Ruth Graham, Engineer’s Drafting Technician; Joselyn King of The Intelligencer and Robert DeFrank of The Times-Leader. Ruth reviewed maps of the private road. Its variable width at the narrowest part is 40 feet. The road is needed for a parcel transfer. She pointed on the map to the area showing it comes out around Kmart and all of the road will be Cafaro’s road. Mr. Coffland stated this is a final plat for what is called “Ohio Valley Place Access Road” that is part of the overall project of the Mall Road Connector. The property is west of the Ohio Valley Mall.

**IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR OHIO VALLEY PLACE ACCESS ROAD**

**(PRIVATE)**

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP SEC. 28, 33, 34, T-6, R-3**

**“Hearing Had- 9:30 A.M.”**

**“FINAL PLAT APPROVAL”**

*O.R.C. 711.05*

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, this day there was presented to the Board for approval the Final Plat for Ohio Valley Place Access Road (Private), Richland Township, Sec. 28, 33, 34, T-6, R-3, 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. Coffland seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**OPEN PUBLIC FORM continued** – Engineer Fred Bennett thanked the board for passing the motions for State Bond Issue I, which he said was our lifeblood for getting bridges fixed. He stated it has been a real good program for the county for 27 years. It is up for renewal for the third time. It is done in 10 year increments. Mr. Coffland stated, “It has brought in \$37 million to Belmont County over the last 27 years. Projects like Neffs Sewage would have never been done without Issue I. Mr. Coffland said this year the Commissioners worked with the County Engineer on North 26<sup>th</sup> road, which will be a half a million dollar paving job running from Bethesda to Morristown. He said, “Just about every community up and down the river, west as far as Barnesville, has been received Issue II money through Fred.” He thanked Mr. Bennett for his service as an executive committee member. Mr. Bennett advised we are in a 10 county district and compete for about \$8 million every year.

**9:45 Doc Householder, Executive Director, Belmont County Tourism**

**Re: Quarterly Tourism Report**

Doc provided his report covering the period of January, February and March, 2014. In January he shipped 900 brochures to the Ohio Travel Pavilion in Columbus for travel shows in Cleveland, Ft. Wayne and Pittsburgh and 1,800 brochures were shipped to Five Star Promotions. Three days were spent in Columbus at the AAA Great Vacations Expo. Tourism was asked to get involved in the Ohio Chautauqua 2015. The committee puts together 5 of these each year. Doc contacted Kevin Barr of the JB Martin Recreation Center to see if he would join Tourism and submit an application. Kevin agreed and the cost is \$7,500 which they will split. More will follow on this. Doc advised a long time board member William Kasko passed away. Doc was a guest speaker for Senior Services. They are trying to bring all the senior centers together once a month. They held their first meeting at the Sheriff’s Residence with 25 people attending and many suggestions received. In March an Open House was held at the new Days Inn & Suites in Belmont and Doc attended. Doc advised their goal is now to fix up some of the county’s attractions so they can get back into the tour bus business. He believes the Sheriff’s Residence will be a draw. Presently he is having counters made and a computer disc of the Sheriff’s Residence. Showcases are being ordered and soon they will be ready to have items brought in for display. Mrs. Favede advised the concept of the Sheriff’s Residence will be to utilize it as a county museum so that it becomes almost a human kiosk so that when people stop and come in, they will be able to witness the things throughout the county and leave this facility and travel throughout Belmont County to the other locations. She said we are using this to spur tourism throughout the county to highlight the attractions. She noted it is hoped to be open in June, but we want to make sure it is done right before we actually open the doors. Doc said a person will be hired in the capacity of a janitor for maybe 30 hours a week at the museum. Mr. Hord asked if Tourism was considering a Belmont County Hall of Fame and Doc replied, “Yes.”

**DISCUSSION HELD RE: OIL AND GAS SEVERANCE TAX** – Mrs. Favede advised that the impacted counties, who have continued to meet over the past 2 years, met recently with Senator Gentile and State Rep. Cera, and are proposing and will be distributing and supporting a resolution on behalf of the impacted counties, also asking that the townships, the cities and the villages also support this resolution, where we are supporting 75% of the proposed severance tax to be returned to the impacted counties via local governments with 25% to be set aside for ODNr for its regulatory efforts in cleaning up idle and orphaned wells. She said we are also requesting that the local government fund and the public library funds be held harmless, meaning no additional state income tax reduction should equal a less amount of local government funds to come here. We continue to fight that fight. There are going to be billions of dollars made in severance taxes from the oil and gas and without a change in the law, it won’t be taxed accordingly. We’re the second in the nation in lowest amounts of severance tax and if it is increased, our intention is to see that some portion of that be returned directly to the impacted counties. It’s no different than the casino funds or the legislation that took place with the wind turbines. She stated we’re just asking for fair representation for something that is coming directly out of our area.

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – Art Thompson inquired about trash in the county and if the Litter Control Officer has caught anyone. Mr. Coffland answered that we do have an officer that originally started with the JB Green Team and he is in the process of being transferred back to the county. He is out looking for dump sites. Severe cuts were made at the JB Green Team. With the cuts, their clean ups per year have been cut from 14 to 4. The funding is not there anymore. Mr. Coffland said they are trying to come up with other ways to produce revenue. Mr. Thompson suggested having the prisoners pick up trash. Mrs. Favede advised cuts to the state budget stopped that program that was done by the inmates at Belmont Correctional Institution. Mr. Thompson said he was speaking of the county jail prisoners. Mrs. Favede was not sure if Sheriff Lucas has ever discussed that. Mr. Coffland noted that everything comes with a price tag and it would come with a cost to put another van and another deputy on the road. He didn’t mean this is not needed, but it will need to be looked into and money needs to be available. Mrs. Favede stated the need to clean up the county in order to attract new businesses. She suggested asking volunteer organizations to clean up areas. Mr. Coffland suggested the possibility of pursuing some type of zoning.

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:00 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to enter executive session with Mike Kinter, HR Manager, pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception to consider the employment of a public employee.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:10 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn executive session at 10:10 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, THE FOLLOWING ACTION WAS TAKEN:**

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING BCSSD TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT  
FOR POSITION OF DISTRIBUTION UTILITY WORKER**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Coffland to authorize Mark Esposito, Director, Belmont Co. Sanitary Sewer District, to offer employment to an individual for the position of Distribution Utility Worker.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF RECOGNITION OF  
SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT EMPLOYEE JIM BAUGH**

Sanitary Sewer Director Mark Esposito was present with 30 year employee Jim Baugh, who recently retired from his position. Mr. Thomas said, "While words are sometimes not enough, we just wanted to have you in and thank you for your years of service. For those of you who know Jim, he has perhaps along next with Mark, probably the most knowledge of what goes on and where everything is in the Sanitary Sewer District." Mr. Thomas noted this was bittersweet, but he served his time with honor and dedication. The board is grateful and his years of service are greatly appreciated. Mrs. Favede stated, "The tenure of county employees sometimes is surprising; the commitment to stay with an organization and a company." She noted how people depend on the county employees to fix waterline breaks and how through the years everyone knew him by his first name. She said it is the county's loss, but his and his family's gain as he has plans to spend much time with his grandchildren and will be able to dedicate his time to family. She wished him good luck and thanked him for his service. Mr. Coffland gave his thanks for his years of service and said, "Enjoy many years of retirement." Mr. Esposito stated, "I want to personally thank Jimmy. We started working together I believe in 1983. He worked for the Sewer Dept. for a little while and then he came and worked for me in Water Distribution. We worked hand in hand. There's no other employee I'd rather work with than Jimmy. When he and I were together I don't think there were two other employees that could do what we did together. He thought like me; I thought like him. We didn't have to talk. We knew what needed done and we got the job done without even talking or communicating. I will miss that. The thing I want to say the most is, is that when he applied for my old position as Water Distribution Manager, believe me I tried, I begged him not to take that job, because I knew that when you get in those management positions like he had for all those years, Distribution Manager, he took my position, the dedication that you have to fulfill and the responsibilities of being called at all hours of the night, every day, Christmas, all the holidays, all the birthdays you've got to miss; it's a very demanding job and he did well at it. He was available all the time. He was always there and basically because of that, my phone quit ringing. It helped me quite a bit and he did really well. We will definitely miss him."

Mr. Baugh said, "Of course, I learned everything from Mark." He thanked Belmont County and the people. He said he took his job seriously, took pride in it and it gave him a good life.

**10:30 Andy Sutak, Auditor**

**Re: Notes and Refunding Issues**

Auditor Sutak stated the county is going through the process of two water issues that are being refunded. The interest savings is the key and the term dates are the other key where we are shortening both of the issues' terms by 10 and 11 years. This will save a lot of principal and interest over the time frame. We also are borrowing an additional \$3 million for water well upgrades, the tanks and the extension of some lines. The projected interest rate as of a couple of weeks ago was 1.25. He said according to the market which is really good, we now have an interest rate of 1% instead of 1.25%. The savings realized on the old interest rate for the \$3 million is about \$7,400.00. About \$1,500 will go into the note retirement fund which will help to pay the interest on the \$3 million. He said it is up to the board to decide what to do with the savings of the old two bond issues to help pay down on the \$3 million. The 1992 and 1997 old issues that now have the terms shortened and by paying the \$2 million down, we will probably save over \$4.8 million, according to Auditor Sutak. Dennis Schwallie of Dinsmore & Shohl advised the blended deal from Fifth Third Bank was 2.068. Mr. Thomas said, "I think it's important to note that a reminder that the \$2 million that we paid down in effect on principal, if you will, comes from the Rice Energy check that we received 3-4 weeks ago. Part of that \$3 million is a down payment, which obviously not only helps lower the term, but simply pays down long term principal debt which makes good fiscal sense. Thank you very much for all the work that you did and continue to do on this." Mr. Thomas spoke of the continual issues relating to water and sewer and said the board talked about necessary projects. Mr. Thomas continued making the following statements: They are not luxury projects. The borrowing of the \$3 million to clean the wells, upgrade, etc., is necessary for safe drinking water for our residents and businesses. We have some major pump station, sewage upgrades that we need to discuss for this year and next year. The two big ones being at Exit 218-Ohio Valley Mall, and the Morristown Exit 208. Mr. Thomas said in talking with Mark Esposito, we seriously need to look at committing some additional funds and potentially borrowing more money to get these projects done. He said we are going to run into a point where we cannot accommodate development without these upgrades.

Mark Esposito said the Mall is the focus area right now. He has a lot of other areas of interest, but this industry is coming into Belmont County so fast that we don't know where the next boom is going to be. Right now it is around the Mall, but tomorrow it could be out at 208. What we are being told is it's in the general vicinity of the St. Clairsville area. He said until someone comes to the BCSSD and says what they are going to do, they just can't go out and borrow money and spend money to upgrade infrastructure without knowing where to do it at.

Mrs. Favede thanked Auditor Sutak for his work on behalf of the taxpayers' dollars, as well as Dennis Schwallie's work. Mr. Coffland said, "We've got a problem, but it's a great problem. We've got a county that's booming and growing fast."

Mrs. Favede spoke of the severance tax issue. She said of the money made out of the oil and gas business, at this point 80% is going to be taken from us and given to the state. She said 75 % of that should come back here to offset those costs of the needed upgrades rather than having us take on debt and the state profit from it. She said we are fortunate to have land to lease, but not all impacted counties are in the same position. We as a region are being faced with taking on the costs of the industry with no revenue coming back to us.

**11:00 Resolution Honoring St. Clairsville High School Cheerleaders**

The squad was welcomed by Mrs. Favede and she remarked how many years and how hard the girls have worked on their skills. She said the board is always so proud to see the students in our area excel and represent the county the way they do. They promote the county in a positive way and it is an honor to have them here. Mr. Thomas spoke of the pride they bring not only to their school, but the county. Mr. Coffland offered his congratulations to the team noting you need to be perfect to be where they are at today.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE ST. CLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL  
“RED DEVILS’ CHEERLEADERS**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adopt the resolution honoring the St. Clairsville High School “Red Devil” Cheerleaders.”

**RESOLUTION  
HONORING THE ST. CLAIRSVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL “RED DEVILS”  
CHEERLEADERS**

**WHEREAS**, the St. Clairsville High School “Red Devils” Cheerleading Squad is the school spirit leader for the athletic teams, students, parents and fans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cheerleading Squad shines under the superior instruction and steadfast motivation from Coach Shawn Tomlan; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Clairsville High School “Red Devils” Cheerleading Squad recently competed in the 23rd Annual OVAC Cheering Championships; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Devils Cheerleading Squad, through their hard work, commitment and perseverance, won their seventh straight 4-A title at the OVAC Cheering Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad went on to capture the 2014 OASSA Division III Nonmount Cheerleading State Championship, held at the Stroh Center, at Bowling Green State University; and

**WHEREAS**, the squad has participated and won numerous titles and the respect of many within the sport and the various accomplishments of this outstanding group of young women is a testament to their dedication and many hours of practice; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby honor the “Red Devils” Cheerleading Squad and Coach Shawn Tomlan, for their consistent level of success achieved and congratulate them on their outstanding performances, including winning back to back state championships, and their fine representation of Belmont County.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2014.

**BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

*Ginny Favede /s/* \_\_\_\_\_

*Matt Coffland /s/* \_\_\_\_\_

*Mark A. Thomas /s/* \_\_\_\_\_

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes

**Commissioner Thomas stated the meeting will be left open until Monday at 9:00 a.m. for possible action.**

**BREAK 11:20 A.M.**

**RECONVENED MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:00 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mrs. Favede to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 30th day of April, 2014.

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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We, Matt Coffland and Jayne Long, 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