

St. Clairsville, Ohio

April 3, 2013

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Ginny Favede and Matt Coffland, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board. Absent: Commissioner Charles R. Probst, Jr.

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 Mrs. Favede, 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.

<u>Claim of</u>	<u>Purposes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-Amy Busic	Reimburse travel expenses-Magistrate/General Fund	143.26
A-AT&T	Phones-Public Defender/General Fund	153.56
A-AT&T	Fax line-Magistrate/General Fund	78.66
A-Centennial Products	Supplies-Coroner/General Fund	855.34
A-Draft-Co., Inc.	Fire District Mapping-GIS Projects/General Fund	1,562.00
A-Galls	Supplies-Common Pleas Ct./General Fund	73.10
A-Guardian Protection Services	Misc. utilities-Health Dept./General Fund	80.97
A-McGhee & Co.	Supplies-Clerk of Courts/General Fund	102.50
A-Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	Dental & Drug Coverage/General Fund	368.00
A-Quill	Supplies-Court of Common Pleas/General Fund	164.95
A-Speedway SuperAmerica	Gasoline-Adult Probation/General Fund	211.56
A-Verizon	Cell phone-Adult Probation/General Fund	191.03
A-Wheeling Office Supply Co.	Supplies-Prosecutor/General Fund	33.56
A-Wheeling Office Supply Co.	Supplies—Prosecutor/General Fund	130.81
A-Whiteside	Service on 2009 Impala/General Fund	46.65
N-Stonegate Construction	Waterline/EORIP Contract Project Waterline Fund	32,789.88
P-Huntington National Bank	Monthly service charge/BCSSD Funds	2,000.00
S-AT&T	Office phones/Port Authority Fund	121.47
S-Beth A. Andes, MS, PCC	Counseling services/District Detention Home Fund	1,137.50
S-Comcast	Phones/Certificate of Title Admn Fund	71.63
S-Glynis Valenti	Professional services/Port Authority Fund	600.00
S-Group Consultants Agency, Inc.	Labels/Certificate of Title Admn Fund	68.00
S-Hitek Security Solutions	Security camera/Certificate of Title Adm Fund	3,864.00
S-Ohio Valley Printing Company	Envelopes/Clerk of Courts Computer Fund	129.75
S-Sam's Club/GEGRB	Supplies and food/Oakview Juvenile Residential Center Fund	557.49
S-Xerox	Copier supplies/Clerk of Courts Computer Fund	92.00

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

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for April 3, 2013 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
A-GENERAL	\$502,297.11; \$22,189.98
A-GENERAL/AUDITOR	\$2,132.19
A-GENERAL/EMA	\$990.11
A-GENERAL/JUVENILE COURT	\$85.50
A-GENERAL/PROBATE COURT	\$22.50; \$223.78
A-GENERAL/SHERIFF	\$6,035.62
A-GENERAL/911	\$9,183.10
H-Job & Family, CSEA	\$1,258.31
H-Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$321.02; \$8,237.97
H-Job & Family, WIA	\$104,957.15; \$9,384.79
K-Engineer MVGT	\$27,584.99; \$1,035.63
M-Juvenile Ct. Intake Coordinator	\$327.60
M-Juvenile Ct.- Title IV-E Reimb.	14,166.72
P-Oakview Admn Bldg.	\$276.80
P-Sanitary Sewer District	\$3,264.49
P-Sheriff Residence Cont. Project.	\$23,558.76
S-District Detention Home	\$2,289.14
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$23,420.14; \$1,569.86; \$231,671.71
S-Juvenile Ct. Computer Fund	\$106.95
S-Juvenile Ct. General Special Projects	\$246.36
S-Northern Ct. General Special Projects	\$612.00
S-Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$728.32
S-Probate Ct. Computer Fund	\$767.01
U-Sheriff's Reserve Account	\$335.43

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the following transfers within the following funds:

BELMONT COUNTY DJFS/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND H05

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2600-H005-H06.000 Rapid Response	E-2600-H005-H12.000 Windstorm NEG OH-26	\$28,000.00

BELMONT SOIL & WATER/WATERSHED COORD. GRANT FUND L05

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-1815-L005-L01.002 Salaries	E-1815-L005-L11.003 PERS	\$1,500.00

OAKVIEW JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER/REHAB FUND S30

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S30-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S30-S72.000 Capital	\$2,699.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUND

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

BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF AND VARIOUS FUNDS

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-5100-S000-S01.010 Commissary Fund	E-0131-A006-A03.002 Salaries-Jail	\$7,874.56
E-5100-S000-S01.010 Commissary Fund	E-0131-A006-A13.003 PERS/SPRS	\$1,425.30
E-5100-S000-S01.010 Commissary Fund	E-9891-Y091-Y01.006 Health Insurance	\$3,514.05
E-5100-S000-S01.010 Commissary Fund	E-0256-A014-A14.004 Worker's Comp.	\$ 314.98

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR HOSPITALIZATION

CHARGEBACKS-MARCH AND APRIL, 2013

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to make the following transfer of funds for Hospitalization Chargebacks for March and April, 2013.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0170-A006-G11.000	PUBLIC DEFENDER	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 3,348.82
E-0181-A003-A11.000	BD OF ELECTIONS	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 14,700.91
E-0300-A008-B01.002	CHEST CLINIC	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-0910-S033-S47.006	DETENTION HOME	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 22,329.44
E-1210-S078-S14.006	COUNTY RECORDER	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-1310-J000-J06.000	REAL ESTATE	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 5,579.38
E-1410-W082-T07.006	DRETAC-TREAS	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-1511-W080-P07.006	PROS-VICTIM	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 1,861.78
E-1520-S077-S04.006	CORRECTIONS ACT	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 2,792.66
E-1544-S054-S05.000	COMMON PLEAS/GEN SP/MED	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-1600-B000-B13.006	DOG & KENNEL	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 2,605.30
E-1600-B000-B13.006	D/K AUDITOR CLERK	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-1810-L001-L14.000	SOIL CONSERVATION	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 2,605.30
E-1815-L005-L15.006	WATERSHED COORD.	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 743.52
E-2310-S049-S63.000	MENTAL HEALTH	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 1,487.04
E-2410-S066-S80.000	MENTAL RETARDATION	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 79,851.29
E-2510-H000-H16.006	HUMAN SERVICES	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 116,757.77
E-2760-H010-H12.006	CHILD SUPPORT	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 19,619.90
E-2811-K200-K10.006	K-1	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 1,861.78
E-2811-K200-K10.006	K-2	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-2812-K000-K20.006	K-11	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 31,002.72
E-2813-K000-K39.006	K-25	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 13,345.36
E-4110-T075-T52.008	WIC	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 3,723.56
E-5005-S070-S06.006	SENIOR SERVICE PROG	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 45,140.70
E-6010-S079-S07.006	CLRK OF COURTS	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 8,559.42
E-1561-S086-S03.006	Northern Court-Special	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
E-1571-S087-S03.006	Eastern Court - Special	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 930.89
E-1551-S088S03.006	Western Court-Special	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 930.89
E-8010-S030-S68.006	OAKVIEW JUVENILE	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 18,802.19
E-9799-S012-S02.006	Port Authority	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 0.00
	WATER DEPARTMENT	
E-3701-P003-P31.000	WWS #2 Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 5,256.88
E-3702-P005-P31.000	WWS #3 Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 17,912.86
E-3704-P051-P15.000	SSD #1 Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 3,658.20
E-3705-P053-P15.000	SSD #2 Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 4,713.64
E-3706-P055-P15.000	SSD #3A Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 611.94
E-3707-P056-P15.000	SSD #3B Revenue	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500 228.34

COUNTY HEALTH			
E-2210-E001-E01.002	County Health	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,859.20
E-2211-F069-F04.000	Trailer Park	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2227-F074-F06.000	Home Sewage Treatment Syst.	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,862.00
E-2213-F075-F02.003	Vital Stats	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	2,793.00
E-2231-F083-F01.002	Public Health Em Preparedness	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	932.00
E-2215-F077-F01.002	Reproductive Health & Wellness	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	744.00
E-2216-F078-F01.002	Tobacco	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2217-F079-F01.002	Women's Health	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2218-G000-G06.003	Food Services	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,724.00
E-2223-T077-T01.002	IAP	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2226-T079-T01.002	Welcome Home	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2228-F080-F01.002	Healthy Homes	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2229-F081-F01.001	Public Health Readiness	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-2230-F082-F01.002	Personal Responsibility Ed. Prog.	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
Juv Court/Grants			
E-0400-M067-M05.008	Alternative Schools	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	1,861.78
E-0400-M060-M64.008	Care and Custody	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
E-0400-M060-M29.008	Care and Custody	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,723.56
E-0400-M060-M75.008	Care and Custody	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	3,723.56
E-0400-M078-M02.008	Title IV-E	R-9891-Y091-Y01.500	0.00
TOTALS			452,185.58

Mrs. Favede Yes
 Mr. Coffland Yes
 Mr. Probst Absent

IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as approved by the Budget Commission, under April 3, 2013:

BELMONT COUNTY RECORDER/VARIOUS FUNDS

E-0121-A006-B02.002	Salaries-Recorder	\$ 8,000.00
E-0131-A006-A04.002	Salaries-Sheriff Road Deputies	\$ 640.00
E-0055-A004-B01.002	Salaries-Maint. & Ground	\$ 512.00

BELMONT COUNTY DJFS/WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUND H05

E-2600-H005-H06.000	Rapid Response	\$ 28,000.00
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BELMONT COUNTY ENGINEER/MOTOR VEHICLE & GASOLINE TAX FUND K00

E-2813-K000-K43.000	Issuance Cost	\$ 915.00
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BELMONT SOIL & WATER/CONSERVATION FUND L01

E-1810-L001-L02.010	Supplies	\$ 150.00
E-1810-L001-L05.011	Contract Services	\$ 378.00
E-1810-L001-L10.000	Advertising/Printing	\$ 272.00
E-1810-L001-L14.000	Other Expenses	\$ 1,420.00

OAKVIEW JUVENILE RESIDENTIAL CENTER/VARIOUS FUNDS

E-8010-S030-S72.000	Capital Repairs	\$ 28,757.00
E-8011-S031-S02.000	Food (Meal Tickets)	\$ 172.50
E-8011-S031-S02.000	Food (NSLA)	\$ 1,017.86
E-8012-S032-S00.000	Activity Fund	\$ 314.00

BELMONT CO. CDBG CHIP GRANT FUND T11

E-9702-T011-T03.000	CDBG Escrow Account "CHIP"	\$13,048.00
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Draw No. 158 – Grant #B-C-12-1AG-1

BELMONT COUNTY SHERIFF/VARIOUS FUNDS

E-0131-A006-A09.000	Medical	\$ 770.44
E-0131-A006-A23.000	Background	\$ 1,148.00
E-0131-A006-A24.000	E-SORN	\$ 200.00
E-1652-B016-B02.000	DUI	\$ 110.00
E-5100-S000-S01.010	Commissary	\$ 9,968.98
E-5101-S001-S07.012	CCW Equipment	\$ 5,254.00
E-5101-S001-S06.000	CCW License	\$ 5,069.00
E-9710-U010-U06.000	Reserve	\$ 2,780.96

BELMONT COUNTY JUVENILE COURT/VARIOUS FUNDS

E-1650-B014-B04.000	Alcohol Monitoring Devices	\$ 150.00
E-1653-C050-C02.000	Other Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
E-1654-C055-C02.000	Other Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
E-0400-M062-M02.000	Other Expenses	\$ 1,179.00
E-0400-M064-M05.000	Placement Costs	\$ 42,006.00
E-0400-M072-M05.000	Other Expenses	\$ 225.00
E-0400-M075-M01.000	Other Expenses	\$ 16,863.97
E-0400-M078-M01.002	Salaries	\$ 357.00
E-1581-S081-S08.000	Computer Expense	\$ 3,393.00
E-1582-S085-S08.000	Computer Expense	\$ 511.00
E-1589-S096-S12.000	Other Expenses	\$ 1,806.00
E-1590-S097-S12.000	Other Expenses	\$ 940.00

E-1599-S099-S12.000 Other Expenses \$ 13,629.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated April 3, 2013, 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:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to request the Belmont Co. Budget Commission certify the following monies. **CDBG-Grant CHIP - \$13,048.00** paid into R-9702-T011-T05.501 on April 1, 2013. Grant #B-C-12-1AG-1, Draw No. 158.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

BCDJFS – Patricia Kinney, Floyd Culbertson and Senior members to travel to Sugarcreek, OH, on April 12, 2013, for a Flushing Senior Center outing. Estimated expenses: \$24.00

EMA – Dave Ivan, Director, to travel to Scio, OH, on April 5, 2013, to evaluate a mock exercise. A county vehicle will be used.

Dave Ivan, Director, to travel to Cambridge, OH, on April 15, 2013, to attend Gas/Oil Expo. A county vehicle will be used.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners **regular meeting** of March 20, 2013.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

Reminder-The Board will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. (No Wednesday meeting)

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE SECOND QUARTER ALLOCATION TO THE BELMONT CO. DOD/CIC

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the allocation of \$ 18,750.00 to the Belmont County Department of Development/Community Improvement Corporation for program operations for the 2nd quarter of 2013.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING REQUEST FROM TOURISM FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES TO COVER ADDITIONAL GRANT EXPENSES

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the request from the Belmont County Tourism Council to forward an additional \$25,000.00 from the lodging tax receipts for the month of April to cover additional grant expenses.

Note: This is in addition to their monthly \$20,000 allotment for operating expenses.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

IN THE MATTER OF AWARDED BID FOR BLUE PVC WATERLINE FOR BCSSD

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to award the bid for furnishing and delivering 4000 ft. of 6” C-900 DR-18 and 8,000 ft. of 6” C-900 DR-14 Blue PVC Waterline for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District to the low bidder, LB Water Service, Inc., in the amount of \$52,120.00, based upon the recommendation of Director Mark Esposito.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A PAY INCREASE
FOR TODD KREBS/BCSSD EMPLOYEE**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve a fifty-cent (\$.50) per hour pay increase, effective March 16, 2013, for Todd Krebs, Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District, who has been reclassified from a Meter Reader II to a Water Plant Operator I, based upon the recommendation of Mark Esposito, Director and per the Belmont County Water & Sewer Department Job Classification Handbook.

Note: This action is due to an open position at the water treatment plant.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS
TO MAINTAIN THE TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF MUNICIPAL BONDS**

County Board Resolution

Approved this 3rd Day of April, 2013 by

Belmont County, Ohio

Supporting Efforts to Maintain the Tax-Exempt Status of
Municipal Bonds

WHEREAS, the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds is nearly a century old and is vital to funding local infrastructure and economic development; and

WHEREAS, of the \$1.65 trillion of local infrastructure investment over the last decade using tax-exempt bonds, nearly all of it was in six categories: \$514 billion for primary and secondary schools; \$288 billion for hospitals; \$258 billion for water and sewer facilities; \$178 billion for roads, highways and streets; \$147 billion for public power projects; and \$106 billion for mass transit.

WHEREAS, any move to change the current tax treatment of local government bonds would lead to higher borrowing costs for local governments; and

WHEREAS, without tax-exempt financing much-needed infrastructure improvements would likely be delayed; and

WHEREAS, tax-exempt bonds are a critical tool for Ohio counties to facilitate budgeting and financing of long-term investments in the infrastructure and facilities necessary to meet public demand for government services; and

WHEREAS, at a time when infrastructure demands are great, increasing the cost of local government borrowing could have serious impacts on the national, state and local economies; and

WHEREAS, without the tax-exemption, the effectiveness of the bond market would be significantly dampened, creating higher borrowing costs for county governments, less investment in infrastructure, and fewer jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Belmont County does hereby support maintaining the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.

Motion made by Commissioner Favede, seconded by Commissioner Coffland to adopt the foregoing resolution and upon roll call the vote resulted as follows:

Mrs. Favede	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Coffland	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Probst	<u>Absent</u>

10:20 Nikki Stewart, Fair Housing Coordinator

Re: Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Ms. Stewart thanked the board for presenting the proclamation. She has set up four promotional billboards throughout the county in the same locations as last year; Martins Ferry, Bridgeport, and two in St. Clairsville. Promotional posters, brochures and key chains have been provided to local establishments to spread the word on fair housing. Southeastern Ohio Legal Services will be speaking at a few high schools in the county. She was thanked by the board for her report.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION
DESIGNATING APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH"**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to adopt the proclamation designating April as "Fair Housing Month."

PROCLAMATION

HONORING

"FAIR HOUSING MONTH"

WHEREAS, The Belmont County Board of Commissioners annually designates April as "Fair Housing Month"; and

WHEREAS, the mission of fair housing in Ohio is to improve the quality of life for all residents and celebrate Ohio's fair housing law which is substantially equivalent to the Federal Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, Belmont County ensures all citizens their right to equal housing opportunities, regardless of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, disability, family status and military status; and

WHEREAS, the Belmont County Fair Housing Commission continues to promote fair housing by informing the citizens of Belmont County of their legal rights under Ohio law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Belmont County Commissioners do hereby honor and pay tribute to the Belmont County Fair Housing Commission for their dedication in serving the citizens of Belmont County, and hereby proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

Adopted this 3rd day of April, 2013.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ginny Favede /s/
Matt Coffland /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – Richard Hord asked for an update on the Eastern Ohio Regional Industrial Park (EORIP) in Barnesville. Mrs. Favede advised the waterline installation is almost completely finished from Barnesville down to the EORIP. The board is meeting on Friday with village officials to address the sewer issue. Federal dollars are always being sought to pay for big ticket items. She also stated there is discussion of running the waterline a little beyond the industrial park closer to where Rt. 800 and I-70 intersect for future development. Mrs. Favede guided Mr. Hord to Port Authority Director Larry Merry who is overseeing development of the park.

**10:30 Dwayne Pielech, Christine Parker and John LaRoche/BCDJFS
Re: Resolution Designating Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Mr. Pielech stated this is a very important, yet unfortunate thing they do in partnership with the Commissioners to remind the public that in all communities at any given time, a helpless child is being abused. He provided last year’s statistics on physical and sexual abuse, and neglect or emotional maltreatment cases. With the use of a new computer system that tracks cases, if a family is having problems and being investigated and they would happen to move, the case follows them electronically. There are 33 children in the care of Children Services today, which is down dramatically from previous years. There are 26 foster homes in Belmont County and there is always a need for more. Pinwheels will be used again to signify an abused child in the county. “Wear Blue to Work Day” will be next week on Wednesday, April 10. A break in the discussion was held in order to address a scheduled bid opening.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING
APRIL AS “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to adopt the resolution designating April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

**RESOLUTION
HONORING
“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH”**

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are recognized as one of our most pressing social problems, affecting many Belmont County children each year; and

WHEREAS, each child has the right to live and grow in a safe, secure, and supportive environment; and is entitled to be loved, cared for, nurtured, and to be free from verbal abuse, sexual abuse, emotional and physical abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, over 1,500 children were served in Belmont County in 2012 as a result of reports from concerned community members who play a positive role in supporting our young people and their families; and

WHEREAS, every child needs a caring adult in their lives for guidance and support. This nurturing, love and attention helps them prepare for the future and keeps them safe from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, it takes a community to protect a child and community action is needed to break the cycle of abuse and neglect to improve family life and Belmont County is stronger when all citizens become aware of child abuse and neglect prevention and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, The Belmont County Board of Commissioners and the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services support and promote the partnership between the State of Ohio, county and local public and private agencies and our community to prevent child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, our nation recognizes each April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Belmont County agencies and organizations work together to heighten awareness and draw attention to the need for preventing child abuse in our communities; and

WHEREAS, *Pinwheels for Prevention* was designed as a visual way to demonstrate the real fact that abuse is prevalent in every community and that we each need to do our part to assist in breaking the vicious cycle;

WHEREAS, Belmont County residents celebrate children, this county’s GREATEST resource and the community leaders of tomorrow;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Belmont County Commissioners that they do hereby designate APRIL 2013 as “CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH” throughout the County of Belmont.

Adopted April 3, 2013.

BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ginny Favede /s/

Matt Coffland /s/

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR PAVEMENT MARKING PROJECT
FOR VARIOUS COUNTY HIGHWAYS/ENGINEER**

This being the day and 10:45a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners’ Office for the Belmont County Engineer’s, Department, Project 12-6 Pavement Marking for Various County Highways, they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
A & A Safety, Inc. 1126 Ferris Road Amelia, OH 45102	X	\$ 128,126.35 <u>Unit Price \$1,385.00</u>
AERO-MARK, Inc. 20423 Danner Drive Streetsboro, OH 44241	X	\$ 105,727.83 <u>Unit Price \$1,142.88</u>
Oglesby Construction, Inc. 1600 Toledo Road Norwalk, OH 44857	X	\$ 94,612.75 <u>Unit Price \$1,022.73</u>
Engineer’s Estimate - \$120,263.00		

Present for the bid opening were Robert DeFrank of The Time-Leader and Al Molnar of The Intelligencer.

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Engineer’s Department, Project 12-6 Pavement Marking for Various County Highways, to Fred Bennett, County Engineer, for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

DISCUSSION CONTINUED RE: BCDJFS AND CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH – Mr. Pielech stated about two years ago Harmony House was created in Belmont County. It gives the DJFS caseworkers an opportunity to work with a neutral third-party on mostly sexual abuse cases. DJFS is aggressively and actively utilizing that program and Mr. Pielech said it has been very beneficial. The Harmony House employees are forensic interviewers who can present in court on behalf of the child. Mrs. Favede explained Harmony House is a concept; a children’s advocacy center to protect the child from the very system that was designed to take care of a child who has been abused. When a perpetrator is prosecuted, the child gets dragged along into it. Not only do they have people who go and speak on behalf of the child, it also enables a child to receive much needed counseling and, if needed, also the entire family. It allows the child to begin to heal. Mrs. Favede said the Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation is one that she struggles to read as it breaks her heart to know that we live in a society where we have abused children. She is grateful for what the Children Services workers do to help these children. Mr. Coffland thanked the staff of DJFS and said no child should have to grow up in that environment.

11:00 Paul Prater, AEP Community Affairs Manager

Re: American Electric Power Rates

Mr. Prater explained that the Belmont County Commissioners had sent a letter to the Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) asking if AEP would lower their rates. Mrs. Favede noted the letter was a response to many phone calls and inquiries on behalf of our residents that came to the board. The residents often come to the Commissioners thinking they have control. She said our obligation is to communicate those desires and wishes of our residents to AEP. Mr. Prater advised AEP is not a public utility. They are a holding company that holds utility stocks and run other businesses. They hold utilities in multitudes of states. AEP Ohio is the utility that serves Ohio. They have about 1 ½ million customers. He stated the rates have increased and a lot of that has been through deregulation. There is an opportunity for ratepayers to purchase the generation portion of their electricity from other suppliers and they can generally see a rate decrease through that. The PUCO has a website you can go to and look up electric apples to apples comparison and they will list all the providers that you can call to see if you can get a better price. On your bill you will find a price to compare. Mr. Prater advises to call two or three providers and get your lowest price. Mr. Prater gave a brief history of AEP and took questions. A resident said he asked the Commissioners not to support any kind of a rate increase and he was upset about AEP asking customers to pay for the storm damage caused last June and July. Mr. Prater said the summer storms of last year were the worst he has seen in 34 years. He said by AEP trying to recoup those costs is a legitimate cost of doing business. Mrs. Favede and Mr. Coffland thanked Mr. Prater for coming in and putting a face to AEP. Mr. Coffland noted all businesses have increased their costs. He said this has been a problem since deregulation came through back in the 2000's. Mr. Coffland said this is a state issue and he didn't think the Board of Commissioners is the platform for this. Mrs. Favede wanted to correct the misconception that the Belmont County Commissioners have control over AEP rates. She clarified we have absolutely no say or control. We sent the letter on behalf of our residents because that is what we can do. We can be a voice of the people. When a resident refers to going to the "Commission" to ask for rates to be reduced, we are not that commission. It is the Public Utilities Commission that controls the rates, not the Belmont County Commissioners.

It was also brought up about a possible motor vehicle license tax increase. Mrs. Favede wanted to clarify that the license tax that had been discussed last week was done at the request of Mr. Fred Bennett, County Engineer. We are the legislative body that makes that vote, but we are holding, by law, two (2) public hearings for people to come and have an opportunity to speak to that. She said that decision has not been made and that license fee has not been increased yet.

Mr. Prater concluded by suggesting everyone make sure their house is well insulated, use energy efficient light bulbs and switch generation providers. If you do these things, you can probably save at least 10%.

11:20 Cynthia McGee, Belmont Co. Clerk of Courts

Re: National County Government Week presentation

National County Government Month is celebrated each April by the nation's counties to raise public awareness and understanding about the roles and responsibility of county government. Belmont County will join county governments across the states in celebrating National County Government Month this month. This provides Belmont the opportunity to educate the community on the services that county government provides. This year's theme is "Smart Justice: Creating Safer Communities." Mrs. Favede stated we take this opportunity to educate, enlighten and inform the citizens of our county so they can better understand about county government does and see how your tax dollars are spent on the services being provided. Over the course of the month of April, we will be presenting different departments or elected officials on a weekly basis. Today we have Clerk of Courts Cindy McGee. On April the 9 we will have Juvenile/Probate Judge J. Mark Costine as well as Sheriff David Lucas. On April 17 presenting will be Auditor Andy Sutak and April 23 will be 911 Interim Director Bryan Minder.

Cindy McGee stated she has worked in the Clerk of Court's Office for 20 years with the last three years being the Clerk of Courts. That department is responsible for civil and criminal suits, notaries, and jury information. Along with the Legal Department she is responsible for the Title Department. Titles are processed in an office down the street from the courthouse and also at a satellite office in Bellaire. The satellite office open two days a week and they process an average of 350 titles a month. She is looking into opening another satellite Title Office in the Barnesville BMV. The office consists of 7 employees in each department. There is an excessive amount of oil and gas research being done at the present time. The Clerk of Courts' website is belmontcountycoc.com and has been well received. They look forward to serving the public and Cindy is very appreciative of her position as Clerk.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to adjourn the meeting.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

Read, approved and signed this 9th day of April, 2013.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Charles R. Probst, Jr. - Absent

We, Ginny Favede 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