

St. Clairsville, Ohio

April 6, 2011

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Ginny Favede, Matt Coffland and Charles R. Probst, Jr., Commissioners and Kathy Marino, Assistant 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. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst, 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-Draft-Co., Inc.	Web Hosting-GIS Projects/General Fund	500.00
G-Belmont Co. Tourism Council, Inc.	April Operating Expenses/Lodging Excise Tax Fund	20,000.00
K-Downes, Fishel, Hass, Kim LLP	Professional Services/Engineer MVGT Fund	7,978.60
N-Securicom, LTD	Contracted Projects/Sargus Remodeling Fund	2,434.53
S-Andrew L. Sutak, Belmont Co. Auditor	Deed transfer fee/In Home Care Levy-Comm on Aging	2.50
S-Barrett Brothers	Garnishment forms/Northern Ct. Gen. Special Projects Fund	244.00
S-Beth A. Andes, MS, PCC	Contracted counselor/District Detention Home Fund	1,522.50
S-DDC, Inc.	Supplies/Clerk of Courts Computer Fund	58.42
S-Group Consultants Agency, Inc.	Supplies/Certificate of Title Admn. Fund	532.50
S-Ingersoll Rand Security Technologies	Fix front doors/Eastern Ct. General Special Projects Fund	440.00
S-Ohio Judicial Conference	Dues—Judge Vavra/Eastern Ct. Gen. Special Projects Fund	100.00
S-Rea & Associates, Inc.	March contract services/In Home Care Levy-Comm On Aging Fund	260.00
S-Sam's Club/GEMB	Food & Supplies/Oakview Juvenile Residential Center Fund	627.07
S-TSG	Smartnet & Cisco Warranty Renewal/Eastern Div. Ct. Computer Fund	80.00
S-Wheeling Office Supply Co.	Supplies/Certificate of Title Admn. Fund	21.57

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

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for April 6, 2011 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
A-GENERAL	\$28,247.82; \$7,144.30; \$3,856.93
A-GENERAL/AUDITOR	\$864.99
A-GENERAL/EMA	\$2,156.22
A-GENERAL/JUVENILE COURT	\$634.89
A-GENERAL/SHERIFF	\$13,750.70
A-GENERAL/911	\$11,594.08
B-Dog Kennel	\$580.26
B-Enforcement Education Fund	\$467.13
H-Job & Family, CSEA	\$2,840.83
H-Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$6,243.34
H-Job & Family, WIA	\$7,353.96
J-Real Estate Assessment	\$38,526.80
K-Engineer MVGT	\$11,417.91; \$1,705.49
M-Juvenile Ct. – Care and Custody	\$3,555.36
M-Juvenile Ct. – Intake Coordinator	\$6,109.45
M-Juvenile Ct. – Placement II	\$444.03
M-Juvenile Ct. – Title IV-E Reimb.	1,643.88
M-Juvenile Ct. – Truant Officer	\$199.80
P-Oakview Bldg.	\$6,954.14
P-Sanitary Sewer District	\$99.16; \$2,749.73; \$1,526.03; \$67,480.67
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$27,492.94
S-District Detention Home	\$3,656.82; \$2,412.28
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$45,100.82
S-Juvenile Ct. Computer Fund	80.00
S-Juvenile Ct. Gen. Special Projects	\$1,736.33
S-Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$5,251.75
S-Port Authority	\$504.29
S-Sheriff Commissary	\$2,497.70

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR
THE BCDJFS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mrs. Favede to approve the following transfer within fund for the BCDJFS Public Assistance Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2510-H000-H01.002 Salaries	E-2510-H000-H17.000 Other Expense	\$ 200,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE BCDJFS CSEA ADMN FUND

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the following transfer within fund for the BCDJFS CSEA Admn Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-2760-H010-H01.00 Salaries	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Exp.	\$ 47,854.10

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS/ BELMONT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the following transfers between funds from the Water and Sewer Guarantee Deposit Fund to the Revenue Receipt Fund for the month of March, 2011.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3701-P003-P15.574 WWS#2 01004002 Transfers In	238.32
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3702-P005-P15.574 WWS#3 02004002 Transfers In	422.31
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3704-P051-P08.574 SSD #1 03004002 Transfers In	31.73
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3705-P053-P08.574 SSD #2 04004002 Transfers In	52.14
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3706-P055-P08.574 SSD#3A 06004002 Transfers In	<u>98.23</u>
TOTAL		842.73

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated April 6, 2011, 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. Probst	Yes
Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to request the Belmont Co. Budget Commission certify the following monies. **GENERAL - \$835.00** paid into R-0050-A000-A45.500 Refunds & Reimbursements on 04/05/11 for the Maintenance and Operation Fund.

Note: This is a refund of double payment made on invoice from SimplexGrinnell for contract at the Jail.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF \$25,000.00 TO THE WHEELING HEALTH RIGHT, INC.

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the allocation of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to the Wheeling Health Right, Inc. Wheeling, WV for the fiscal year 2011 to provide health care services and pharmaceuticals to the low-income, uninsured residents of Belmont County.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE ALLOCATION OF MONIES TO THE BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR 2ND QTR. 2011

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst 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 2011.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF RESCHEDULING REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst to reschedule the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners from Thursday, April 14, 2011 to Tuesday, April 12, 2011 in order that the board may attend a meeting regarding 2011-2012 health insurance benefits; the meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

BREAK

IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING FOR THE ENGINEER'S PROJECT 11-1, BEL-16-1.98 EMERGENCY REPAIR, (NIXON RUN)

This being the day and 10:15 a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 11-1, BEL-16-1.98 EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (NIXON RUN), they proceeded to open the following bids:

NAME	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. 16330 York Road North Royalton, OH 44133	X	\$ 242,318.50
BBR Drilling Co., Inc. 41462 Palmer Road Belmont, OH 43718	X	\$ 222,755.00
Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. P.O. Box 128 Powhatan Point, OH 43942	X	\$ 167,267.00

Present for the bid opening were: John Parkinson of the Engineer's Dept.; Tracy Temple and Mollie Hannahs of BBR Drilling; Zac Brown of Suburban Maintenance & Construction; and Eric Ayres of The Times-Leader.

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Engineer's Project 11-1, BEL-16-1.98 EMERGENCY REPAIR PROJECT (NIXON RUN) to John Parkinson on behalf of Fred Bennett, County Engineer, for review and recommendation.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING INTO AN EXTENSION TO AGREEMENT (2011) OF THE AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT AND THE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst to enter into an Extension To Agreement (2011) of the amended Agreement between the Village of Bridgeport and the Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 to furnish water to the district at the rate of \$2.00 per thousand gallons, for a one (1) year term, effective January 19, 2010.

EXTENSION TO AGREEMENT (2011)

WHEREAS, the Village of Bridgeport, a municipal corporation, of Belmont County, State of Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "Village" entered into an Agreement dated February 21, 1956 with the Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 of Belmont County, Ohio, a political subdivision of Belmont County, State of Ohio, hereinafter referred to as "District" to furnish water to the district and the inhabitants therein; and

WHEREAS, the parties amended certain provisions of the original agreement and extended the term of this agreement in December of 2008; and

WHEREAS, the parties extended and amended said agreement through 2010; and

WHEREAS, the parties now wish to again amend certain provisions of the original agreement and to extend the term of this Agreement; therefore:

IT IS NOW MUTUALLY AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT AND THE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

All of the terms and conditions of the previous Agreement dated February 21, 1956 by and between the parties as amended February 3, 2010, shall remain in full force and effect with the following provisions that were first incorporated into the 1956 agreement in 2010:

ITEM EIGHTH shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

1. Subject to the provisions herein set forth, the District, shall pay for the water use by it in accordance with the following schedule:
 - a. The rate per thousand gallons of water shall be set at \$2.00 per thousand gallons.
 - b. Statements for the water used shall be presented to the District monthly, and are payable within thirty (30) days thereafter.
2. This Agreement shall be extended for a one (1) year term and will be renegotiated one (1) year from this date.
3. It is further agreed that this Agreement is to be an exclusive agreement with the Village providing all public water supplied to the District. It is also by mutual agreement that in the case of an emergency situation, Belmont County could supply water to District.
4. It is further agreed that the Village has no obligation or responsibility for providing maintenance and repair to the District's water system beyond the master meter located at the East boundary line of the district known as the Brookside Pump Station. It is also further agreed that the Village has no obligation or responsibility for reading meters or billing customers for water and services rendered beyond such master meter.
5. It is also further agreed that should the District request the Village to provide repair or maintenance services to the District's water system that such service and materials will be billed to the District by the Village at a rate of compensation to be negotiated at the time of request.

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This Agreement is executed by the Mayor of the Village of Bridgeport, Ohio, pursuant to Ordinance No. 2011-7 duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Bridgeport Village Council held on the 15th day of March, 2011 and is likewise executed by the Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, for the Sanitary Sewer District No. 1 of Belmont County, Ohio, pursuant to a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of March, 2011.

It is further agreed by and between the parties that this Agreement shall become operative on the 6th day of April, 2011.

**VILLAGE OF BRIDGEPORT,
STATE OF OHIO**

By: John J. Callarik /s/

Mayor John J. Callarik

SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 1

By: Matt Coffland /s/

Belmont County Commissioner

By: Ginny Favede /s/

Belmont County Commissioner

By: Charles R. Probst, Jr. /s/

Belmont County Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David K. Liberati /s/

David K. Liberati

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

For Belmont County, Ohio

Richard A. Myser /s/

Richard A. Myser
 Village Solicitor for the Village of Bridgeport
 Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS FOR THE SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve water and sewer rate increases for residential and commercial customers for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District, effective June 1, 2011 and an additional water rate increase effective June 1, 2013, based upon the recommendation of Director Mark Esposito.

Note. Mr. Esposito advised the last increase was in 1991 for Districts 2 and 3. (see attached rate chart)

WATER

4-Apr-11

WWS #2 & WWS #3			
Current Rate		Proposed Rate	
(as of June 1, 1991)		Effective June 1, 2011	
First	3,000 gallons	3.75/thousand	
Next	7,000 gallons	3.75/thousand	
Next	20,000 gallons	3.50/thousand	
All Over	30,000 gallons	3.25/thousand	
First	3,000 gallons	4.10/thousand	
Next	7,000 gallons	4.00/thousand	
Next	20,000 gallons	3.75/thousand	
All Over	30,000 gallons	3.50/thousand	
		Effective June 1, 2013	
First	3,000 gallons	4.50/thousand	
Next	7,000 gallons	4.40/thousand	
Next	20,000 gallons	3.95/thousand	
All Over	30,000 gallons	3.70/thousand	

WWS #3 Extension			
Kinsman; 1987 Water Line Extension; Deep Run Extension; 2000 Water Line Extension; Mt. Victory			
Current Rate		Proposed Rate	
(as of June 1, 1991) (Mt. Victory - June 3, 2009)		Effective June 1, 2011	
First	3,000 gallons	6.916/thousand	
Next	7,000 gallons	4.25/thousand	
Next	20,000 gallons	3.25/thousand	
All Over	30,000 gallons	2.75/thousand	
First	3,000 gallons	7.25/thousand	
Next	7,000 gallons	4.75/thousand	
Next	20,000 gallons	3.45/thousand	
All Over	30,000 gallons	3.00/thousand	
		Effective June 1, 2013	
First	3,000 gallons	7.45/thousand	
Next	7,000 gallons	4.95/thousand	
Next	20,000 gallons	3.65/thousand	
Next	30,000 gallons	3.25/thousand	

SEWER

4-Apr-11

SSD #2						
Fox Shannon and Force Main Extension						
Current Rate				Proposed Rate		
(as of November 2002)				Effective June 1, 2011		
First	3,000	gallons	6.50/thousand	First	3,000	gallons 7.50/thousand
All Over	3,000	gallons	6.25/thousand	All Over	3,000	gallons 6.75/thousand

SSD #2						
Current Rate				Proposed Rate		
(as of 1989)				Effective June 1, 2011		
First	3,000	gallons	4.00/thousand	First	3,000	gallons 4.60/thousand
Next	7,000	gallons	4.00/thousand	Next	7,000	gallons 4.00/thousand
Next	20,000	gallons	3.50/thousand	Next	20,000	gallons 3.75/thousand
Over	30,000	gallons	3.25/thousand	Over	30,000	gallons 3.50/thousand

SSD #2						
Bel-View Heights & Bel-Capri						
Current Rate				Proposed Rate		
(as of November 2002)				Effective June 1, 2011		
Flat Rate	5/8" x 3/4"	meter	3.00	Flat Rate	5/8" x 3/4"	meter 3.50
	1"	meter	6.00		1"	meter 6.50
	2"	meter	12.00		2"	meter 13.00

SSD #3A						
Pennwood						
Current Rate				Proposed Rate		
(as of June 1, 1991)				Effective June 1, 2011		
First	3,000	gallons	5.666/thousand	First	3,000	gallons 6.50/thousand
Next	7,000	gallons	3.50/thousand	Next	7,000	gallons 4.00/thousand
Over	8,000	gallons	3.00/thousand	Over	8,000	gallons 3.50/thousand

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**10:30 National County Government Month – April 2011 Proclamation
IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION HONORING
APRIL 2011 AS NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt proclamation Honoring April 2011 as National County Government Month.

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING
NATIONAL COUNTY
GOVERNMENT MONTH
APRIL 2011**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving more than 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Belmont County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, Belmont County honors and thanks our residents who have served this country through military services; and

WHEREAS, county government delivers many important services to America's veterans, military service members and their families, including physical and mental health, housing, employment and justice; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services; and

WHEREAS, Belmont County and the National Association of Counties are working together to Restore the Partnership among all levels of government to better serve American communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does hereby proclaim April 2011 as National County Government Month and encourage all Belmont County officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2011.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

DISCUSSION HELD RE: NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH AND THE CLERK OF COURTS OFFICE –

Commissioner Favede advised that along with the adoption of the above proclamation, the board is going to be doing a month long program highlighting the different departments’ programs and services that are offered within Belmont County through its many different elected officials and department heads. To begin this process, the new Clerk of Courts Cindy McGee, will speak today about the duties of her office. Mrs. McGee stated they are a very busy office, processing 1,300-1,500 entries per week. These include criminals, felony criminals, civil cases, foreclosures, juries, personal injury cases, domestic relations cases, certificates of judgments, the Court of Appeals, and Notary commissions. These are filed in the Legal office. There is also a Title office. Last month the Title office processed 3,547 titles. Last year the total for the year was 33,000 titles processed. On a monthly basis the Title office sends in to the State of Ohio \$100,000-\$150,000 in sales tax money. Their Legal office is on the 3rd floor of the courthouse and she welcomes all to stop in. Mr. Coffland asked if the titles were up or down for the year. Mrs. McGee stated they are down 150 from this time last year. The county keeps 1½ % of the sales tax collected, with 5½% going to the state. Richard Hord asked if she would be considering a satellite office. Mrs. McGee advised that is being talked about, but at the present time they are waiting on the new governor to make a decision as to if he will combine the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Title Office. Mr. Hord said along the riverfront there is competition with Jefferson County Clerk of Courts. Mrs. McGee noted that Karen Hill, Supervisor of the Belmont Co. Title Office, had done a survey of local dealerships wherein they were asked if a satellite office were opened would they come. They advised they still would not come. It would cost the county at least \$65,000.00 to get an office up and running. Now there is online titling and it is open to go to anywhere in Ohio to get your title processed. You no longer have to go to the county in which you reside in. Cindi Henry asked if titles are allowed to be done online and in different counties, how was that affecting her revenues. Mrs. McGee stated they are down because of the open ruling. This is the reason the former Clerk of Courts, Randy Marple, held off putting a satellite office back in because of the expense and open titling. Mrs. Favede asked if they had a lot of people come into their office to do genealogy research. Mrs. McGee replied, yes. They have more people come in during the summer months. The work is very time consuming and there are vast amounts of records they are storing and they are running out of room. Mr. Hord asked if those records could be stored in the old Sheriff’s residence. Mrs. Favede explained plans have already been made for that part of the building and they cannot be changed. However, the Records Commission did talk last week specifically about utilizing the old jail for records storage. The Clerk of Courts Office along with the attic is structurally overburdened with the weight of records. The old Sheriff’s residence is a satellite tourism office and those plans cannot be changed. Mrs. McGee concluded by stating that by being appointed to her new position as Clerk of Courts, she chose not to replace herself to save the county money. She has been an employee of that office for 22 years.

**10:40 National Library Week 2011
IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION
HONORING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2011**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt proclamation honoring National Library Week 2011.

**PROCLAMATION
HONORING**

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2011

WHEREAS, libraries provide free access to all – from books and online resources for families to library business centers that help support entrepreneurship and retraining; and

WHEREAS, our nation’s school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Americans today, more than ever; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, libraries are helping level the playing field for job seekers, with 88% of public libraries providing access to job databases and other online resources; and

WHEREAS, libraries are places of opportunity providing programs that teach all forms of literacy, promoting continuing education and encouraging lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, in times of economic hardship, Americans turn to – and depend on – their libraries and librarians; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners proclaim National Library Week, April 10-16, 2011, and encourage all residents to visit the library this week to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available at your library.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2011

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

10:45 Roberta Jenkins, Director, Belmont County Fair Housing Commission

Mrs. Jenkins will be discussing the activities planned for Fair Housing Month and thanked the board for again adopting the proclamation. Promotional billboards are in place at a cost savings of \$200.00 compared to last year. The new design this year focuses on some of the protected classes that have the most discrimination complaints filed. Those include: Disability; Family Status (with children) and Race. Advertisements will be placed in the local newspaper. Posters and brochures have been distributed to many locations throughout the county. Fair Housing seminars will be held at both the Bridgeport and Bellaire Municipal buildings. At least two high schools will be visited again this year to speak to senior students to inform them about signing leases and their rights and duties as a tenant for the first time. Fair Housing information can be found on the county website, www.belmontcountyohio.org. It is important to note Fair Housing is not the same as tenant/landlord issues.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION
DESIGNATING APRIL AS “FAIR HOUSING MONTH”**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt 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, 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 6th day of April, 2011.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

11:00 St. Clairsville Ruritan Club Proclamation
IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION
HONORING ST. CLAIRSVILLE RURITAN CLUB
ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt proclamation Honoring the St. Clairsville Ruritan Club on its 50th Anniversary.

PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE
ST. CLAIRSVILLE RURITAN CLUB
ON ITS
50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the St. Clair Ruritan Club was chartered May 2, 1961 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary this year; and

WHEREAS, Ruritan is a civic service organization with the purpose of creating a better understanding between people and, through volunteer community service, making America's communities a better place to live and work; and

WHEREAS, Ruritan is a national organization dedicated to improving communities and building a better America through Fellowship, Goodwill and Community Service; and

WHEREAS, Ruritan Clubs make America's communities stronger through five (5) service committees: Business and Professions; Citizenship and Patriotism; Environment; Public Service; and Social Development. Service committees propose and implement projects and programs to fulfill the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, the main purpose of the Ruritan is service to the community – the center of American life; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Belmont County Commissioners congratulates the St. Clair Ruritan on its 50th Anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does hereby pay tribute to the St. Clairsville Ruritan Club for fulfilling its objective to promote fellowship and goodwill among its members and the citizens in the community. Additionally, the Board recognizes the Club for inspiring each other to higher efforts, and for unifying the efforts of individuals, organizations and institutions in the community toward making it an ideal place in which to live.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2011

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

11:15 Bethesda Christian Church Proclamation
IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION
HONORING THE BETHESDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt proclamation Honoring the Bethesda Christian Church New Building Dedication

PROCLAMATION
HONORING
"BETHESDA CHRISTIAN CHURCH"
NEW BUILDING DEDICATION

WHEREAS, some members of the Morristown Christian Church who lived in Burr's Mill wanted a congregation in their own community; and

WHEREAS, in 1892 they built a building on South Main Street, where they worshipped for 118 years; and

WHEREAS, they were chartered on June 30, 1893 as Bethesda Church of Christ, an independent congregation dedicated to restoring New Testament Christianity; and

WHEREAS, they purchased property adjacent to Bethesda in 2006 and planned, financed, and constructed a new church building in 2010; and

WHEREAS, their first service in the new building was held on December 12, 2010

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners hereby commend this congregation on their foresight, dedication and commitment as they dedicate this building to the glory of God.

Adopted this 6th day of April, 2011.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – Richard Hord asked for an update on the Industrial Park. Mr. Coffland advised a water line is about to be started. The board continues working on getting other infrastructure there. No tenants as of yet. Mr. Hord also requested an update on the Belmont County Strategic Plan. Mrs. Favede stated it is near completion at this time, a meeting is set up to do a final review, and she hopes to be unveiling it within the next sixty (60) days.

Mrs. Favede noted as we continue through the month for National County Government Month, we will have visitations by the Belmont County Auditor, Veterans Service Commission and the Department of Job & Family Services, to celebrate what their workers do for the county.

BREAK

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:30 A.M.**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to enter executive session with Attorney David Kessler pursuant to O.R.C. 121.22(G)(4) Collective Bargaining Exception for the purpose of "preparing for and reviewing the negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment."

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:00 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mrs. Favede to adjourn executive session at 12:00 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION – NO ACTION TAKEN.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 12:10 P.M.**

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 12th day of April, 2011.

_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, Matt Coffland and Kathy Marino, President and Assistant 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

_____ ASSISTANT CLERK