

St. Clairsville, Ohio

August 8, 2012

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 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. Probst, 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-BP	Gasoline-Coroner/General Fund	168.26
A-Digital Data	Service-Probate Court/General Fund	156.71
A-Draft-Co., Inc.	Web Hosting-GIS Projects/General Fund	500.00
A-Lowe's	Misc. maintenance supplies/General Fund	482.24
A-Lowe's	Misc. jail maintenance supplies/General Fund	441.27
A-McGhee & Co.	Supplies-Probate Court/General Fund	9.99
A & S-Tronitech	Toner/General & Probate Court Computer Fund	296.00
A-Monro Muffler-Brake, Inc.	Misc. maintenance repairs/General Fund	606.92
A-Quill	Supplies-Adult Probation/General Fund	202.91
A-Warren Fire Equipment, Inc.	USAR Sustainment Costs/General Fund	670.10
A-Whiteside	Service & brakes-Adult Probation/General Fund	770.47
B-American Electric Power	Misc. utilities/Dog Kennel Fund	778.23
B-BP	Gasoline/Dog and Kennel Fund	840.04
B-Crossroads Counseling	June counseling/Indigent Drivers Alcohol Fund	87.28
C-Amanda Abrams	Attorney Fees/Indigent Guardianship Fund	300.00
C-Frank Pierce	Attorney Fees/Indigent Guardianship Fund	750.00
G-Belmont Co. Tourism Council, Inc.	August monthly operating expenses/Lodging Excise Tax Fund	20,000.00
K-Fred Bennett, P.E. P.S.	Reimburse expenses/Engineer MVGT Fund	113.40
N-Absolute Concrete	Concrete/Bridge & Retaining Wall Constr. Improvement Fund	1,427.00
N-Fields Excavation, Inc.	Projects/Neffs Sanitary Sewer Project Fund	52,712.18
N-Poggemeyer Design Group	Professional Services/EORIP Waterline Fund	39,103.35
N-Treasurer, State of Ohio	Port Authority EOR Industrial Park expenses/EORIP Waterline Fund	200.00
S-AT&T	Phone service/Port Authority Fund	154.75
S-Crystal Springs	Water/Eastern Ct. General Special Projects Fund	54.43
S-Glynis Valenti	Professional Services/Port Authority Fund	600.00
S-Hughes Xerographic	Maintenance contract/Port Authority Fund	169.58
W-Carney McNicholas	Law Library move/Law Library Fund	23,373.14

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for August 8, 2012 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
A-GENERAL	\$496.69; \$46,652.80; \$2,230.22
A-GENERAL/AUDITOR	\$191.01
A-GENERAL/EMA	\$4,628.34
A-GENERAL/JUVENILE COURT	\$2,196.27
A-GENERAL/SHERIFF	\$35,522.95
A-GENERAL/911	\$3,788.37
B-Enforcement Education Fund	\$133.00
H-Job & Family, CSEA	\$1,554.85; \$4,521.72
H-Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$642.27; \$38,904.64; \$1,058.00
H-Job & Family, WIA	\$26,847.07; \$87,331.54
J-Real Estate Assessment	\$14,018.60
K-Engineer MVGT	\$50,029.80; \$2,110.82
M-Juvenile Ct. Placement II	\$76.00
M-Juvenile Ct. – Title IV-E Reimb.	\$23.56
P-Oakview Admn. Bldg.	\$2,122.44
P-Old Sheriff Residence	\$977.52
p-Sanitary Sewer District	\$1,945.27
S-Certificate of Title Adm Fund	\$853.64
S-Clerk of Courts Computer Fund	\$7,475.54
S-District Detention Home	\$8,361.36
S-Eastern Div. Court Computer Fund	\$613.40
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$24,068.60; \$3,781.70
S-Job & Family, Senior Program	\$61,889.68
S-Juvenile Ct. Gen. Special Projects	\$300.00
S-Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$4,574.90
S-Sheriff Commissary	\$248.98
S-Western Div. Court Computer Fund	\$977.61
S-Western Ct. General Special Projects	\$4,056.73

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION FUND

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the following transfer within fund for the Oakview Juvenile Rehabilitation Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-8010-S030-S40.000 Grant Holding	E-8010-S030-S63.000 General	\$ 653.29

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS/ GENERAL FUND TO COMMON PLEAS GENERAL SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND

Motion made by Mrs. Favede, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the following transfer between funds from the General Fund to the Common Pleas General Special Projects Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0063-A002-B30.000 Other Expenses	R-1572-S089-S02.500 Other Receipts	\$ 2,000.00

Note: To cover expenses for Guardian Ad Litem the Magistrate appoints.

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 Mrs. Favede to approve the following transfers between funds from the Water and Sewer Guarantee Deposit Fund to the Revenue Receipt Fund for the month of July, 2012, first billing..

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3701-P003-P15.574 WWS#2 01004003 Transfers In	197.06
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3702-P005-P15.574 WWS#3 02004003 Transfers In	436.07
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3704-P051-P08.574 SSD#1 03004-003Transfers In	29.03
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3706-P055-P08.574 SSD#3A 06004003 Transfers In	<u>60.10</u>
TOTAL		722.26

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Coffland	Yes
Mrs. Favede	Yes
Mr. Probst	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 August 8, 2012, 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 FUND - \$933.47 paid into R-0040-A000-Q00.500 Insurance Reimbursements on 08/02/12. *Note: This reimbursement is from State Farm Insurance for damages to DJFS 2011 Dodge Ram driven by Bob Roth. D/L 3/26/2012, Claim #48-OV56-166, Insured - April Ostrander.*

GENERAL FUND - \$4,791.85 – Election Board Poll Worker Training Payment for CY2011 & CY2012.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL

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

BCDJFS – David Badia and David McFarlan to travel to Lancaster, OH, on August 16, 2012, to attend CSEA Training. Sue Hines and Senior Members to travel to Millersburg, OH, on August 17, 2012, for a Bethesda Senior Center outing. Linda Wells, Lawrence Wehr and Senior Members to travel to Zanesville, OH, on August 27, 2012 for a Barnesville Senior Center Outing. Estimated expenses: \$60.00

JUVENILE COURT – Judge J. Mark Costine to travel to Columbus, OH, on Sept. 12-14, 2012, to attend Ohio Judicial Conference. A county car will be used.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – Richard Hord asked why the board accepted bids for the repairs and renovations to the OUE Brick Tavern since it is privately owned. Mrs. Favede advised we don't have a problem acting as a pass through as far as the financial aspect of it. We don't want to technically be in charge of that particular project. She is working with ODOT to see how Mr. McTeague from OUE can be the representative and all we do is sign off on all the documents. She explained this is common for funds to be distributed in this way. We won't be doing the work. Mr. Probst noted we have acted as a pass through agency for other projects.

Mr. Hord asked what authority the board and elected officials had with the oil and gas industry to get local people hired for those jobs since they are private companies. Mr. Probst said, "We can only ask. We have had those conversations. They are private companies and they are doing their business on private lands, so there is not much we can do at that point." Mrs. Favede said higher legislators do have some abilities

that we do not possess here. We have previously talked about Innovation Ohio's suggestion that the state could offer tax reductions for companies who chose to hire locally. She has passed this information on to State Rep. Jack Cera and he actually introduced the bill that would create that very situation. That is not an ability that we have, but we can work with our higher legislators to tell them what the frustrations are here locally.

Mr. Hord asked when there would be an update given by Job & Family Services regarding the progress being made with their operation and administration of senior services. Mr. Probst advised the board has been checking on that and it will be as soon as they get back from vacation. The financial picture is done on information to be presented to the board. Mr. Probst said there are a couple people on vacation and we wanted them to come in also, not just the Director. They also want to give an update on some programs they are initiating.

Pat Ney, of Co. Rd. 4 outside of Neffs, asked the board to enact a county nuisance dog ordinance. He lives outside of a municipality and a neighbor's dog barks for hours continuously. He said he spoke with both Jack Cera and Lou Gentile's office who advised him there is a law the county commissioners can enact. He knows he is not the only person who has to deal with this type of situation. He brought copies of the law. Mr. Probst asked that he give his contact information to the Clerk.

Attorney Mike McCormick of the Law Library Resources Board was present along with Clerk of Courts Cindy McGee. Mr. McCormick was here to report that his board and the Clerk of Courts are both pleased with the switching of offices. It has provided the Clerk with a lot more space. The Law Library Resources Board is pleased with their accommodations and they now have meeting rooms for attorneys to see clients. They have sufficient space for those doing research. Mr. McCormick's reason for attending is his board is concerned about being moved again. They do not want to move again. Also they have been asked to pay \$22,907.00 of the \$24,000.00 to move. They want assurances from this board that they are not going to be moved again. He has a contract he wants the Board of Commissioners to sign stating they will not move them again. Mrs. Favede, speaking on behalf of herself, said there is no way we can assure you of that. They never foresaw the need for the Clerk of Courts to have the space that she now requires. Mrs. Favede noted she was just in the Recorder's Office and you can barely walk into one of the rooms. The future is unknown. She appreciates the Law Library's frustration, but whereas they have been asked to pay \$20,000.00, the Commissioners, with General Fund dollars, have paid for new carpeting, new paint, we provide all of your utility bills, maintenance, cleaning and telephone. This adds up to \$50,000.00 per year. Mr. McCormick said by statute the Commissioners are required to do that. Mrs. Favede replied that we are not required to pay your utilities. Mr. McCormick said the Commissioners are required and Mrs. Favede said she disagreed. Mr. McCormick then asked if the board could say they would at least make every effort not to move them again. Mr. Probst said he thought the "dust had settled" and that everyone was happy with the move. Mr. McCormick said they are happy, they just want assurances they are not going to be moved again. Mr. Coffland said, "I don't think we can guarantee you anything." He said we wouldn't have moved you where we did if we were going to move you again tomorrow or next month. Mr. Coffland noted we made every effort to treat everyone right; we are just running out of room. He said, "We will attempt to try to keep you there, but there is no guarantees in life." Mr. McCormick again brought up the contract that states the board will make every effort not to move them again. Mrs. Favede said, "I can assure you that I am not signing that Mr. McCormick out of respect for the fact that we are in charge of the courthouse, and we have duties to run it as efficiently as possible." She voiced her disappointment that after ninety (90) days a privately owned business, a small family owned business, has still not been paid for the move. We have done everything that we possibly can to make it as nice as possible out of respect for the court system and the attorneys who utilize that. But at the end of the day, there is still a privately owned business that hasn't been paid for their services that were rendered at the beginning of May. Mr. McCormick said the bill they received was received June 13, not ninety (90) days. The actual invoice date is May 15. Mr. Coffland said he thought it was discussed who was paying what and how it was to be split. Mr. McCormick said, "Let me make it very clear, the board is going to pay the balance of this bill as long as the Auditor confirms to us that we have the proper appropriations in our current budget in order to be able to pay it." As soon as Mr. Satak confirms this, they are going to pay the balance. Again Mr. McCormick stated he want the Commissioners to sign the agreement that they are going to make every effort not to move them again. It's not a guarantee, just an assurance.

Mr. Probst said he could understand how the Law Library feels. He said it was not the intent of this board to do anything else further than what we have done already. Mrs. McGee said we didn't foresee the weight limit in the courthouse was far exceeding until a year ago. We never, ever thought that this was going to happen. The move happened swiftly and we didn't have them sign a guarantee that I don't have to move again. She concluded that she is really happy and she thanks the Commissioners for the switch. She loves it as does the general public, attorneys and the judges. She is sorry the Law Library Resources Board has an issue. No office has a guarantee they won't have to move. Mr. Coffland said we can't sign something for the future. The next board may want something else.

Mr. McCormick said two Commissioners have said publicly they will make every effort not to move them again. They are asking that they put it in writing. Mr. Probst said he wasn't real thrilled about the move in the first place. He knew it had to happen, he didn't stand in the way of it, but the timing of it with funding and financing wasn't the greatest for our county. Mr. McCormick said they were happy when they requested the Commissioners put in telephone, they did. When they asked for cameras, they were. Now they are asking for assurances they will not be moved again. Mr. Probst said this contract has to be a first that someone has asked us to do this from an entity such as the Law Library Board. He is concerned that it would set a precedent in the future that, be it department heads or an elected office holder, would ask the same. This would be very precedent setting. Mr. Probst said all he could do was give his word he had no intention of moving the Law Library again as long as he is here. That is the best he can do. Mr. McCormick asked if he had no problem with that being included as part of the minutes. Mr. Probst stated, "It is already." "Everything we say up here is part of the minutes."

10:30 Resolution in Recognition of State Science Day Participants

Mrs. Favede stated this was one of her favorite days. She noted some of the students have been coming in for two or three years. She loves the opportunity to acknowledge and recognize good kids. The students here today are being recognized for excellence in one of the most important subjects, that being science. There are many career opportunities for those who excel in science. She thanked the students and their parents who were in attendance today. Mr. Probst said it was nice to have an uplifting spirit in the courthouse and their achievements won't go unnoticed. Mr. Coffland extended his thanks for their coming in.

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BELMONT COUNTY STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ANNUAL STATE SCIENCE DAY

Motion made by Commissioner Favede, seconded by Commissioner Probst to adopt the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Annual State Science Day is a program of the Ohio Academy of Science and is recognized throughout the United States of America as the pinnacle of student originated inquiry based science education; and

WHEREAS, the State Science Day is the academic equivalent of a State Athletic championship and is the largest event of its kind in the nation for students in grades 7 – 12 using their scientific research and communication skills; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to recognize the achievements of those Belmont County students participating in the State Science Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, Belmont County, Ohio, does hereby recognize and publicly congratulate the following students for their achievement in The Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day:

Ms. Erin Luyster	Barnesville Independent Elementary
Mr. Mason Milliken	Barnesville Independent Elementary
Ms. Rachael Bruner	East Richland Christian School
Ms. Raychel Costain	East Richland Christian School
Mr. Juan Dunlap	East Richland Christian School
Mr. Owen Gainer	East Richland Christian School
Ms. Sarah Lendon	East Richland Christian School
Mr. Brandon Verardi	East Richland Christian School
Ms. Sarah Butler	St. Clairsville Middle School
Mr. Alex Madzia	St. Clairsville Middle School
Ms. Madigan Malin	St. Clairsville Middle School
Mr. Robert Chesonis	St. Mary Central, Martins Ferry
Mr. Matthew Gress	St. Mary Central, Martins Ferry
Mr. Jaron Rine	St. Mary Central, Martins Ferry
Ms. Zoe Buccella	Home Schooled, Barnesville

and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board does encourage all citizens of Belmont County to join in extending congratulations to these students for their achievements in the field of science in 2012.

Upon roll call the foregoing was unanimously adopted this 8^h day of August, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO
Charles R. Probst, Jr. /s/
Charles R. Probst, Jr., President
Ginny Favede /s/
Ginny Favede, Vice-President
Matt Coffland /s/
Matt Coffland

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meetings of June 19, 2012.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR ENGINEER PROJECT 12-4, BEL-2-4.54 DEEP RUN ROAD

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to advertise for bids for the Belmont County Engineer’s Project 12-4, BEL-2-4.54 Deep Run Road Repair Project, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, County Engineer and authorize the Clerk of the Board to proceed with the required Notice to Bidders.

Note: Funding Sources 75% FEMA, 12.5% OEMA (Ohio Emergency Mgmt Agency) and 12.5% MVGT.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO 43950

Sealed bids will be received by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners at the Commissioners Office, Belmont County Courthouse, 101 West Main Street, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950 until **11:00 A.M. (Local Time) Wednesday, August 29, 2012** for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment to complete for the Belmont County Engineer, the following project known as **PROJECT 12-4, BEL-2-4.54 DEEP RUN ROAD REPAIR PROJECT**, then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

Copies of specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Commissioners office between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. daily, Monday through Friday.

A Bid guaranty shall be provided with the bid in accordance with Section 153.54 of the Ohio Revised Code as follows:

A bid guaranty shall be provided with the bid in accordance with the Section 153.54 (B) O.R.C. for the full amount of the bid, or certified check, cashiers check or letter of credit in accordance with Section 153.54 (C) O.R.C. in an amount equal to 10% of the bid. Bid security furnished in Bond form, shall be issued by a Surety Company or Corporation licensed in the State of Ohio to provide said surety.

Each proposal must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. Each bidder shall be pre-qualified by the Ohio Department of Transportation at the time of the bid opening and shall submit certification of said approval and pre-qualifications with bid. Each bidder must submit evidence of its experiences on projects of similar size and complexity. The owner intends and requires that this project must be completed by November 30, 2012.

Bidders must comply with the prevailing wage rates on Public Improvements in Belmont County, Ohio, as determined by the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, Wage and Hour Division, (614) 644-2239.

Each bid must contain the full name of the party or parties submitting the proposal and all persons interested therein. “The Belmont County Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in the bids received, and to accept any bid or combination of bids which is deemed most favorable to the County at the time and under the conditions stipulated. **Only bids placed in sealed envelopes, furnished by The Belmont County Commissioners in the bid package, will be opened and read.**

The Commissioners further declare that they will award the contract for this project to the lowest and best bid, which may not necessarily be the lowest bid. The Specifications contain a Bidder’s Profile designed to gather certain information that may be considered in this regard. No single factor will control the Board’s decision to award, and the Board reserves the right to exercise its full discretion.”

By order of the Board of Commissioners
of Belmont County, Ohio
Jayne Long /s/
Jayne Long, Clerk

Times Leader Advertisement: Two (2) Tuesdays: August 14, 2012 and August 21, 2012.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 7 FOR WALLER CORP. /ADAPTIVE REUSE OF THE FORMER SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve Change Order No. 7 for Waller Corporation for the Adaptive Reuse of the former Belmont County Sheriff's Residence based upon the recommendation of Chambers, Murphy & Burge, Project Architects as follows:

Change Order #7 in the amount of \$ 5,612.06

Purpose: to rebuild (1) 6-stack chimney and wythe masonry; rebuild (1) 2-stack chimney and wythe masonry

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADVERTISING FOR AN ASSISTANT CLERK/COMMISSIONERS

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to advertise for an Assistant Clerk for the Board of Belmont County Commissioners Office.

Note: This is to fill a position left open due to a retirement in the office.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INVOICE #3 FOR WALLER CORP./ADAPTIVE REUSE OF SHERIFF'S RESIDENCE

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to approve and authorize Commissioner Favede to execute Invoice #3 for Waller Corporation for the Adaptive Reuse of the Belmont County Sheriff's Residence as follows, based upon the certification of Chambers, Murphy & Burge, Project Architect:

Federal Share (80%)	\$120,184.89
Local Share (20%)	30,046.22
Total:	\$ 150,231.11

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM (continued) – Mr. Jagucki noted the problem of running out of space for parking, offices and storage; comparing it to “playing checkers.” He also referenced the parking garage study that was done a few years back. Mr. Probst said in the recent past we were renting out too much office space. He credited Mrs. Favede with getting county offices out of rentals and into county-owned permanent buildings. We still have a couple more to get moved. Mr. Coffland advised we do have a plan for the back parking lot. The plans are drawn and done. We are looking at repaving the back and fixing the wall behind the courthouse. Mrs. Favede said when we do that, there will be handicap parking spaces made available in the back parking lot. We also have a slip that needs to be addressed immediately. The parking lot needs done separately from that. As far as available parking, Mrs. Favede stated the City of St. Clairsville did a study and they found there is not a lack of parking, it's that the parking that is available is a little further out and no one wants park out there. There is parking along the cemetery behind the courthouse and behind the library that is not being used. The fact that there is parking not being utilized outweighs the need to spend money on parking facilities. In this economy, building a parking structure is not on the agenda.

Mike McCormick of the Law Library Resources Board returned to say he got the pay off, he talked to the Auditor and they are good to go. Their budget is in order. The voucher will be ready this afternoon for the Commissioners to sign, he will pick up the check and overnight it.

Mrs. Favede announced that State Rep. Jack Cera introduced legislation that would give tax credits to oil and gas industry companies that hire Ohioans. The bill would give employers in the industry a \$2,500.00 tax credit for each Ohio resident they hired as a fulltime employee during the past tax year. The credit would apply to owners of horizontal wells and other companies performing drilling, pipeline transportation, processing or construction services related to horizontal wells. The proposal states eligible employees must work in the oil and gas industry for at three (3) consecutive months at a rate of pay of at least 250% of the federal minimum wage and must have completed a federally registered apprenticeship program. The bill defines an Ohio resident as someone who has lived in the state of Ohio for at least six (6) months and who pays state income tax. Mrs. Favede wanted to give kudos to Mr. Cera as we have had people come into Open Public Forum presenting issues. We now have something that could potentially rectify the situation and we have a legislator who is willing to work with local government.

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF
TWO 12' ALLEYS IN NEW CASTLE
WAYNE TOWNSHIP
SECS. 20 & 21, T-6, R-5/RD IMP 1117**

**Office of County Commissioners
Belmont County, Ohio**

**Journal Entry--Order Upon view of Proposed Improvement
ORDER TO COUNTY ENGINEER
Rev. Code. Sec. 5553.06**

Petitioned for by freeholders and others

The Board of County Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio met in regular session on the 8th day of August, 2012, at the office of the Commissioners with the following members present:

- Mrs. Favede
- Mr. Coffland
- Mr. Probst

Mr. Probst moved the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On the 8th day of August, 2012, the time heretofore fixed for view of the proposed improvement, we the Board of County Commissioners having jurisdiction in said matter, went upon the line of said proposed improvement and made personal view of the proposed route and termini thereof, and after full investigation and due consideration of all the facts and conditions pertaining thereto; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we do find and consider said improvement of sufficient public importance to instruct the County Engineer to make an accurate survey and plat of the same, and furnish an accurate and detailed description of the proposed improvement describing the center line and right of way lines thereof.

Said County Engineer shall also furnish an accurate and detailed description of each tract of land which he believes will be necessary to be taken in the event the proposed improvement be made, together with the name of each owner.

Said County Engineer shall also, at the time of making such survey, set stakes at the termini of each right of way line and at all angles between such termini, and at sufficient other points on the right of way lines so that the bounds of the proposed improvement may be discernible to property owners and other interested persons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the said County Engineer be and he is hereby directed to make a report in writing to this Board, on or before the 22nd day of August, 2012 the date fixed for the final hearing, setting forth the opinion of said County Engineer either for or against said proposed improvement, ² and the width to which said improvement shall be opened, which shall not be less than thirty feet; said report shall be accompanied by said plat and detailed and accurate descriptions, and filed with the County Commissioners, and this case is continued unto said date.

Mr. Coffland seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted August 8, 2012

Jayne Long /s/ _____
Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
Belmont County, Ohio

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 4:20 P.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mrs. Favede to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 14th day of August, 2012.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, Charles R. Probst, Jr. 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