

St. Clairsville, Ohio

January 9, 2012

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in Special session. Present: Ginny Favede and Matt Coffland, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board. Absent: Commissioner Charles R. Probst, Jr. (*due to illness.*)

**“SPECIAL MEETING”
ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING**

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REORGANIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/
ELECTION OF CHARLES R. PROBST, JR. AS PRESIDENT FOR 2012**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mrs. Favede to reorganize the Belmont County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 and elect Charles R. Probst, Jr. as President of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners for the year 2012.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Note: Commissioner Favede stated for the record that the position of President and Vice-President is rotated annually and is just a formality.

**IN THE MATTER OF REORGANIZING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/
ELECTION OF GINNY FAVEDE AS VICE-PRESIDENT FOR 2012**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mrs. Favede to reorganize the Belmont County Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code Section 305.05 and elect Ginny Favede as Vice-President of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners for the year 2012.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SCHEDULING DATES AND TIMES
FOR 2012 REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETINGS**

Motion made by Mr. Coffland, seconded by Mrs. Favede to hold the Belmont County Commissioners meetings for the year 2012 on Wednesday of each week from 10:00 A.M. until adjournment at the Belmont County Courthouse.

Note: The Board will continue to hold Town Hall meetings at various locations throughout the county. There will be an “open public forum” format at these meetings. The Town Hall meetings will not be recorded and no official action will be taken at them.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

DISCUSSION HELD RE: COMMENTS ON THE YEAR 2011 – As outgoing Board President Matt Coffland reiterated his feelings that 2011 was a turnaround year for Belmont County. He stated he thinks the board has done a lot of groundwork. He said, “We have planted the crops and I think in 2012 we are going to reap the harvest.” He noted the negotiation of four union contracts in 2011; courthouse employees were given a small increase in 2011; and he hopes things get better. Mr. Coffland stated it has been a pleasure and an honor to serve Belmont County as the President this past year.

Mrs. Favede said she couldn't agree more and it's been a tremendous three years. She advised that when she and Matt took office they put their heads together and came up with three things they wanted to accomplish within four years; those being 1) Mt. Victory Waterline Project; 2) Neffs Sewer Project, and 3) and the Mall Road Overpass Project. Mr. Coffland said the Mall Road Overpass Project is moving along “We wish we were a little farther ahead, but we are a lot farther ahead than the way we found it.”

Port Authority Director Larry Merry thanked the board for the tremendous amount of groundwork laid the last couple of years. He also thinks the results of that will be forthcoming here in the next few months and years. He thinks better employment opportunities are coming. He said this board faced tough decisions a couple of years ago that now have helped turn the county around. He thanked the board for making issues such as clean drinking water for Mt. Victory residents and sewage issues a priority and making Belmont County a better place to live.

Mr. Coffland concluded by stating, “Our staff does a fantastic job.”

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

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

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 11th day of January, 2012.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Charles R. Probst, Jr., Absent

We, Ginny Favede and Jayne Long, Vice-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.

VICE-PRESIDENT

CLERK