

St. Clairsville, Ohio

July 25, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in special session. Present: Ginny Favede and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board. Absent: Commissioner Matt Coffland (vacation).

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

“SPECIAL MEETING”

This special meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. for matters pertaining to the Belmont County Land Reutilization Corporation (BCLRC).

IN THE MATTER OF RESCINDING RESOLUTION ADOPTED JULY 23, 2014
AUTHORIZING AND DESIGNATING AN ADDITIONAL FIVE PERCENT OF ALL
COLLECTIONS OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY, PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND
MANUFACTURED AND MOBILE HOME TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS TO BE
DEPOSITED IN THE DELINQUENT TAX AND ASSESSMENT COLLECTION FUND
FOR THE USE OF AND APPROPRIATING SUCH AMOUNT TO THE USE OF THE
BELMONT COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION AND PROVIDING
FOR RELATED MATTERS

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Favede to *rescind* the resolution adopted July 23, 2014, authorizing and designating an additional five percent of all collections of delinquent real property, personal property, and manufactured and mobile home taxes and assessments to be deposited in the delinquent tax and assessment collection fund for the use of and appropriating such amount to the use of the Belmont County Land Reutilization Corporation and providing for related matters.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Thomas noted for the record that Belmont County Treasurer Kathy Kelich was present as member of BCLRC board.

DISCUSSION HELD – Mrs. Favede advised the Board of Commissioners met with the Belmont County Auditor yesterday and have made the decision that the Belmont County Commissioners will fund the BCLRC in lieu of the DTAC fee. The Commissioners will fund it at \$100,000.00 for the sake of the stability of the budget for the grant application because a large portion of the grant application is based upon the budget. The Auditor, understanding the importance of the organization and the importance of the weight the grant application holds, has agreed to certify and appropriate additional monies in order to fund the land bank. The Commissioners will appropriate \$100,000.00 for the operational costs of the land bank as well pledge an additional \$50,000.00, if needed, reimbursable by the grant to allow demolitions to commence once the grant is received.

Ms. Kelich stated, “I appreciate what the Commissioners are doing and I am glad to see that we are going to be able to move forward on the grant.”

Mr. Thomas thanked Mrs. Favede and Treasurer Kathy Kelich for the work that they are doing under this statutory procedure and corporation. He said after some discussion amongst the Commissioners and then a request to the County Auditor that we use our own funds to do this, it keeps the Treasurer’s DTAC funds in its normal course of business. He said, “We’re all on board in the sense that the means to the end to this thing in helping local governments, while we are doing it, we are not taking any local government monies to fund the corporation. Ultimately in the end, the Commissioners can use our oil and gas monies, which are not obviously, directed taxpayer monies, to fund the corporation.” He added, “As Commissioner Favede noted, this will go a long way too in the grant application that will garner our \$500,000.00 under the statute.” Mr. Thomas said, “This is a very good, positive thing for Belmont County.”

Mrs. Favede explained the money will be appropriated annually. The commitment is to utilize the land bank as an ability, over a long period of time, to eradicate blight from the county. Auditor Sutak will be certifying and appropriating additional monies on behalf of the land bank. Mr. DeFrank of the Times Leader asked what fund the money will be coming from. Mr. Thomas advised, “The intent, right now at this point, it is going to come from the General Fund. But the long term intent will be to use oil and gas proceeds that we either still have on hand, but ultimately we are going to get a second check, and it could come out of there.” For today’s purposes and to get the grant application in, that sizeable amount of money comes from the General Fund. By doing it this way, none of the local governments and/or schools are cut any monies whatsoever, but ultimately will greatly benefit from the results of what the corporation will do in the next few years and beyond.”

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 9:15 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Favede to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 29th day of July, 2014.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Matt Coffland - Absent

We, Mark Thomas 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