

St. Clairsville, Ohio

October 28, 2009

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in **SPECIAL SESSION** for the purpose of holding Budget Hearings. Present: Charles R. Probst, Jr., Matt Coffland and Ginny Favede, Commissioners, Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board, Fiscal Manager Cindi Henry and Mike Kinter, Belmont County Human Resources Manager.

SPECIAL SESSION

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

**BUDGET HEARINGS AGENDA
OCTOBER 28, 2009**

9:00-10:00 Juvenile/Probate Court-Present: Juvenile/Probate Judge J. Mark Costine; Jayme Strauss, Chief Deputy Clerk Probate Court; Jennifer Shunk, Court Administrator, Juvenile Court.

10:00-11:00 Treasurer's Office-Present Joseph A. Gaudio, Treasurer

11:00-12:00 Eastern Division Court-Present: Eastern Division Court Judge D. William Davis; Rosalee Ralston, Clerk, Western Division Court; Donna Cottage, Clerk, Northern Division Court.

The Board reviewed the proposed budget for 2010 with each department. Commissioners explained the need to cut \$3.6 million dollars to reach the amount of \$16.4 million which is the amount the Auditor has estimated will be certified for next year. Commissioners expressed the need for each office to present a "bare bones" budget for next year and noted there is no safety net such as sales tax revenue to fall back on due to the current state of the economy. Each line item was looked at to determine the absolute needs of each department. Various ways to make additional cuts to the budget were discussed with each department including the salary line item, furloughs and retirements. Human Resources Manager Mike Kinter discussed the furlough/cost savings days process under House Bill 1 that allows for up to 10 unpaid days per year and offered a handout of information to each office. Mr. Kinter was also available to answer questions on layoffs and retirements. Commissioners explained that each office holder would be responsible for deciding what option(s) would be utilized to bring their total budget amount to the figure it is determined it needs to be.

Some offices noted that they had employees that are eligible for retirement and would not be replacing those positions if the employees choose to retire.

Commissioners stressed it is not their intent to take anyone's job away but to see what other cuts can be made by working together to reach the bottom line.

Each office expressed an appreciation for being asked to be involved in the budget process and a willingness to work together.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:42 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Coffland to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 4th day of November, 2009.

_____ 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