

St. Clairsville, Ohio

July 30, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Gordie W. Longshaw and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board. Absent: Charles R. Probst, Jr. Minutes of the meeting of July 23, 2008, were read, approved and signed.

**MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING RECORDED**  
**ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE SUMMARIZED, FOR COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS**  
**PLEASE SEE CORRESPONDING TAPE 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. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw, 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.

Claim of	Purposes	Amount
A-Draft-Co, Inc.	Supplies/General Fund	198.28
A-Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	Dental & Drug Coverage/General Fund	696.00
A-Physio-Control	Maintenance Agreement/General Fund	258.00
A-Print N Copy	Supplies-Juvenile Ct./General Fund	659.00
B-Crossroads Counseling Services	Court ordered counseling-Eastern/Indigent Drivers Alcohol Fund	1,730.46
H-Bridgeport Equipment & Tool	Building Supplies/Public Assistance Fund	325.66
K-Staples Credit Plan	Supplies/Engineer MVGT Fund	487.58
M-Vital Registration	Placement expense/Placement II-Juvenile Court Fund	10.00
N-Lash Paving, Inc.	Resurfacing/Rd. & Bridge Improvement Fund	24,220.00
P-Ameriasian Buffet	Revenue Refund/BCSSD Funds	145.50
P-Kelly Porter	Reimburse travel & expenses/BCSSD Funds	73.80
P-Staples	Supplies/BCSSD Funds	199.98
P-The Times Leader	Advertising/BCSSD Funds	197.98
P-Wheeling Rubber Products, Inc.	Materials/BCSSD Funds	17.97
S-Doug Vaughan	Fast exp.-Horse Riding Lesson/Children Services Fund	25.00
S-Hughes Xerographic Equip.	Equipment/Juvenile Court Computer Fund	315.00
S-TSG Technology Services Group	Anti-Virus/Northern Div. Ct. Computer Fund	144.00
S-TSG Technology Services Group	Fixed corrupt windows/Northern Div. Ct. Computer Fund	236.00
S-West Payment Center	Baldwins Handbook/Western Div. Ct. Computer Fund	228.00
W-Delinquent Collectors of Ohio, Inc.	Contract Services/DRETAC-Treasurer's Office	2,488.11
Y-Health Plan, HMO	August Premium/Employer's Share Holding Account	167,436.98
Y-Health Plan, PPO	August Premium/Employer's Share Holding Account	222,351.28

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for July 30, 2008 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
A-GENERAL	\$7,789.45; \$1,841.19; \$816.78
GENERAL/AUDITOR	\$3,450.24
GENERAL-SHERIFF	\$3,259.33; \$10,946.33; \$650.64
GENERAL/911	\$1,124.57
E-911	\$157.14
H-County Home, Park Health	\$39,835.81
H-Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$15,702.01
H-Job & Family, WIA	\$98,932.76
K-Engineer MVGT	\$38,225.02; \$690.33
M-Juvenile Ct.-Title IV-E Reimb	447.98
P-Oakview Admn Bldg	\$1,042.56
P-Sanitary Sewer District	\$1,416.73; \$1,761.61; \$90.67; \$533.58; \$2,655.05; \$408.78
P-W.W. System #1	\$25,704.89
S-Clerk of Courts Computer Fund	\$1,432.17
S-District Detention Home	\$4,280.22
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$4,759.97
S-Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$4,530.55
S-Port Authority	\$93.98
S-Sheriff Commissary	\$117.20
S-Western Ct. Computer Fund	\$328.59
S-Western Ct. Gen. Special Projects	\$716.77
T-Sanitary Sewer District	\$335.22

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR**  
**THE GENERAL FUND/AUDITOR**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the General Fund.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
E-0012-A001-B14.003 PERS	E-0013-A001-B18.003 PERS	4,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN THE BELMONT COUNTY GENERAL FUND/SHERIFF DEPT.**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within the Belmont County General Fund/Sheriff Dept.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0131-A006-A17.012 Cruiser Repairs	E-0131-A006-A03.010 Supplies	\$ 2,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the BCDJFS CSEA Admn Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2760-H010-H04.012 Equipment	E-2760-H010-H13.011 Contracts	\$ 3,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE ENGINEER'S MVGT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfer within fund for the Engineer's MVGT Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2813-K000-K29.011 Contract-Ser.	E-2812-K000-K16.013 Cont-Proj	\$ 7,409.50

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN BOND RETIREMENT COMMON PLEAS COMPUTER O36 FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within Bond Retirement Common Pleas Computer Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-9214-O036-O01.050 Principal	E-9214-O036-O02.051 Interest	\$3,207.07

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfers within fund for the BCSSD.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>WWS#3</b>	<b>WWS#3</b>	
E-3702-P005-P22.000 Repairs	E-3702-P005-P18.010 Supplies	2,000.00
<b>SSD#2</b>	<b>SSD#2</b>	
E-3705-P053-P03.012 Equipment	E-3705-P053-P05.000 Materials	2,000.00
E-3705-P053-P15.000 OE Employees	E-3705-P053-P07.011 Services	8,000.00
<b>SSD#3A</b>	<b>SSD#3A</b>	
E-3706-P055-P15.000 OE Oper	E-3706-P055-P02.010 Supplies	700.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>SSD #3A</b>	<b>SSD#3A</b>	
E-3706-P055-P05.000 Materials	E-3706-P055-P07.011 Services	\$ 5,500.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfers between funds from the Water and Sewer Guarantee Deposit Fund to the Revenue Receipt Fund for the months of March, April, May and June 2008.

**MARCH**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3701-P003-P15.574 WWS#2 01004002 Transfers In	235.69
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3702-P005-P15.574 WWS#3 02004002 Transfers In	225.60
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3704-P051-P08.574 SSD #1 03004002 Transfers In	66.00
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3705-P053-P08.574 SSD #2 04004002 Transfers In	99.92
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3706-P055-P08.574 SSD#3A 06004002 Transfers In	<u>21.53</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>648.74</b>

**APRIL**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3701-P003-P15.574 WWS#2 01004002 Transfers In	139.50
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3702-P005-P15.574 WWS#3 02004002 Transfers In	294.40
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3704-P051-P08.574 SSD #1 03004002 Transfers In	66.00
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3705-P053-P08.574 SSD #2 04004002 Transfers In	8.80
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3706-P055-P08.574 SSD#3A 06004002 Transfers In	<u>97.17</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>605.87</b>

**MAY**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3701-P003-P15.574 WWS#2 01004002 Transfers In	126.50
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3702-P005-P15.574 WWS#3 02004002 Transfers In	306.10
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3705-P053-P08.574 SSD #2 04004002 Transfers In	122.91
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3706-P055-P08.574 SSD#3A 06004002 Transfers In	<u>50.90</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>606.41</b>

**JUNE**

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3701-P003-P15.574 WWS#2 01004002 Transfers In	140.25
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3702-P005-P15.574 WWS#3 02004002 Transfers In	435.89
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3704-P051-P08.574 SSD #1 03004002 Transfers In	82.50
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3705-P053-P08.574 SSD #2 04004002 Transfers In	61.00
E-3711-T010-T04.074 WSGDF Transfer Out	R-3706-P055-P08.574 SSD#3A 06004002 Transfers In	<u>169.10</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>888.74</b>

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF REPAYMENT OF CASH ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE PARK HEALTH CENTER/COUNTY HOME FUND H50 TO THE GENERAL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following repayment of cash advance of funds from the County Home Fund H50 to the Belmont County General Fund as follows:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2150-H030-H15.075 Advances Out	R-0040-A000-A48.575 Adv In	\$2,100.00

(Repayment of Cash Advance from Budget Stab to Park Health dated 6/25/08)

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to request the Belmont Co. Budget Commission certify the following monies. **GENERAL - \$2,100.00.** This represents the cash advance repayment from Park Health which was advanced on June 25, 2008 and repaid on July 16, 2008.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated July 30, 2008, 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. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING PERMISSION FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas granting permission for county employees to travel as follows:  
**ENGINEER** – Fred Bennett and Michael Wahl to attend CEO Annual Ohio Bridge Conference & Trade Show on August 13-14, 2008, in Columbus, OH. Estimated expenses: \$500.00  
**FLOODPLAIN** – Mike Wallace, Floodplain Coordinator, to attend the 2008 Statewide Floodplain Management Conference on August 27-28, 2008, in Columbus, OH. Estimated expenses: \$220.00 plus lodging and meals.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – None.**

**DISCUSSION HELD** – Commissioner Thomas discussed a memo the board sent out to Belmont County Mayors, Council Members, Township Trustees and Development Authorities regarding Governor Strickland's Job Stimulus Package. Ohio Legislature voted to approve HB 554 which will increase the amount of funds that will flow through the Ohio Public Works Program. He said a "Build Ohio Jobs" meeting will be held August 7, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Belmont County Engineer's Garage located at 45741 Roscoe Road, St. Clairsville. Expected to attend are Sen. Jason Wilson; Mike Miller, Director of OPWC; Lisa Duvall and representatives of Governor Strickland's Office, and the Commissioners. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a plan of action to put together a package to apply for funding for projects such as the Mt. Victory Road waterline, Neffs sewer, Belmont-Guernsey-Harrison waterline, etc.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR PAYMENT FROM METAL MASTERS, INC. AND W.G. TOMKO, INC./BELMONT CO. JAIL ADDITION PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following Applications for Payment for the Belmont County Jail Addition Project, based upon the recommendation of Craig Van Horn, Architect, Wachtel & McAnally Architects/Planners, Inc. and Marshall Piccin, Project Engineer:

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Metal Masters, Inc. (HVAC)	#14	\$5,741.87
W.G. Tomko, Inc. (Plumbing)	#14	\$ 698.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR THE SARGUS JUVENILE CENTER ROOF REPAIR PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to award the bid for the Sargus Juvenile Center roof repairs to Ohio Valley Spray Foam, Inc., 917 Gilman Ave., Marietta, Ohio 45750, in the amount of \$43,220.00, based upon the recommendation of Jack Regis, Belmont County Facilities Manager.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING RENEWAL OF THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH LEADS/SHERIFF**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw authorizing Board President Gordie W. Longshaw to sign on behalf of the Board of Belmont County Commissioners to enter into the renewal of the Participation Agreement with LEADS for the NCIC terminals located at the Belmont County Sheriff's Department.

*Note: LEADS – Law Enforcement Automotive Data Entry System enables the Sheriff's Department to obtain necessary information for the police and fire departments– run license plates, drivers license, background checks, etc.*

**Participation Agreement**

(A) LEADS with terminal agency

I accept responsibility to comply with rules 4501:2-10-01 to 4501:2-10-12 of the Administrative Code governing the LEADS. Failure to abide by these rules may result in the termination of LEADS services and/or prosecution when appropriate, as set forth in rule 4501:2-10-11 of the Administrative Code. By endorsing the agreement the administrator agrees to cooperate to:

- (1) Investigate alleged violations of LEADS/NCIC/NLETS rules
- (2) Take appropriate administrative or criminal action when applicable and notify the LEADS CSO in writing as soon as possible.
- (3) Maintain appropriate service level agreements on any agency owned equipment used as the primary LEADS terminal and to resolve service fees when needed
- (4) Complete the new administrator indoctrination training
- (5) Utilize only standard, LEADS accepted, network communication protocols for systems connected to LEADS. No special code or programming shall be installed on the LEADS network to communicate with an individual agency. The agency equipment shall utilize one of the standard protocols offered by LEADS. If at any time the local equipment is suspected of causing problems on the LEADS network, the local agency shall disconnect their equipment from the LEADS communications lines. The equipment shall remain disconnected until it is determined the problem does not reside in the local agency equipment or the agency equipment has been repaired at the agency expense.
- (6) Allow no special programming code which would enable communication to an individual agency to be installed on systems connected to LEADS without prior approval of the chair of the LEADS steering committee.
- (7) Remove any local equipment connected to LEADS that is suspected of causing system or network problems.

Terminal agency name: Belmont County Sheriff's Office  
Address: 68137 Hammond Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950  
Terminal agency ORI: OH0070000 - Telephone: (740) 695-7933  
Terminal agency authorized agent:

Fred A. Thompson /s/  
(agency administrator)

Fred A. Thompson, Sheriff  
(name & title typed or printed)

Date: May 30, 2008

If you do not have authority to commit this agency to a financial agreement, this document shall also be signed by the person(s) having such authority:

Gordie W. Longshaw /s/  
(agency fiscal commitment)

PRESIDENT BOARD OF BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Date: 7/30/08

LEADS Steering Committee Chairperson:

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(name & title typed or printed)  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING 2008-2009 VOCA/SVAA FUNDS/PROSECUTOR'S VICTIMS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the signing and submittal of the 2008-2009 Application for VOCA/SVAA (Victims of Crime Act and State Victims Assistance Act) Funds for the Belmont County Prosecutor's Victims Assistance Program grant as follows:

VOCA Request \$36,790.00      SVAA Request \$6,325.00  
Project Match                    12,263.33  
Project Total                    \$49,053.33

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas                    Yes  
Mr. Longshaw                Yes  
Mr. Probst                     Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELMONT CO. FLOODPLAIN APPEALS BOARD**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following appointment and re-appointments to the Belmont County Floodplain Appeals Board for a (2) two year term commencing retroactive to March 23, 2007 after which time they shall be reappointed or replaced by the Board:

**Appointment** – John Parkinson, Belmont County Engineer's Dept.

**Re-appointment** – Mike Green, President, Green and Associates, LLC, St. Clairsville, Ohio  
Richard Theaker, Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District Board

*Note: The Floodplain Appeals Board shall hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is an error in any order, requirement, decision or determination made by the Floodplain Administrator in the administration or enforcement of the Flood Plain Regulations.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas                    Yes  
Mr. Longshaw                Yes  
Mr. Probst                     Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING JOSEPH L. HUDAK TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY BOARD**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to appoint Mr. Joseph L. Hudak to the Mental Health and Recovery Board to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Julia Bannon, effective immediately through June 30, 2011, based upon the recommendation of the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas                    Yes  
Mr. Longshaw                Yes  
Mr. Probst                     Absent

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of: July 23, 2008.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas                    Yes  
Mr. Longshaw                Yes  
Mr. Probst                     Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF CONTINUED HEARING RE: ROAD IMPROVEMENT 1102 VACATION OF 20 FT OFF THE EASTERLY SIDE OF WEST VIEW DRIVE (T-1359) PEASE TWP.**

Hearing continued from July 23, 2008-Present for the hearing were County Engineer Fred Bennett, Rick Oberdick, Drafting Technician, and Pease Township Trustee Mike Bianconi. Mr. Bennett repeated his recommendation to NOT grant the vacation. He said there is a minimum requirement of 40 feet for the road in the subdivision and this would be going against subdivision regulations if approved and also would set a precedent. A resident wants 20 feet vacated to build a garage. Township Trustee Mike Bianconi stated he saw no problem with the vacation and no neighbors are against it.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas to grant Road Improvement 1102, vacation of 20 feet off the easterly side of West View Drive, Pease Township, Section 3, T6, R3 against the recommendation of the County Engineer and based upon location of the property, statements of Township Trustees and being highly unlikely road would need changed and the property owner is improving the property in an existing area. Commissioner Thomas said future requests will be looked at on a case by case basis. Commissioner Longshaw seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED-Upon further review of the map of the area, Mr. Bennett noted it appears they also may be vacating a portion of the road. It was noted the vacation request may need to be resubmitted and a change requested in the number of feet to vacate. A survey may also be needed.

Commissioner Thomas withdrew his motion to grant the improvement and moved to continue Road Improvement 1102 until August 6, 2008 at 11:15 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Longshaw.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas                    Yes  
Mr. Longshaw                Yes  
Mr. Probst                     Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH**

Present were Linda Mehl, WIC Director, and Claire Shorts, WIC Clinic Coordinator and Breastfeeding Coordinator.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to adopt the following proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION  
IN RECOGNITION OF  
BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Belmont County are deserving of good health throughout their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the health benefits of breastfeeding for children include: a 20 to 30 percent reduced risk of obesity, reduced risk of dying from SIDS, fewer ear and respiratory infections, a reduced risk of developing juvenile and Type II diabetes and an average increase of 6 points in IQ at age 6 ½; and

**WHEREAS**, the health benefits for mothers who breastfeed include: 24 percent lower risk developing breast cancer, a lower risk of developing osteoporosis later in life, and a reduced risk of developing Type II diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, the economic benefits of breastfeeding include: an average infant formula cost savings of \$800 per year and greatly decreased health care costs compared with formula-fed babies (\$4,000 vs. \$68,000 in a six month period for a matched group). Breastfeeding protects the environment by decreasing energy used to process formula and dispose of container waste; and

**WHEREAS**, Ohio ranks 44<sup>th</sup> in breastfeeding initiation rates at 59.6% as reported by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Breastfeeding Report Card issued in April 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the *CDC Guide to Breastfeeding Interventions* lists six areas where breastfeeding supportive practices are proven effective: Maternity Care, Workplace Breastfeeding Support, Breastfeeding Mom-to-Mom Support, Educating Mothers and Families, Health Professional Support and Media and Social Marketing efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the Belmont County Commissioners join the United States Breastfeeding Committee and the medical community in the belief that Ohio breastfeeding rates will improve if effective actions are taken to institute policies and procedures throughout our society that support breastfeeding mothers and their families.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, The Board of Belmont County Commissioners do hereby designate

**BREASTFEEDING AWARENESS MONTH**

**August 1-31, 2008**

throughout the county of Belmont, and urge all residents to join in congratulating hospitals that have instituted policies and practices that allow mothers and their families who choose to breastfeed their babies to be successful.

Adopted this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At 11:47 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to enter into executive session at 11:47 a.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception specifically to consider compensation of a public employee.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**AT 11:53 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to adjourn executive session at 11:53 a.m. pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(1) Personnel Exception specifically to consider compensation of a public employee.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

**AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: NO ACTION TAKEN**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING**

**COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:54 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Longshaw	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Absent

Read, approved and signed this 6th day of August, 2008.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Charles R. Probst, Jr. - Absent

We, Gordie W. Longshaw 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