

St. Clairsville, Ohio

October 29, 2008

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Gordie W. Longshaw, Charles R. Probst, Jr. and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Clerk of the Board. Minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2008, were read, approved and signed.

**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. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst, 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-ACS Enterprise Solutions, Inc.	Landaccess.com sub./General Fund	500.00
A-Belmont Co. Dept. of Job & Family Services	November mandated share/General Fund	30,625.75
A-Comcast	Internet-Recorder/General Fund	244.79
A-Crystal and Hinckley Springs	Water-Recorder/General Fund	32.21
A-Digital Data Communications, Inc.	Computer & Printer-Prosecutor/General Fund	1,988.07
A-Mark Thomas	Reimburse mileage/General Fund	31.50
A-Paula Houston	Reimburse expenses/General Fund	208.80
A-Richard L. Gross	Investigator's Report/General Fund	400.00
A-Richard L. Gross	Investigator's Fee/General Fund	400.00
A-Thomson-West	Baldwin's ORC-Recorder/General Fund	151.50
B-BP	Sept. Gasoline/Dog and Kennel Fund	666.16
B-Crossroads Counseling	Sept. Counseling-Western Div./Indigent Drivers Alcohol Fund	1,909.18
B-Crossroads Counseling	Sept. Counseling-Northern Div./Indigent Drivers Alcohol Fund	1,733.31
B-Dayton Legal Blank	Dog & Kennel Tags/Dog and Kennel Fund	1,181.00
K-Lash Paving, Inc.	Proj. 08-6 Liquid Bituminous Material/Engineer MVGT Fund	101,150.50
M-Staples	Supplies/Intake Coordinator-Juvenile Court Fund	251.48
N-Carr Concrete	Bridge Beams/Road & Bridge Improvement Fund	23,436.00
N-L. Kimball & Assoc.	Survey-parking garage/Capital Projects Reserve Fund	250.00
N-South Central Power	Light at Tower Site/Bel. Co. 911 Radio Tower Constr. Fund	806.00
N-Southeastern Equip. Co.	Equipment Rental/Road & Bridge Improvement Fund	4,500.00
N-Valley Fence Company	Repairs to fence/Bel Co. 911 Radio Tower Constr. Fund	195.00
N-Valley National Gas	Repaired line/Bel. Co. 911 Radio Tower Constr. Fund	100.00
O-Ohio Dept. of Development	November payment/Fox Commerce Park-St. Loan Repayment Fund	3,299.12
P-American Electric	Misc. service/WWS#1 Revenue Fund	80.00
P-Belmont, Village of	Services/BCSSD Funds	10.00
P-Casey Coyne Concrete LLC	Material/BCSSD Funds	4,000.00
P-Damon Industries, Inc.	Feb. Chemical Treatment/Oakview Admin. Building Fund	66.67
P-Eastern Ohio Regional Wastewater Authority	Sewage Disposal/BCSSD Funds	420.00
P-Greg Gantzer	Revenue Refund/BCSSD Funds	62.25
P-Justin G. Mowery	Services/BCSSD Funds	30.05
P-Kelly Porter	Reimb. Travel expenses/BCSSD Funds	8.55
P-Martins Ferry City Schools	Revenue Refund/BCSSD Funds	40.00
P-Times Leader	Print & Advertising/BCSSD Funds	213.66
P-Tricor Industrial Corp.	Materials/BCSSD Funds	86.47
P-Utility Supply & Construction	Materials/BCSSD Funds	462.04
S-Belmont Senior Services	November Operating Expenses/In Home Care Levy-Comm on Aging	139,000.00
S-Beth A. Andes, MS, PC	Contract Services-GS/District Detention Home Fund	1,540.00
S-Comcast	Internet/Western Div. Ct. Computer Fund	125.00
S-Dolbey & Co.	Computer/Juvenile Court Computer Fund	600.00
S-Richardson Copy Concept	Fax machine service contract/Northern Ct. Gen. Special Projects Fund	182.00
T-Chase Bank	CDBG Funds	35,453.00
Y-Health Plan, HMO	November Premium/Employer's Share Holding Account	163,974.84
Y-Health Plan, PPO	November Premium/Employer's Share Holding Account	223,591.32

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for October 29, 2008 as follow:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A-GENERAL	\$15,592.31; \$47,276.61; \$208.52
A-GENERAL/AUDITOR	\$4,675.55
A-GENERAL/EMA	\$750.21
A-GENERAL/911	\$441.94
A-GENERAL/SHERIFF	\$25,644.71; \$230.00; \$92.27; \$195.20
B-Dog and Kennel	\$4,521.45
H-Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$381.02; \$25,372.65; \$1,337.24; \$175,000.00
H-Job & Family, WIA	\$10,010.05; \$22,713.23
K-Engineer MVGT	\$64,364.39; \$1,120.16
M-Juvenile Ct.-Title IV-E Reimb.	\$15,835.43
M-Juvenile Ct.-Placement Services	\$37,684.00
M-Juvenile Ct.-Placement II	\$362.85
P-Sanitary Sewer District	\$1,135.08; \$668.08; \$6,951.56; \$6,989.65
S-District Detention Home	\$890.21
S-Job & Family, Children Services	\$88,302.88; \$194.32; \$5,131.99
S-Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$8,836.06

S-Port Authority \$262.59  
 S-Western Div. Gen. Special Projects \$1,038.99  
 T-Sanitary Sewer District \$162.89

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE BELMONT COUNTY DOG KENNEL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer of funds within the Belmont County Dog Kennel Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1600-B000-B04.012 Equipment	E-1600-B000-B06.000 Claims	\$ 247.50
E-1600-B000-B03.010 Supplies	E-1600-B000-B07.000 Veterinary Services	2,500.00
E-1600-B000-B11.000 Other Expenses	E-1600-B000-B07.000 Veterinary Services	3,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND FOR THE BCDJFS/PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND H00**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfers within fund for the BCDJFS/PA Fund H00.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2510-H000-H16.006 Hospitalization	E-2510-H000-H05.000 Public Assistance	190,000.00
E-2510-H000-H16.006 Hospitalization	E-2510-H000-H17.000 Other Expense	30,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

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

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2760-H010-H01.002 Salaries	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	24,000.00
E-2760-H010-H02.000 Travel	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	3,000.00
E-2760-H010-H05.010 Supplies	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	3,000.00
E-2760-H010-H07.003 PERS	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	35,000.00
E-2760-H010-H09.007 Unemployment	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	500.00
E-2760-H010-H11.005 Medicare	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	5,000.00
E-2760-H010-H12.006 Hospitalization	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	19,000.00
E-2760-H010-H13.011 Contract	E-2760-H010-H15.000 Other Expenses	33,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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-2812-K000-K13.012 Equipment	E-2813-K000-K38.005 Medicare	\$ 1,500.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

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

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
<b>WWS#2</b> E-3701-P003-P32.074 OE Trans Out	<b>WWS#2</b> E-3701-P003-P19.012 Equipment	29,000.00
<b>WWS#3</b> E-3702-P005-P31.000 OE Employee	<b>WWS#3</b> E-3702-P005-P19.012 Equipment	32,000.00
E-3702-P005-P34.074 OE Trans Out	E-3702-P005-P23.011 Services	20,000.00
E-3702-P005-P25.000 Purchased Water	E-3702-P005-P24.013 Projects	72,000.00
<b>SSD#1</b> E-3704-P051-P15.000 OE Oper	<b>SSD#1</b> E-3704-P051-P07.011 Services	100.00
<b>SSD#2 FORCE MAIN</b> E-9016-N018-N07.000 Insurance Fee	<b>SSD32 FORCE MAIN</b> E-9018-N018-N02.055 Projects	2,620.42

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE PORT AUTHORITY FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the Port Authority Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-9799-S012-S07.000 Professional Serv./Research	E-9799-S012-S02.006 Hospitalization Ins.	\$ 2,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE DISTRICT DETENTION HOME FUND S33**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the District Detention Home Fund S33.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0910-S033-S47.006 Hospitalization	E-0910-S033-S33.002 Salaries	\$ 3,200.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS WITHIN FUND FOR THE GENERAL FUND-SUPPLEMENT EQUIP/CO RECORDER**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfers within fund for the General Fund-Supplement Equip/Co Recorder Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1210-S078-S08.011 Contracts	E-1210-S078-S11.003 PERS	900.00
E-1210-S078-S08.011 Contracts	E-1210-S078-S12.005 Medicare	100.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS/ENGINEER FEMA FLOOD 2004 FUND & ENGINEER MVGT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer between funds from the Engineer FEMA FLOOD 2004 Fund and Engineer MVGT Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-9708-T069-T02.000 Engineer Dept. Reimb.	R-2810-K000-K18.574 Transfers In	\$ 70,364.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE PROSECUTOR'S VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfer within fund for the Prosecutor's Victim Assistance Program Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-1511-W080-P07.006 Hospitalization	E-1511-W080-P01.002 Salary	\$ 1,700.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SHERIFF'S/GENERAL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

**SHERIFF/GENERAL FUND**

E-0131-A006-A17.012 Cruisers	\$4,658.65
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*Note: CORSA supplemental insurance reimbursement for damage to Sheriff's vehicles, paid in Oct 24, 2008 as follows:*

- 2008 Ford Crown Vic #7-47 OH-DOL 6/06/08, Claim #0160018551 in the amount of \$415.48*
- 2008 Ford Crown Vic-DOL 7/30/08, Claim #0160018744 in the amount of \$4,243.17 (Hildebrand)*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE H000 BELMONT CO. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

**BELMONT COUNTY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND H000**

E-2510-H000-H01.002 Salaries	\$ 600,000.00
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE SSD#2 FORCE MAIN EXT. CONST. FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date October 29, 2008.

**SSD#2 FORCE MAIN EXT. CONST. FUND**

E-9018-N018-N02.055 Contract Projects \$ 6,842.46

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE H010 BELMONT CO. CSEA ADMN. FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-2760-H010-H01.002	Salaries	\$ 50,000.00
E-2760-H010-H13.011	Contracts	20,000.00
E-2760-H010-H15.000	Other Expenses	<u>\$ 330,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 400,000.00</b>

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE ENGINEER'S MVGT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following additional appropriation in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-2812-K000-K11.002 Salaries-Laborers \$ 70,364.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE JUVENILE COURT PLACEMENT SERVICES FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Probst to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

**M-64 PLACEMENT SERVICES**

E-0400-M064-M05.000 Placement Costs \$ 37,684.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE S017 CHILDREN SERVICES FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-2765-S017-S31.000 Other Expenses \$ 114,554.75

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR DISTRICT DETENTION HOME S033 FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-0910-S033-S33.002 Salaries \$ 29,837.78

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE COMM-BASED CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to make the following additional appropriations, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-1520-S077-S01.002	Salaries	17,386.75
E-1520-S077-S02.005	Medicare	252.00
E-1520-S077-S06.000	Automobile Exp.	0.00
E-1520-S077-S08.010	Supplies	0.00
E-1520-S077-S10.000	Communications	0.00
E-1520-S077-S04.006	Hospitalization	3,184.00
E-1520-S077-S03.003	P.E.R.S.	2,434.25
E-1520-S077-S05.004	Workers Comp	313.00
E-1520-S077-S07.000	Rentals	<u>0.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$23,570.00</b>

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE HHS GRANT POLLING PLACE ACCESS FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-9714-T002-T05.000 Grant Expenses \$ 13,547.56

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION  
FOR THE ENGINEER'S FEMA FLOOD 2004 FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to make the following additional appropriation, in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources as revised by the Budget Commission, under the date of October 29, 2008.

E-9708-T069-T02.000 Engineer Dept. Reimb. \$ 70,364.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**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 October 29, 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 Yes

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to request the Belmont Co. Budget Commission certify the following monies. **GENERAL - \$415.48** paid into R-0040-A000-Q00.500 Insurance Reimbursements. *Note: This is a supplemental payment for Claim #0160018551 D/L 6/6/08.*

**\$4,243.17** paid into R-0040-A000-Q00.500 Insurance Reimbursements. *Note: This is a supplemental payment for Claim #0160018744 D/L 07/30/08.*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

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

**BCDJFS** – Various employees to various trainings in November and December, 2008. Estimated expenses: \$774.46

**TREASURER** – Joseph A. Gaudio to attend County Treasurer's Association of Ohio conference in Columbus, OH, on Nov.18-20, 2008. Estimated expenses: \$700.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – Dave Jones asked if there was any progress on the water and sewage at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Thomas advised that Ray Luyster of Hamilton is working with John Dutton of Capstone on designing an independent system and a combined system. Mr. Luyster will be preparing a budget cost amount for the fairground system as well as a separate estimate for a combined system. Once that is completed, he will coordinate a meeting with Mr. Dutton.

Mr. Jones wanted to know if the Mediterranean Building would be auctioned off; where it was going to be advertised and how was it being marketed. Commissioner Thomas stated the building is to be bid on. It will be advertised on the county web site, Department of Development and Port Authority web sites and 4 weekends in the Times Leader. Mr. Jones questioned the amount paid for the appraisal and was advised by Mr. Thomas that the board followed the Ohio Revised Code on how to proceed with the sale. Commissioner Thomas explained, "The cost of a commercial building appraisal is given to anybody prior to the appraisal being completed. There is no correlation between the cost of the appraisal and the value of the building." Commissioner Thomas also reminded all that the Commissioners DID NOT purchase the Mediterranean Building, as has been reported incorrectly many times in the past.

Richard Hord wanted to know if there was a minimum bid on the Mediterranean Building and if that figure could be revealed. Commissioner Thomas answered "no". Mr. Hord also wanted to know if during the bid process, would priority be given to what plans the bidder has for the property. Mr. Thomas stated the bid is the only consideration, not the use of the property. Mr. Hord wanted to know if Belmont Senior Services had any in put regarding the bid and was advised "no". Commissioner Thomas stated the board may reject any and all bids.

Commissioner Thomas announced that Thursday, October 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the EMA building the board will be hosting a press event to announce the USDA Rural Development award of \$261,475.00 in rural cooperative development initiative fund grants to the WSOS Community Action Commission. The money is going to be used as funding to help 12 rural Southern Ohio communities, including Belmont County, to identify and plan collaborative solutions to their water and wastewater infrastructure needs.

Commissioner Thomas explained in regards to a second news release, Belmont County, along with Harrison and Guernsey County was not successful in getting a regional collaboration grant that had been applied for through the Belmont County Port Authority. There were 15 awardees out of the 61 entries. Belmont County was seeking \$65,000 for the Belmont-Guernsey-Harrison Water Project. Mr. Thomas said of those receiving grants, only 2 or 3 were Appalachian counties. Efforts will continue to seek funding.



<u>Mark A. Thomas /s/</u> Belmont County Commissioner	<u>10/29/08</u> Date
<u>Charles R. Probst, Jr. /s/</u> Belmont County Commissioner	<u>10/29/08</u> Date
<u>Gordie W. Longshaw /s/</u> Belmont County Commissioner	<u>10/29/08</u> Date
<u>Chris Berhalter /s/</u> Belmont County Prosecutor	<u>11/3/08</u> Date

Approved as to Form:

Belmont County Prosecutor

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE HIRING OF ERIC TAYLOR FOR UTILITY WORKER/BCSSD**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the hiring of Eric Taylor for the open utility worker position at the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District at the rate of \$9.00 per hour, effective November 10, 2008, based upon the recommendation of Mark Esposito, BCSSD Director.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR BELMONT COUNTY FIRE & SQUAD OFFICERS ASSOCIATION FOR THE ODNR 2008 VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE FEDERAL PASS-THROUGH GRANT**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to grant the request of the Belmont County Fire & Squad Officers Association for the allocation of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of equipment which will be of assistance when the Tanker Task Force is activated to supply water for a structure fire; these funds will be repaid to the county through the ODNR 2008 Volunteer Fire Assistance Federal Pass-Through Grant that has been awarded to the Belmont County Fire & Squad Officers Association.

*Note: The Fire & Squad Officers Association is purchasing \$8,000 of equipment through a 50/50 matching reimbursement grant; the Association will receive 50% reimbursement of the total project cost after the equipment is purchased; they will provide half the cost of the equipment and will reimburse the county for the other half with grant funds when they are received.*

June 18, 2008

Belmont County Commissioners

Charles R. Probst, Jr.

Gordie W. Longshaw

Mark A. Thomas

Dear Sirs,

The Belmont County Fire and Squad Officers Association is applying for a Grant through the Department of Natural Resources, 2008 Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant. This grant is a county wide project that will benefit all Fire Departments in the County. We are applying for equipment to place on different apparatus through out the County to be of assistance when the Tanker Task Force is activated to supply water for a structure fire. This is a 50/50 matching reimbursement grant. This means a fire department that receives a grant must purchase the equipment prior to receiving reimbursement for 50% of the total project.

The Belmont County Fire and Squad Officers Association is asking if the County Commissioners will provide funding to purchase the needed equipment and then the County will be reimbursed for half of the cost. The Fire and Squad Officers Association will provide the other half of the total cost. We are requesting to purchase \$8,000.00 dollars of equipment. A similar project was done several years ago with the Commissioners providing the extra funding and was then reimbursed from the grant.

If you can provide us with this temporary funding it will be greatly appreciated.

The Fire and EMS Departments of Belmont County are indebted to you for all that you do for us. We sincerely thank you for everything.

Sincerely,

*Steven L. Clark /s/*

Steve Clark, President

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**BREAK 11:12 A.M.**

**IN THE MATTER OF QUARTERLY REPORT FOR BELMONT COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL**

Eugene "Doc" Householder presented the quarterly report for the Belmont County Tourism Council for the months of July, August and September. He stated that Jamboree in the Hills brought in \$18,431 in camper parking fees this year. Doc said the Carnes Center continues to book a variety of events. The Alderman family has started the Wheeling Jamboree Show at Brush Run Park. He noted his office had a busy summer with travelers still stopping in for information.

Commissioner Thomas noted this would be the last time he would hear Doc's report as a commissioner and thanked him for their 8 years of working together.

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:30 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 5th day of November, 2008.

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\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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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