

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Ryan E. Olexo, Charles R. Probst and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Darlene Pempek, Clerk of the Board. Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2002, were read, approved and signed.

EVENING MEETING-MORRISTOWN

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 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. Olexo 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
Columbus Dispatch	1 Yr subscription-General	208.00
Assoc. of Munic./Cty Judges of Ohio	Registration fees/Eastern Ct-General	150.00
Mark H. Fry, Humane Officer	February mileage-General	250.00
Kelly-Kemp-Braido Funeral Home	Indigent burial-General	750.00
Grisell Funeral Homes	Indigent burial-General	750.00
Joseph A. Gaudio, Treasurer	2001 taxes-General	193.94
John M. Solovan, II, Judge	Reimb. expenses to Judges conference-Gen	89.70
Walden Book Company, Inc.	Training books/GIS-General	215.97
Steven J. Verba, Attorney	Misc. attorney fees-General	3,000.00
Treasurer, State of Ohio	Office supplies/GIS projects-General	80.00
Ohio AFSCME Care Plan	Dental & Drug coverage-General	225.00
Mahoning County Auditor	2002 Belmont Co. share-General	13,963.58
Manatron	Monthly contract services/Aud-Gen.	13,314.52
Embassy Suites Hotel	Judge Davis/Winter Conf-General	306.00
McGhee & Compnay	Chairs & misc/Juvenile Ct-General	1,079.96
Linda S. Jurco, Public Defender's	Typed transcript for Eastern-General	137.50
Paul B. Jefferis, Attorney	Misc. attorney fees-General	350.02
Terry Easterwood, Attorney	Misc. attorney fees-General	145.00
McGhee & Company	Supplies/CCap Program-Juvenile Court	30.61
National Road Utility	Materials-Sanitary Sewer District	575.25
Belmont County Committee On Aging	Barnesville Center Construction -In Home Care Levy	47,371.74
Belmont County Committee On Aging	Aug & Nov expenses-In Home Care Levy	123,974.67
Belmont County Committee On Aging	Sept & Oct Part. Exp.-In Home Care	\$32,219.44
Ameritech	Service-Clerk of Courts	126.26
Maximus, Inc.	Training-Eastern Court Computer	350.00
Crystal Springs	Water service-Northern Ct Spec. Proj.	14.95
Technology Services Group, Inc.	Contract serv-Eastern Ct Spec. Proj.	1,203.00
Stenger	Maintenance contract-Eastern Court	749.85
Shutek Court Reporting	Reporting fee for 1/22/02-Western Spec.	75.00
Kristi Lipscomb, Court Reporter	Reporting fee for 1/29/02-Western Spec.	75.00
MPH Industries, Inc.	Radar equipment-Sheriff's	758.00
Delinquent Collectors of Ohio, Inc.	Contract serv/ Collection of delinquent trailer taxes-Treas. DRETAC	2,813.81
Health Plan	February premium-Insurance	95,729.76
Health Assurance PPO	February premium-Insurance	113,092.41
Health Assurance HMO	February premium-Insurance	56,382.84

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers for the various funds dated for January 31, 2002 as follow:

FUND	AMOUNT
General	\$3,120.60, \$10,437.67
General/Sheriff's	\$13,825.93
BCDJFS/PA	\$1,753.13
Engineer's MVGT	\$12,684.60, \$971.11
Sanitary Sewer District	\$30,616.41, \$164.05, \$436.51, \$8,306.76, \$2,535.65, \$51,760.51, \$1,133.47, \$17,759.28 \$36,027.16, \$3,367.93, \$15,269.47

FUND	AMOUNT	
Oakview Juvenile Rehab Dist.	\$1,182.21	
Job Training	\$1,349.20, \$736.05, \$382.20	
Upon roll call the vote was as follows:		
	Mr. Thomas	Yes
	Mr. Olexo	Yes
	Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN
FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst to make the following transfer of funds as follows:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A401-A11 Other Expenses	A015-A15 Transfers Out	\$18,000.00
<i>Transfer of monies/monies allocated to the Ohio Valley Recycling program from the General Fund -Total allocation for the year 2002-\$36,000.00</i>		

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS
BETWEEN THE GENERAL FUND AND H50 OHIO VALLEY
RECYCLING AND LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds between the General Fund and the H50 Ohio Valley Recycling & Litter Prevention Program Fund:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A015-A15 Transfers Out	H050-H08 Transfers In	\$18,000.00
<i>Transfer of monies/monies allocated to the program from the General Fund -Total allocation for the year 2002-\$36,000.00</i>		

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN
FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY GENERAL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst to make the following transfer of funds as follows: (Magistrate, Common Pleas):

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A002-B30 Other Expenses	A002-B25 Salaries	\$201.00
A002-B26 Supplies	A002-B25 Salaries	500.00
A002-B27 Equipment	A002-B25 Salaries	500.00
A401-A11 Other Expenses	A002-B25 Salaries/Magistrate	3,400.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF FUNDS
FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY NORTHERN AND EASTERN DIVISION
COURTS SPECIAL PROJECT FUNDS/(S86 AND S87)**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds as follows:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
EASTERN DIVISION COURT S087-S07 Equipment	S087-S01 Salaries	\$5,000.00
NORTHERN DIVISION COURT S086-S07 Equipment	S086-S01 Salaries	5,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFERS
WITHIN FUND FOR THE OAKVIEW JUVENILE
REHABILITATION DISTRICT S30

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfers within fund for the Oakview Juvenile Rehabilitation District Fund S30.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S030-S66 PERS	\$10,000.00
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S230-S66 Hospitalization	7,200.00
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S430-S66 Medicare	3,000.00
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S030-S58 Communications	2,000.00
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S030-S59 Fuels & Utilities	1,000.00
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S030-S60 Maintenance	914.28
S030-S40 Grant Holding	S030-S65 Indirect Costs	4,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF
FUNDS FOR THE VISION INSURANCE
CHARGEBACKS FOR THE MONTHS OF
DECEMBER 2001 AND JANUARY, 2002

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds for the Vision Insurance Chargebacks for the months of December 2001 and January 2002.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
A406-F08 DISASTER SERVICES	Y091-Y06	33.27
A006-E11 9-1-1	Y091-Y06	243.98
A406-G09 PUBLIC DEFENDER	Y091-Y06	133.08
A403-A09 BD. OF ELECTIONS	Y091-Y06	88.72
M067-M05 ALTERNATIVE-JUV	Y091-Y06	63.64
M069-M05 DRUG COURT III	Y091-Y06	9.64
M060-M64 CARE/CUSTODY REST.	Y091-Y06	9.64
M060-M29 CARE-CUSTODY/JUV. CT.	Y091-Y06	19.28
M064-M10 PLACEMENT	Y091-Y06	20.73
S031-G17 JUV. DIST. GROUP HOMES	Y091-Y06	63.64
S238-R47 RESTITUTION	Y091-Y06	0.00
S239-V47 O.V. RECYCLING	Y091-Y06	0.00
S032-S05 STATUS OFFENDERS	Y091-Y06	0.00
H050-H15 LITTER CONTROL	Y091-Y06	44.36
S033-S47 DIST. DET. HOME	Y091-Y06	368.36
S035-S03 PRC GRANT	Y091-Y06	0.00
S078-S14 SUPP. EQUIP/RECORDER	Y091-Y96	22.18
J000-J06 REAL ESTATE ASSES.	Y091-Y06	20.73
W080-P07 PROS. VICTIM	Y091-Y06	4.82
S277-S02 CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT	Y091-Y06	22.18
S094-S04 COUNTY CT. PROBATION	Y091-Y06	0.00
S082-S14 WESTERN CT. COMP.	Y091-Y06	22.18
S083-S14 NORTHERN COMPUTER	Y091-Y06	22.18
S084-S14 EASTERN COMPUTER	Y091-Y06	22.18
B100-B10 DOG & KENNEL	Y091-Y06	51.10
L001-L13 SOIL CONSERVATION	Y091-Y06	54.00
H430-H14 COUNTY HOME	Y091-Y06	1,721.26
E101-E12 COUNTY HEALTH	Y091-Y06	278.34
PO71-P05 LICE	Y091-Y06	.00
T076-T02 CHILD SAFETY	Y091-Y06	.00
T048-T25 ELDERHEALTH	Y091-Y06	0.00
T077-T01 IAP	Y091-Y06	2.00
T078-T01 RABIES	Y091-Y06	5.00
T079-T01 WELCOME HOME	Y091-Y06	3.00
S049-S63 MENTAL HEALTH	Y091-Y06	98.36
H300-H13 HUMAN SERVICES	Y091-Y06	516.88
H310-H08 CHILD SUPPORT	Y091-Y06	44.36
K200-K10 MVGT K-1	Y091-Y06	22.18
K200-K10 MVGT K-2	Y091-Y06	76.18
K200-K24 MVGT K-11	Y091-Y06	618.14
K200-K37 MVGT K-25	Y091-Y06	231.44
Y090-Y14 WATER/SEWER	Y091-Y06	501.44
T075-T52 WIC	Y091-Y06	66.54
T075-T02 WIC	Y091-Y06	0.00
S079-S07 CLERK CRTS. TITLE	Y091-Y06	164.90
S230-S66 OAKVIEW JUVENILE	Y091-Y06	154.28
S230-S16 OAKVIEW JUVENILE	Y091-Y06	0.00

S028-S53	AFTERCARE	Y091-Y06	0.00
W081-P07	PROSECUTOR DRETAC	Y091-Y06	22.18

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER OF
FUNDS FOR THE DELTA DENTAL
CHARGEBACKS FOR THE MONTHS
OF DECEMBER 2001 AND JANUARY 2002**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds for the Delta Dental Chargebacks for the months of December 2001 and January 2002.

FROM	TO	AMOUNT	
A406-F08	DISASTER SERVICES	Y091-Y07	81.42
A006-E11	9-1-1	Y091-Y07	597.08
A406-G09	PUBLIC DEFENDER	Y091-Y07	325.68
A403-A09	BD OF ELECTIONS	Y091-Y07	217.12
M067-M05	ALTERNATIVE-JUV	Y091-Y07	148.04
M060-M64	CARE/CUSTODY REST.	Y091-Y07	19.74
M069-M05	DRUG COURT III	Y091-Y07	19.74
M060-M29	CARE-CUSTODY/JUV. CT.	Y091-Y07	39.48
M064-M10	PLACEMENT	Y091-Y07	46.88
S031-G17	JUV. DIST. GROUP HOMES	Y091-Y07	148.04
S239-V47	OHIO VALLEY RECYCLING	Y091-Y07	0.00
S238-R47	RESTITUTION	Y091-Y07	0.00
H050-H15	LITTER CONTROL	Y091-Y07	108.56
S033-S47	DIST DETENTION	Y091-Y07	878.36
S035-S03	PRC GRANT	Y091-Y07	0.00
S078-S14	SUPP. EQUIP/RECORDER	Y091-Y07	54.28
J000-J06	REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT	Y091-Y07	46.88
S277-S02	CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT	Y091-Y07	54.28
W080-P07	PROS-VICTIM	Y091-Y07	37.01
S076-S05	HALFWAY HOUSE	Y091-Y07	0.00
S094-S04	COUNTY CT PROBATION	Y091-Y07	0.00
S082-S14	WESTERN CT-COMP.	Y091-Y07	54.28
S083-S14	NORTHERN COMPUTER	Y091-Y07	54.28
S084-S14	EASTERN COMPUTER	Y091-Y07	54.28
B100-B10	DOG AND KENNEL	Y091-Y07	113.50
L001-L13	SOIL CONSERVATION	Y091-Y07	128.30
H430-H14	PARK HEALTH CENTER	Y091-Y07	4,135.20
E101-E12	COUNTY HEALTH DEPT	Y091-Y07	631.36
T077-T01	IAP	Y091-Y07	3.00
T078-T01	RABIES	Y091-Y07	11.00
T079-T01	WELCOME HOME	Y091-Y07	6.00
S049-S63	MENTAL HEALTH	Y091-Y07	202.32
H300-H13	HUMAN SERVICES	Y091-Y07	1,199.10
H310-H08	CSEA	Y091-Y07	108.56
K200-K10	K-1	Y091-Y07	54.28
K200-K10	K-2	Y091-Y07	182.58
K200-K24	K-11	Y091-Y07	217.12
K200-K37	K-25	Y091-Y07	108.56
Y090-Y14	WATER/SEWER DEPT	Y091-Y07	1,204.04
T075-T52	WIC	Y091-Y07	162.84
T075-T02	WIC	Y091-Y07	0.00
S079-S07	CLERK OF COURTS	Y091-Y07	399.70
S230-S66	OAKVIEW JUVENILE	Y091-Y07	360.23
S230-S16	OAKVIEW JUVENILE	Y091-Y07	0.00
S028-S53	AFTERCARE	Y091-Y07	0.00
W081-P07	DRETAC-PROS ATTY	Y091-Y07	54.28

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER
OF FUNDS FOR THE COLUMBIA
PHARMACY SOLUTIONS CHARGEBACKS
FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER 2001 AND JANUARY 2002**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following transfer of funds for the Columbia Pharmacy Solutions Chargebacks for the months of December 2001 and January 2002.

FROM		TO	AMOUNT
A406-F08	DISASTER SERVICES	Y091-Y08	211.20
A006-E11	911 FUND	Y091-Y08	1,179.20
A406-G09	PUBLIC DEFENDER	Y091-Y08	844.80
A403-A09	BD. OF ELECTIONS	Y091-Y08	563.20
M067-M05	ALTERNATIVE-JUV	Y091-Y08	387.20
M060-M64	CARE/CUSTODY REST.	Y091-Y08	52.80
M069-M05	DRUG COURT III	Y091-Y08	52.80
M060-M29	CARE-CUSTODY/JUV. CT.	Y091-Y08	105.60
M064-M10	PLACEMENT	Y091-Y08	79.20
S031-G17	JUV. DIST. GROUP HOMES	Y091-Y08	246.40
S239-V47	O.V. RECYCLING	Y091-Y08	0.00
S238-R47	RESTITUTION	Y091-Y08	0.00
S032-S05	STATUS OFFENDERS	Y091-Y08	0.00
H050-H15	LITTER CONTROL	Y091-Y08	281.60
S033-S47	DIST. DET. HOME	Y091-Y08	2,147.20
S035-S03	PRC GRANT	Y091-Y08	0.00
S078-S14	SUPP. EQUIP/RECORDER	Y091-Y08	0.00
J000-J06	REAL ESTATE ASSES.	Y091-Y08	123.20
W080-P07	PROS-VICTIM	Y091-Y08	26.40
S277-S02	CORRECT. ACT GRANT	Y091-Y08	140.80
S076-S05	HALFWAY HOUSE	Y091-Y08	0.00
S094-S04	COUNTY CT PROBATION	Y091-Y08	0.00
S082-S14	WESTERN CT.-COMP.	Y091-Y08	140.80
S083-S14	NORTHERN CT-COMP.	Y091-Y08	140.80
S084-S14	EASTERN CT-COMP.	Y091-Y08	140.80
B100-B10	DOG & KENNEL	Y091-Y08	299.20
L001-L13	SOIL CONSERVATION	Y091-Y08	334.40
H430-H14	COUNTY HOME	Y091-Y08	10,416.00
E101-E12	COUNTY HEALTH	Y091-Y08	1,271.00
T077-T01	IAP	Y091-Y08	7.00
T078-T01	RABIES	Y091-Y08	28.00
T079-T01	WELCOME HOME	Y091-Y08	14.00
S049-S63	MENTAL HEALTH	Y091-Y08	52.80
S066-S79	MENTAL RETARDATION	Y091-Y08	10,644.80
H300-H13	HUMAN SERVICES	Y091-Y08	3,456.00
H310-H08	CHILD SUPPORT	Y091-Y08	336.00
K200-K10	K-1	Y091-Y08	140.80
K200-K10	MVGT K-2	Y091-Y08	486.00
K200-K24	MVGT K-11	Y091-Y08	648.00
K200-K37	MVGT K-25	Y091-Y08	288.00
Y090-Y14	WATER/SEWER	Y091-Y08	2,816.00
T075-T52	WIC	Y091-Y08	193.60
T075-T02	WIC	Y091-Y08	0.00
S079-S07	CLERK CRTS. TITLE	Y091-Y08	950.40
S230-S66	OAKVIEW JUVENILE	Y091-Y08	325.60
S230-S16	OAKVIEW JUVENILE	Y091-Y08	0.00
S028-S53	AFTERCARE	Y091-Y08	0.00
W081-P07	PROSECUTOR DRETAC	Y091-Y08	0.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF MONTHLY TRANSFER OF
FUNDS FOR BELMONT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to make the following monthly transfer of funds dated for the month of January, 2002 for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer Department.

FROM		TO		AMOUNT
P003-P18	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	84.85
P003-P19	EQUIPMENT	Y090-Y03	EQUIPMENT	264.14
P003-P20	LABOR	Y090-Y04	LABOR	0.00
P003-P21	MATERIALS	Y090-Y05	MATERIALS	2,389.81
P003-P22	CONTRACT REP.	Y090-Y06	CONTRACT REP.	56.73

P003-P23	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	1,056.18
P003-P24	CONTRACT PROJ.	Y090-Y08	CONTRACT PROJ.	.00
P003-P25	PURCHASED H2O	Y090-Y09	PURCHASED H2O	46,121.68
P003-P27	ADV & PRINTING	Y090-Y04	ADV & PRINTING	0.00
P003-P28	TRAVEL & EXP.	Y090-Y11	TRAVEL & EXP.	30.89
P003-P29	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P003-P30	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P003-P31	OTHER EXPENSES	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXPENSES	1,492.17
P003-P32	TRANSFERS-OUT	Y090-Y17	TRANSFERS-OUT	839.50
P003-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				52,635.95
P005-P18	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	157.07
P005-P19	EQUIPMENT	Y090-Y03	EQUIPMENT	418.96
P005-P21	MATERIALS	Y090-Y05	MATERIALS	17,640.82
P005-P22	CONTRACT REP.	Y090-Y06	CONTRACT REP.	6,495.04
P005-P23	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	31,860.82
P005-P24	CONTRACT PROJ.	Y090-Y08	CONTRACT PROJ.	0.00
P005-P25	PURCHASED H2O	Y090-Y09	PURCHASED H2O	900.25
P005-P27	ADV & PRINTING	Y090-Y10	ADV & PRINTING	183.76
P005-P28	TRAVEL & EXP.	Y090-Y11	TRAVEL & EXP.	57.18
P005-P29	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P005-P30	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P005-P31	OTHER EXP.	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXP.	3,308.44
P005-P34	TRANSFERS-OUT	Y090-Y17	TRANSFERS-OUT	3,241.51
P005-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				64,263.85
P051-P02	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	36.61
P051-P03	EQUIPMENT	Y090-Y03	EQUIPMENT	778.53
P051-P05	MATERIALS	Y090-Y05	MATERIALS	440.81
P051-P06	CONTRACT REP.	Y090-Y06	CONTRACT REP.	501.76
P051-P07	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	310.75
P051-P08	CONTRACT PROJ	Y090-Y08	CONTRACT PROJ	0.00
P051-P09	SEWAGE DIS.	Y090-Y08	SEWAGE DIS.	13,610.58
P051-P11	ADV & PRINTING	Y090-Y10	ADV & PRINTING	0.00
P051-P12	TRAVEL & EXP	Y090-Y11	TRAVEL & EXP	13.32
P051-P13	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P051-P14	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P051-P15	OTHER EXP.	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXP.	700.80
P051-P16	TRANSFERS OUT	Y090-Y17	TRANSFERS OUT	0.00
P051-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				16,393.16
P053-P02	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	14.56
P053-P03	EQUIPMENT	Y090-Y03	EQUIPMENT	1,692.49
P053-P05	MATERIALS	Y090-Y05	MATERIALS	1,337.44
P053-P06	CONTRACT REP.	Y090-Y06	CONTRACT REPAIRS	199.67
P053-P07	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	6,461.30
P053-P08	CONTRACT PROJ	Y090-Y08	CONTRACT PROJ	0.00
P053-P09	SEWAGE DIS.	Y090-Y09	SEWAGE DIS.	17,005.83
P053-P11	ADVER.&PRINTING	Y090-Y10	ADVER.&PRINTING	0.00
P053-P12	TRAVEL & EXP.	Y090-Y11	TRAVEL & EXP	5.30
P053-P13	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P053-P14	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P053-P15	OTHER EXP.	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXP.	777.24
P053-P16	TRANSFERS OUT	Y090-Y17	TRANSFERS OUT	0.00
P053-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				27,493.83
P054-P02	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	0.00
P054-P03	EQUIPMENT	Y090-Y03	EQUIPMENT	77.31
P054-P05	MATERIALS	Y090-Y05	MATERIALS	36.92
P054-P06	CONTRACT REPAIRS	Y090-Y06	CONTRACT REPAIRS	55.52
P054-P07	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	446.84
P054-P11	ADVER & PRINTING	Y090-Y07	ADVER & PRINTING	0.00
P054-P12	TRAVEL & EXP.	Y090-Y11	TRAVEL & EXP.	1.55
P054-P13	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P054-P14	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P054-P15	OTHER EXP.	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXP.	59.49
P054-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				677.63
P055-P02	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	0.00
P055-P03	EQUIPMENT	Y090-Y03	EQUIPMENT	107.60
P055-P05	MATERIALS	Y090-Y05	MATERIALS	51.68
P055-P06	CONTRACT REPAIRS	Y090-Y06	CONTRACT REPAIRS	77.28
P055-P07	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	1,491.66
P055-P11	ADVER & PRINTING	Y090-Y07	ADVER & PRINTING	0.00

P055-P12	TRAVEL & EXP.	Y090-Y11	TRAVEL & EXP.	2.16
P055-P13	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P055-P14	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P055-P15	OTHER EXP.	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXP.	82.93
P055-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				1,813.31

P056-P02	SUPPLIES	Y090-Y02	SUPPLIES	0.00
P056-P07	CONTRACT SERV.	Y090-Y07	CONTRACT SERV.	0.00
P056-P09	SEWAGE DISP.	Y190-Y08	SEWAGE DISP.	794.52
P056-P13	PERS	Y090-Y12	PERS	0.00
P056-P14	WORKERS' COMP	Y090-Y13	WORKERS' COMP	0.00
P056-P15	OTHER EXP.	Y090-Y14	OTHER EXP.	4,533.27
P056-P16	TRANSFERS OUT	Y090-Y14	TRANSFERS OUT	0.00
P056-P35	MEDICARE	Y090-Y18	MEDICARE	0.00
TOTAL				5,327.79

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE RECYCLING
AND LITTER CONTROL FUNDS**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo 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 January 30, 2002.

RECYCLING AND LITTER CONTROL FUND H50

H050-H02	Salaries	\$14,540.00
H050-H03	Supplies	3,000.00
H050-H04	Equipment	1,000.00
H050-H05	Contract Services	3,000.00
H050-H07	Travel	10,000.00
H050-H10	PERS	4,000.00
H050-H11	Workers Comp	700.00
H150-H12	Medicare	400.00
H050-H15	Insurance	4,000.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE BELMONT SOIL &
WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo 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 January 30, 2002.

L-01 BELMONT SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND

L001-L01	Salaries	\$89,000.00
L001-L02	Supplies	4,000.00
L001-L03	Equipment	7,522.00
L001-L04	Contract & Repairs	1,000.00
L001-L06	Rent	12,000.00
L001-L07	Service Fees	4,000.00
L001-L08	Education	1,500.00
L001-L09	Travel & Training	10,000.00
L001-L10	Advertising & Printing	2,000.00
L001-L11	P.E.R.S.	15,000.00
L001-L12	Worker's Comp	1,500.00
L101-L12	Medicare	1,500.00
L001-L13	Other	20,000.00
TOTAL		\$169,022.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OAKVIEW
JUVENILE REHABILITATION DISTRICT FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo 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 January 30, 2002.

OAKVIEW JUVENILE REHABILITATION DISTRICT FUND

S030-S51 Salaries	\$55,968.89
S030-S52 Contract Services	300.00
S030-S53 Medical	4,000.00
S030-S54 Food	4,628.48
S030-S55 Supplies	3,000.00
S030-S60 Maintenance & Repair	585.72

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE JUVENILE COURT
DRUG COURT III FUND M069**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo 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 January 30, 2002.

M-69 JUVENILE COURT DRUG COURT III FUND

M069-M01 Salaries	\$826.92
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN SERVICES FUND 50**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo 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 January 30, 2002.

S-25 BELMONT CO. DJFS-CHILDREN SERVICES FUND 50 SS

S025-S10 Transfers Out	\$99,354.00
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Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING
PERMISSION FOR SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT
DIRECTOR AND EMPLOYEES TO TRAVEL**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to grant permission for Sanitary Sewer District Director John Christopher and six (6) of his employees to travel to Byesville, Ohio on January 31, 2002 to attend a water/wastewater management class. Two county vehicles will be used for travel.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF REQUEST
FOR CERTIFICATION OF MONIES**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst requesting the following monies be certified by the Budget Commission.

BELMONT COUNTY GENERAL FUND- \$144,621.00 Transferred in from Y091 Holding Account to be appropriated to A901-A10 Infrastructure

LITTER & RECYCLING PROGRAM- \$22,640.00 paid into H050-H01 January 29, 2002/Grant monies received from the State

\$18,000.00 transferred in January 30, 2002/General Fund allocation to be transferred in June-Total \$40,640.00

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
MEETINGS**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Commissioners regular meetings of January 16 and January 23, 2002.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF LIQUOR
PERMIT FOR THOMAS E. SOTT, WHEELING TOWNSHIP,
FAIRPOINT, OH**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following request for a Liquor Permit.

LIQUOR PERMIT

The Board this day approved one D1, D2 permit for Thomas E. Scott, 71481 Fairpoint-New Athens Rd., Wheeling Twp., Fairpoint, OH 43947, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to sign the form and return it to the Ohio Department of Liquor Control, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

There have been no objections received and the Board of County Commissioners have no objections to the permit.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF LEGAL AXLE LOAD
LIMIT REDUCTION FOR PEASE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

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

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Ohio Revised Code Section 5577.07 empowers the Belmont County Commissioners to prescribe reduction of weight and speed during times of thaws and moisture that render the improved highways of the County insufficient to bear the traffic thereon, and

Whereas, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners have received a request from the Pease Township Trustees requesting that the legal axle load limit on all of their roads be reduced by fifty percent (50%), and

Whereas, The Belmont County Engineer has recommended that the Pease Township Trustees' request be granted

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Belmont County Commissioners does hereby authorize that the legal axle load limit on all of the roads in Pease Township be reduced by fifty percent (50%) for the period beginning February 11, 2002 and ending April 30, 2002.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF ENTERING
INTO IV-D SERVICE CONTRACT
WITH ATTORNEY GRACE HOFFMAN/CSEA**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to enter into the following agreement with Attorney Grace Hoffman on behalf of the Belmont County Department of Job & Family Services Child Support Agency.

APPENDIX 1-3
IV-D Service Contract

This agreement made and entered into on the 22nd day of January, 2002 by and between the Belmont County Child Support Enforcement Agency (hereinafter referred to as "CSEA") and Attorney Grace Hoffman, a Provider of service (hereinafter referred to as "Provider").

Pursuant to Title IV-D of the Social Security Act, Section 2301.35 of the Ohio Revised Code, and Ohio Administrative Code rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Human Services, the CSEA is authorized to contract with public or private agencies for the purchase of services. The following are the terms of the agreement.

1. **Purchase of Services:** Subject to terms and conditions set forth in this agreement and the attached Exhibits (such exhibits are deemed to be a part of this agreement as fully as if set forth herein), the CSEA agrees to purchase for, and Provider agrees to furnish to eligible individuals those specific services detailed in Exhibit I.
2. **Purpose:** The CSEA and Provider agree to coordinate services detailed in Exhibit I, and to make all reasonable efforts to coordinate with other service providers to establish a cooperative, comprehensive county plan for effective enforcement of child support.
3. **Contract Period:** This agreement will be effective from February 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003, inclusive unless otherwise terminated. In no case may the Contract period exceed one (1) year. Contract periods may be agreed upon for less than one (1) year.
4. **Availability of Funds:** The CSEA represents that it has adequate funds to meet its obligations under this agreement; that it intends to maintain this agreement for the full period set forth herein and has no reason to believe that it will not have sufficient funds to enable it to make all payments due hereunder during such period; and that it will use its best effort to obtain the appropriation of any necessary funds during the term of this agreement. However, payments for all services provided in accordance with the provisions of this Contract are contingent upon availability of nonfederal and federal matching funds as follows:

	AMOUNT	SOURCE
Nonfederal Matching Funds	\$10,200.00	Incentive & State Subsidy
Federal Matching Funds	\$19,800.00	Incentive
Total	\$30,000.00	

(A) Provider warrants that any costs incurred pursuant to this agreement will not be allowable to or included as a cost of any other federally financed program.

(B) The CSEA warrants that the nonfederal share is not provided from any source which is prohibited by state or federal law.

5. **Cost and Delivery of Purchased Services:** Subject to the limitations specified in Article 4 hereof and as detailed in Exhibit III, the amount to be paid for such purchased services will be based on the following criteria:

A negotiated \$ 70.00 per hour for provision of service.

6. **Fees:** If applicable, shall be charged as detailed in Exhibit I.
7. **Eligibility for Services:** Current and past public assistance recipients or those who have completed a IV-D application form.
8. **Payment for Purchased Services:** The Provider shall submit an invoice and cost statement to the CSEA on a monthly basis. Format of the cost statement is attached as Exhibit II.
9. **Subcontracting:** When deemed necessary to deliver services of the quantity and quality specified in Exhibit I, the Provider may subcontract. All such subcontracts shall be in the same form as this agreement and subject to the same terms, conditions, and covenants contained herein. No such subcontracts shall in any case release the Provider of its liability under this agreement. Provider is responsible for making direct payment for such services.

10. **Termination:**

(A) In the event that the Provider does not faithfully and promptly perform its responsibilities and obligations under this agreement, as determined by the CSEA, the CSEA may terminate the agreement by providing the Provider with written notice thirty days in advance of the termination date.

(B) In the event that the CSEA does not faithfully and promptly perform its responsibilities and obligations under this agreement, the Provider may terminate the agreement by providing the CSEA with written notice thirty days in advance of the termination date.

(C) Notwithstanding Sections (A) and (B) of this Article, this agreement may be terminated by mutual agreement at any time after the date on which the two parties reach their decision.

(D) Notwithstanding Sections (A) and (B) of this Article, if the federal and/or nonfederal funds designated for the programs are not available to the CSEA in an amount adequate to support the activities under this agreement as determined by the CSEA, the CSEA may terminate this agreement. Such termination is not subject to advance written notice but will be effective on the date federal and/or nonfederal funds are no longer available, or later as stipulated by the CSEA, and all reimbursement to the Provider will cease as of that date.

(E) Notwithstanding Sections (A) and (B) of this Article, the CSEA may terminate this Contract immediately upon delivery of written notice to the Provider if the CSEA has discovered any illegal conduct on the part of the Provider.

(F) In the event of termination under this Article, the Provider shall be entitled to compensation, upon submission of a proper invoice, for the work performed prior to receipt of notice of termination, which shall be calculated by the CSEA based on the rate set forth in Article 5, less any funds previously paid by or on behalf of the CSEA. The CSEA shall not be liable for any further claims, and the claims submitted by the Provider shall not exceed the total amount of consideration stated in this Contract.

11. **Independent Contractors:** Providers, agents, and employees of the Provider, including subcontractors, will act in performance of this agreement in an independent capacity, and not as officers or employees or agents of the State of Ohio or the CSEA.

12. **Duplicate Billing:** Provider warrants that claims made to the CSEA for payment for purchased services shall be for actual services rendered to eligible individuals and do not duplicate claims made by Provider to other sources of federal funds for the same service.

13. **Financial Records:** The Provider shall maintain independent books, records, payroll, documents, accounting procedures and practices which sufficiently and properly reflect all direct and indirect costs of any nature expended in the performance of this agreement. Such records shall be subject at all reasonable times for inspection, review, or audit by duly authorized federal, state, and CSEA personnel. Such records shall also be subject to inspection by the individual or entity selected for any audit activity required under Article 16 of this Contract.

14. **Expensed Equipment:** Equipment which has been expensed rather than depreciated during the Contract period must be transferred to the CSEA when the equipment is no longer needed to carry out the work under this Contract or a succeeding Contract. In lieu of equipment being transferred, the appropriate residual value may be transferred to the CSEA.

15. **Availability and Retention of Records:** Providers shall maintain and preserve all financial and eligibility determination records related to this agreement, including any other documentation used in the administration of the program, in its possession for a period of three years after final payment, and/or will assure the maintenance of such for a like period of time in the possession of any third party performing work related to this agreement, unless otherwise directed by the CSEA. If an audit, litigation, or other action involving the records is started before the end of the three-year period, the records must be retained until all issues arising out of the action are resolved or until the end of the three-year period, whichever is later.

16. **Responsibility for Audit Exceptions:** Provider agrees to accept responsibility for receiving, replying to, and/or complying with any audit exception by appropriate state or federal audit directly related to the provisions of the agreement.

17. **Confidentiality:** Provider agrees that information concerning eligible individuals shall only be used in support of the IV-D program. Disclosure of information for any other purpose is prohibited except upon the written consent of eligible individual.

18. **Equal Employment Opportunity:** In carrying out this Contract, the Provider shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status. The Provider shall ensure that applicants are hired, and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, national origin, ancestry, color, sex, age, disability, or Vietnam-era veteran status. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship.

19. **Indemnity and Insurance:** (when applicable)

(A) **Indemnity:** Provider agrees that it will at all times during the existence of this agreement indemnify and save harmless the CSEA, the Ohio Department of Human Services, and the Board of County Commissioners, or county administrator designated under section 305.30 of the Revised Code, of the county in which the CSEA is situated against any and all liability, loss, damage, and/or related expenses incurred through the provision of services under this Contract.

(B) **Insurance:** Provider agrees to contract for such insurance as is reasonably necessary to adequately secure the persons and estates of eligible individual against reasonable foreseeable torts which could cause injury or death.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF
BELMONT METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Motion made by Mr. Olexo, seconded by Mr. Probst authorizing Commission President Mark A. Thomas to approve and sign the Environmental Review Record FY-01-CFP 501-01 for the Belmont Metropolitan Housing Authority. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the review on modernization funds before any modernization work can be completed.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: OPENING COMMENTS TO THE VILLAGE RESIDENTS**

President of the Board of Commissioners, Mark A. Thomas thanked all the residents present for the "very well attended meeting. It pleases all of us that you have taken an interest in county government." He continued, "We are happy to be here, thank you for the inviting us and we look forward to the comments. Since there is such a large crowd, we are asking if you could - please limit your questions and comments to five minutes if possible." Commissioner Probst stated " I echo Commissioner Thomas's remarks. It is a pleasure to be back here in Morristown. Thanks to the Village officials for inviting us back. We are here on behalf of you and will do our best to help in whatever manner we can." Commissioner Olexo also thanked the residents and commented, "These are your meetings, we are here to listen to your concerns and to answer your questions." Commissioner Thomas added, "With the large number of people in attendance, I ask that only one person speak at a time. Please be courteous to the speaker. Issues may get heated, but please only one person speak at a time."

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: VILLAGE OF MORRISTOWN**

Mayor Todd Graham welcomed those in attendance and stated, "Welcome everyone to historic Morristown. We are glad to have the Commissioners here." Mayor Graham then introduced the Board to the Public, and turned the meeting over to Chip Brienza. Mr. Brienza stated, "We have a large variety of refreshments and hope this sets the tone for the meeting. One in which people have an opportunity to participate in a neighborly, friendly, productive way."

Commissioner Thomas read the following letter to the Village of Morristown:

January 30, 2002

The Honorable Todd Graham
122 East Main Street
Morristown, Ohio 43759

Re: Letter of Support

Dear Mayor Graham:

The Belmont County Commission, and its Department of Development, by this correspondence, publicly supports the Village of Morristown's efforts to provide proper disposal of sanitary waste, and its continued attempts of securing funding for this infrastructure improvement.

As you are aware, the County Commissioners have prioritized, for infrastructure improvements, the area west of the city of St. Clairsville, Ohio, on U.S. Route 40 to the Exit 208 Interchange. As you further know, said project has begun in Richland Township, and is working westward towards the Village. We anticipate the project being completed no later than the fall of 2002.

We compliment you and the citizens of Morristown for your continued planning efforts. We hope your efforts are rewarding and it improves the quality of life for your residents, as well their health, safety, and welfare.

By signature of this letter, the Belmont County Commissioners officially support your efforts to secure funding from and/or all eligible state and federal programs. We wish you success on your endeavors and will work with you to effectuate a completion date as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Mark A. Thomas /s/ _____
Mark A. Thomas, President

Charles R. Probst, Jr. /s/ _____
Charles R. Probst, Jr.

Ryan E. Olexo /s/ _____
Ryan E. Olexo

Commissioner Thomas introduced the elected officials and county employees who were in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Brienza stated, "Welcome to historic Morristown. We are glad to be given the opportunity to participate in the Commissioners meeting by offering information and education." Mr. Brienza continued by informing the public and the Board about information pertaining to the "Help America Vote Act". He stated, "Congressman Ney decided last year this needed to be done to change the ballot machines. Congressman Ney is a rising star." Mayor Graham then read a Proclamation honoring the efforts of Congressman Ney on the passage of the Help America Vote Act. The Proclamation was presented to Mr. Robert Olexo, District Representative of Congressman Ney. Mr. Brienza then stated, "This is a great way to begin! I would like to explain the strategy that we have tried to use in our community to create opportunities and tell you what we are celebrating. This marks the beginning of our two hundredth birthday here in Morristown. Morristown has been designated as a priority site in the National Historical Scenic Byway Plan - "The Pioneer Road to the West is still on the road to the future." Mr. Brienza continued by explaining the steps the village has taken to arrive at the goals that have been accomplished and stated, "We hold this up as an example to show how working together - you can achieve!" He went on to tell about the upcoming celebrations they have planned for this year.

Commissioner Thomas stated, "If there is anything the Board can do to help, please call. These improvements will not only benefit the community but Belmont County as well."

Mr. John Rataiczak stated, "I am amazed at what a small group with a common cause can accomplish. This is a sign of what can happen when a community works together for the success of that community." He continued with the plans the Village has for the upcoming year. Commissioner Thomas wished the Village continued success in their endeavors.

**IN THE MATTER OF INTRODUCTION OF
JACOB FIESLEY, AREA BUSINESSMAN**

Chip Brienza introduced Jacob Fiesley, a local teenager who has created a web site for the Village of Morristown. Mr. Brienza stated, "Jacob is going to put Morristown into the 21st century by putting Morristown on the internet. Another partnership has been created, the web site will be hosted by First Net, who has agreed to partner with Morristown. This historic village on the road to the west is still on the road to the future."

Commissioner Thomas stated, "Anything the Board can do, please let us know. We thank you Jacob, for your initiative and your drive. Not only do you improve Morristown but Belmont County as well."

**IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD
RE: LONG WALL MINING IN BELMONT COUNTY**

Michael Bianconi, public citizen, stated, "I have questions on a different subject, not the Committee on Aging. As the Commissioners have stated, there are other issues in the county. I would like to ask some questions regarding long wall mining. I am against long wall mining. I am for block and pillar mining. Long wall mining is destructive to the Earth and doesn't do anything to enhance the Earth. I am adamantly against it. I wondered what the stance of the Board was. What is the County Commissioners stance on this issue? Where is it going? We need to protect the homes and property of our county."

Commissioner Thomas stated, "The Commissioners did attend the public hearing and chose not to speak as we had previously filed our objection in writing to Columbus. We are against long wall mining. First and foremost, is the residents and their homes. Also Fox Commerce Industrial Park is 99.9% complete, there are also issues with the Belmont County Fair Grounds - all of these are within the affected areas of the proposed longwall mining. We have had many discussions with Mr. Murray, individual conversations. We are trying to reach a happy medium - that would allow the Board to achieve its goal while allowing Mr. Murray's jobs to be preserved in Belmont County. The coal jobs can be preserved and new jobs created as well through the new Fox Commerce Industrial Park. There is great potential for good paying jobs, which would allow our youth to stay in the area. Mr. Murray has filed a permit with the State of Ohio. We will continue to do all we can under the Ohio Revised Code to defeat this permit - to stop the proposed mining. We want to protect the people who live here. We are not opposed to the traditional style of mining. This is an ongoing issue."

Commissioner Olexo stated, "Most here could trace a family member who was involved in coal mining. It is very important to understand that coal has a long rich history in our area. Our stance is that we are against long wall mining. We are not against miners, that is not the case. We will be opposed to long wall mining as long as the safety of our residents is concerned."

Commissioner Probst stated, "We are working towards a resolution on this issue. It is sad we must choose but we are caught in a dilemma. The coal jobs, which are vitally important to everyone and the Fox Commerce jobs - which were needed yesterday. We may have to wait one, two, or three years for a decision. The Fox Commerce Industrial Park and the Fair Grounds, we need those jobs today. We are in an uphill battle with Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel. Hopefully some type of an agreement can be reached. Mr. Murray has chosen to forego mining under Raven Rocks and Dysart Woods. The Industrial Park is on hold, we have

stopped the installation of the natural gas. We have interested tenants -as soon as we find out something we'll let that out."

Mr. Bianconi stated his opposition to long wall mining and thanked the Board for their comments.

Commissioner Thomas stated, "The problem with long wall mining is in Ohio it is legal. Until there are changes made, we are fighting an uphill battle. Since this Board took office, thirteen months ago, it has been our number one issue. We are trying to reach an amicable solution. The northern part of the Industrial park, perhaps thirty acres, won't be mined, even if the rest is long walled that part will not be. We could develop one third of the park, there have been lost jobs already because of the situation. Until legislators change the laws we have to live with it."

A Smith Township resident stated, " What about Smith and Washington Townships? They were completely long walled and no one cared. Now that it is near St. Clairsville, everyone is all up in arms." Commissioner Thomas stated, "Personally I do not know." Commissioner Olexo stated, "I am from Smith Township and it has been a concern of the residents. The permits were issued many years ago."

Commissioner Thomas stated, "Perhaps information was not brought to the Board and if that was the case, there is nothing a Board can do if the information is not brought before them. The second issue is the public property issues. Secondary to the resident's issues is the public property - such as the fairground, the Industrial Park, and the Board of MR/DD. Because these are public properties they have been discussed when the media was present - accounting for the news coverage. Just speculating but I would guess this area is more highly populated, and perhaps more outspoken."

IN THE MATTER OF DISCUSSION HELD

RE: SENIOR CITIZEN ISSUES

Ms. Lois McDowell asked if there were any new updates on the senior services issues in Belmont County. Commissioner Thomas stated, "Belmont County Committee on Aging, there is nothing new. Our consultants are in to view the agency. We need time to let the consultants do their jobs while making sure the seniors are getting their services."

A resident questioned the recent purchase of the Mediterranean Building, near Morristown, asking, "The money was suspect. The idea, there is nothing wrong with it. Some have said it is not in the right location. I think it is. Let's let some of the business of Belmont County come west. The townships struggle to get along."

There were questions raised pertaining to which department, (county or township) would govern the care of the road going to the Mediterranean Building. He said, "Please don't use Issue II monies to pave it." Commissioner Thomas stated, "The Commissioners are cognizant of your concerns. Everywhere we go in the County we hear, "We are ignored." Everyone wants a piece of the pie. The Mediterranean is on hold pending the results of our consultants' findings. If we determine we will utilize that facility, Mr. Bennett the County Engineer will be in contact with you."

Another resident stated, " The senior services issues that have been being discussed are penny ante. They are not worthy only to Mr. Bianconi. They can do nothing but be detrimental to anyone. Is this a dry well?" Commissioner Thomas stated, "Everyone is entitled to their comments. There are issues. It is our duty to resolve issues, and we are doing so. One step we are taking is the consultants. We want to find out what exactly is going on. Our first and foremost goal is that the seniors receive the services they are entitled to and deserve. As long as I sit here, this will continue to be our goal. This is one issue on a huge plate. The employees of the Committee on Aging do an excellent job at providing services. Very much in their favor is the concern for the seniors, over themselves. We are gong to resolve it, it doesn't happen overnight. It has been ongoing for many years."

Commissioner Probst stated, "At this point, there have been some allegations made. We are investigating those complaints. Just like we would with any agency." A resident stated, "That is not the case here. Most are innocent until proven guilty." Commissioner Thomas stated, "I caution you to not believe all you read or hear in the media. They do a good job covering the meetings. There is always another side to every story. Remember newspapers are in business to sell papers. Please allow us to do our job and we will get the issues resolved."

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING

THE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING AT 7:41 P.M.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Olexo to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Olexo	Yes
Mr. Probst	Yes

Read, approved and signed this 1st day of February A.D., 2002.

_____ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, Mark A. Thomas and Darlene Pempek, 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

