

St. Clairsville, Ohio

August 16, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in regular session. Present: Charles R. Probst, Jr., Gordie W. Longshaw, and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Assistant Clerk of the Board. Minutes of the meeting of August 9, 2006, were read, approved and signed. *\*Note Commissioner Thomas joins meeting after it has already commenced.*

**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. Probst, 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.

<u>Claim of</u>	<u>Purposes</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A-Bartnicki's Service	June & July Gasoline/General Fund	830.10
Columbia Gas	Misc. service/General Fund	80.03
Diane Day	Typed transcript/General Fund	19.25
Jayne Long	Meal-Safety Council/General Fund	9.00
John Markus	Reimburse expenses-Juvenile Ct./General Fund	250.54
B-American Electric Power	July service/Dog and Kennel Fund	449.32
G-Belmont County Tourism Council	August operating expenses/Lodging Excise Tax Fund	20,000.00
K-Lash Excavating & Paving	06-4 Furn & Apply Liquid Bituminous/MVGT Roads Fund	28,969.50
N-BBR Drilling	06-1 Slip Repair/Rd & Bridge Improvements Fund	119,207.68
BBR Drilling	06-2 Slip Repair/Rd & Bridge Improvements Fund	232,475.00
BBR Drilling	05-07 Slip Repair/Rd & Bridge Improvements Fund	14,025.00
Lash Excavating & Paving	Asphalt/Road & Bridge Improvements Fund	9,082.20
Ohio-WV Excavating Co.	06-3 Slip Repair/Rd & Bridge Improvements Fund	216,202.00
P-Lansing Trailer Sales	Equipment Trailer-EMA/State Homeland Security Grant Fund	7,000.00
S-Hughes Xerographic	Reimburse exp-Juvenile/Juvenile Court Computer Fund	937.00
Walz Postal Solutions	Invoice-Juvenile/Juvenile Court Computer Fund	589.52
W-Staples	Computer Accessories/Victim Assistance Fund	200.06
Y-American Electric Power	Services/Water and Sewer District Fund	170.53
Eastern Ohio Regional Wastewater Authority	Sewage Disposal/Water and Sewer District Fund	35,185.11
Georgia Sanders	Travel & Expense/Water and Sewer District Fund	193.58
Municipal Utilities	Purchased Water/Water and Sewer District Fund	397.44
Scantron Corp.	Repairs/Water and Sewer District Fund	872.08
Tri-County Water Authority	Purchased Water/Water and Sewer District Fund	896.58
Victory White	Services/Water and Sewer District Fund	21,058.35
Xerox Corp.	Supplies/Water and Sewer District Fund	394.00
Yorkville Board of Trustees of Public Affairs	Sewage Disposal/Water and Sewer District Fund	397.29

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for August 16, 2006 as follow:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
A-GENERAL	\$13,542.00; \$5,646.87; \$8,895.32; \$782.16; \$29,046.91; \$1,329.05; \$183.74
	\$1,127.34; \$641.00; \$550.80; \$18,959.76; \$22,919.10; \$781.77
GENERAL/Attorney Fees	\$12,710.79
GENERAL/EMA	\$1,456.61
E-911	\$5,685.36; \$1,207.79
H-Job & Family, CSEA	\$17,846.59; \$11,220.40
Job & Family, Public Assistance	\$42,359.79; \$733.15; \$41,070.56; \$1,753.71; \$3,805.19; \$4,206.24; \$2,682.58
	\$477.79; \$72,736.34; \$4,373.40; \$1,524.55
Job & Family, WIA	\$31,465.25
County Home, Park Health	\$73,205.55
K-Engineer's MVGT	\$19,308.08; \$40,901.60; \$1,882.89
S-Juvenile Court-Restitution	\$1,143.84
Job & Family, Children Services	\$33,708.92
Oakview Juvenile Residential Center	\$9,258.14
P-Belmont Co. Sanitary Sewer District	\$3,994.28; \$7,472.95; \$14,811.01; \$484.55
EMA	\$19,305.87
Satellite/Eastern Court	\$585.90
Oakview Admin. Bldg.	\$2,312.79; \$1,346.51
S-District Detention Home	\$6,010.41; \$6,644.00
S-Juvenile Court-Special Projects	\$690.29
Litter/Recycling	\$3,080.16
Sheriff Commissary	\$2,500.51

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfer of funds within the Belmont County General Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-0250-A006-H05.000 Ambulance Service	E-0051-A001-A03.010 Supplies	\$1,000.00
E-0250-A006-H05.000 Ambulance Service	E-0051-A001-A09.000 Advertising	\$1,500.00
E-0250-A006-H05.000 Ambulance Service	E-0051-A001-A28.000 Other Expenses	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
		<b>\$6,500.00</b>

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF TRANSFER WITHIN FUND FOR THE BCDJFS PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the BCDJFS Public Assistance Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2510-H000-H08.004 GR Wrks' Com	E-2510-H000-H04.000 Contract	\$ 41,356.60
E-2510-H000-H12.003 PERS	E-2510-H000-H07.000 Purchase of services	50,000.00
E-2510-H000-H12.003 PERS	E-2510-H000-H03.012 Equipment	10,000.00
E-2510-H000-H09.000 Facilities	E-2510-H000-H11.000 Travel	20,000.00
E-2510-H000-H16.006 Hospitalization	E-2510-H000-H15.005 Medicare	30,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 151,356.60</b>

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 BCDJFS WIA AREA 16 FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following transfer within fund for the BCDJFS WIA AREA 16 Fund.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2610-H008-H01.000 Belmont Co. DJFS-WIA	E-2610-H008-H04.000 Jefferson Co. DJFS-WIA	\$ 109,215.45

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 BELMONT COUNTY DJFS CSEA ADMIN FUND H010**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the following transfer within fund for the Belmont County DJFS CSEA Admin Fund H010.

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2760-H010-H01.002 (Salaries)	E-2760-H010-H13.001 (Contracts)	\$10,000.00
E-2760-H010-H02.000 (Travel)	E-2760-H010-H13.011 (Contracts)	\$3,000.00
E-2760-H010-H04.012 (Equipment)	E-2760-H010-H13.001 (Contracts)	\$3,000.00
E-2760-H010-H05.010 (Supplies)	E-2760-H010-H13.001 (Contracts)	\$3,000.00
E-2760-H010-H08.004 (Workers Comp)	E-2760-H010-H13.001 (Contracts)	\$1,000.00

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 ENGINEER'S MVGT FUND**

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

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
E-2811-K000-K07.000 Expenses	E-2811-K000-K06.000 Travel	\$ 1,000.00

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 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>WWS#2</b>	<b>WWS#2</b>	
E-3701-P003-P31.000 Other Expenses	E-3701-P003-P23.011 Contract Services	2,000.00
<b>SSD#2</b>	<b>SSD#2</b>	
E-3705-P053-P16.074 Transfers Out	E-3705-P053-P07.011 Services	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>

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 GENERAL FUND**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following additional appropriation in accordance with the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, as revised by the Budget Commission under the date of August 9, 2006.

**E-0257-A015-A14.000 Attorney Fees \$ 30,000.00**

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF REPAYMENT OF CASH ADVANCE OF FUNDS  
FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY JUVENILE COURT**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the following REPAYMENT OF CASH ADVANCE of funds for the Belmont County Juvenile Court as follows:

<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
SUPREME COURT FAMILY DRUG COURT	GENERAL FUND		
E-0400-M077-M08.075 Advances Out	R-0400-A000-A48.575 Advances In	5,089.52	5/3/06
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5,089.52</b>	

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to execute payment of Then and Now Certification dated August 9, 2006, 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. Probst	Yes
Mr. Thomas	Yes
Mr. Longshaw	Yes

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

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Probst to request the Belmont County Budget Commission certify the following monies. CDBG FUND - \$26,748.00 paid into R-9702-T011.T05.501 CDBG Chip Grant on 8/10/06, Drawdown #331, Grant #B-C-05-007-1 and #B-C-05-007-2

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Probst granting permission for county employees to travel as follows: BELMONT CO. 911 – Cliff Sligar, Doyle Crooks, and Robyn Marshall to Newark, OH, on August 29-30, 2006, for training with EmergTech on updates to Computer Aid Dispatch system.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** –State Representative Allan Sayre was present and Commissioner Probst gave the public an opportunity to speak with him.

**10:30 Agenda Item: Bid Opening–Belmont Sewage Lift Station & Force Main**

**IN THE MATTER OF BID OPENING  
FOR BELMONT SEWAGE LIFT STATION AND FORCE MAIN/  
BELMONT COUNTY SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT**

**BID OPENING**

This being the day and 10:30 a.m. being the hour that bids were to be on file in the Commissioners' Office for the Belmont Sewage Lift Station and Force Main for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District, they proceeded to open the following bids.

<b>COMPANY</b>	<b>BID BOND</b>	<b>BID AMOUNT</b>
<b>Ohio-West Virginia Excavating</b> PO Box 128, Powhatan Point, OH 43942	X	\$919,639.50
<b>Glen James &amp; Sons</b> 3000 Dillon School Drive, Zanesville, OH 43701	X	\$518,348.49
<b>Nicolozakes Trucking &amp; Construction, Inc.</b> PO Box 670, Cambridge, OH 43725	X	\$624,070.16
<b>The James White Construction Co.</b> 4156 Freedom Way, Weirton, WV 26062	X	\$740,502.00

Present for the bid opening were Jeff Vaughn, Project Engineer; Jim Nicolozakes, Nicolozakes Trucking; Dan James, Glen James & Sons, Mark Esposito, BCSSD Director; Eric Ayres, Times Leader;

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to turn over all bids received for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District's Belmont Sewage Lift Station & Force Main Project to David Grum, Project Coordinator, Mark Esposito, Director, and Jeff Vaughn, Project Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – Mr. Ed Jagucki asked if the architects report regarding renovating the old county jail had been received. Commissioner Probst advised him the report has been received, is being reviewed and will be presented at the next meeting. Helen Stanford invited Commissioners to attend the organizational meeting regarding county records being stored at the Mediterranean Building. It will be held Thursday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. Bob Rush presented pictures of slips on County Road 56. He said County Engineer Fred Bennett did not think the slips were that bad but the residents disagree. Mr. Rush stated his wife drives a school bus on that road and thinks it’s unsafe. Commissioner Probst asked if the Engineer had given residents a timeline for repairs to the road and Mr. Rush said he had not.

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR PROJECT 06-6 RESURFACING CO. HWYS. 4 & 12/ BELMONT CO. ENGINEER**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to award the bid for Belmont County Engineer Project 06-6 Resurfacing County Highways 4 & 12 to the low bidder, Lash Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$237,998.70, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, County Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR PROJECT 20-1 RESURFACING IN MEAD & YORK TOWNSHIPS/BELMONT CO. ENGINEER**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to award the bid for Belmont County Engineer Project 20-1 Resurfacing Various Highways in Mead & York Townships to the low bidder, Lash Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$87,281.26, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, County Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR PROJECT 20-2 RESURFACING IN PEASE & RICHLAND TOWNSHIPS/BELMONT CO. ENGINEER**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to award the bid for Belmont County Engineer Project 20-2 Resurfacing Various Township Highways in Pease & Richland Townships to the low bidder, Lash Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$106,869.63, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, County Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AWARDING BID FOR PROJECT 20-3 RESURFACING IN SOMERSET TOWNSHIP/BELMONT CO. ENGINEER**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to award the bid for Belmont County Engineer Project 20-3 Resurfacing Somerset Township Road T-2 to the low bidder, Shelly & Sands, Inc., in the amount of \$45,988.25, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, County Engineer.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF MR. CURT WACH AS A CASE MANAGER FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners serves as co-appointing authority for the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services;  
**WHEREAS**, in this capacity, the Board has the authority to establish compensation and benefit levels and authorize any hiring and/or other employment changes, and  
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Belmont County Board of Commissioners does hereby grant the Director of the Belmont County Department of Job and Family Services the authority to hire Mr. Curt Wach as a case worker in the agency’s Public Assistance Division. Mr. Wach will be employed as a full-time permanent bargaining unit employee. His wage compensation shall be in accordance with the salary schedule as indicated in the current bargaining unit labor contract.

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to adopt the foregoing resolution this 16th day of August, 2006.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF THREE (3) SEPARATE PROPERTIES CONVEYED TO BELMONT COUNTY THROUGH FORFEITURE OF REAL ESTATE IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to acknowledge receipt of deeds to three (3) separate properties listed below that have been conveyed to Belmont County pursuant to Court Orders for forfeiture of real estate in criminal proceedings per O.R.C. 2933.41.

- Robert A. Jasmin, Jr. (married), Wheeling Township, James A. Stewart (single), Bridgeport, Gale L. Francis, Sr. and Hanna D. Francis, (husband and wife), Barnesville

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF BELMONT CO. SANITARY**

**SEWER DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTION TO GIS DEPT.  
FOR TAX MAP CONVERSION PROJECT**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the request from the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District to contribute \$30,000.00 to the Belmont County GIS Department to go towards the 2006 tax map conversion project.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING  
THE HIRING OF MARIE KOCHER AS A  
FULLTIME EMPLOYEE IN THE BELMONT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the hiring of Marie Kocher as a fulltime employee in the Belmont County Commissioners office, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective August 14, 2006, subject to the required 120-day probationary period.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSAL FROM CDW-G FOR  
REPLACEMENT OF A WIRELESS ACCESS POINT FOR  
BELMONT CO. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to accept the proposal from CDW-G in the amount of \$854.99 for the replacement of a wireless access point for the Belmont County Sheriff's Department, based upon the recommendation of Scott Horne, MIS Coordinator.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the minutes of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners regular meeting of: June 28, 2006.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF SPECIAL MEETING OF  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to hold a special meeting of the Belmont County Board of Commissioners on Friday, September 8, commencing at 11:00 am, at the main entrance to the Belmont County Fairgrounds.

Note: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 am at the Courthouse.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

***Commissioner Mark Thomas joins meeting.***

**11:24 a.m. – AGENDA ITEM -Martin Gould, President of the Belmont County Port Authority Board, is present to give their Board's recommendation on hiring of the new position of Belmont County Port Authority Director.**

Mr. Gould said the Port Authority Board consists of himself as President , Mr. Dan G. Jones, Secretary, Ms. Lisa Kay Armann-Blue (Powhatan), Treasurer, Mr. William A. Knox, (Barnesville) and Mr. Michael Schucker (St. Clairsville).

Mr. Gould stated that the Port Authority Board received 37 applications, conducted 9 interviews, and had 3 applicants return for a second interview. Their unanimous decision for Port Authority Director was Mr. Larry Merry, along with Mr. Bill Morgan as Assistant Director. After their extensive research, they felt these two were the best candidates. Mr. Gould stated, "We feel these two individuals compliment each other very, very well." Commissioner Thomas thanked the entire Port Authority Board on behalf of the Commissioners. He also noted the Port Authority Board has been around in Belmont County since the mid 70's, but had become stagnant and the Board of County Commissioners felt it vital that they reinstitute the Port Authority and appoint individuals who were dedicated, along with Commissioners, for economic development in Belmont County. He noted the five individuals are not paid and they have taken an inordinate amount of time to thoroughly review all resumes and applications that were delivered to the Commissioners office. Commissioner Thomas further stated, "We had a great, great group of applicants and this Board, (the Port Authority Board) spent a lot of time going through that process, going through the interview process and we just want to express, all three of us, how important it is to us and how thankful we are to date. The job is not over though. There's a lot of work as we go forward. In as much as we are committed to economic development on a total package in Belmont County, and I want to stress on behalf of my colleagues also, this moving forward with the Belmont County Port Authority, as I should say, gives no lost luster, if you will, on our commitment to the Belmont County Department of Development and the CIC of Belmont County." Commissioner Thomas continued, "The Commissions' goal is to have each entity work hand in hand with each other. It's done throughout the State of Ohio. We are not creating a novel idea here." Commissioner Thomas further noted, "We have had great support of Eva Lunder and the CIC Board. The sole issue here is economic development and the future of Belmont County."

Commissioner Longshaw also extended his thanks to the Port Authority Board for their time and effort. "We thank you for the future of Belmont County."

Commissioner Probst stated, "I echo Commissioner Thomas and Commissioner Longshaw's comments. "As Commissioner Thomas said, 'We are very serious about economic development.' He continued, "We are putting a team together that we hope is second to none around the State of Ohio in promoting Belmont County." Commissioner Probst noted, "Mr. Merry comes with a very, very impressive resume over his tenure at Muskingum County Port Authority. "I don't want to be the person to put the black cloud over Belmont County in terms of this hiring, but there are a few concerns that I have with this hiring of Mr. Merry, and also with some funding issues that we haven't really cleared up at this point." "We don't think there is going to be a problem funding these two positions". "It's just something we need to work out with the Auditor, and our schedules have not allowed us to do that, to finalize that as of yet." "Larry, you come with a very impressive resume." "I'm just trying to be up front with you." "There are some things that somewhat overshadow your success in Muskingum County and that does

**11:24 a.m. – AGENDA ITEM -Martin Gould, President of the Belmont County Port Authority Board, is present to give their Board’s recommendation on hiring of the new position of Belmont County Port Authority Director. (cont’d)**

concern me.” “Even though the Port Authority Board has done a wonderful job on their interview, and you and Mr. Morgan are their choices for this position, I cannot support you today in your hiring until I do some more research.”

Commissioner Thomas said that he along with the Port Authority Board and Commissioner Longshaw had extensive discussions regarding this position and the individuals on the slate for approval. “When we came to the final decision, we were focusing on economic development, not focusing on the past.”

**IN THE MATTER OF HIRING A DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR BELMONT CO. PORT AUTHORITY BOARD**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to accept the recommendation of the President of Port Authority, on behalf of the Board, to hire Larry Merry as the Director of the Belmont County Port Authority, the salary as negotiated will be \$65,000.00 per year, and to hire Bill Morgan as the Assistant Director of the Port Authority at a salary of \$50,000.00 per year, both subject to the customary 120-day probationary period. Commissioner Thomas continued, “At that time, during that current time, the Board can continue to, if need be, determine what direction we may be going forward here with the Port Authority. In addition to that, the gentlemen would be subject to Belmont County benefit package as presented. Mr. Merry is prepared to begin his position on or about August 21<sup>st</sup> of this year, and Mr. Morgan, who will be relocating from Michigan, is prepared to begin his position on or about September 5<sup>th</sup> of 2006. The Port Authority office will be located at 121 Newell Avenue, directly behind the Courthouse.”

*Note: Commissioner Probst states, “I fully support Mr. Bill Morgan as the Assistant Director, but as I stated, I am not going to repeat my previous comments in regards to Mr. Merry, but I stand by that, but I do support the hiring of Mr. Bill Morgan.”*

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Mr. Thomas Yes  
Mr. Longshaw Yes  
Mr. Probst No

**1:15 P.M. Agenda Item: Road View-Road Improvement 1096**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF MONROE ST. AND CHURCH STREET IN MT. OLIVETT/WARREN TWP/ SECTION 11-T-8, R-6/RD IMP 1096** **Office of County Commissioners Belmont County, Ohio**

**Journal Entry--Order Upon view of Proposed Improvement ORDER TO COUNTY ENGINEER**

Rev. Code. Sec. 5553.06

Petitioned for by freeholders and others

Mr. Thomas moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, On the 16th day of August, 2006, the time heretofore fixed for view of the proposed improvement, we, the Board of County Commissioners having jurisdiction in said matter, went upon the line of said proposed improvement and made personal view of the proposed route and termini thereof, and after full investigation and due consideration of all the facts and conditions pertaining thereto; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we do find and consider said improvement of sufficient public importance to instruct the County Engineer to make an accurate survey and plat of the same, and furnish an accurate and detailed description of the proposed improvement describing the center line and right of way lines thereof.

Said County Engineer shall also furnish an accurate and detailed description of each tract of land which he believes will be necessary to be taken in the event the proposed improvement be made, together with the name of each owner.

Said County Engineer shall also, at the time of making such survey, set stakes at the termini of each right of way line and at all angles between such termini, and at sufficient other points on the right of way lines so that the bounds of the proposed improvement may be discernible to property owners and other interested persons; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the said County Engineer be and he is hereby directed to make a report in writing to this Board, on or before the 21st day of August, 2006 the date fixed for the final hearing, setting forth the opinion of said County Engineer either for or against said proposed improvement, <sup>2</sup> and the width to which said improvement shall be opened, which shall not be less than thirty feet; said report shall be accompanied by said plat and detailed and accurate descriptions, and filed with the County Commissioners, and this case is continued unto said date.

Mr. Longshaw seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

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

Adopted August 16, 2006

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:59 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 21st day of August, 2006.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

We, Charles R. Probst, Jr., and Jayne Long, President and Assistant 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.

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PRESIDENT  
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ASSISTANT CLERK