

St. Clairsville, Ohio

September 8, 2006

The Board of Commissioners of Belmont County, Ohio, met this day in Special Session. Present: Charles R. Probst, Jr., Gordie W. Longshaw and Mark A. Thomas, Commissioners and Jayne Long, Assistant Clerk of the Board.

***SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT
BELMONT COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS***

**IN THE MATTER OF ALLOWANCE OF BILLS
AS CERTIFIED IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

"BILLS ALLOWED"

No bills presented at this meeting.

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM – Commissioner Probst welcomed all to the meeting and explained a regular business meeting was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006, in order to devote more time to the fair meeting. Commissioner Thomas noted the Board is setting a trend in Ohio with holding meetings at the County Fair. Commissioner Longshaw stated it was a pleasure to be there and recognize the work of the Fairboard.

Steve Schumacher, OSU Extension Educator, introduced Ty Justice, President of the Fairboard; Jane Keyser, of the Personnel Dept.; and new Extension Office staff members, Michelle Shipe, 4-H Coordinator, and Christy Hagin, Bookkeeper. Also present was Polly Loy, Family & Consumer Science Educator.

Presentation by Sue West, 4-H Programs Assistant-"Edible School Yard"

Sue West, 4-H Programs Assistant, gave a presentation on a pilot program known as the "Edible School Yard." This program was held at the Bellaire Elementary School during the past school year. Ms. West explained that two, raised, outdoor garden beds were created and maintained by the 3rd Grade students who then harvested their crops and enjoyed a salad made with fresh, organic vegetables they had grown. According to Ms. West, outdoor classrooms have proven to decrease ADD symptoms, obesity and stress and that the elements of math, spelling and science can all be incorporated into this type of gardening project. The program helps educate children and their families about the benefits of eating healthy.

Commissioner Probst introduced Larry Merry, Port Authority Director and Bill Morgan, Assistant Director. A resident asked what the Port Authority does. Mr. Merry responded that he will be working on job retention and creation in bringing additional jobs to Belmont County. He said he has a farming background and realizes the importance of farming in this area. He will work to find more sites for economic development. Commissioner Probst said in speaking with commissioners from all over the country, they found it hard to believe that Belmont County only had one person working on economic development. Commissioner Probst said the county is hopeful that the Port Authority will help bring in bigger businesses and will assist local communities with grant writing.

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING
AUDITOR JOSEPH A. PAPPANO TO ESTABLISH
A NEW FUND FOR THE BELMONT COUNTY
PORT AUTHORITY**

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw authorizing Belmont County Auditor Joseph A. Pappano to establish a new fund for the Belmont County Commissioners entitled

BELMONT COUNT PORT AUTHORITY

The following line items are needed:

Revenue Receipts:

Reimbursements

- Other Receipts
- Advances In
- Transfers

Appropriations:

- Salaries
- Hospitalization Insurance
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Travel Expenses
- Marketing/Promotion
- Professional Services/Research
- P.E.R.S.
- Worker's Compensation
- Other Expenses
- Advances Out
- Transfer Out

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:33 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 13th day of September, 2006.

_____ 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.

_____ PRESIDENT

_____ ASSISTANT CLERK