

St. Clairsville, Ohio

January 3, 2007

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 December 27, 2006, were read, approved and signed.

**MEETINGS ARE NOW BEING RECORDED**  
**ALL DISCUSSIONS ARE SUMMARIZED, FOR COMPLETE PROCEEDINGS**  
**PLEASE SEE CORRESPONDING TAPE FOR THIS MEETING DAY.**

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

**"BILLS ALLOWED"**

The following bills having been certified in the Auditor's office, on motion by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas, 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>
S-Belmont Senior Services	January expenses/In Home Care Levy-Comm on Aging Fund	190,308.26

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

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Recapitulation of Vouchers dated for January 3, 2007 as follow:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
None submitted.	

**OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** – Dave Jones was present to ask about progress on the Carnes Center lease. Commissioner Thomas advised there has been a lease prepared as of yesterday and commissioners each have copy. Requested changes range from minor cosmetic changes to major changes with regard to insurance, liability, and liens, etc. A second draft has been requested for today but has not been received at this time. Commissioner Thomas said the Park District will also need to review the same. Dave Jones requested that a copy of the second draft be faxed to him when ready. Mr. Jones also stated that Grae-Con Construction has been paid off and the Park District is now waiting on tourism monies from lodging excise tax to pay other bills. Commissioner Thomas stated the board needs to do a lot of research on the tax issue. The existing Carnes Center budget for 2007 will need to be amended, and before any tax would be raised, the research needs to have been done to determine what it is going to take to operate this facility.

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING A BLANKET**  
**TRAVEL REQUEST FOR BELMONT CO. ENGINEER**  
**AND ENGINEER'S DEPT. EMPLOYEES**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve a blanket travel request for the Belmont County Engineer and Engineer's Department employees for the purpose of attending various meetings and training and to obtain parts and supplies for use in conjunction with the operation of the department as needed during the year 2007.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE USE OF**  
**FORCE ACCOUNTS/ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Probst moved the adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it be determined by the Belmont County Board of Commissioners that the health, welfare and safety of the people of Belmont County can best and most efficiently be served by force account in matters pertaining to maintenance, repair, construction and reconstruction of Belmont County roads, bridges and culverts; and

**WHEREAS**, for all proposed force account work involving the construction or reconstruction of a road, including widening and resurfacing, or for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance or repair of a bridge or culvert, the Engineer shall prepare an estimate to assure that the cost of force account projects will not exceed said limits in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5543.19; and

**WHEREAS**, if it is determined by the Engineer's estimate that the proposed force account work does not exceed the force account limits as prescribed by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That Fred F. Bennett, Engineer of Belmont County, is hereby authorized to employ labor and proceed by force account in the maintenance, repair and reconstruction of roads, bridges and culverts in Belmont County during the year of 2007.

2. That the Belmont County Board of Commissioners reserves unto themselves the right and authority to make all purchases of materials and equipment required in the maintenance, repair or construction of roads, bridges and culverts in Belmont County during the year 2007, except that as the Board may from time to time, by resolution, delegate such purchasing authority to Mr. Bennett, Belmont County Engineer.

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

Mr. Probst	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Longshaw	<u>Yes</u>

Adopted this 3rd day of January, 2007.

**IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A 3% PAY INCREASE TO ALL FULL-TIME BELMONT CO. COMMISSIONERS GENERAL FUND EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMPLETED ONE YEAR OF SERVICE**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to grant a three percent (3%) pay increase to all full-time Belmont County Commissioners General Fund employees who have completed one year of service, effective with pay period ending January 20, 2007. This includes the following departments: Commissioners Office Staff, Jail Nurses, Maintenance and Housekeeping, Belmont County Divisional Courts, Emergency Management Agency.

All General Fund departments have been allocated a three percent (3.0%) increase in their salary line items to be distributed at the discretion of the Appointing Authority.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING PAYMENT TO STREET ENGINEERING & SURVEYING/BCSSD PROPOSED WATERLINE ALONG ORCHARD DRIVE**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to approve the payment to Street Engineering & Surveying in the amount of \$10,240.00 for engineering and inspection fees for the Belmont County Sanitary Sewer District's Proposed Waterline Along Orchard Drive, based upon the recommendation of David Grum, Project Consultant.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING AND SUBMITTAL OF THE CERTIFICATION OF EEO COMPLIANCE FORM/BELMONT CO. SHERIFF'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw, as the Subgrantee, to authorize the signing and submittal of the Certification of EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) Compliance Form for the Belmont County Sheriff's Domestic Violence grant, OCJS Subgrant No.: 2006-WF-VA2-8412.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S "JOHN J. HAVLICEK GYMNASIUM"**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Probst to adopt the resolution in honor of the Bridgeport School District's "John J. Havlicek Gymnasium."

**RESOLUTION  
IN HONOR OF THE  
BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S  
"JOHN J. HAVLICEK GYMNASIUM"**

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2007, the Bridgeport School District students, faculty, employees and administrators will officially move into their new multi-million dollar campus complex; and,  
WHEREAS, on January 6, 2007, they are celebrating the opening of their brand new gymnasium when the Bridgeport Bulldogs basketball team plays the Beallsville Blue Devils; and  
WHEREAS, while at Bridgeport High School, John J. Havlicek starred in basketball, baseball and football and was an All-State selection in three sports; and  
WHEREAS, while attending The Ohio State University, Mr. Havlicek continued his success and was a collegiate All-American in basketball whose team won the NCAA Championship in 1960 and were runners-up in both 1961 and 1962; and,  
WHEREAS, after his senior season at Ohio State, Mr. Havlicek was drafted by the Cleveland Browns and the Boston Celtics; and  
WHEREAS, John J. Havlicek had a stellar career with the Boston Celtics and is named one of the NBA's 50 Greatest Players;  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Belmont County Commissioners, on behalf of all county residents, do hereby join in the celebration of the dedication of the Bridgeport School District's "**John J. Havlicek Gymnasium.**"  
Adopted January 3, 2007

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF SAMANTHA CARROLL, BELMONT CO. RECYCLING & LITTER PREVENTION PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

Motion made by Mr. Longshaw, seconded by Mr. Probst to accept the resignation of Samantha Carroll, Belmont County Recycling & Litter Prevention Program Director, effective December 29, 2006.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF  
FINAL PLAT FOR PASTORAL DRIVE (PRIVATE)  
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP, SEC 33,T-6, R-3**

Present for the hearing were Fred Bennett, Belmont County Engineer; Ruth Graham, Drafting Technician; Joselyn King of The Intelligencer and Kim North of The Times Leader. Mrs. Graham advised of a problem that has come up due to the fact Mrs. Dutcher, who is the sub-divider, is in the hospital and her signature is not on the plat. The mapping itself is fine, but lacks signatures, including Mr. Bennett's.

Motion made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to grant **conditional** approval for the Final Plat for Pastoral Drive (Private), Richland Township, Sec. 33, T6, R3 pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 711.05, based upon the recommendation of Fred Bennett, Belmont County Engineer and subject to the signing of the final plat by Mrs. Dutcher, the sub-divider. The County Commissioners will sign the same once the final plat is approved and signed by Mrs. Dutcher.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**BREAK**

**11:15 A.M. Agenda Item-Subdivision Hearing**

**IN THE MATTER OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL        **"Hearing Had-11:15 A.M."**  
FOR FIRST ADDITION TO HAVENWOOD  
SUBDIVISION / UNION TOWNSHIP SEC 21, T-8, R-5**

Present for the hearing were Fred Bennett, Belmont County Engineer; Ruth Graham, Drafting Technician; a Union Township Trustee; Joselyn King of The Intelligencer and Kim North of The Times Leader. Ms. Graham said this is for the attachment of eight (8) more building sites.

**"FINAL PLAT APPROVAL"**  
*O.R.C. 711.05*

Motion made by Mr. Probst to grant the final plat for the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, this day there was presented to the Board for approval the Final Plat for First Addition to Havenwood Subdivision, Union Township, Section 21, T-8, R-5, which appears to be regular in form and approved by the proper parties;

**THEREFORE**, said plat is hereby approved, upon recommendation of the County Engineer and with concurrence of the Township Trustees.

Mr. Longshaw seconded the motion and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNING  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING AT 11:21 A.M.**

Motion made by Mr. Probst, seconded by Mr. Longshaw to adjourn the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

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

Read, approved and signed this 10th day of January, 2007.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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We, Mark A. Thomas 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