

## **Belmont County Jail**

In compliance with Section 341 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Belmont County Sheriff is empowered as the keeper of the County Jail. The Belmont County Jail is a one hundred forty-four (144) bed, full-service jail. It can house one hundred twenty (120) male prisoners and twenty-four (24) female prisoners at any given time. Prisoners confined in the jail include those charged with every type of criminal offense from the most minor traffic charge to those facing capital punishment. These include Prisoners awaiting trial or sentencing, transfer to a state institution, fugitives awaiting return to other states, and those inmates awaiting probation or parole revocations. The Belmont County Jail provides services for the Belmont County Sheriff's Office, police departments countywide, and other federal agencies. The Belmont County Jail is currently operated under the direction of Jail Administrator Brent Carpenter, and Assistant Jail Administrator Stan Galownia. The staff consists of Jail Lieutenant Jarrett Weeks, four (4) Jail Sergeants, four (4) Jail Corporals, and sixteen (16) full-time Jail Corrections Officers. We also have one (1) Jail Transport Sergeant and four (4) Jail Transport Deputies that deal with daily court transports, doctor's appointments, and picking up and dropping off inmates from other facilities. There is also one (1) Jail Inmate Support Officer. The Belmont County Jail is medically equipped to handle minor emergencies in-house with the assistance of a medical staff consisting of seven (7) nurses and a 24-hour on-call doctor. Major emergencies are handled by the jail physician in conjunction with a local hospital emergency room.

## **FAQ**

### **1. How do I write to an inmate in the Belmont County Jail?**

To write to an inmate in the Belmont County Jail:

Inmate's name  
c/o Belmont County Sheriff's Office  
68137 Hammond Road  
Saint Clairsville, Ohio 43950

### **2. How do I set up a visitation to see an inmate?**

On site visitation for all prisoners is 30 minutes long and each prisoner is only allowed one (1) visit per week (Sunday to Sunday). Our visitation days are on Thursdays and Sundays. To make an appointment contact the county jail at (740) 695-5124. We do not start taking appointments for visits until each Monday morning at 6:00 am. Any minor visiting an inmate must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian, unless he/she has been emancipated by the court and documentation to show same.

The Belmont County Jail also has video visitation. Each inmate is permitted up to two video visits per day. This can be done from any computer and/or smartphone subject to a fee. There is no fee if the video visitation takes place at the Jail. **Please see attached .PDF File** for additional information and instructions on same. The time of day these visits are permitted is provided at the time you log on to register for a visit.

### **3. How do I put money on an inmate's commissary account?**

There are several ways to put money on an inmate's account. Money can be dropped off in the sheriff's office lobby at the kiosk. The kiosk only accepts five-dollar bills or higher, debit and/or credit cards. A valid I.D. Card or Driver's License is also required.

Money orders are accepted through the mail and must be made payable to the inmate, or you can go to [www.accesscorrections.com](http://www.accesscorrections.com) to add money electronically. You may also call 1-866-345-1884 (access corrections) You will also need to know the inmates I.D. Number, the I.D. Number can be obtained from our web site or by calling the Jail and requesting the information.

### **4. When is the Jail Commissary?**

Commissary is conducted on Tuesdays and Fridays.

In order for an inmate to receive commissary, they must have money on their account no later than Sunday at 7:00 A.M. and Wednesday at 7:00 A.M.

### **5. How do I bond someone out of jail and who can I call for a bondsman?**

The method of bonding someone out of jail is dependent upon the type of charges he or she was arrested on. A cash bond requires the amount of the bond to be paid in full. Payment must be in the form of cash only. A surety bond can be paid in the same fashion, or a bonding company can be used. For this type of bond you will be required to come up with a portion of the cash amount and provide collateral, or something of value, equal to the remaining amount. The bondsman will work out all necessary arrangements with you, and then present the necessary paperwork to the jail to initiate the release of the inmate.

All persons who are bailing out any individuals in the Belmont County Jail are subject to a one-time \$3.00 non-refundable fee and a state mandated \$25.00 bond fee. If paying by cash, you must have exact change as the county jail will not be able to make change for you.

A list of approved bonding companies for Belmont County may be obtained by calling the Belmont County Jail at 740-695-5124.

### **6. Can inmates receive phone calls?**

Incoming calls or messages to the inmate will not be accepted. However inmates have access to telephones during the day and can call you. If the inmate has received disciplinary confinement phone calls may be allowed only one time a day. In the case of a medical emergency within the inmate's family, you can call the jail and ask for the shift supervisor who will verify the emergency and may allow the inmate a special outgoing phone privilege. Any additional assistance with setting up a prepaid account, please contact I.C. Solutions at 1-888-506-8407 or [www.icsolutions.com](http://www.icsolutions.com)

### **7. Can I bring in clothing and hygiene items for the inmate?**

Inmates are provided clothing for the duration of their incarceration. If an inmate is indigent, a packet consisting of a comb, deodorant, toothbrush, soap, and toothpaste is provided to the inmate. Additionally, all feminine hygiene items will be available for female inmates. All other hygiene items can be purchased by the inmate from the Commissary. If an inmate is going to appear in court and you wish to bring him or her clothes for trial, you can have the inmate's attorney or public defender make the necessary arrangements. The Jail will not accept any clothing and/or personal property for an inmate being housed in another facility or treatment program. You must make contact with that facility and follow their guidelines for same.

### **8. I've been sentenced to incarceration on weekends or work release, what do I do now?**

As soon as you have been sentenced by the court(s) to do weekends or work release you need to contact the Inmate Support Officer at 740-695-7933 Ext 155. to make the proper arrangements and/or payments. This should be done a week prior to your reporting date to jail. No one will be approved or allowed to start their work release until all the proper paper work has been completed and employment verified. Everyone on work release will be subject to random drug testing at the inmate's expense.