



## BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, August 13, 2026, 10:03 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent prayer.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kessling asked that everyone in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

### OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Guyer and Madison Murtiff (Commissioners), Sam Dunkle (Court Admin), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Sarah Seymour (Elections), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/Highway), Matt Hale (Prison), A.C Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controllers), Eric Malloy (CYF), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Scott Bailey and Jennifer Walters (APO), Lisa Logan (Register/Recorders), DeAnna Heichel and Devin Saylor (Assessment), Carol Hartman (SASMG), and Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held of 08/12/2026 at approximately 11am with commissioners, and Chief Clerk to interview for one open position

An executive session was held 8/12/26 at 1pm with the Commissioners, CYF Director, HR Analyst regarding the bargaining of one CBA.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Webster attended Ag progress days at PSU. It's always wonderful to see what they are doing for our largest industry, and we are appreciative of being able to attend.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Resolution 156-- 2026:

- a. Ratification of the following twelve (12) Warrant Lists:

| EFFECTIVE DATE | WARRANT NUMBER | AMOUNT       |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 07/20/2026     | 260630TX       | \$960.39     |
| 08/03/2026     | 260803HI       | \$671,983.64 |
| 08/03/2026     | 260803FS       | \$2,097.82   |
| 08/01/2026     | 260801FN       | \$117,016.69 |
| 08/04/2026     | 260804DA       | \$1,130.00   |
| 08/06/2026     | 260806RF       | \$456.03     |
| 08/10/2026     | 260810AA       | \$284,894.82 |
| 08/07/2026     | 260807ML       | \$260.27     |
| 08/11/2026     | 260811SS       | \$436,468.22 |
| 08/11/2026     | 260811CY       | \$20,909.80  |
| 08/11/2026     | 260811TC       | \$185,629.80 |
| 08/11/2026     | 260811WW       | \$616,498.69 |

Which includes payments to the following:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the amount of \$2,494.16

- b. Ratification of total Payroll for the paycheck dated 08/07/2026 in the total amount of \$1,027,880.94.

- c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover inmate lodging at the Centre County Prison:

| From                                     | \$          | To                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 01101GCO-41999 General County Operations | \$22,125.00 | 01209PO-45080 Prison |

- d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover White Oak Hall Improvements:

| From                               | \$       | To                         |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| 01103BM-46030 Building Maintenance | \$959.80 | 08607-46030 Fort Roberdeau |

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|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|--|
| e. | <u>2026 Budget Transfer: To cover HVAC work at the Elections Building:</u> |            |                        |  |
|    | From                                                                       | \$         | To                     |  |
|    | 01103BM-46060 Building Maintenance                                         | \$4,715.94 | 011062-46030 Elections |  |

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|--|
| f. | <u>2026 Budget Transfer: To cover July worker's compensation and background checks:</u> |          |                              |  |
|    | From                                                                                    | \$       | To                           |  |
|    | 01101GCCO-42000 General County Operations                                               | \$225.00 | 113201-42000 CYF             |  |
|    | 01101GCCO-42000 General County Operations                                               | \$45.00  | 01160WK-42000 Judge Kagarise |  |
|    | 01101GCCO-42000 General County Operations                                               | \$45.00  | 01209PO-42000 Prison         |  |

g. Commissioners: Ratification of a Letter of Support to Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp) for a Main Street Matters grant-to-loan application for the Penn Central project in Altoona, Pa.

h. Salt Storage Building: Requesting approval for payment #4 to John Claar for Salt Shed Building Project in the amount of \$113,651.13.

i. Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project:  
Requesting approval of ECMS submissions Invoice #29, Part 3, Construction Consultation, in the total amount of \$9,702.34, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

j. Bridge #73/T-349 Bridge Removal Project:  
Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #12, Part 1, PE Phase, in the total amount of \$14,766.28, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

| K. <u>Status Notice:</u> |                |           |             |                 |                              |               |                     |
|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Type                     | Effective Date | Last Name | First Name  | Dept            | Position                     | Status        | Rate                |
| Employment               | 08/10/26       | Beigntol  | Kelley R.   | APD             | Parole and Probation Officer | FT, Norexempt | \$19.35             |
| Employment               | 08/10/26       | Cox       | Ian M.      | Sheriff         | Deputy                       | FT, Norexempt | \$19.35             |
| Employment               | 08/10/26       | McCarthy  | Rachel E.   | Public Defender | Assistant Public Defender    | FT, Exempt    | \$1,942.31/biweekly |
| Separation               | 08/03/26       | Apblas    | Trinitie N. | Sheriff         | Corporal                     | FT, Norexempt | \$21.21             |
| Separation               | 08/03/26       | Frederick | Iacob I.    | Prison          | Corrections Officer          | FT, Norexempt | \$23.50             |

Commissioner Burke abstained from payments to Hollidaysburg Borough due to conflicts of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved with the abstentions as noted.

1.

**STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

a. Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group:  
Carol Hartman requested approval to submit the FY 2024/2025 County Early Intervention Income and Expenditures Report to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Financial Operations.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

b. Court Admin:  
Sam Dunkle requested approval to submit a FY 2025/2026 Grant Application to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for the use of camera installation at Central Court during the 2026 calendar year in the amount of \$18,934.90.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

c. Adult Parole:  
Scott Bailey requested approval to accept the FY 2026/2027 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Justice Reinvestment Initiative 2 (JRI-2) grant #49696 award in the amount of \$405,800.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

d. Social Services:  
i. Melissa Gillin requested approval of FY 2026/2027 Renewal Contracts between the County of Blair and the agencies listed for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

| Agency                | Contract Amount                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Blair Senior Services | Maximum Contract Amount \$50,000.00 |

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| Blair Health Choices | Maximum Contract Amount \$100,000.00 |
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Commissioner Burke abstained due to conflicts of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved with the abstentions as noted.

- ii. Trina Illig requested approval of the Exempt Status Determination form and Environmental Review Record for the pre-construction activities to be undertaken for the Storm Sewer Improvements in the Village of Frankstown.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

- iii. Trina Illig requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the Annual Re-Evaluation for Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation for FFY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

e. Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Agreement for Payment on Legal Services between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Matthew Dombrosky, Attorney for Law Offices of Lucas A. Kelleher, LLC, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$90.00 per hour.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.

- ii. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Agreement for Purchases Under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Honey & Home Cleaning Co., for the period of June 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027 at the rates set forth in the contract.

Commissioner Webster voted nay on the contract with Honey & Home Cleaning Co.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved with nay vote as noted.

- iii. Eric Malloy requested approval of a Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of Children, Youth and Families, and Deviney & Wilt for legal representation for the period of September 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at the rate of \$100.00 per hour.

Commissioners Burke abstained due to conflicts of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved with the abstention as noted.

f. Assessment:

DeAnna Heichel requested approval of a revised Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Assessment Office, RBA Professional Data Systems, Inc. and Harris Local Government for real estate tax billing software, annual maintenance, and support as outlined in the agreement, at a rate of \$5,906.25 for 2027.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.

g. Elections:

Sarah Seymore requested approval for the submission of a FY 2026/2027 application for the Election Integrity Grant Program (EIGP), in the amount of \$410,226.98.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.

h. Prison:

Matt Hale requested approval of an Amendment to the Content and Security Application Data Usage Agreement (Resolution 145-2026), Section 3.2, between the County of Blair and Encartele, to include "provider will continue to pay the Jailtracker maintenance monthly, in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 per month."

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

- i. Finance:  
Lindsay Dempsie requested approval of a MSRB Rule G-1.7 Conflict of Interest Disclosures Notice received from RBC Capital Markets, LLC.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

- j. IT:  
Don Weakland requested approval of a Change of Reseller Agreement between the County of Blair and SHI International Corp. authorizing the transfer of the County's Microsoft Enterprise licensing account from CDW Logistics LLC. to SHI International Corp.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

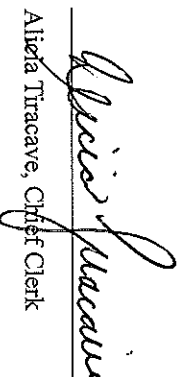
- k. Commissioners: (Alicia Tiracave)  
Alicia Tiracave requested approval to transfer a Certificate of Title from the County of Blair to the Blair Drug and Alcohol Program for a 2009 Haulin Trailer.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS - None

ADJOURN

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

  
Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk