



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, July 2, 2026, 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Commissioner Kessling asked for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kessling asked that everyone participating in the meeting stand recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Assistant Chief Clerk Guyer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Sarah Seymour (Elections), Matthew Hale (Prison), Cris Fredrickson (Public Safety/EMA), Tricia Johnson and Tyrus Young (Social Services), Eric Malloy (CYF), Kyle Brashear (Human Resources), Lisa Logan (Register/Recorders), James Ott (Sheriff), Rich Huether (Blair County Conservation District), Jessica Reilly (HALAS), and Bonnie Knouse and Cristi Waltz (Public).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bonnie Knouse- 140 Angus Lane Altoona PA 16602. Ms. Knouse stated that her son was incarcerated in the Blair County Prison from May 27th to June 28th. She felt he received inhumane treatment during his incarceration. According to Ms. Knouse, the prisoners were given child-sized portions of food, rodent droppings on the trays, rodents in cells, and mouse holes in commissary snacks. He was only once provided with a tablet, and it was taken from him and never brought back. He had no privacy to speak to his attorney.

Commissioner Kessling responded to Ms. Knouse that Blair County employs a registered dietician who co-ordinates the meals at the Blair County Prison and to ensure the prisoners' daily food requirements are met. He stated that every prison has rodents and the County has done everything they can to lessen the rodent population. If an inmate reported that the snacks they received from the commissary had rodent damage, the snacks would be exchanged. There are no personal tablets in the prison and inmates are required to share the tablets that are available. He confirmed that according to records, her son was able to communicate daily via a tablet. Finally, Commission Kessling countered that if her son's attorney felt there was no privacy, then he should have, and would have, taken action regarding the situation at that time. Commissioner Kessling ended the discussion at this point.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Burke highlighted the events going on this weekend including America's 250 5k Race in Altoona, Clocktower Dedication Saturday July 4th at the courthouse, and lots happening at Fort Roberdeau.

Commissioner Webster wished a Happy 250 to all!

Commissioner Kessling encouraged everyone to get out and enjoy all that is happening over the holiday.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 149-- 2026:

a. Ratification of the following seven (7) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
6/2/2026	260622FS	\$2,029.77
6/26/2026	260626WX	\$11,388.44
6/23/2026	260623DA	\$656.25
6/25/2026	260625HR	\$10,013.70
6/30/2026	260630SS	\$276,114.57
6/30/2026	260630TC	\$319,289.69
6/30/2026	260630WW	\$820,736.15

- b. Ratification of total Payroll for the Paycheck dated 06/26/2026 in the total amount of \$1,078,711.71

- c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover Oak Hall HVAC Improvement:

From	\$	To
01103BM-46030 Building Maintenance	\$8,767.94	08607-46030 Fort Roberdeau

- d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover Inmate Lodging at Centre County:

From	\$	To
01101GCCO-41999 General County Operations	\$37,125.00	01209PO-45080 Prison

- e. Employments: Givler, Ronald A., PT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.35/hr., effective 6/29/2026. Sharrock, James G., PT, Historic Site Assistant I, Fort Roberdeau, \$12.60/hr., effective 6/29/2026.

- f. Separations of Employment: Mason, Marcus L., FT, Custodian, Public Works, \$20.04/hr., effective 5/27/2026. Elias, Melissa M., FT, Administrative Coordinator, Prison, \$18.81/hr., effective 6/23/2026. Hall, Anna M., FT, Director, Human Resources, \$2901.10/biweekly, effective 6/23/2026. Hocker, Edward D., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 6/26/2026. Stehley, Desiree D., FT Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 6/26/2026. Burns, Nicole, PT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$19.74/hr., effective 6/29/2026. Smith, Cameron L., FT, Clerk Typist II-Fiscal, CVF, \$14.77/hr., effective 6/29/2026.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. Blair County Farmland Preservation Board:

Richard Huether requested approval of a Service Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for the easement appraisal of the Jim and Carol Biddle - Church Farm in the total amount of \$1,750.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at the time of closing.

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

- b. Public Safety/EMA:

Requesting approval of the Hollidaysburg Farmers Market 2026 Vendor Registration and The Borough of Hollidaysburg Transient Business Permit allowing Megan Bickford to participate and promote mosquito and tick safety with Mosquito-bourne Disease Control educational materials.

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

- c. Prison:

Matthew Hale requested approval of the acceptance of the Bids received for the Blair County Prison Medical Service Provider, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

Vendor	Bid Amount Year 1	Bid Amount Year 2	Bid Amount Year 3
PrimeCare Medical Inc. Option 1	\$2,627,983.18	Base + CPI+1%	Base + CPI+1%
PrimeCare Medical Inc. Option 2	\$2,819,628.83	Base + CPI+1%	Base + CPI+1%
Armor Health	\$3,733,484.00	\$3,894,023.81	\$4,061,466.83
Mediko Correctional Health	\$3,834,713.00	\$3,949,754.39	\$4,068,247.02
CFG Health	\$4,340,864.00	\$4,514,498.00	\$4,695,078.00
Zenova Supplemental Telehealth bid	\$1,385,684.00	\$1,364,727.00	\$1,419,316.00

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

- d. Children, Youth and Families:

Eric Malloy requested ratification of a Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Evey Black Attorneys, LLC for Payment of Legal Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026, at the rate of \$135.00 per hour.

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

e. Social Services:

- i. Tricia Johnson requested approval to submit the 2026 Blair County MH/ID/EI Employees Compensation Plan.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- ii. Tricia Johnson requested approval of Amendment No. 2 to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Lead Hazard Reduction Grant #410098134, between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

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

- iii. Tricia Johnson requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the five (5) Site Specific Checklists Tier 2 Environmental Review Records (ERR) for Blair County Housing Rehabilitation Existing Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program for the units listed below:

Program Type	Case Number	Unit Location
CDBG/WHRP	#19-2678	500 West Second Street, Williamsburg, PA
CDBG/WHRP	#22-2851	236 Snowberger Lane, Hollidaysburg, PA
CDBG/WHRP	#19-2682	1852 Yellow Springs Drive, Williamsburg, PA
CDBG/WHRP	#WH230322-01	1310 Blair Avenue, Tyrone, PA
WHRP	#WH230621-1	2138 Sather Avenue, Tyrone, PA

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

f. Finance:

- i. Lindsay Dempsie requested approval to authorize Will Ross of T&F Exploration, LP to lock in an electric supply rate on behalf of the County.

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

g. Human Resources:

- i. Kyle Brashear requested approval of the COBRA Administration Proposal between the County of Blair and Leavitt Northeast Insurance with an effective date of June 1, 2026.

(Kyle Brashear)

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

- ii. Kyle Brashear requested approval of a Third-Party Administrative Contract between the County of Blair and Webber Associates authorizing Webber Associates to act as the County's third-party benefits administrator with an effective date of June 1, 2026

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

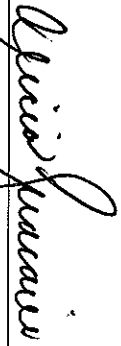
- iii. Kyle Brashear requested approval of a HIPPA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair and Leavitt Northeast Insurance dba Webber Advisors with an effective date of June 1, 2026.

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

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alicia Tiracave", written over a horizontal line.

Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk