



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, May 14, 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 participating in the meeting stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Lisa Auty (Highway), Nicholas Burket (Public Works/Facilities), Emily States (911), AC Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Eric Malloy (CYF), Cindy James (Social Services), Devin Saylor (Assessment), Amanda Humphreys (Blair Drug and Alcohol), Peter Gardella (Public), Jon Draeger (WTA)-TV), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Gardella asked about the status of the garden Shop next to the MDJ in Tyrone. He stated that he emailed the Commissioners three (3) times and did not get an answer back.

Commissioner Kessling responded that he does not recall receiving any emails from Mr. Gardella. He added that the county took back the property and gave the former tenant ample notice before they had to be out. Commissioner Kessling stated that he believes the former garden shop will be a multi-use property for the County. They are still trying to figure out what would be the best use of the property to meet the needs of the County.

AC Stickel stated that as chairman of the America 250 PA Blair County Commission, he has been working feverishly for 4 yrs to come up with ways to celebrate our semi quincentennial on July 4th, 2026. They have lots of things going on and he asked for people to follow their social media page and go to their website. There will be a big concert on June 20th, and in 51 days "we will party like it is 1776." Mr. Stickel offered everyone one of their activities books which NPC was kind enough to print 30,000 copies for students in Blair County.. and some for adults too!

Commissioner Kessling Thanked A.C. Stickel for everything he does for the county not only as the Controller, but also the many boards he serves on, and America 250.

Kay Stephens asked if item 7.b. Budget Transfer is the bill for housing inmates at Centre County Prison. She also asked if item f. Public Works/Highway is because the County did not spend the Liquid Fuels money on their own roads and bridges and now has to give it to the municipalities.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 143– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eleven (11) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
5/5/2026	260505SS	\$22,089.73
5/5/2026	260505TC	\$455,178.00
5/8/2026	260508AA	\$261,682.18
5/4/2026	260504FS	\$1,607.42
5/1/2026	260501ML	\$283.81
5/4/2026	260503FS	\$185.00
5/7/2026	260507HR	\$4,115.36
5/8/2026	260430PC	\$37,038.17
5/12/2026	260512SS	\$166,751.90

5/12/2026	260512CY	\$365,584.10
5/12/2026	260512WW	\$736,498.82

Which includes payments to the following vendors:

- Blair Senior Services in the amount of \$435.52.
- Hollidaysburg Borough in the total amount of \$3,571.86.
- Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the total amount of \$1,325.00.

b. 2026 Budget Transfer To cover Prison Non-Staff Lodging expenses:

From	\$	To
01101GCCO-41999 General County Operations	\$49,043.99	01209PO-45080 Prison

c. Salt Storage Building: Requesting approval of Payment Application #2 from John Claar Excavating in the amount of \$31,059.07.

d. Blair County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Foundation: Requesting approval for the use of the Courthouse courtyard area on Thursday, June 18, 2026, from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M., to conduct a Law Enforcement Memorial Service.

e. Employments: Balmforth, Michael A., FT, Director, Veterans Affairs, \$24.95/hr., effective 5/11/2026. Hollenbaugh, Laura L., FT, Clerk Typist I, CYF, \$13.79 hr., effective 5/11/2026. Zupon, Stephanie P., PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr., effective 5/11/2026. Pirkey, Kenton C., FT, Maintenance Technician-Truck Driver, \$21.38/hr., effective 5/11/2026. Standridge, Melissa J., FT, Department Support, Prothonotary, \$13.09/hr., effective 5/11/2026.

f. Separations: Lucas, Brett, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$22.66/hr., effective 5/11/2026.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to Blair Senior Services, Hollidaysburg Borough, and Thomas and Chandra Jandora due to conflicts of interest.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. Blair County Drug and Alcohol Programs, Inc:

Amanda Humphreys requested approval for the submission of a 2027 PennDOT Police Traffic Services (PTS) Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the total amount of \$98,326.61 and for Alicia Tracave to sign said Grant Application.

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

b. Prison:

Commissioner Kessling, on behalf of Shaun Edmundson, requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison, and Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies to implement the ReSTART program. Terms of said agreement are conditional based on available funding from the Bureau of Justice Administration's (BJA) Second Chance Act Community-Based Re-entry Program during the period of June 1, 2026 through May 1, 2029.

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

c. Children, Youth & Families:

Eric Malloy requested approval of the Agreement for Purchases Under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair, on behalf of Children, Youth and Families, and SERVPRO of Ebensburg for Restoration Services at 613 8th Avenue, Altoona, PA in the amount of \$2,165.04.

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

d. Public Safety-911E:

Emily States requested approval of a quote between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Department of Emergency Services, and Hoover's Spraying LLC for treatment with herbicide to five-5 tower sites in the total amount of \$1,861.25, for the period of February 28, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

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

e. Public Works/Facilities:

- i. Requesting approval for the Payment of the Invoice received Outside the County Purchasing Policy from Burke & Company LLC. d/b/a S.P. McCarl & Co., for labor incurred during the compressor replacement project beyond that which was covered under the warranty, in the total amount of \$300.00.

Commissioner Burke asked that this item be table due to a conflict of interest.

- ii. Nicholas Burket requested approval of a Revised Proposal between the County of Blair and Empire Communications Systems (Res. 141-2026) for additional material costs in the amount of \$373.00, for a total proposal amount of \$8,207.00.

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

f. Public Works/Highway:

- Lisa Auty requested approval for the County of Blair to distribute unused Liquid Fuels funds from 2021 and 2023 by way of a Forced Distribution to the Municipalities listed below up to the amount of \$887,288.23.

Municipality	Forced Distribution	Municipality	Forced Distribution
Allegheny	\$49,479.79	Taylor	\$21,458.27
Antis	\$52,589.60	Tyrone Township	\$18,325.54
Blair	\$31,160.00	Woodbury	\$24,355.02
Catherine	\$9,095.05	Altoona City	\$272,120.99
Frankstown	\$63,055.92	Bellwood	\$11,828.25
Freedom	\$26,067.50	Duncansville	\$8,563.60
Greenfield	\$28,048.97	Holidaysburg	\$34,249.43
Huston	\$15,122.22	Martinsburg	\$11,500.54
Juniata	\$11,047.60	Newry	\$1,529.59
Logan	\$92,800.97	Roaring Spring	\$14,490.18
North Woodbury	\$21,679.32	Tyrone Borough	\$31,915.93
Snyder	\$29,504.13	Williamsburg	\$7,299.82

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

g. Social Services:

- i. Trina Illig requested approval of the sub-recipient agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Department of Social Services, and the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center (GACTC) to provide workforce development assistance under the County of Blair Whole Home Repairs Grant Funding, in the amount not to exceed \$95,980.00, for the period of May 14, 2026 through November 30, 2026.

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

- ii. Trina Illig requested authorization for CEO, Commissioner David Kessling to sign the CDBG Flagged Activities Reporting Schedule-Reason for Delay and Remediation Plan for CDBG activity #57171 under Blair County's FFY2022 CDBG Contract #C000086463.

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

- iii. Cindy James requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Department of Social Services, and Coleen Heim Consulting Services at a rate of \$80.00 per hour for the period of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

- iv. Cindy James requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Department of Social Services, and The CARE Center, Inc. to provide usage of a Long-Term Structured Residence (LTSR) bed at a rate of \$57.22 per day for the period of March 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

- v. Cindy James requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Social Services, and Cambria County Behavioral Health and Developmental Support (BHDS) program to provide usage of a Long-Term Structured Residence (LTSR) bed at rate of \$221.43 per day for the period of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

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

h. Human Resources:

Kyle Brashhear requested approval to extend the Service Agreement (Res. 569-2024) between the County of Blair and Simpliverified LLC from December 31, 2025 to December 31, 2026.

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

i. Commissioners:

Lori Guyer requested approval for the County of Blair to accept the grant award for the 2025-2026 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program for the project listed below in the amount of \$25,000.00:

- Installation of a Simplex 4007es Addressable Fire Alarm System for the Blair County Transportation Facility on East Loop Road.

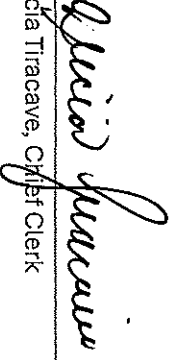
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk