



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, August 6, 2026, 10:02 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 Office), Lindsay Dempisie and Brandon Meck (Finance), Nicholas Burket (Public works/ Facilities), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Eric Malloy (CYF), , Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Angela Wagner (Controllers), Dennis Wisner (Blair Senior Services), Kay Stephens(Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 155– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following six (6) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
07/27/2026	260727FS	\$2,048.52
08/04/2026	260804SS	\$79,337.29
08/04/2026	260804CY	\$2,649.14
08/04/2026	260804WW	\$620,738.64
07/21/2026	260721SS	\$503.12
07/21/2026	260721WW	\$227,087.64

Which includes payments to the following:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the amount of \$26,411.64 and \$208.00.
- Blair Senior Services in the amount of \$503.12 and \$200,676.00.

b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover employee background checks:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$297.15	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.45	01160WK-42000 Judge Kagarise
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	01202-42000 Juvenile
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.45	01157-42000 Public Defender
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$68.90	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	34156-42000 Domestic Relations

c. Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project:

Requesting approval of ECMS submissions Estimate #1, in the total amount of \$97,695.09, and Estimate #2, in the total amount of \$254,224.19, received from CH&D Enterprises. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

d. Bridge #86/Brush Run Bridge Rehabilitation Project:

Requesting approval of ECMS submissions Estimate #1, in the total amount of \$99,163.83, Estimate#2, in the total amount of \$748.80, and Estimate #3, in the total amount of \$20,688.30, received from RAM Construction Services. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

e. <u>Status Notice:</u>												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Type	Effective Date	Last Name	First Name	Dept	Position	Status	Rate	New Dept	New Position	New Status	New Rate	
2	Employment 08/01/26	Clark	Kathryn L.	Prison	Correction Office	FT, Nonempt	\$23.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3	Employment 08/01/26	Dunio	Melissa J.	Court Admin, President Judge's Office	Law Clerk	FT, Exempt	\$19,852.16/annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4	Employment 08/01/26	Jones	Steven C.	Prison	Correction Office	FT, Nonempt	\$23.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
5	Employment 08/01/26	Smith	Rebecca G.	Prison	Correction Office	FT, Nonempt	\$23.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6	Employment 08/01/26	Tietzer	Michael R.	Prison	Correction Office	FT, Nonempt	\$23.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
7	Employment 08/01/26	Winters	Sybil A.	Prison	Administrative Support	FT, Nonempt	\$14.25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8	Separation 07/01/26	Faccetta	Jessica R.	CYF	Supervisor	FT, Exempt	\$2131.81/annually	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9	Separation 07/29/26	Miller	Marissa J.	Prison	Correction Office	FT, Nonempt	\$23.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
10	Separation 07/29/26	Rumboldt	Logan T.	Highway	Summer Help	Temporary	\$12.50	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
11	Separation 07/29/26	Schwartz	Dustin P.	Outreach		FT, Nonempt	\$19.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
12	Separation 07/29/26	Schwartz	Dustin P.	Outreach		FT, Nonempt	\$19.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
13	Separation 07/29/26	Schwartz	Dustin P.	Outreach		FT, Nonempt	\$19.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
14	Status Change 08/01/26	Landmann	Jamie-Lynn	Court Admin	Tessell	PT, Nonempt	\$14.03	APD	Position Office Aid	FT, Nonempt	No Change	
15	Status Change 08/01/26	Zink	Dave E.	Court Admin, Judge's Office	Tessell	PT, Nonempt	\$14.87	Court Admin	No Change	PT, Nonempt	No Change	

Commissioner Burke abstained from payments Hollidaysburg Borough and Blair Senior Services 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. Blair Senior Services:

Dennis Wisor requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair Senior Services, Inc.

Commissioner Burke abstained due to conflicts of interest.

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

b. Court Administration:

Chief Clerk Tiracave requested approval on behalf of Court Administration to submit a FY 2024/2025 Grant Application to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for the use of camera installation in Courtrooms #2, #3, and #5, in the amount of \$19,988.00.

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

c. Social Services:

Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Blair County Demolition Fund Disbursement in the amount of \$3,476.00 to Hollidaysburg Borough for the demolition of a barn located at 425 Beech Street within Hollidaysburg Borough.

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

d. Children, Youth and Families:

i. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Children's Aid Programs of Somerset County for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

ii. Eric Malloy requested approval of the Legal Services Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Thomas K. Hooper, Esquire as dedicated legal counsel of the Agency for case #2020-629, for the period of March 20, 2026 through final legal disposition of the assigned case, at the rate of \$135.00 per hour.

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

e. Safety Committee:

Nicholas Burkett requested approval for the submission of the Pennsylvania Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PComp) 2026 Salade Safety Improvement Program Grant Application for the purchase of four (4) radios and supporting equipment for the Blair County Highway Department in the amount of \$1,280.00.

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

- f. Public Works/Facilities:
Nicholas Burket requested approval of Change Order #1 to the Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and Carl Walker Construction for the Blair County Parking Garage project in the increased amount of 226,305.82. The revised total cost is \$2,211,353.44.

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

- g. Employee Wellness Committee:
Lindsay Dempse requested approval to submit a 2026 PComp Wellness Improvement Grant application in the amount of \$327.04.

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

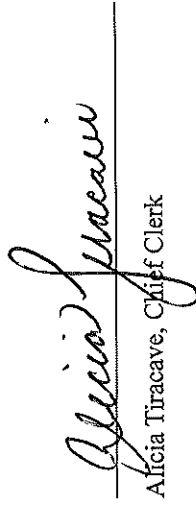
- h. Commissioners:
Alicia Tiracave requested approval for the award of the bids received for the Blair County Yard Sale.

Lot	Winning Bidder	Amount
Lot 1	John Walters	\$106.50
Lot 2	Michael Sheppard	\$6.00
Lot 3	John Walters	\$12.00
Lot 4	John Walters	\$36.00
Lot 5	Michael Sheppard	\$56.00
Lot 6	Ryan Schultz	\$200.00
Lot 7	John Walters	\$62.00
Lot 8	John Walters	\$46.00
Lot 9	Dan Wendle	\$87.00
Lot 10	John Walters	\$42.00
Lot 11	Nicholas Burket	\$50.00
Lot 12	John Walters	\$106.00
Lot 13	Ryan Schultz	\$50.00

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

2. OLD BUSINESS
None

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

