



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, July 9, 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 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

Madison Murtiff (Commissioners), Shaun Edmondson (Prison), Paul Shaffer (Highway), AC Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), Tricia Johnson and Cindy James (Social Services), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Brandon Meck (Finance), Patty Muriceak (Social Services), Jim Carothers (Treasurer), Mindy Hostler(CYF), Aimee Burns(NANI), Sean Burns (HOPE), Zebbin Brought, Cory Johnson, and Derek Schroeder (Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Webster stated that there would be a public meeting to address County Road 101 on Wednesday July 15th from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Greenfield Community Center the address is 122 senior drive Claysburg. This was already advertised as a public meeting but she just wants to see it somewhere to draw people's attention. The meeting is to show the plans for County Road 101. County Road 101 needs attention, it's a long road with several bridges, and cannot be done all at once. This is being done in phases. There were several bridges completed along with sections of the road. At this meeting they will show what will be done this year or next.

Commissioner Kessling reminded everyone that Big Boy arrived in town last night. He was out with the crowds and is pleased that everyone was following safety and security precautions and was staying 25 feet off the tracks. Public viewing would be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. today and tomorrow at the rose yard. The train will make its way around the horseshoe curve around 9:45 a.m. on Saturday. This is a good thing for our community and hotels and restaurants are full

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 150-- 2026:

- a. Ratification of the following thirteen (13) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
6/29/2026	260629FS	\$1,338.16
6/29/2026	260626RF	\$3,816.72
6/30/2026	260630CY	\$1,600.00
6/30/2026	260630DA	\$13,020.98
7/01/2026	260701RF	\$284.31
7/01/2026	260701FN	\$117,016.69
7/02/2026	260702HR	\$16,543.66
7/01/2026	260701HI	\$607,698.46
7/07/2026	260707SS	\$56,006.74
7/07/2026	260707CY	\$2,884.32
7/07/2026	260707TC	\$659,101.64
7/10/2026	260710AA	\$269,417.00
7/07/2026	260707WW	\$538,176.16

Which includes payments to the following:

- * Hollidaysburg Borough in the amounts of \$30,155.45 and \$133.00.
- * Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the amount of \$750.00.

b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover CYF legal services fee:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$97,500.00	113201-44080 CYF

c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover County vehicle maintenance:

From	\$	To
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$716.92	113201-44730 CYF

Commissioner Burke abstained from Hollidaysburg Borough and Thomas and Chandra Jandora due to conflicts of interest.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. 2025 Audit:

- i. Derek Schroeder, and Zeblin Brought of Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC presented the 2025 Audit Report.

Commissioner Kessling thanked the members of Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for the hard work they have done and we are appreciative. He also thanked A.C. Stickel, Lindsay Dempsie, and their staff. They all work extremely hard keeping everything in check and we would not be able to operate as a county without their leadership.

Commissioner Burke added that she gets questions about the reserve being healthy and why do we need to raise taxes and why can't various departments have a greater budget? We can't do that because we are planning for the worst-case scenario and we can't risk not having the reserve funds available. This becomes apparent as situations arise such as last year when the State went for a period of time without a budget and we were able to function using our reserve funds. Continuing to grow this healthy reserve is one of the biggest things she has seen since she became Commissioner, and this puts us in the best place we can be to address the risks that we face.

Commissioner Webster stated that we also do not have to worry about Tax Anticipation borrowing.

- ii. Commissioner Kessling requested approval for the acceptance of the 2025 Audit Report prepared by Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC.

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

b. Prison:

Shaun Edmundson requested approval for the award and rejection of the bids received for the Blair County Prison Medical Service Provider.

Vendor	Bid Amount Year 1	Bid Amount Year 2	Bid Amount Year 3	Award
Zenova Supplemental Telehealth bid	\$1,385,684.00	\$1,364,727.00	\$1,419,316.00	Reject
PrimeCare Medical Inc. Option 1	\$2,627,983.18	Base + CPI+1%	Base + CPI+1%	Reject
PrimeCare Medical Inc. Option 2	\$2,819,628.83	Base + CPI+1%	Base + CPI+1%	Reject
Armor Health	\$3,733,484.00	\$3,894,023.81	\$4,061,466.83	Award
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	

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

c. Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Mindy Hostler 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 Hoffman Homes, Inc., for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- ii. Mindy Hostler requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Family Services, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- iii. Mindy Hostler requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Alternative Living Solutions for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- iv. Mindy Hostler requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Renewal of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Bethany Christian Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- d. Social Services:
- i. Cindy James requested approval of a Property Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program between the County of Blair, Department of Social Services, Carletta Nicholson, and McFarland Remodeling & Construction for porch repairs located at 1828 11th Avenue, Altoona in the amount of \$7,500.00.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- ii. Cindy James requested approval of the FY 2025/2026 Contract Amendment #01 between the County of Blair & Hope, Opportunity, Purpose & Empowerment (H.O.P.E.) for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, increasing the maximum contract amount to \$140,000.00.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.
- iii. Cindy James requested approval of the FY 2025/2026 Contract Amendment #01 between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Social Services, and NAMI for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, increasing the maximum contract amount to \$120,000.00.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.
- iv. Cindy James requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Social Services and Deborah Lux, Esquire, to provide Mental Health Procedures Act legal representation for court appearances as court-appointed Mental Health Review Officer at a rate of \$200.00 per hearing for period of May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously 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 Zullinger-Davis-Trinh, P.C. Law Offices, to provide Mental Health Procedures Act legal representation for court appearances as court-appointed Mental Health Review Officers at a rate of \$160.00 per hearing for the period of May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, and a rate of \$175.00 per hearing for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.
- vi. Cindy James requested approval to submit the 2026/2027 Human Services Annual Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

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

- e. Public Works/Highway:
Paul Shaffer requested approval of a Road Maintenance and Dedication Agreement between the County of Blair and Juniata Township for County Bridge #81, located on Chappell Road (T-364).

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

- f. Commissioners:
Lori Guyer requested approval to place an advertisement for the Blair County Yard Sale.

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

Additions to today's agenda:

Commissioners:

- i. Commissioner Kessling requested approval to add an item to today's agenda citing exception #1 to the sunshine act. Due to the recent flooding, a county disaster declaration would allow communities that received damage to be eligible for any disaster relief that they might qualify to receive.

Roll Call vote to add the request to the agenda.

Commissioner Kessling voted yea, Commissioner Webster voted yea, Commission Burke voted yea and unanimously approved.

- ii. Commissioner Kessling requested approval of the Declaration of Disaster for July 5-6, 2026 flooding that took place in several municipalities in Blair County.

Commissioner Kessling asked if there was any public comment.

Kay Stephens asked if this covers the whole county?

Commissioner Kessling responded that he thinks it's only to two (2) municipalities. He knows the Declaration states "several" and he knows one is Tyrone.

Commissioner Burke added that Snyder Township is included as well. The actual Declaration is not specific.

Commissioner Webster stated we have a copy if Kay wants to look at it after the meeting.

Commissioner Kessling added that he understands there could be more coming in; we found out there was damage in Altoona as well. We may have to reach a threshold; they are collecting the data on that now.

Roll Call vote to approve the Declaration of Disaster for July 5-6, 2026 flooding that took place in several municipalities in Blair County.

Commissioner Kessling voted yea, Commissioner Webster voted yea, Commission Burke voted yea and unanimously approved.

- iii. Commissioner Kessling requested approval to add an item to today's agenda citing exception #4 to the Sunshine Act, due to the fact that time is of the essence on this project.

Roll Call vote to add the request to the agenda.

Commissioner Kessling voted yea, Commissioner Webster voted yea, Commission Burke voted yea and unanimously approved

- iv. Commissioner Kessling requested approval of a resolution authorizing temporary and permanent easements to undertake the Reconstruction of County Road #104, Cranberry Road, located in North Woodbury Township.

Commissioner Kessling asked if there was any public comment.

Kay Stephens asked if this was near the airport.

Commissioner Webster responded confirmed it is near the airport, and it has taken longer than we had hoped to get the required easements. We now have consents and signatures for all 4. What this does is then authorize us to pay each property owner \$50 each for taking up the easement.

Roll Call vote to approve a resolution authorizing temporary and permanent easement to undertake the Reconstruction of County Road #104, Cranberry Road, located in North Woodbury Township.

Commissioner Kessling voted yea, Commissioner Webster voted yea, Commission Burke voted yea and unanimously approved

Commissioner Burke added that the total for this is less than \$160.00. So, she thinks it may also qualify under unanimous exception but we are going with #4.

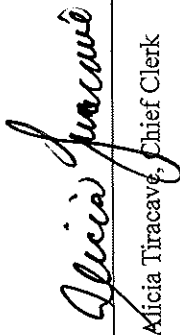
Commissioner Webster added she believes the total was \$157.50.

Resolution 152-2026: Approving a resolution authorizing temporary and permanent easements to undertake the Reconstruction of County Road #104, Cranberry Road, located in North Woodbury Township.

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

