



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, July 16, 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 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 Webster, and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT

Madison Murtiff and Lori Guyer (Commissioners Office), Eric Malloy (CVF), Patty Muriceak (Social Services), Cris Fredrickson (EMA), Kyle Brashear (HR), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), Joe Cox (PO), Angela Wagner (Controller), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/Highway), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on July 8, 2026, at approximately 1 p.m., with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Children, Youth, and Families Director Shannon Tucker, and HR Analyst Kyle Brashear to discuss a matter regarding the employment of one employee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Stephens stated she was interested in knowing why there is an increase of \$45,000.00 for the John Claar Excavating agenda item, and she would like more details about County Road 104.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENT

Commissioner Webster gave kudos to our emergency management agency and Cris Fredrickson for all the hard work they have done the last few weeks getting PEIMA and getting all the folks in Tyrone signed up for help. She also pointed out that when the Commissioners decided to take the particular steps they took to follow the process to change the membership of the Planning Commission, it enabled the County and the Planning Commission to then appoint a new director. It also enabled the Planning Commission to move forward on an emergency plan that had not been renewed by the Planning Commission, as it was supposed to be, for the last year and a half. Fortunately, we got the new planning commission, and we got everything in order and the emergency plan was approved in May. Had that not happened there would have been no help for those in Tyrone or anyone in any emergency. She pointed out that despite the criticism against the Commissioners, that if they had not done what they did, the County would have a lot of people in really dire straits right now. She is very happy they were able to get a new commission, and they were able to get done what they needed to get done. Kudos to them as well thank you everyone.

Commissioner Kessling echoed what Commissioner Webster said. He added that long before the Big Boy ever came into Blair County, there were about a month and a half of meetings with all the law enforcement agencies; not just Blair County, but also Homeland Security. There were a lot of things that needed to occur and not one department could do it. He saw the fire departments, police departments, and municipalities all join together and help each other as one big team. It paid off and there were no issues. He thanked God and everyone throughout the whole process. Kudos to all law enforcement, fire department and municipalities that participated in planning this event. It was great to see the County come together and work together for one cause. Commissioner Kessling also echoed Commissioner Webster comments regarding the Planning Commission, and that once they realized the complexity of what was not occurring, they took extraordinary steps that had not been taken in the past. People did not realize there was interaction with the Planning Commission prior to that, and that the Commissioners did not see any movement. They talked about this privately after what happened in Tyrone, and they would not have known how to go down to the people of Tyrone and tell them, "We can't help you". It would have been devastating, and they would have been held accountable. The Commissioners did not know Tyrone was going to occur. They cannot predict disasters, train derailments, or floods. But by the grace of God, they were able to get this across the line. And for the people of Tyrone, we are all grateful we did what we did to get to where we are. Commissioner Kessling thanked Cris Fredrickson for everything she and her staff have done.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 151-- 2026:

a. Ratification of the following nine (9) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
7/06/2026	260706FS	\$2,328.92
7/03/2026	260703RF	\$118.70
7/08/2026	260630PC	\$32,430.99
7/08/2026	260708HW	\$109,582.18
7/09/2026	260709HR	\$7,990.27
7/10/2026	260710GG	\$19,152.00
7/14/2026	260714SS	\$55,129.59
7/14/2026	260714CY	\$555,914.88
7/14/2026	260714WW	\$242,746.05

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the Paycheck dated 07/10/2026 in the total amount of \$1,444,712.40.

c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover employee background checks and drug tests:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$470.80	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$537.01	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$79.45	08607-42000 Fort Roberdeau
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$75.00	01103CS-42000 Custodial Services
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$698.70	44122-42000 Public Safety-911
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$162.45	113201-42000 CYF
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$60.00	01113-42000 GIS
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$60.00	01160-42000 Court Administration
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$118.45	01105-42000 Human Resources
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$118.45	01153-42000 Prothonotary
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	012011-42000 Adult Parole

d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover inmate lodging at Centre County Prison:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-41999 General County Operations	\$11,887.40	01209PO-45080 Prison

e. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover insurance deductible fees:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$7,392.06	01161KS-44960 MDJ Stoltz
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$4,268.95	01103BM-44960 Building Maintenance

f. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover CYF legal services:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$2,028.00	113201-44080 CYF

g. Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project: Requesting approval of ECMS submissions Invoice #25, Part 2, Final Design, in the total amount of \$604.01, Invoice #26, Part 3, Construction Consultation, in the total amount of \$1,248.18, Invoice #27, Part 4, Construction Inspection, in the total amount of \$809.79, all received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

h. Bridge #73/L-349 Bridge Removal Project: Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #10, Part 1, PE Phase, in the total amount of \$12,710.62, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

i. Salt Storage Building: Requesting approval of Payment Application #3 from John Claar Excavating in the amount of \$129,099.40.

j. Employments: Evans, Kelli M., FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.35/hr., effective 7/13/2026. Hatfield, Kristine M. FT, Correctional Case Manager, Prison, \$15.16/hr., effective 7/13/2026.

k. Separations of Employment: Graser, Nathan P., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 6/27/2026. Garvey, Ashley A., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 5/30/2026. Pietrowski, Brianna E., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 6/14/2026. Frantz, James W., FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.74/hr., effective 6/18/2026. Myers, Terry L., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 6/19/2026. Kudlawiec, Bailey T., FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.74/hr., effective 6/22/2026. Marshall, Michael C., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$23.50/hr., effective 6/24/2026. Diehl, Emily R., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$25.00/hr., effective 7/10/2026.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. District Attorney:

Peter Weeks requested approval of an Online/Practice Solution/West ProFlex Software Agreement and ten (10) user accounts with Thomson Reuters/Westlaw for the Blair County District Attorney's Office, for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2029 in the amount of \$687.01/per month for year one, \$728.23/per month for year two, and \$771.92/per month for year three.

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

b. Public Safety/EMA:

- i. Cris Fredrickson requested approval of the Quote received from Industrial Networking Solutions-INS for a cradlepoint, antenna, and modem for the "Big Red" 911 Communications vehicle in the total amount of \$5,418.03.

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

- ii. Cris Fredrickson requested approval of the Quote received from Central PA Truck/3Echo for the installation of the cradlepoint, antennas, and modem on the "Big Red" 911 Communications vehicle in an amount not to exceed of \$1,382.97.

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

- iii. Cris Fredrickson requested approval of the Quote received from First Net/AT&T for internet service for the "Big Red" 911 Communications vehicle in the maximum amount of \$30.00 per month.

Commissioner Kessling said this is one of the things they recently saw in action and how important it is.

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

c. Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 AFCARS Upgrades and Maintenance to the Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Avanco International Inc., in the amount of \$4,162.68.

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

- ii. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) Provider Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Avanco International Inc., in the amount of \$4,386.27.

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

- iii. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Consulting Services Addendum to Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) Application Service Provider Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Avanco International, Inc., for consultant time invoiced at the hourly rates listed in the agreement for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

- iv. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 CWIS Maintenance to Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Avanco International, Inc., in the total amount of \$5,149.58.

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

- v. 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 the entities listed below for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027:

- Kids First

- Evolution Counseling Services, LLC
- CSI Corporate Security & Investigations, LLC

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

- vi. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Kidfirst Affiliated Services, LLC, to implement the evidence-based home visiting program Healthy Families of America (HRA).

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

- vii. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Agreement for Payment of Legal Services between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Rowles Law Office, LLC, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$2,300.00/month for Guardian ad litem Services and a fee of \$200.00 for the preparation of Power of Attorney.

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

- viii. Eric Malloy requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Service Access Management, Inc. for staff training in the amount of \$1,800.00.

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

d. Social Services:

- i. Patricia Muriceak requested Ratification of the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #C000089766, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

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

- ii. Patricia Muriceak requested approval of the Quote dated June 25, 2026, received from HSS Systems for the completion of the migration of the Social Services Window Web Server and Synergy Upgrade for the HSS System at the rate of \$1,050.00 per eight hour day, and any additional hours at the rate of \$150.00 per hour.

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

e. Fort Roberdeau:

- Glenn Nelson requested approval of the Quote between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau, and Altoona Curve for Fort Roberdeau's sponsorship of Tyrone Community Night at the Altoona Curve in the total amount of \$175.00.

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

f. Public Works/Highway:

- i. Paul Shaffer requested approval of Change Order #3 to the Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and John Claar Excavating, Inc. for the Salt Storage Building project in the increased amount of \$45,076.14. The revised total cost is \$484,738.75.

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

- ii. Paul Shaffer requested approval for the acceptance of the bids received for Blair County Road 104, Cranberry Road, Rehabilitation Project, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

Vendor	Bid Amount
Grannas Brothers	\$1,403,024.21
New Enterprise Stone & Lime	\$1,488,488.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$1,592,592.00

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

g. Human Resources:

Kyle Brashear requested approval of the revised Business Travel Expense policy within the Employee Handbook.

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

h. Juvenile Probation:

- i. Joseph Cox requested approval of the Student Assistance Program and Juvenile Probation Office Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Juvenile Probation Office, and the Hollidaysburg Area School District for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

- ii. Joseph Cox requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Juvenile Probation Office, and Outside In School of Experiential Education to provide child welfare services for children and youth for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the rates provided in Attachment E.

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

i. Intermunicipal Relations Committee:

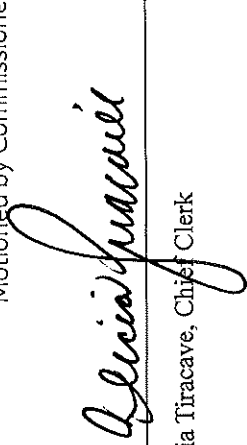
- Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of Brock Bryant, requested approval for the acceptance of the 2025 903 Recycling Coordinator Grant in the amount of \$47,657.31.

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

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

