

BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, March 5, 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 (Commissioners Office), Becky Robinson (purchasing), Brandon Meck (Finance), Courtney Sable-Stair (Records), A.C. Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), Lisa Auty (Highway), Cris Fredrickson (EMA), Tricia Johnson (Social Services), Sherry Socie (Blair Planning), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT
None

PUBLIC COMMENT
None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS
None

CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 103– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eight (8) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
02/18/2026	260218RA	$42.00
02/23/2026	260223FS	$482.59
02/20/2026	260220RF	$3,876.44
02/26/2026	260226WX	$7,115.89
02/26/2026	260226HR	$27,127.97
03/03/2026	260303SS	$561,750.05
03/03/2026	260303CY	$146,653.69
03/03/2026	260303WW	$319,283.54

Which includes payment of the following invoice:

- Blair Senior Services in the total check amount of $435.52

b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover sewer work at MDJ DeAntonio:

From	$	To
01103BM-43070 Building Maintenance	$1,042.00	01161DD-44840 MDJ DeAntonio

c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover the cost of maintenance on County vehicles:

From	$	To
01103HW-44730 Highway	$500.00	113201-44730 CYF

d. Commissioners: Requesting approval of a Letter of Support from the Blair County Board of Commissioners to Congressman John Joyce, MD, in support of the Borough of Hollidaysburg's funding application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Program for the Allegheny Street Storm Sewer Project.

e. Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project: Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #21, Part 2, Final Design, in the total amount of $16,495.69, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

f. Bridge #73/T-349 Bridge Removal Project: Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #6, Part 1, PE Phase, in the total amount of $6,580.21, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

g. Status Changes: Dospoy, Megan, FT, District Court Administrative Support – Jones, MDJs, $15.39/hr., to Deputy Coroner, Coroner, PT, $18.61/hr., effective 3/2/2026.

h. Resignations: Tibbott, Christian, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, $21.53/hr., effective 2/24/2026. Zucofski, Julia, FT, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, $19.87/hr., effective 2/27/2026.
i. Retirements: Walters, Brian, FT, Assistant Director, Human Resources, $2,469.24 biweekly, effective 2/27/2026.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to the payment to Blair Senior Services due to conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 103-2026 with the abstention as noted.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Public Safety / EMA:

i. Cris Fredrickson requested approval for an Extension of the No-Cost Period of Performance of the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) Grant Agreement C950004629, Resolution 250-2025, between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). The new period of performance is from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Resolution 104-2026: Approving an Extension of the No-Cost Period of Performance of the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) Grant Agreement C950004629, Resolution 250-2025, between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). The new period of performance is from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 104-2026..

ii. Cris Fredrickson requested approval of the 2025 Annual Report on the Hazardous Materials Preparedness HMERP report to be entered into the ESA by Cris Fredrickson, which serves as the HMRF grant application for July 2026 through June 2027.

Resolution 105-2026: Approving the 2025 Annual Report on the Hazardous Materials Preparedness HMERP report to be entered into the ESA by Cris Fredrickson, which serves as the HMRF grant application for July 2026 through June 2027.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 105-2026.

Records Management:
Courtney Sable-Stair requested approval of the Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Burgmeier Hauling, Inc. trading as (t/a) Burgmeier Shredding for purges at multiple locations on an on-call basis at the rate of $275.00 minimum charge, .40 cents per lb. once the minimum is met, and a $68.00 service fee, for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027.

Resolution 106-2026: Approving the Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Burgmeier Hauling, Inc. trading as (t/a) Burgmeier Shredding for purges at multiple locations on an on-call basis at the rate of $275.00 minimum charge, .40 cents per lb. once the minimum is met, and a $68.00 service fee, for the period of March 1, 2026 through February 28, 2027.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 106-2026.

Social Services:

i. Tricia Johnson requested approval for the submission of the County Participating Subdivision Report for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to the PA Opioid Misuse and Addiction and Abatement Trust.

Resolution 107-2026: Approving the submission of the County Participating Subdivision Report for the reporting period of July 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025, to the PA Opioid Misuse and Addiction and Abatement Trust.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 107-2026.

ii. Trina Illig requested approval of a Master Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Century Engineering LLC to provide appraisal and review appraisal services

for two property acquisitions for the Reservoir Sanitary Sewer Extension Project located in the Township of Blair in the estimated amount of $5,129.64.

Ms. Illig added that this company employs certified appraisers.

Resolution 108-2026: Approving a Master Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Century Engineering, LLC to provide appraisal and review appraisal services for two property acquisitions for the Reservoir Sanitary Sewer Extension Project located in the Township of Blair in the estimated amount of $5,129.64.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 108-2026.

Public Works / Highway:
Lisa Auty requested approval of the Proposal between the County of Blair and Gwin, Dobson and Forman, Inc. for the updated submission of the Lakemont Park Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP) to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection by December 31, 2026, in the total amount of $2,500.00.

Resolution 109-2026: Approving the Proposal between the County of Blair and Gwin, Dobson and Forman, Inc. for the updated submission of the Lakemont Park Dam Emergency Action Plan (EAP) to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection by December 31, 2026, in the total amount of $2,500.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 109-2026.

Human Resources:
Kyle Brashear requested approval of the Health Care Services Agreement between the County of Blair and Gloria Gates CARE Center for Health, LLC for the initial term of December 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027, and auto-renewing annually thereafter.

Commissioner Burke questioned if the County asked if they would consider not auto-renewing?

Chief Clerk Tiracave responded that our medical contracts tend to be auto renewal, so we never experience a lapse. There is a 30-day notice clause to terminate the contract if needed.

Commissioner Burke asked if we are looking at other options.

Mr. Brashear responded that the County is looking at other options, but a consensus is due next week for enrollment.

Resolution 110-2026: Approving the Health Care Services Agreement between the County of Blair and Gloria Gates CARE Center for Health, LLC for the initial term of December 1, 2025 through March 31, 2027, and auto-renewing annually thereafter.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 110-2026.

Controller:
A.C. Stickel requested approval of the Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Engagement and Governance Letter including the Peer Review, for the 2025 audit.

Mr. Stickel added that this is our 4th year with them and they have been great to work with, but its good to have fresh eyes.

Resolution 111-2026: Approving the Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC Engagement and Governance Letter including the Peer Review, for the 2025 audit.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 111-2026.

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adjourn today's meeting.

Alicia Tiracave

Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk