



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, October 15, 2026, 10:01 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Commissioner Kessling asked 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, and Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT

Madison Murtiff and Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempsie and Brandon Meck (Finance), Joe Cox (PO), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Angela Wagner and A.C. Stickle (Controller), Scott Bailey (APO), Eric Malloy (CYF), President Judge Wade Kagarise and Sam Dunkle (Court Admin), Carol Hartman (SASMG), Vincet Picore (WTAJ), Rachel Foor-Musselman (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES –5/7/2026, 5/14/2026, 5/21/2026, 5/28/2026, 6/11/2026, 6/18/2026, 9/17/2026, 10/1/2026, 10/8/2026.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Webster commented that it's so pretty outside right now get out and she encouraged everyone to enjoy the last few days of nice weather!

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 164– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following ten (10) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
10/05/2026	261005FS	\$1,757.06
10/09/2026	261010AA	\$268,240.50
10/08/2026	261008RF	\$848.27
10/13/2026	261013SS	\$37,308.41
10/13/2026	261013CY	\$441,098.48
10/13/2026	261013WW	\$274,575.30
09/15/2026	260915WW	\$56.01
09/22/2026	260922WW	\$28,945.64
09/22/2026	260922SS	\$683.10
10/06/2026	261006TC	\$30,411.74

Which includes payments to the following:

- Hollidaysburg Borough in the amount of \$30,411.74, \$56.01, and \$28,945.64
- Blair Senior Services in the amount of \$683.10

b. **2026 Budget Transfer:** To cover September new-hire drug testing:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$315.00	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$60.00	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$120.00	012011-42000 Adult Parole
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$195.00	113201-42000 CYF
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$60.00	011062-42000 Elections
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$60.00	01157-42000 Public Defender
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$120.00	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$20.00	01103HW-42000 Highway
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$60.00	01153-42000 Prothonotary

c. <u>2026 Budget Transfer To cover juvenile housing:</u>			
	From	\$	To
	11202203-44240 Juvenile Detention	\$100,000.00	11202206-44230 Juvenile Probation

- d. Salt Storage Building: Requesting approval for payment #6 for John Clear for the Salt Shed Building Project in the amount of \$81,974.55.

- e. Status Notice:

Type	Effective Date	Last Name	First Name	Dept	Position	Status	Rate	New Dept	New Position	New Status	New Rate
Employment	10/13/26	Baier	Tracy L	Domestic Relations	department support	Nonexempt, FT	\$916.30/biweekly	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Separation	10/05/26	Iarchford	Kevin D	APD	probation officer support	Nonexempt, PT	\$14.59/hour	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Separation	10/05/26	Bess	Bailey J	Prison	corrections officer	Nonexempt, FT	\$23.50/hour	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Separation	10/07/26	Torres	jeanette	Public Defender	case manager	Nonexempt, FT	\$19.54/hour	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Status Change	10/13/26	Henry	Aleah M	CJF	caseworker II	Nonexempt, FT	\$21.97/hour	N/A	supervisor	Exempt, FT	\$2331.80/biweek

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Requesting 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 Blair County Drug & Alcohol Program for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

This item was removed due to having been previously approved.

- ii. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026–2027 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPPA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Families United Network, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

- b. Adult Parole:

- Scott Bailey requested approval for the Submission of a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) 2026/2027 Continuing County Adult Probation and Parole Grant #51344 application in the amount of \$251,603.00.

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

- c. Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group:

- Carol Hartman requested approval of the eleven-11 FY 26/27 Contract Agreements for Intellectual Disability Services between the County of Blair and the agencies listed below for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026:

- Care Smart Solutions, Inc.
- Center for Community Resources
- Community Resources for Independence
- Contact Altoona
- Family Services, Inc.
- Ganister Station
- North Star Services, Inc.
- Saint Francis University
- Skills of Central PA, Inc.
- Maryann Joyce Bistine
- Denise Vanacore C.R.N.P.

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

- d. Domestic Relations:

- Requesting approval of the Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of Court of Common Pleas of Blair County, Domestic Relations Section, and Maryann Joyce Bistine, Esquire, to provide legal services in the role of the Hearing Officer, for the period of November 1, 2026 through September 30, 2030, at the rate of \$195.00 per hour.

This item was tabled for two weeks at the request of President Judge Kagarise.

e. Juvenile Probation:

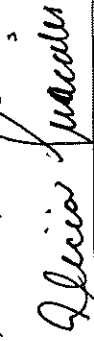
Joseph Cox requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Juvenile Probation Office, and the County of Westmoreland for the temporary placement of court ordered youth to secure detention at the Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$872.34 per day.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

ADJOURN

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



Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

