



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kessling called meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Kessling requested those in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Tiracave

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Sue St. Martin (Tax Claim), A.C. Stickel (Controller), Brian Walters and Kyle Brashear (Human Resources), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Tricia Johnson (Social Services), Wade Kagarise (Court Administration), Marc Seifert (Domestic Relations), Sherry Socie (Blair County Planning Commission), Ann Merritts (Holidaysburg Watchdog),

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

An executive session was held on January 20, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. with the Commissioners, Chief Clerk, and Assistant Chief Clerk regarding one position. An executive session was held on January 20, 2026, at approximately 11:15 a.m. with the Commissioners, Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, and Assistant HR Director, regarding one position. An executive session was held on January 20, 2026, at approximately 1:00 p.m. with the Commissioners, Chief Clerk, and Human Resources Analyst regarding one Collective Bargaining Agreement. An executive session was held on January 20, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m. with the Commissioners and Chief Clerk regarding two positions. An executive session was held on January 21, 2026, at approximately 2:00 p.m. with the Commissioners, Chief Clerk, Assistant Chief Clerk, and Finance Director regarding one position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 034- 2026:

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

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
1/05/2026	260105FS	\$982.95
1/12/2026	260112FS	\$2,168.71
1/13/2026	260113AA	\$1,318.43
1/13/2026	260113GG	\$13,034.00
1/15/2026	260115HR	\$4,943.28
1/20/2026	260120CY	\$227,455.49
1/20/2026	260120SS	\$26,955.44
1/20/2026	260120WW	\$253,634.16

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$26,225.38.

- b. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for sewer work at MDJ Dunio:

From	\$	To
01103BM-44840 Building Maintenance	\$1,142.00	01161MD-44840 MDJ Dunio

- c. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for solicitor services:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$7,612.00	01102-44010 Solicitors

- d. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the cost of legal fees from McNeas Wallace:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$2,265.00	113201-44080 CYF

- e. Children, Youth & Families: Requesting approval of one (1) Mount Aloysius College student intern, Greenlee Resh, for the period of January 26, 2026 through May 9, 2026. Internship is for credit only and at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to the Hollidaysburg Borough in the total check amounts of \$26,225.38.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, approved to adopt the Consent Agenda.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Blair County Farmland Preservation Board:

Rich Huether requested approval of a Service Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for easement appraisal of the England Family Limited Partnership - Weyandt Farm in the total amount of \$1,700.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at time of closing.

Resolution 035-2026: Approving the Service Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for easement appraisal of the England Family Limited Partnership - Weyandt Farm in the total amount of \$1,700.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at time of closing.

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

Domestic Relations:

President Judge Wade Kagarise requested approval of a renewal of the Solicitor Agreement between the Blair County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Section, and George Gvozdic, Jr., Esq., serving as Solicitor, and alternate Christopher G. Gvozdic, Esq., for legal service to establish and enforce support orders, in the amount of \$160.00/hour, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

Resolution 036-2026: Approving the renewal of the Solicitor Agreement between the Blair County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Section, and George Gvozdic, Jr., Esq., serving as Solicitor, and alternate Christopher G. Gvozdic, Esq., for legal service to establish and enforce support orders, in the amount of \$160.00/hour, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2030.

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

Tax Claim:

Sue St. Martin requested approval of the agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Tax Claim Bureau, and InfoCon for the electronic transfer of unpaid 2025 taxes submitted by up to twenty-five (25) local tax collectors at the rate of \$95.00 per municipality for a maximum amount of \$2,375.00.

Resolution 037-2026: Approving the agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Tax Claim Bureau, and InfoCon for the electronic transfer of unpaid 2025 taxes submitted by up to twenty-five (25) local tax collectors at the rate of \$95.00 per municipality for a maximum amount of \$2,375.00.

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

Elections:

Sarah Seymour requested approval to submit the Election Integrity Grant Program Post Election Report to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, for the November 4, 2025 Election in the total amount of \$173,967.03.

Resolution 038-2026: Approving the submission of the Election Integrity Grant Program Post Election Report to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development, for the November 4, 2025 Election in the total amount of \$173,967.03.

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

Human Resources:

- i. Brian Walters requested approval of the County of Blair Workmen's Compensation Trust Fund Insurance Policy Renewal as presented by Highstreet Insurance & Financial Services (Warren Ginchich Insurance Agency) for the policy period dated August 1, 2025 through August 1, 2028, in the total amount of \$3,020.00.

Resolution 039-2026: Approving the County of Blair Workmen's Compensation Trust Fund Insurance Policy Renewal as presented by Highstreet Insurance & Financial Services (Warren

Gingrich Insurance Agency) for the policy period dated August 1, 2025 through August 1, 2028, in the total amount of \$3,020.00.

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

- ii. Brian Walters requested approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair and UMW/A-Court, acknowledging the County's creation of the position of Court Recorder and agreeing upon its union eligibility and rate of pay.

Resolution 040-2026: Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair and UMW/A-Court, acknowledging the County's creation of the position of Court Recorder and agreeing upon its union eligibility and rate of pay.

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

Social Services:

Tricia Johnson requested approval of a Linkage Agreement between the County of Blair, Department of Social Services, and Hummingbird ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) Therapy, and for Tricia Johnson, MH/ID Administrator, to sign said agreement. The agreement is effective two years from signage date and is at no cost to the County.

Resolution 041-2026: Approving the Linkage Agreement between the County of Blair, Department of Social Services, and Hummingbird ABA (Applied Behavioral Analysis) Therapy, and for Tricia Johnson, MH/ID Administrator, to sign said agreement. The agreement is effective two years from signage date and is at no cost to the County.

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

Finance:

Lindsay Dempsie requested approval of the 2026 Certification of County Funds for the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation program.

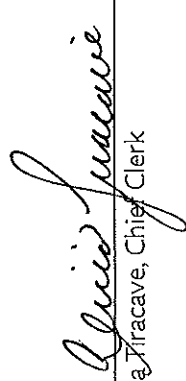
Resolution 042-2026: Approving the 2026 Certification of County Funds for the Pennsylvania Farmland Preservation program.

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

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Piracave, Chief Clerk

