

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Kessling requested that those participating in the meeting please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lindsay Dempse (Finance), A.C. Stikel (Controller), Sandy Holencik (Human Resources), Shannon Tucker (CYF), Mark Taylor (Public Safety – EMA), Donna Fisher (Conservation District), Kay Stephens (Alhonna Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Assistant Chief Clerk Tiracave stated there were two (2) Executive Sessions held since the last Board of Commissioners meeting on December 19.

The first Executive Session was held at approximately 11:00 a.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Socie regarding one (1) open position.

The second Executive Session was held at approximately 12:50 p.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Chief Clerk Socie, Interim CYF Director Shannon Tucker, and Human Resources Analyst Kyle Brashar regarding one (1) open position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kessling called for public comment.

Commissioner Kessling asked if the Commissioners could provide “wrap up” comments related to the 2025 Budget item. She noted she was the second consecutive year of tax increases for Blair County and asked if there were plans for additional tax increases in 2026 and 2027. Kay also inquired as to the change in time from 1:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. for the 2025 Blair County Board of Commissioners meetings

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Kessling called for commissioner comment.

Commissioner Webster wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Resolution 595 – 2024:

a. Payment of the following one (1) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
12/30/2024	241230VW	245,845.56

b. Ratification of the following two (2) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
12/23/2024	241223FS	1,553.58
12/24/2024	241224WX	7,540.68

c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the paycheck dated 12/27/2024 in the total amount of \$880,485.99.

d. **Farmland Preservation Board:** Requesting approval of the reappointment of Donald Delozier and Cindy Bigelow for the period of 1/1/2025 through 1/1/2027; the reappointment of John Black as Chairman for the period of 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025; and requesting Commissioner Amy Webster as liaison to the Farmland Preservation Board for the period of 1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025.

e. **2024 Budget Transfer:** To cover 2024 fees (February – November) from HealthForce for pre-employment drug test, post-accident drug and alcohol tests, and physicals for the deputy sheriffs:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$660.00	012011-42000 Adult Parole and Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$140.00	01107-42000 Assessment
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$168.00	01101-42000 Commissioners
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$165.00	01112-42000 Controllers
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$280.00	01152-42000 Coroner
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$35.00	01160-42000 Court Administration
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$195.00	01160CC-42000 Custody
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$110.00	01160WK-42000 Judge Kagarise
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01160DC-42000 Judge Consiglio
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$1,295.00	113201-42000 Children, Youth and Families
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$550.00	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01161MD-42000 MDJ Duno
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01161BJ-42000 MDJ Jones

Commissioners to electronically sign the restated document as trustees and for Human Resources Assistant Director Brian Walters to sign as the designated special trustee.

Resolution 599-2024: Approving to reinstate the County of Blair's current plan documents with Nationwide Retirement Services to a new ASC document with Nationwide Retirement Services and for the Blair County Commissioners to electronically sign the restated document as trustees and for Human Resources Assistant Director Brian Walters to sign as the designated special trustee.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessler, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 599-2024.

- iv. Sandy Holencik requested approval of the 2025 PA Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PComp) Insurance Renewal Proposal in the total estimated contribution of \$324,288.00, for the policy period of 1/1/2025 through 1/1/2026.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention since she is on the PComp Board.

Resolution 600-2024: Approving the 2025 PA Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PComp) Insurance Renewal Proposal in the total estimated contribution of \$324,288.00, for the policy period of 1/1/2025 through 1/1/2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessler, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and approved to adopt Resolution 600-2024 with the abstention as noted.

Public Safety 911/E:

Mark Taylor requested approval of the Quote dated 8/28/2024, between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services E-911, and SBM Electronics for the Blair County 911 Recorder Upgrade in the total amount of \$72,362.66.

Commissioner Kessler noted the vendor discounted the original Quote from \$72,362.66 to \$71,174.83 and is reflected in the revised Quote dated 11/4/2024.

Resolution 602-2024: Approving the Quote dated 8/28/2024, between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services E-911, and SBM Electronics for the Blair County 911 Recorder Upgrade in the total amount of \$72,362.66

Motioned by Commissioner Kessler, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 602-2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Adjourn:

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


Alicia Tiracave, Assistant Chief Clerk

