



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, July 30, 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 in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Guyer and Madison Murtiff (Commissioners), Melissa Gillin and Cindy James (Social Services), Lindsay Dempsie and Brandon Meck (Finance), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Sarah Seymour (Elections), Lisa Logan (Register/Recorder), Paul Shaffer (Public Works-Highway), Cris Fredrickson (Public Safety 911 EMA), Emilie Deffenbaugh (Fort Roberdeau), Carol Hartman (Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group), Vincent Picone (WTAJ-TV), and Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 154- 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eleven (11) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
07/20/2026	260720FS	\$2,082.63
07/20/2026	260720FR	\$175.00
07/21/2026	260721CD	\$4,813.80
07/23/2026	260723HR	\$3,469.66
07/31/2026	260731ET	\$1,696.83
07/24/2026	260724ML	\$276.02
07/28/2026	260728SS	\$529,391.66
07/28/2026	260728CY	\$6,124.93
07/28/2026	260728WW	\$582,793.45
07/21/2026	260721SS	\$201,179.12
07/21/2026	260721WW	\$26,411.64

Which includes payments to the following:

- Hollidaysburg Borough in the amount of \$26,411.64.
- Blair Senior Services in the amount of \$503.12 and \$200,676.00.

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the paycheck dated 07/24/2026 in the total amount of \$1,075,912.06

c. **2026 Budget Transfer:** To cover constable transport service fees:

FROM	\$	TO
01161MD-44000 MDJ Dunio	\$3,000.00	01161KS-44000 MDJ Stoltz

d. **2026 Budget Transfer:** To cover insurance deductibles from PCoRP:

FROM	\$	TO
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$10,000.00	01209PO-44960 Prison
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$2,000.00	113201-44960 CYF

e. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover employee background checks:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$126.35	012011-42000 Adult Parole
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$84.90	01152-42000 Coroner
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$100.90	01160-42000 Court Administration
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$58.45	01160CO-42000 Custody Office
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$109.90	01160CS-42000 Custodial Services
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$373.60	113201-42000 CYF
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$127.35	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$49.45	01161FM-42000 Tyrone MD
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$76.90	01202-42000 Juvenile
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$1,442.15	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$34.45	01157-42000 Public Defender
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$291.45	44122-42000 911
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	011192-42000 Records Management
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	01150-42000 Register & Recorder
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$92.90	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.45	01603-42000 Veterans Affairs

f. Status Notice:

Type	Effective Date	Last Name	First Name	Dept	Position	Status	Rate
Employment	7/27/2026	Hanna	Christopher T	Sheriff	Deputy	FT, Nonexempt	\$19.35/hr
Separation	7/17/2026	O'Connor	Alina C	CYF	Caseworker II	FT, Nonexempt	\$21.54/hr
Separation	7/19/2026	Hamilton	Jeanne L	CYF	Caseworker II	FT, Nonexempt	\$21.97/hr
Separation	7/20/2026	Smith-Clapper	Tracey L	Prothonotary	Department support	FT, Nonexempt	\$13.09/hr
Separation	7/21/2026	Farabaugh	Jordyn L	Court Admin	IT staff	PT, Nonexempt	\$13.75/hr
Separation	7/24/2026	Horvath	Eleanor	CYF	Caseworker II	FT, Nonexempt	\$21.43/hr
Separation	7/24/2026	Trumbour	David C	DA	Admin support	FT, Nonexempt	\$14.73/hr
Separation	7/26/2026	Galahar	Landon S	Prison	Corrections officer	FT, Nonexempt	\$23.50/hr

Commissioner Burke abstained from payments to Hollidaysburg Borough and Blair Senior Services.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved with the abstentions noted.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. Blair Senior Services:

Lindsay Dempsie, on behalf of Dennis Wisor, requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair Senior Services, Inc.

Commissioner Burke requested this item be tabled due to a conflict of interest.

b. Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group:

Carol Hartman requested approval of the eleven (11) Early Intervention contracts listed below for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

ProCare PT, LP	Kerri Sassano
North Star Services Inc.	Therapeutic Early Intervention Services LLC
Alyssa Neil	UPMC Home Healthcare of Central PA
Western PA School for the Deaf	Kids First Affiliated Services
Milestone Physical Therapy	C&S Contract Speech Language Pathology Services, Inc.
Bauer's All About Kids, LLC	

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

- c. **Fort Roberdeau:**
Emily Deffenbaugh requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau, and Seven Mountain Media for 40 (60-second) radio commercials on WALY 100.1, inclusion in an on-site recording, and inclusion in the Visual Quu Experience during the month of August, in the total amount of \$600.00.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.
- d. **Social Services:**
- i. Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Blair County Demolition Fund Disbursement in the amount of \$10,000.00 to G & R Excavating and Demolition Inc. to assist with the demolition of an existing structure located at 2119 Mill Road, Duncansville in Allegheny Township.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.
 - ii. Melissa Gillin requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Social Services and Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 (AIU8), to provide mental health consulting services on behalf of the Blair County Student Assistance Program for the period of February 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.
 - iii. Melissa Gillin requested approval for the Payment of the Invoice Received Outside the County Purchasing Policy from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 in the amount of \$763.20.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.
 - iv. Melissa Gillin requested approval of the application and advertisement of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for one (1) Sustainable Housing Program project, with a maximum disbursement of \$50,000.00 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.
 - v. Melissa Gillin requested approval of FY 2026/2027 Renewal Contracts between the County of Blair and the agencies listed for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

Agency	Contract Amount
Skills of Central PA, Inc	Maximum Contract Amount \$220,000.00
Blair Senior Services	Maximum Contract Amount \$50,000.00
Blair Health Choices	Maximum Contract Amount \$100,000.00
The Learning Community of Pennsylvania	Maximum Contract Amount \$70,000.00
PeerStar, LLC	Maximum Contract Amount \$15,000.00
UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside d/b/a UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital	Maximum Contract Amount \$918,243.00

Commissioner Burke abstained from Blair Senior Services and Blair Health Choices.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved with the abstentions as noted.

- e. **Public Works/Highway:**
Paul Shaffer requested approval for the County of Blair to send a letter to the office of Representative Scott Barger confirming the transfer of ownership title from Mr. Brian M. Thompson (deceased) to the County of Blair for an unclaimed vehicle.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.

f. Public Safety/EMA:

Cris Frederickson requested approval for the submission of the FFY 2026 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Application to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). The performance period for this grant is from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026.

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

g. IT:

Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Don Weakland, requested ratification of the Cisco Capital Lease Financing Proposal for the hardware associated with the County's new phone system.

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

h. Commissioners:

Chief Clerk Tiracave requested approval to accept the bids received for the Blair County Yard Sale and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

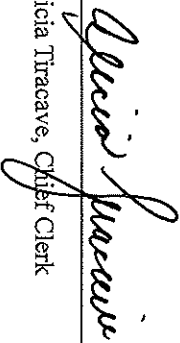
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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



Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk