



BLAIR COUNTY PRISON BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Blair County Prison Board Meeting of May 12, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. In the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessling, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster (on the phone), Controller A.C. Stickel, District Attorney Peter Weeks, Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Peo

Board Members not in Attendance: Sheriff James Ott, President Judge Wade Kagarise

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror

Non-Board Members in Attendance: Warden Matthew Hale, Deputy Warden Yedlosky, Kyle Brashear, Joe Cox, Ken Dean (over zoom), Lindsay Dempsie, Lori Guyer, Alicia Tiracave, Andrea Verobish, Angela Wagner

Primecare Representatives in Attendance:
NONE

AFSCME Representatives in Attendance:
NONE

Prison Society Members in Attendance:
NONE

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Moment of Silent Prayer: Led by Commissioner Kessling.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessling.

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessling. Commissioner Webster joined over phone and Ken Dean joined over zoom.

Call for Public Comment on Prison Board Items: Kay Stephens: Altoona Mirror – get a colored photo of the Prison?

Move to approve the design for a new prison facility as proposed by GFT pending final purchase of land on a proposed site in Blair Township: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Controller Stickel to approve the design for the new Prison as purposed by GFT. The motion was unanimously carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:52am by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Controller Stickel. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday June 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at the Blair County Prison.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV".

August C. Stickel IV
Chairperson