



## BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 10:00 A.M.  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

### CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Webster Called the meeting to order.

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Commissioner Webster called for a moment of silent prayer.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Webster asked that everyone in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

### OTHERS PRESENTS

Madison Murtriff and Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/Highway), Sarah Seymour (Elections), Nick Burket (Public Works/Facilities), Tricia Johnson (Social Services), AC Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controllers), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Shannon Tucker and Eric Malloy (CYF), Joe Cox (PO), Devin Taylor (Assessment), Don Weakland (IT), Cristi Walt (Public), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on July 21, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m. with the Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke and the Chief Clerk regarding the interview of one candidate for one open position.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Stephens asked for comments when the reach item H, ii.

### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Burke announced the deadline for assessment appeals for 2027 taxes is August 1. Since that is a Saturday, they will be accepted until end of business on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. That is a right. You have every year to appeal, and we are happy to accept those appeals.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Resolution 153– 2026:

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

| EFFECTIVE DATE | WARRANT NUMBER | AMOUNT         |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 07/13/2026     | 260713FS       | \$1,063.61     |
| 07/24/2026     | 260724WX       | \$12,810.68    |
| 07/13/2026     | 260714ML       | \$283.19       |
| 07/02/2026     | 260702WC       | \$741.08       |
| 07/16/2026     | 260716HR       | \$7,337.12     |
| 07/16/2026     | 260716FS       | \$603.90       |
| 07/17/2026     | 260717RF       | \$2,329.39     |
| 07/21/2026     | 260721TC       | \$20,152.10    |
| 07/21/2026     | 260721CY       | \$525,868.73   |
| 07/21/2026     | 260721SS       | \$122,514.36   |
| 07/21/2026     | 260721WW       | \$1,043,419.40 |

Which includes payments to the following:

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

- b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover wall repairs at the Tyrone MD):

| FROM                                     | \$         | TO                       |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 01101GCO-44960 General County Operations | \$1,884.33 | 01161KS-44960 MD) Stoltz |

- c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover carpet replacement at the Tyrone MD):

| FROM                                     | \$         | TO                       |
|------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 01101GCO-44960 General County Operations | \$5,741.24 | 01161KS-44960 MD) Stoltz |

d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover county vehicle maintenance fees:

| From                  | \$       | To               |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|
| 01103HW-44730 Highway | \$500.00 | 113201-44730 CYF |

- e. Children, Youth and Families: Requesting approval for the use of the courthouse courtyard area on July 28, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to raise awareness of the Human Anti-trafficking Response Team (HART).

Payments to Hollidaysburg Borough and Blair Senior Services were tabled due to a conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved.

**STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

- a. Court Admin:

Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Paige Schwader, requested ratification of a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair and the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts, as agent for the Unified Judicial System, for the acceptance of funds by and for the participants of the problem-solving court projects as outlined below, for the FY 2025/2026 grant period ending June 30, 2027:

| Participants                                   | Amount     |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Blair County Adult Drug Court                  | \$5,565.00 |
| Blair County Adult DUI Treatment Court         | \$5,565.00 |
| Blair County/Regional Veterans Treatment Court | \$7,000.00 |

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

- b. IT:  
 Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Don Weakland, requested approval of the Contract between the County of Blair and Link Computer Corporation for the replacement of the County's existing telephone system with a modern cloud-based communication platform (software) and to lock-in incentive pricing through this 5-year agreement.

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

- c. 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 May 19, 2026 Primary, in the amount of \$246,941.90.

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

- d. Social Services:  
 Tricia Johnson requested approval of nine (9) FY 2026/2027 Mental Health (MH) Student Assistance Program (SAP) Letters of Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Department of Social Services, UPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies (WBHA), and the entities listed below for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

|                                        |                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Altoona Area School District           | Hollidaysburg School District |
| Bellwood Antis School District         | Spring Cove School District   |
| Bishop Guilfoyle High School           | Tyrone Area School District   |
| Claysburg School District              | Williamsburg School District  |
| Central PA Digital Learning Foundation |                               |

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

- e. Children, Youth and Families:  
 Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Agreement for Payment of Legal Services between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Ashley Passarello, Esquire, Attorney of Grabrill Law Office, LLC, for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$90.00 per hour.

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

f. Public Works/Highway:

Paul Shaffer requested approval for the award or rejection of the bids received for the Blair County Road 104, Cranberry Road, Rehabilitation Project.

| Vendor                      | Bid Amount     | Comment |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|
| Grannas Brothers            | \$1,403,024.21 | Award   |
| New Enterprise Stone & Lime | \$1,488,488.00 |         |
| Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.     | \$1,592,592.00 |         |

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

g. Public Works/Facilities:

Nicholas Burket requested approval of the Quote between the County of Blair and Johnson Controls Fire Protection LP for the installation of a fire alarm system at the Highway building in the amount of \$36,233.00.

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

h. Commissioners:

- i. Alicia Tiracave requested approval to accept an award for the 2026/2027 PcoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program for installation of a Simplex 4007es Addressable Fire Alarm System for the Blair County Transportation Facility (Highway) on East Loop Road in the amount of \$11,233.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.

- ii. Alicia Tiracave requested approval to ratify the termination of the agreement between the County of Blair and GFT f/k/a TranSystems Corporation Consultants of Pennsylvania effective July 20, 2026.

Commissioner Webster stated there were irreconcilable differences between the County and GFT.

Commissioner Burke added that moving forward, the search for a new consultant will be a top priority.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved.

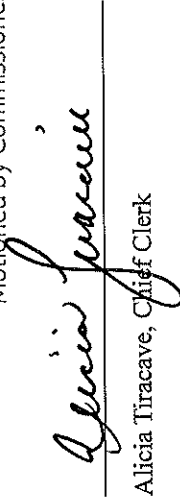
- iii. Alicia Tiracave requested ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair and the County of Lawrence for the temporary acceptance and housing of inmates, including youthful offenders, in the Lawrence County Corrections Center on an as needed basis for the period of July 21, 2026 through July 21, 2027, at the rate of \$500.00 per inmate, per day.

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

OLD BUSINESS  
None

ADJOURN

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

  
Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

