



## BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, May 28, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Kessling.

### MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent prayer.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kessling asked that everyone participating in the meeting stand recite the Pledge of Allegiance

### MEMBERS PRESENT

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

### OTHERS PRESENT

Madison Murtiff and Lori Guyer (Commissioner), Carol Hartman (Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group), Amanda Moore (Prison), Nicholas Burket (Facilities), Cris Fredrickson (Public Safety/EMA), Angela Wagner (Controller), Lisa Logan (Register/Recorder), Sarah Seymour (Elections), Tricia Johnson (Social Services), Eric Malloy (CYF), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on May 21, 2026, at 12:30 p.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Chief Clerk Tiracave and Finance Director Lindsay Dempse regarding two Children Youth and Family Services family cases.

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- a. one parcel of land
- b. one Children Youth and Family Services case
- c. one employee

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Stephens requested details on the ratifications and the letter of intent.

### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Burke stated that the County will be seeing broadband/ fiber optic development in our area in 2027.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### Resolution 145– 2026:

- a. Ratification of the following six (6) Warrant Lists:

| EFFECTIVE DATE | WARRANT NUMBER | AMOUNT       |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 5/18/2026      | 260518FS       | \$2,355.59   |
| 5/21/2026      | 260521HR       | \$15,903.49  |
| 5/26/2026      | 260526DA       | \$7,999.83   |
| 5/26/2026      | 260526SS       | \$89,053.64  |
| 5/26/2026      | 260526CY       | \$1,156.54   |
| 5/26/2026      | 260526WW       | \$582,909.11 |

Which includes payments to the following vendors:

- Blair Senior Services in the amounts of \$191,377.00.

- b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover legal fees from McNees Wallace:

| From                                     | \$         | To               |
|------------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| 01101GCO-44080 General County Operations | \$3,147.00 | 113201-44080 CYF |

- c. Commissioners: Requesting approval of the Letter of Support for the Altoona Water Authority's grant application to the DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program to create a mountain bike trail system on land managed by the Altoona Water Authority.
- d. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of a Letter of Support for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant application being submitted by Centre County on behalf of the Southern Alleghenies 911 Cooperative (SAC 911).

- e. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of a letter to Pennsylvania Terminals Corp. expressing interest for possible purchase of parcels of vacant land.
  - f. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of an offer letter to Pennsylvania Terminals Corp.
  - g. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of a revised offer letter to Pennsylvania Terminals Corp.
  - h. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of a letter to Pennsylvania Terminals Corp. regarding requests from the County Engineers and Solicitor for the Letter of Intent.
  - i. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of a Letter of Intent to purchase parcels of vacant land.
  - j. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of a Letter of Intent for possible Purchase of Vacant land.
  - k. Commissioners: Requesting ratification of an Access Agreement between the County of Blair and Pennsylvania Terminals LLC.
  - l. Employments: Burkett, Carrie A, FT, Maintenance Technician – HVAC, Public Works, \$21.38/hr, effective 5/26/2026. Elias, Melissa M. FT, Administrative Coordinator, Prison, \$17.72/hr, effective 5/26/2026. Emery, Michael G, FT, Court Recorder, Court Administration, \$17.55/hr, effective 5/26/2026. McConnell, Morgan E, FT, Parole and Probation Officer, Adult Parole & Probation, \$19.35/hr, effective 5/26/2026. Murtiff, Madison L, FT, Administrative Coordinator, Commissioners, \$18.61/hr, effective 5/26/2026. Rumberger, Logan, FT-Temp, Summer Worker, Public Works, \$12.50/hr, effective 5/26/2026.
  - m. Separations of Employment: Conner, Debra J, FT-Temp, Temporary Department Assistant, Elections, \$11.00/hr., effective 5/22/2026.
- Commissioner Burke noted her abstention from Blair Senior Services due to a conflict of interest.
- Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved with the abstention as noted.

**STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

a. Public Safety/EMA:

Cris Fredrickson requested approval to accept the FFY 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPC) Agreement #C950005687 from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), for the performance period of October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025, in the total amount of \$58,248.00.

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

b. Public Works/Facilities:

Nicholas Burkett requested approval of the Proposal dated May 6, 2026, received from David M. Maines Associates, Inc., for the repair and replacement of metal soffit on the back tower of the courthouse in the amount of \$5,845.00.

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

c. Children, Youth and Families:

Eric Malloy requested approval of the Lease Extension Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and JJ Keller Family Limited Partnership for offices located at 317 Union Street, Hollidaysburg, Pa for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at \$2,054.00 per month, for a total amount of \$24,648.00.

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

d. Social Services:

i. Tricia Johnson requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Purchase of Service Agreements between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Social Services, and Aimee Willet, Esquire; A. Thomas Farrell, Esquire; and Maryann Joyce Bistine, Esquire to provide legal representation for court appearances as court-

appointed Mental Health Review Officers for the Blair County Department of Social Services for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$175.00 per hearing.

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

- ii. Tricia Johnson requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Social Services, and the Law Office of Stephen D. Wicks, for consultative and court appearances, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at the rate of \$160.00 per hour and reimbursement for mileage in excess of 50 miles, copy costs, and filing fees.

Motioned By Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

- iii. Tricia Johnson requested approval to allocate Affordable Housing Trust Funds to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program in the amount of \$50,000.00.

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

- iv. Tricia Johnson requested approval of a commitment of Opioid Settlement funds in the amount of \$1,249,111.40 to the following programs, in the amounts and time frames listed below.

| ORGANIZATION                                | RECOMMENDED PROJECT                                       | NEW/ONGOING PROGRAMMING | RECOMMENDED ANNUAL FUNDING | RECOMMENDED FUNDING LENGTH | TOTAL RECOMMENDED COMMITMENT |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Blair Health Choices                        | Homeless Outreach Coordinator                             | New                     | \$110,438.00               | 2 Years                    | \$220,876.00                 |
| Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. | Drug and Alcohol Prevention Specialist                    | New                     | \$117,487.00               | 2 Years                    | \$234,974.00                 |
| UPMC Western Behavioral Health              | The Healing Patch Children's Grief Program                | New                     | \$15,650.00                | 2 Years                    | \$31,300.00                  |
| Spring Cove School District                 | Wayfinder K-12 Prevention Program                         | New                     | \$76,190.40                | 1 Year                     | \$76,190.40                  |
| CenClear Child Services                     | BALM Family Recovery Training and Naloxone Distribution   | New                     | \$19,073.00                | 1 Year                     | \$19,073.00                  |
| Evolution Counseling Services, LLC          | Multidimensional Family Therapy Program                   | New                     | \$126,462.00               | 1 Year                     | \$126,462.00                 |
| Logan Township PD/Operation Our Town        | Drug Prevention through K-9 Intervention                  | New                     | \$23,500.00                | 1 Year                     | \$23,500.00                  |
| Int'l Overdose Awareness Day Committee      | Lost Angels Blessing Bags Project                         | New                     | \$53,736.00                | 1 Year                     | \$53,736.00                  |
| Pyramid Healthcare                          | MAT Expansion                                             | New                     | \$96,000.00                | 1 Year                     | \$96,000.00                  |
| Pyramid Healthcare                          | Prison MAT Program Continuation                           | Ongoing                 | \$225,000.00               | 1 Year                     | \$225,000.00                 |
| Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. | Prison Women's Re-Entry Program Continuation              | Ongoing                 | \$96,000.00                | 1 Year                     | \$96,000.00                  |
| Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. | Prison Opioid Use Disorder Services Continuation          | Ongoing                 | \$96,000.00                | 1 Year                     | \$96,000.00                  |
| Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. | In Prison Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Group Continuation | Ongoing                 | \$10,000.00                | 1 Year                     | \$10,000.00                  |

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

- e. Prison:  
Matthew Hale requested approval of an Amendment to the Usage and Services Agreement and Exhibit A between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison, and Encartele pertaining to the new FCC ruling.

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

- f. Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group:  
Carol Hartman requested approval of the FY 2026-2027 Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and the Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG) for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

g. Employee Wellness Committee:

Lindsay Dempsey requested approval to accept the 2026 PCOMP Wellness Improvement Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

h. Commissioners:

i. Alicia Tiracave requested approval to consult with the Real Estate Broker and County Solicitor to prepare a formal offer based upon the discussions with the seller's Broker and the proposal in the Letter of Intent.

Motioned By Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

ii.

Alicia Tiracave requested approval of a letter from the Blair County Board of Commissioners to Mr. Richard P. Vitello, Jr, from the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to conduct a comprehensive review of the Blair County Planning Commission.

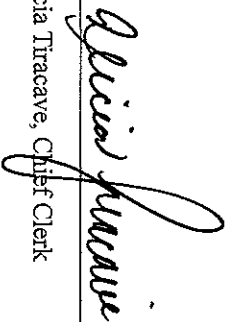
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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

  
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Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk