



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, June 18, 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 to 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 (Commissioners), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/ Highway), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Tricia Johnson (Social Services), Lisa Logan (Register/Recorders), A.C Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), Jay Eirwin, Cristl Waltz, and Karen Hamel (Public), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror) and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive Session was held on June 16, 2026, at approximately 10 a.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Chief Clerk Tiracave, and Children, Youth and Families Director Shannon Tucker regarding two (2) CYF cases.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen Hamel stated that she currently serves as chair of Blair Emergency Planning Committee, is Deputy LEMC for Logan Township, and has been a Hazmat Tech for 30yrs. She helps companies write emergency response plans and helps employees learn to effectively handle emergencies. She believes the vacant EMA Director role needs to be filled with a capable and competent person in that position that can lead and take command in emergency situations, so that the responders can remain safe in their positions and do their duties. Title 35 section 7502 states that quote "the Local emergency coordinator should be professionally competent and capable of planning, effectively coordinating among operating agencies of government and controlling coordinating operations by local emergency management forces". Ms. Hamel believes this capability is currently not being met. Ms. Hamel asked that the Commissioners begin a diligent search for someone to fill this position, so there is someone in the county who is capable competent and has real-world experience to support first responders in our county and take charge when needed.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Webster asked everyone to keep up with the many Americas 250 things going on.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 147 – 2026:

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

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
6/8/2026	260608FS	\$4,267.62
6/8/2026	260531PC	\$36,864.22
6/9/2026	260609RF	\$3,130.55
6/10/2026	260610GG	\$19,418.00
6/11/2026	260611HR	\$7,597.07
6/12/2026	260612RF	\$163.49
6/12/2026	260612FS	\$603.90
6/16/2026	260616SS	\$192,092.71
6/16/2026	260616CY	\$753,476.82
6/16/2026	260616EO	\$1,530.00
6/16/2026	260616WW	\$273,092.96

Which includes payments to the following:

* Burke & Co LLC in the total amount of \$300.00.

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the Paycheck dated 06/12/2026 in the total amount of \$1,018,136.61.

- c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover insurance deductible fees:

From	\$	To
01101 GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$2,189.94	01103BM-44960 Building Maintenance

- d. Employments: Guyer, Heather K, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$17.55/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Ferrell III, Charles L, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$17.55/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Fetterman, Andrea M, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$17.55/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Jackson, Reese M, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$17.55/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Kelley, Ronald J, FT, GIS Mapper UPI Coordinator, \$19.35/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Lieb (Frank), Ashley M, PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Richardson, Scott C, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$17.55/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Tracy, Josey R, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety 911, \$17.55/hr, effective 6/15/2026. Zakucia, Jr., Nicholas J, FT, Deputy, Sheriff \$19.35/hr, effective 6/15/2026.

- e. Separations of Employment: Murphy, Abigail L, FT, Law Clerk, Judge Kagarise, \$1,981.44/biweekly, effective 6/17/2026. Bhagarattee, Carla M, FT, Correctional Case Manager, Prison \$15.46/hr, effective 6/19/2026.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to Burke & Co LLC. due to a conflict of interest.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. Court Admin:

Commissioner Kessling requested approval on behalf of Court Admin to amend Resolutions #542-2019, #541-2019, and #539-2019 between the County of Blair and Thomson Reuters to include annual auto-renewal.

Commissioner Kessling motioned to table this item until the next meeting when someone from Court Administration is present to answer questions, seconded by Commissioner Webster.

- b. District Attorney:

Commissioner Kessling, on behalf of Peter Weeks, requested approval of the Renewal Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County District Attorney's Office, and Karpel Solutions for the use of the software program PROSECUTORbyKarpel® hosted through HOSTEDbyKarpel® for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in the total amount of \$47,500.00.

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

- c. Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Eric Malloy, requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Cornell Abraxas Group, LLC for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

- ii. Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of 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 Mary Ann Probst, Esquire, Attorney of Fort, Stoken, Huff, Kormanski & Naugle, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$2,300.00/per month for Guardian Ad Litem services.

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

- d. Social Services:

- i. Tricia Johnson 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
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Blair County, Inc.	Maximum Contract Amount \$30,000.00

Blair Family Solutions LLC	Maximum Contract Amount \$80,000.00
Gen-Clear Child Services, Inc.	Maximum Contract Amount \$20,000.00
Center for Community Action	Maximum Contract Amount \$275,000.00
Child Advocates of Blair County, Inc.	Maximum Contract Amount \$65,000.00
Contact Altoona	Maximum Contract Amount \$125,000.00
Family Services, INC	Maximum Contract Amount \$100,000.00
Healthy Community Living	Maximum Contract Amount \$100,000.00
HOPE Drop In	Maximum Contract Amount \$100,000.00
Nami Blair County PA	Maximum Contract Amount \$90,000.00

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

- ii. Tricia Johnson requested approval of a Blair County Demolition Fund Disbursement not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the demolition of three (3) properties within Hollidaysburg Borough as listed below:

*402 Mulberry Street, Hollidaysburg
 *406 Mulberry Street, Hollidaysburg
 *214 Wayne Street, Hollidaysburg

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

- iii. Tricia Johnson requested approval of the Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Department of Social Services, and Jeffrey S. DuBois, Esquire, to provide Mental Health Procedures Act legal representation for court appearances as court-appointed Mental Health Review Officer, for the period of May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, at the rate of \$200.00 per hearing plus mileage at \$ 0.72 per mile.

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

- iv. Tricia Johnson requested approval of the FY 2025/2026 Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Department of Social Services, and Jeffrey L. Berkey, Esquire, to provide Mental Health Procedures Act legal representation for court appearances as court-appointed Mental Health Review Officer, for the period of May 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, at the rate of \$220.00 per hearing.

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

- v. Tricia Johnson requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Department of Social Services, and Jeffrey R. Kranch to provide specialized accounting services including training for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

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

- vi. Tricia Johnson requested approval for the submission of a FFY2024 CDBG Budget Modification to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community & Economic Development on behalf of Frankstown Township, deleting Housing Rehabilitation and creating Storm Sewer Improvements in the Village of Frankstown, in the amount of \$106,754.00.

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

- vii. Tricia Johnson requested Ratification of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania FFY 2025 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) E-Contract #C000098347, for the period of April 14, 2026 through April 13, 2030, in the amount of \$816,389.00.

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

- e. Public Works/Facilities:
 Nicholas Burket requested approval of the Quote dated April 30, 2026, received from Smith Masonry, Inc., for masonry repair work to the front entrance area of the courthouse in the total amount of \$13,439.00.

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

f. Public Works/Highway:

Paul Shaffer requested approval of the Agreement of Purchases Under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Public Works Highway Department and Hoover Spraying LLC for herbicide treatment on all County owned properties issued per County approved Purchase Orders.

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

g. Human Resources:

Kyle Brashhear requested approval of a Tentative Agreement Letter formalizing the settlement of union negotiations between the County of Blair and SEIU-Professionals, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

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

h. Commissioners:

Alicia Tiracave requested approval of a Commercial Buyer/Tenant Agency Contract between the County of Blair and Howard Hanna Bardell Realty for real estate broker services for the period of June 11, 2026 through June 11, 2027.

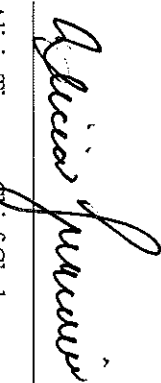
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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



Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk