



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, June 11, 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 Clark Tiracave.

Others Present:

Lori Guyer, and Madison Murtiff (Commissioners), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/Highway), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Sarah Seymore (Elections), Matt Hale (Prison), Eric Malloy (CYF), A.C Stickle and Angela Wagner (Controllers), Joe Cox (PO), Rosemary Ellis (Public), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None.

RATIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES –12/11/2025, 12/18/2025, 1/8/2026, 1/15/2026, 1/22/2026, 1/29/2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rosemary Ellis states that she dropped a letter off in the Commissioner's office last week in reference to a balloon release Altoona Area High School seniors did a few weeks back. She thought it was common knowledge that these types of balloon releases are dangerous for wildlife and domestic animals, as they confuse the balloons for food and eat them along with the strings tied to them. She said she spoke with the District's Superintendent, Brad Hatch, who assured her that the balloons were biodegradable. Ms. Ellis said her further research found it can take up to 7yrs for these to degrade. Ms. Ellis asked the Commissioner to put an ordinance in place that would ban all balloon releases in Blair County.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

CHIEF CLERK COMMENTS

Chief Clerk Tiracave announced there was an error on the previous agenda pertaining to the Opioid Settlement Fund Commitment: For the Prison MST program Continuation, the Organization is Prime Medical instead of Pyramid Healthcare.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 146– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eighteen (18) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
06/02/2026	260602EO	\$63,320.31
05/26/2026	260526FS	\$5,412.79
05/26/2026	260526RF	\$3,218.30
05/26/2026	260526WX	\$10,555.30
05/28/2026	260528HR	\$10,634.36
06/02/2026	260602CY	\$274.78
06/02/2026	260602SS	\$363,082.14
06/02/2026	260602WW	\$746,961.61
06/01/2026	260601FS	\$1,858.28
06/01/2026	260601FN	\$117,016.69
06/01/2026	260601HI	\$649,709.63
06/02/2026	260602RF	\$893.51
06/03/2026	260604HR	\$9,089.32
06/09/2026	260610AA	\$274,139.51
06/09/2026	260609TC	\$267,409.88
06/09/2026	260609SS	\$124,952.76
06/09/2026	260609CY	\$122,480.82

06/09/2026	260609WW/	\$636,175.37
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Which includes payments to the following:

- * Julia Burke in the amount of \$155.00.
- * Thomas and Chandra Iandora in the amount of \$775.00.
- * Hollidaysburg Borough in the amounts of \$5,958.34 and \$133.00.

- b. Ratification of total Payroll for the Paycheck dated 5/29/2026 in the total amount of \$1,002,047.33.

- c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover County shredding events:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42840 General County Operations	\$832.62	01158-42840 District Attorney
01101GCO-42840 General County Operations	\$2,277.91	113201-42840 CYF
01101GCO-42840 General County Operations	\$199.62	01160-42840 Court Administration
01101GCO-42840 General County Operations	\$86.19	01105-42840 Human Resources
01101GCO-42840 General County Operations	\$822.86	011062-42840 Elections

- d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover County vehicle maintenance:

From	\$	To
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$121.69	113201-44730 CYF

- e. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover Simplified fees:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$302.70	012011-42000 APO
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$34.45	01107-42000 Assessment
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$190.80	01103BM-42000 Building Maintenance
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$369.36	01160-42000 Court Administration
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.45	01160DC-42000 Judge Consiglio
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$34.45	01101-42000 Commissioners
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	01161DD-42000 MD DeAntonio
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$51.21	01152-42000 Coroner
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$143.35	01103CS-42000 Custodial Services
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$414.05	113201-42000 CYF
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$395.60	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.45	01113-42000 GIS
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$149.35	01103HW-42000 Highway
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$177.80	01153-42000 Prothonotary
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$127.35	01157-42000 Public Defender
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$537.71	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$1,803.05	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.45	44122-42000 Public Safety - 911
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	01150-42000 Register & Recorder
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$42.45	01603-42000 Veterans Affairs
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$84.90	01164711-42000 Victim Witness

- f. Commissioners: Requesting approval of a Letter of Support from the Board of Commissioners for the Cambria Allegheny Regional Highway Safety Network to apply for funding for the 2026/2027 Community Traffic Safety Project Agreement.

- g. Public Safety/EMA: Requesting approval of the nine (9) members listed to the Blair County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as per section 6022.203(B) of Act 165 for a five-year term from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030: Emily States, Hannah Mitchell, Christopher Blessing, Matthew Renney, Randy Santone, Jacob Felmlie, Sienna Eller, Jessica Benson, and Devon Moran

- h. Employments: Farabaugh, Jordyn L., PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr, effective 6/1/2026. Hartman, Terry R., FT, Head Groundkeeper, Public Works, \$16.88/hr, effective 6/01/2026. Hoover, Mary Jean, FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$21.01/hr, effective 6/01/2026. Lower, Emily E., FT, Administrative Support, District Attorney, \$14.44/hr, effective 6/01/2026. Resh, Greenlee W., FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$21.01/hr, effective 6/01/2026. Rhodes, Bryan C., FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.35/hr, effective 6/01/2026. Kagarise, Hunter S., PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr, effective 6/03/2026. Fiocchetta, Jessica R., FT, Supervisor, CYF, \$2,131.82/biweekly, effective 6/08/2026.

- i. Separations of Employment: Fieni, Gayn N., PT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety-911, \$17.55/hr, 5/22/2026. Myers-Yagoda, Brianna L., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr, effective 5/30/2026. McCauley, Skyley D., PT Historic Site Assistant, Fort Roberdeau, \$13.17/hr, effective 5/30/2026. Jones, Christey B., PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr, effective 6/04/2026. Wright, Zachary T., FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.35/hr, effective 6/05/2026.

Commissioner Burke abstained from payments to Julia Burke, Thomas and Chandra Jandora, and Hollidaysburg Borough due to conflicts of interest.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. Prison:

Matthew Hale requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison, and Katie Ness, to provide hair-trimming services to inmates at the prison for the period of April 23, 2026, through April 23, 2027 at the rate of \$12.00 per person.

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

b. Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Eric Malloy requested approval of a Contract Amendment (Res 474-2025) between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families/Juvenile Probation, and Adelphoi Village for the addition of Detention services as outlined in Exhibit A through June 30, 2026.

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

- ii. 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 The Law Office of Aimee L. Willett for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$2,300.00 per month.

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

- iii. 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 the Law Office of Lucas A. Kelleher for July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, at the rate of \$2,300.00 per month.

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

- iv. Eric Malloy requested approval of the FY 2026/2027 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Dr. Terry O'Hara, PH.D., for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027 at the rates as outlined in Attachment E.

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

c. Social Services:

- i. Trina Illig requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign a Budget Revision Request Form to reallocate \$913.00 from Administration rehabilitation activity #58005 under the County of Blair's HOME contract #C000084484.

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

- ii. Melissa Gillin requested approval of the Quote received from HSS Systems for 8 hours of labor to create a program to update the current Contract Table in the Department of Social Services HSS System in the maximum amount of \$1,050.00.

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

- iii. Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Property/Owner Contract Agreement for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program between Blair County Social Services, Daniel Bauer, and G&R Excavating & Demolition

for the demolition and removal of two sheds located at 123 East Caroline Avenue, Altoona, PA at a cost of \$5,221.00

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

d. Public Safety/EMA:

Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Cris Fredrickson, requested adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Planning Section of the FEMA Region 3 Mitigation and Blair Resilience: Addressing Vulnerability and Exposure (BRAVE) as the Blair County Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and Mitigation plan with an effective date of May 26, 2026, through May 25, 2031.

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

e. Public Works/Highway:

Paul Shaffer requested approval of the advertisement and bid specifications for the County Road (CR) 104 Rehabilitation Project and Construction Plans.

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

f. Finance:

i. Lindsay Dempsie requested approval of the Acknowledgement Document from Tyler Technologies to discontinue the Planned Annual Continuing Education (PACE) recurring services effective August 31, 2026.

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

ii. Lindsay Dempsie requesting approval of the Budget Impasse Policy.

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

g. District Attorney:

i. Peter Weeks requested approval of an Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County District Attorney Office, and VIPRai, LLC for vehicle monitoring services at a rate of \$1.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

ii.

Peter Weeks requested approval of an Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County District Attorney Office, and UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Child Advocacy Center for medical and expert witness testimony for child maltreatment cases at the rates listed in the Agreement for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

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

h. Commissioners:

i. Alicia Tiracave requested approval of the 2026/2027 PCoRP Commercial Liability Insurance Renewal Proposal for the policy period of June 1, 2026, through June 1, 2027, in the total premium amount of \$696,557.00.

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

ii.

Alicia Tiracave requested approval for the County of Blair to submit an application 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 Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

iii.

Alicia Tiracave requested approval of a Grant Cooperation Agreement by and between the County of Blair and Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission (SAP&DC) joining the five-county effort to update Alleghenies Ahead and prepare a replacement regional comprehensive plan that will serve as the county's comprehensive plan with Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Bedford counties.

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

- iv. Alicia Tiracave requested approval of a Settlement Agreement and Release between the County of Blair and Rebekah Krause, Matthew Krause, and Isaac Krause in the total amount of \$97,500.00.

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

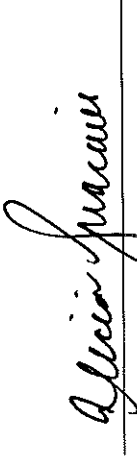
- v. Alicia Tiracave requested approval of Reimbursement Agreement Amendment #1 (R24090008) between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through PennDOT for Bridge 81 and authorizing the Chief Clerk to sign said agreement.

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

