



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, April 09, 2026, 10:06 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

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 and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present:

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clark Tiracave.

Others Present:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), Matt Hale (Prison), Paul Shaffer (Public Works- Highway), Emily States (Public Safety -911), Eric Malloy (CYF), Lisa Logan (Registers & Recorder), A.C. Stickle (Controller), Jennifer Knisely, Kevin Yoder, Jennifer Powell, Gina Dunkleberger, and Jessica Ford Cameron (Blair County Library System), Lisa Myers, Kim Wilt, Diane Crile, and Pat Altiero (Allegheny Highlands Association of Realtors), Andrea Verobish (State Rep), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Andrea Verobish stated that she was recently elected on St Patrick's Day to State Representative for the 79th House District. This is the seat that was previously held by Lou Schmitt, who is now Judge Schmitt. She will be in this position until the end of November and wanted to let people know the office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is on Beale Ave in Altoona. All of Lou's staff has been retained and they know what they are doing. She encouraged everyone that if they have any State issues, please come visit them.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

PROCLAMATION

Commissioner Burke read the following Proclamation

2026 National Library Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals—regardless of background—have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

WHEREAS, the PA Forward®, Literacy is POWER, initiative highlights how libraries and staff encourage literacy in Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial, which contributes to greater personal and community success;

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through Storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime;

WHEREAS, getting a library card is a financially literate action;

WHEREAS, librarians, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme "Find Your Joy";

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Blair County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 19-25, 2026, in Blair County. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library, explore its resources, and celebrate all the ways that the library helps our community find joy.

Jennifer Knisely and Gina Dunklesbarger spoke about the different programs the Blair County Library System offers the communities.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling, and approved to adopt the Proclamation for National Library Week.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 138- 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eleven (12) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
3/30/2026	260330FS	\$2,008.99
3/30/2026	260330WT	\$110,200.00
3/31/2026	260331HU	\$107,698.00
4/01/2026	260401HI	\$668,348.44
4/01/2026	260401FN	\$117,021.93
4/02/2026	260402HR	\$5,429.60
4/02/2026	260402RF	\$3,900.44
4/10/2026	260410AA	\$263,988.99
4/07/2026	260407SS	\$143,585.65
4/07/2026	260407CY	\$57,930.04
4/07/2026	260407WW	\$189,838.01
4/07/2026	260407TC	\$553,828.18

Which includes payment to the following vendor:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$19,332.46.

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the Paycheck dated 4/3/2026 in the total amount of \$965,708.47.

Commissioner Burke abstained from the payment to the Holidaysburg Borough due to conflict of interest.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. Adult Probation:

Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Scott Bailey, requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Adult Probation and Parole, and GovAI Software Solutions LLC, formerly CDI/BTM, effective through December 31, 2026.

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

b. Prison:

i. Matt Hale requested approval of the Request for Proposal and Advertisement to Bid for a Medical Services Provider at the Blair County Prison.

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

ii. Matt Hale requested ratification of an Amendment to Contract (Resolution 405-2025) between the County of Blair and Aramark Correctional Services, LLC to include the lease of kitchen appliances as needed.

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

c. Social Services:

Trina Illig requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the two (2) Environmental Review Records (ERR) and Exempt Status Determination forms for clearance and demolition activities to remediate blighted structures and the Bedford Street Flood Drainage Improvements in the Hollidaysburg borough.

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

d. Public Works/Highway:

- i. Paul Shaffer requested approval of the Proposal of Service Contract between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers, Inc. for design, permitting, bidding and construction services for the repair of County Bridge #48 (T-512 over the Little Juniata River - Tyrone Township). This project will be funded with Act 89 funds.

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

- ii. Paul Shaffer requested approval for the award of the bids received for the County Road 101 Preservation Project.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
Grannas Bros.	\$414,466.45	
Quaker Sales Corporation	\$406,625.90	
Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc.	\$381,549.65	Award

Commissioner Kessling abstained due to conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and approved with the abstention as noted.

e. Public Safety/EMA:

- i. Emily States requested approval of an Education & Training Course Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Department of Emergency Services, and National Emergency Number Association (NENA) for hosting a 911 Center Supervisor Program running July 20, 2026 through July 22, 2026, at no cost to the County, and for Emily States, Blair County Public Safety 911 Operations Manager, to sign said agreement.

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

- ii. Emily States requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Department of Emergency Services, and NENA Education and Training for eleven (11) employees to attend a 3-day class running July 20, 2026 through July 22, 2026, in the total amount of \$5,060.00.

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

f. Children, Youth and Families:

Eric Malloy requested approval of the 2026 renewal Agreement and Terms between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Simple In/Out, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 30, 2027, in the annual amount of \$539.99.

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

g. Fort Roberdeau:

Glenn Nelson requested approval of two Holding Tank Inspection forms received from the Blair County Sanitary Administrative Committee for the 2026 annual inspection fees at Fort Roberdeau in the total amount of \$80.00 (\$40.00 each).

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

h. Finance

- i. Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Lindsay Dempsey, requested approval of Schedule A for the Annual Demand Response Program between the County of Blair and KOREnergy for the 2026/2027 program year.

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

ii.

Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Lindsay Dempsey, requested approval of the amendment to the plan document between the County of Blair and Interflex Payments LLC d/b/a Ameriflex to adopt the 2026 maximum health Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Dependent Care Account (DCA) funding limits and FSA carryover limit for the April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027 plan year.

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

i. Employee Wellness Committee:

- Lori Guyer requested approval to submit a 2026 PCOMP Wellness Improvement Grant application in the amount of \$5,000.00.

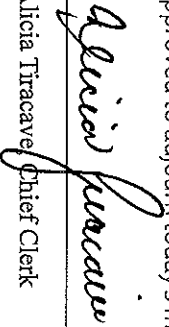
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adjourn today's meeting.



Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk