



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, August 20, 2026, 10:00 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 in attendance stand a recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on August 18, 2026, at 10 a.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burket, HR Analyst Kyle Brashear, Finance Director Lindsay Dempse, and Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave regarding the bargaining of a Collective Bargaining Agreement.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Guyer & Madison Murtiff (Commissioners), Nick Burket (Public Works-Facilities), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Scott Bailey (APO), James Ott(Sheriff), RJ Peo (Sheriff), Kay Stephens(Altoona Mirror), A.C Stickle & Angela Wagner(Controller), Becky Robinson(Purchasing), Brandon Meck(Finance), Lisa Logan & Andrea Morina (Register and Records), Amanda Humphreys (BDAP), Vincent Picore (WTAJ), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Burke reminded everyone that school is starting. Over the next few weeks our local schools will all be back. We ask that everyone looks out for school buses, kids walking or riding bikes to and from school and just be a little more careful on the roads.

Commissioner Webster, stated this is the time of year when we are going to be making appointments to Boards and Commissions that exist within the County. She asked that if you are interested in anything like that and being involved and part of your government and the future of Blair County, please go to the website and look for talent bank applications. There are different choices on there you can pick a choice, or you can pick a couple choices and email that to us. We would like to welcome new faces and new ideas to our Boards and Commissions. We appreciate the work that everybody has done to date, but we just like to encourage folks to be a part of our government. She asked Kay Stephens if she would please put that in the paper.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 157– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eight (8) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
08/10/2026	260810GG	\$19,950.00
08/10/2026	260810FS	\$2,698.27
08/10/2026	260810RF	\$3,174.32
08/10/2026	260731PC	\$47,318.52
08/12/2026	260812CM	\$10,000.00
08/18/2026	260818SS	\$110,598.82
08/18/2026	260818CY	\$236,185.83
08/18/2026	260818WW	\$419,277.90

Which includes payments to the following:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the amount of \$25,136.26

b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover County vehicle repairs:

From	\$	To
01103HW-44830 Highway	\$98.94	113201-44830 CVF

c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To correct a transfer for employee background checks:

From	\$	To
44122-42000 911 Center	\$105.65	01209PO-45080 Prison
012011-42000 Adult Parole	\$49.45	01202-42000 Juvenile

d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover CYF legal services:

From	\$	To
01101GCCO-44080 General County Operations	\$1,483.33	113201-44080 CYF

e. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover door repairs at the Highway building:

From	\$	To
01103BM-46030 Building Maintenance	\$1,059.50	01103HW-46030 Highway

f. Status Notice:

Type	Effective Date	Last Name	First Name	Dept	Position	Status	Rate
Employment	08/17/26	Best	Angie M	Domestic Relations	Director	FT, Exempt	\$276.17/biweekly
Employment	08/17/26	Cusack	Andrew Q	District Attorney	Certified Legal Intern	FT, Nonexempt	\$22.87/hour
Employment	08/17/26	Finnegan	Kierra L	Prison	Corrections Officer	FT, Nonexempt	\$23.50/hour
Employment	08/17/26	Gallace	James R	District Attorney	Administrative Support	FT, Nonexempt	\$14.44/hour
Employment	08/17/26	McFarland	Kyle M	Prison	Corrections Officer	FT, Nonexempt	\$23.50/hour
Employment	08/17/26	Snyder	Christa L	Prison	Administrative Coordinator	FT, Nonexempt	\$17.72/hour
Separation	08/05/26	Hicks	Brooke L	Prison	Correctional Case Manager	FT, Nonexempt	\$15.16/hour
Separation	08/08/26	Nichols	Jonah D	Prison	Corrections Officer	FT, Nonexempt	\$23.50/hour
Separation	08/11/26	Handley	Tre J	Prison	Corrections Officer	FT, Nonexempt	\$23.50/hour
Separation	08/11/26	Mitchell	Hannah P	EMA	Administrative Support	FT, Nonexempt	\$15.02/hour
Separation	08/11/26	Pirkey	Kenton C	Highway	Maintenance Technician	FT, Nonexempt	\$21.35/hour
Separation	08/14/26	Kagarise	Hunter S	Court Administration	Tipstaff	PT, Nonexempt	\$13.75/hour
Separation	08/14/26	Riley-Dick	Thelma L	Prothonotary	Courtroom Clerk	PT, Nonexempt	\$15.10/hour

Commissioner Burke abstained from payments to the Holidaysburg Borough due to conflicts of interest.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

a. Sheriff:

- i. Sheriff Ott requested approval for the Payment of the Invoice received Outside the County Purchasing Policy from Icon Sign Co. for a partial coverage vehicle wrap for the mini transport van in the amount of \$1,200.00.

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

- ii. Sheriff Ott requested approval of the Service Contract Quote received from Rapiscan Systems, for front door security screening equipment (serial #6182874), in the total amount of \$5,139.00, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2027.

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

- iii. Sheriff Ott requested approval for the County of Blair to accept an E-bike donated by RothRauff Electric Bikes for the County of Blair Sheriff's Office.

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

b. Coroner:

Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of Coroner Ray Benton, requested approval to submit a Work Statement agreeing that the Coroner's Office shall provide case level data reports for the 2025 calendar year to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health.

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

c. Public Works/Facilities:

Nicholas Burkett requested approval of a Supplemental proposal between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers Inc. for engineering for demolition of three properties located at the corner of Mulberry Street and Wayne Street in Hollidaysburg, PA in the estimated amount of \$24,420.00

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

d. Social Services:

- i. Melissa Gillin requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the Environmental Review Record (ERR) for the Bedford Street Flood Drainage Improvement Project in the Hollidaysburg borough.

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

- ii. Melissa Gillin requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign a request to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) to extend the Three-Year Expenditure Rule from August 20, 2026 to June 30, 2027, for FFY 2022 CDBG contract #C000086463

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

- iii. Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Property Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program between the County of Blair, Department of Social Services, Timothy Vaughn, and Champion Roofing USA for roof repairs located at 3520 5th Avenue, Altoona in the amount not-to-exceed \$7,500.00.

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

- iv. Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Property Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program between the County of Blair, Department of Social Services, Kristan Rightenour, and Champion Roofing USA for roof repairs located at 204 E. Bell Avenue, Altoona, PA in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,500.00.

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

e. Adult Probation and Parole:

Scott Bailey requested approval for submission of the 2026/2027 Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program grant application #50469 in the amount of \$315,000.00.

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

f. Finance:

Lindsay Dempsie requested approval of a Participation Grant Agreement and Assurance of Compliance for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

g. Elections:

Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of Elections Director Sarah Seymour, requested approval for the acceptance of the Election Integrity Grant Program (EIGP) in the amount of \$410,226.98.

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

h. Public Safety/EMA:

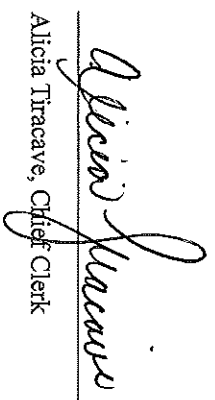
Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of EMA Operations and Training Coordinator Christine Fredrickson, requested approval for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) FFY 2025 DGM-16F Final Financial Status Report for the period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

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