



## BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Thursday, December 11, 10:01 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:

Commissioner Kessling requested that those participating in the meeting please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Brandon Meck (Finance), Emily States (EMA), Cris Fredrickson (911E), Don Weakland (IT), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), A.C. Stickel & Angela Wagner (Controller), Devin Saylor (Assessment), Brian Walters (Human Resources), Nate Taylor (Public Access), Carol Dannenberg (Holidaysburg Community Watchdog), Connor Goetz (WTAJ), Bill Forsht, Jackie Forsht (Public).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

An Executive session was held on December 4, 2025, at approximately 11:30 a.m. with the Commissioners, HR Director, and HR Analyst regarding one Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). An Executive session was held on December 9, 2025, at approximately 12:30 p.m. with the Commissioners and Chief Clerk regarding one position.

### APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES – 12/04/2025

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes as prepared.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

None

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 557 – 2025:

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

| EFFECTIVE DATE | WARRANT NUMBER | AMOUNT       |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| 11/28/2025     | 251128HR       | \$9,617.77   |
| 12/01/2025     | 251201FS       | \$767.48     |
| 12/01/2025     | 251201FN       | \$117,027.11 |
| 12/01/2025     | 251201HI       | \$581,702.07 |
| 12/03/2025     | 251203AM       | \$2,118.70   |
| 12/04/2025     | 251204HR       | \$11,935.74  |
| 12/04/2025     | 251204WT       | \$1,560.00   |
| 12/10/2025     | 251210AA       | \$258,991.13 |
| 12/09/2025     | 251209SS       | \$81,918.70  |
| 12/09/2025     | 251209CY       | \$387,251.02 |
| 12/09/2025     | 251209TC       | \$187,744.94 |
| 12/09/2025     | 251209WW       | \$495,148.82 |

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the total check amounts of \$501.68 (Warrant 251209TC) and \$105.00 (Warrant 251209WW).
- Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the total check amount of \$1,500.00

- b. 2025 Budget Transfer: To cover the fees for 911 equipment maintenance:

| From            | \$         | To                                |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 44122-42080 911 | \$8,893.07 | 44122712-44710 911 Project ESInet |
| 44122-44030 911 | \$1,122.55 | 44122712-44710 911 Project ESInet |

- c. 2025 Budget Transfer: To cover the cost of two \$150.00 invoices from the American Arbitration Association:

| From                                     | \$       | To                   |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------------------|
| 01101GCO-44080 General County Operations | \$300.00 | 01209PO-44080 Prison |

- d. Commissioners: Requesting approval of the 2026 Public Meeting Notice and to publish said notice in the Altoona Mirror.
- e. Planning Commission Board: Requesting approval of the appointment of Rodney Green to the Board for Region 6, filling the remainder of Linda Smith's term from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Requesting the appointment of Rodney Estep to the Board for Region 5, with a term effective January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2029.
- f. Employments: Dobiss, Stephanie, FT, District Court Administrative Support, MDJ, \$14.44/hr., effective 12/8/2025. Conner, Mark, Jury, Brandon, Myers, Terry, Pietrowski, Brianna, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 12/8/2025.
- g. Status Changes: Shawley, Bethany, FT, Custody Assistant, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr., to FT, Criminal Case Manager, Court Administration, \$19.35/hr., effective 12/8/2025.
- h. Resignations: Zink, Amber, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 10/31/2025. Tobery, Robert, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 11/19/2025. Cutshall, Jennifer, FT, Administrative Coordinator, Commissioners, \$18.42/hr., effective 12/5/2025. Dressler, Aden, FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$21.20/hr., effective 12/5/2025.
- i. Retirements: Smith, Celesta, FT, Post-Sentencing Guidelines Coordinator, District Attorney, \$14.80/hr., effective 12/1/2025. Booterbaugh, Paul, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$23.11/hr., effective 12/5/2025.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstentions to the payments to Hollidaysburg Borough and Thomas and Sandra Jandora.

Resolution 557-2025: Motioned by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Commissioner Webster with the abstentions as noted.

#### STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

##### Human Resources:

Brian Walters requested approval of the two-year Renewal Contract between the County of Blair and Vision Benefits of America ("VBA"), to provide County-funded, base group managed vision care benefits to eligible enrolled employees under Base Vision Plan #4487, at the current cost of \$0.75 per employee, per month, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028.

Resolution 558-2025: Approving the two-year Renewal Contract between the County of Blair and Vision Benefits of America ("VBA"), to provide County-funded, base group managed vision care benefits to eligible enrolled employees under Base Vision Plan #4487, at the current cost of \$0.75 per employee, per month, for the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2028.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 558-2025.

##### Public Safety/911E:

Emily States requested approval of the renewal Software License, Service and Support Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and Medical Priority Consultants d/b/a Priority Dispatch Corporation, for the Emergency Medical, Fire and Police Dispatch Systems, in the total annual amount of \$30,600.00, for the period of January 15, 2026 through January 14, 2029.

Resolution 559-2025: Approving the renewal Software License, Service and Support Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and Medical Priority Consultants d/b/a Priority Dispatch Corporation, for the Emergency Medical, Fire and Police Dispatch Systems, in the total annual amount of \$30,600.00, for the period of January 15, 2026 through January 14, 2029.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 559-2025.

##### Public Safety/EMA:

Cris Fredrickson requested approval of the electronic submission of the 2026 Mosquito-Borne Disease Control (MBDC) Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in the total amount of \$97,906.00, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Resolution 560-2025: Approving the electronic submission of the 2026 Mosquito-Borne Disease Control (MBDC) Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in the total amount of \$97,906.00, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 560-2025.

##### Coroner:

Commissioner Kessling, on behalf of Coroner Ray Benton, requested approval of the Renewal Contract between the County of Blair and Quincy Technology Solutions, Inc., for License, Maintenance & Support in the amount of \$10,386.00 and Applicable Custom Software Enhancements in the amount of \$2,614.00 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Resolution 561-2025: Approving the Renewal Contract between the County of Blair and Quincy Technology Solutions, Inc., for License, Maintenance & Support in the amount of \$10,386.00 and Applicable Custom Software Enhancements in the amount of \$2,614.00 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 561-2025.

Social Services:

Melissa Gillin requested approval of the FY 2025/2026 Renewal Contract between the County of Blair and Central PA Behavioral Health Collaborative (CPBHC) dba Blair HealthChoices for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the maximum amount of \$225,000.00.

Resolution 562-2025: Approving the FY 2025/2026 Renewal Contract between the County of Blair and Central PA Behavioral Health Collaborative (CPBHC) dba Blair HealthChoices for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the maximum amount of \$225,000.00.

Commissioner Burke abstained from voting due to the appearance of a conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and approved to adopt Resolution 562-2025 with the abstention as noted.

Commissioners:

- i. Chief Clerk Tiracave requested approval to adopt the Ordinance to authorize the taking by eminent domain one parcel of land in the township of Logan.

Resolution 563-2025: Approving to adopt the Ordinance to authorize the taking by eminent domain one parcel land in the township of Logan.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 563-2025.

- ii. Chief Clerk Tiracave requested approval to amend Resolution 556-2025 to award the removal & transportation of decedents for the Blair County Coroner to Forsht Livery Service for the remainder of the contract period, through June 10, 2026.

Resolution 564-2025: Approving to amend Resolution 556-2025 to award the removal & transportation of decedents for the Blair County Coroner to Forsht Livery Service for the remainder of the contract period, through June 10, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 564-2025.

- iii. Commissioner Kessling requested approval to add an Agenda Item to today's agenda stating that we would be using a new condition in the Sunshine Law allowing for the addition of an item within the 24 hours of posting the agenda. This is a time sensitive item that we would be losing funding if we did not approve to submit the item today.

There was no public comment on adding the item to the agenda.

Resolution 565-2025: Approving to add an Agenda Item to today's agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 565-2025.

- iv. IT Director Don Weakland requested approval to submit an application for the 2026 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Fund.

Mr. Weakland added that this application is due on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

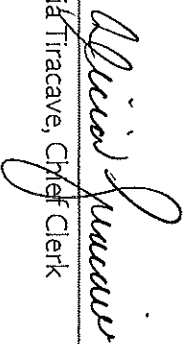
Resolution 566-2025: Approving to submit an application for the 2026 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Fund.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 566-2025.

OLD BUSINESS:  
None

ADJOURN

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

  
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Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk