



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, March 26, 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 participating in the meeting stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

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

Others Present:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/ Highway), Sarah Seymour (Elections), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Nicholas Burket (Public Works-Facilities) ,Brandon Meck (Finance), Cris Fredrickson (Public Safety/EMA), Angela Wagner and A.C. Stickel (Controller), Deanna Heichel (Assessment), President Judge Kagarise (Judiciary), Kelly Popich (SAS MG Early Intervention), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror),

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive Session was held on March 23, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m. with 3 Commissioners, County Solicitor, Finance Director, and Chief Clark regarding the Blair Count Prison security issue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Stephens asked if Item E. iv. would require a detour and when that would happen.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

None

RESOLUTION 136-2026

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Ratification of the following seven (7) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
03/16/2026	260316FS	\$695.11
03/19/2026	260319HR	\$16,295.12
03/20/2026	260320SF	\$100,000.00
03/20/2026	260320ML	\$156.43
03/24/2026	260324SS	\$26,611.53
03/24/2026	260324CY	\$134,454.54
03/24/2026	260324WW	\$694,655.24

Which includes payment to the following vendors:

- Blair Senior Services in the total check amount of \$179,266.00.
- Holidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$28,587.57.

- b. Ratification of total Payroll for the Paycheck dated 3/20/2026 in the total amount of \$942,323.22.

- c. **2026 Budget Transfer:** To cover the replacement of the water system at Fort Roberdeau :

From	\$	To
01103BM-46060 Building Maintenance	\$5,368.00	08607-46060 Fort Roberdeau

- d. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover Prison medical fees:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-41999 General County Operations	\$11,952.09	01209PO-45040 Prison

e. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover costs of County vehicle maintenance:

From	\$	To
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$160.00	113201-44730 CYF

f. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover costs of air testing at MDJ DeAntonio:

From	\$	To
01103BM-43070 Building Maintenance	\$775.00	01161DD-44030 MDJ DeAntonio

g. 2026 Budget Transfer: To separate PCCD Indigent Defense Grant funds:

From	\$	To
01157-34400 Public Defender	\$40,000.00	01157730-34400 PCCD ID Grant
01157-42080 Public Defender	\$8,000.00	01157730-42080 PCCD ID Grant

h. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover costs of insurance deductibles from P CoRP:

From	\$	To
01101GCCO-44960 General County Operations	\$10,000.00	01209PO-44960 Prison

i. Fort Roberdeau Association Board: Requesting approval for the appointment of Catherine Greenleaf Martin filling the term of Maverick Fleck effective March 26, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

j. Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board: Requesting approval for the appointment of David Reese for the period of March 26, 2026 through December 31, 2029.

k. Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project: Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #22, Part 2, Final Design, in the total amount of \$1,776.87, and Invoice #23, Part 2, Final Design, in the total amount of \$19,352.18, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

l. Bridge #73/T-349 Bridge Removal Project: Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #7, Part 1, PE Phase, in the total amount of \$13,634.89, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

m. Employments: Carini, Ashley, FT, Custodian, Public Works – Facilities, \$18.09/hr, effective 3/23/2026. DaSilva Jr, Mario, FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$21.01/hr, effective 3/23/2026. Forst, Lakin, FT, Judicial Secretary, Judge Consiglio, \$1,302.70/bi-weekly, effective 3/23/2026. Fredrick, Jacob, Gallaher, Landon, Hale, Jason, Hocker, Edward, and Stetchcock, Annika, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr, effective 3/23/2026.

n. Status Changes: Danella, Annette, FT, Probation Officer Aide, APO to FT, Department Support, Domestic Relations, \$13.36/hr, effective 3/16/2026.

o. Separations of Employment: Jury, Brandon, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53 hr., effective 3/12/2026. Boughner, Sarah, PT Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.74/hr, effective 3/13/2026. Daversa, John, and Pollock, Keiton, FT, Deputy Sheriff, \$19.74/hr, effective 3/13/2026.

Commissioner Burke abstained from payments to Blair Senior Services 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. Court Admin:
 President Judge Kagaris requested approval of a Collection Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Credit Control Collections for assistance with Cost & Fines collection efforts for the period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027, with annual auto renewal thereafter, in the amount of 25% of the original balance charged only on accounts collected as a fee/penalty.

President Judge Kagaris added that this would be at no cost to taxpayers. The fee would be tacked on to the fees owed.

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

b. Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group:
 Kelly Popich requested approval of the Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group Early Intervention Contract between the County of Blair and Western PA School for the Deaf for the period of December 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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

c. Social Services:

- i. 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, Donald Balasco, and Shover Electrical & Construction LLC for exterior repairs of the house located at 601 E. Walton Avenue, Altoona, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000.00.

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

- ii. Melissa Gillin requested approval of the 2025/2026 school year Student Assistance Program (SAP) Mental Health Letter of Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Department of Social Services (DSS)-Mental Health (MH) Program, UPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies, and Central PA Digital Learning Foundation to offer supportive services to students experiencing academic, behavioral, and/or emotional difficulties that may pose barriers to school success.

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

- iii. Melissa Gillin requested approval of the Contract between the County of Blair and The Learning Community of Pennsylvania to assist with employment services for the period of April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

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

d. Public Safety/EMA:

- Cris Fredrickson requested approval of the Quote received from AristaTek, Inc. for eight (8) annual licenses of PEAC-WMD, which includes Tier II Integration and Commodity Hazard Vulnerability Analysis, and Worst-Case Analysis for planning, exercise, and response, for the period of April 15, 2026 through April 14, 2027, in the total amount of \$5,950.00.

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

e. Public Works/Highway:

- i. Paul Shaffer requested approval of an Agreement for Purchases Under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Highway Department, and Good Tire Service, Inc. for products and/or services set forth in County approved Purchase Orders.

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

- ii. Paul Shaffer requested approval of an Authorization to Enter Agreement between the County of Blair and New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. to utilize the parking lot at the Lakemont Dam Spillway as a supply storage site during the Route 36/Logan Boulevard highway project.

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

- iii. Paul Shaffer requested approval of Change Order #2 to the Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and John Claar Excavating, Inc. for the Salt Storage Building project in the increased amount of \$13,135.23. The revised total cost is \$439,662.61.

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

- iv. Paul Shaffer requested approval for the award of the bids received for the Bridge T-456 Old Mill Run/County Bridge #33 Project to C.H. & D. Enterprises Inc.

Vendors	Bid Total	Award
C.H. & D. Enterprises Inc.	\$819,259.41	Awarded
George S. Hann & Son, Inc.	\$839,484.01	
IVI Group Inc.	\$920,269.88	
Beech Construction, Inc.	\$954,708.85	
Kukurin Contracting, Inc.	\$972,972.00	

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

- f. Public Works/Facilities:
Nicholas Burket requested approval of a Quote received from Pro Active Sports Inc. for County employee shirts in the amount of \$504.75.

This item was struck from the agenda since it was determined that this is a CoStars vendor item.

- g. Assessment:
DeAnna Heichel requested approval of the Proposal received from Pittsburgh Realty Valuations, Inc. d/b/a Integra Realty Resources-Pittsburgh, for an appraisal of Blair County tax parcel 01.06-06.-058.00-000 in the amount of \$663.25 and a written report, if requested, in the amount of \$1,326.50.

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

- h. IT:
Don Weakland requested approval of a Proposal received from RBA Professional Data Systems, Inc. for the renewal of the existing Information Technology Support Services Agreement along with additional products and services for the period of March 22, 2026 through March 21, 2027, in the amount of \$116,755.32.

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

- i. Human Resources:
i. Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of Kyle Brashear, requested approval of the Short-Term Disability (STD) FICA & W2 Tax Reporting Service Agreement between the County of Blair and The Standard Insurance Company effective April 1, 2026.

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

- ii. Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of Kyle Brashear requested approval of the Benefit Administration Agreement-Private Rate Guarantee for Dental Coverage between the County of Blair and The Standard Insurance Company effective April 1, 2026.

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

- iii. Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of Kyle Brashear, requested approval of a contract by and between the County of Blair and L.R. Webber Associates, Inc., for services in the capacity of Consultant-of-Record and/or Broker-of-Record for Blair County's employee benefits through Selerix, an Internet-based employee benefits administration system, including employee training, and ongoing system updates for new benefit enrollment periods and Blair County support with an effective date of March 1, 2026, at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Kessling added he is pretty excited by this. It used to be a full-time position, and it is now being done by Webber Associates.

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

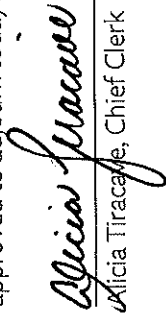
- j. Commissioners:
Requesting approval of the Intergovernmental agreement between the County of Blair and Centre County for the housing of inmates at a cost of \$75.00 per day per inmate.

This item was struck from the agenda since it was determined there is an existing agreement already in place.

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Tiracalle, Chief Clerk

