



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, April 16, 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 asked for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Kessling asked that everyone participating in the meeting stand a recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on April 13, 2026, at approximately 10:45 a.m. with the 3 Commissioners, Chief Clerk and Finance Director regarding 1 Insurance Claim.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lawrance Carter from Broadway in Altoona stated that President Donald Trump and his supporters claim massive election fraud in 2018 after he lost to Joe Biden. Trump and some Republican supporters are now proposing separate elections for the President, Senators, and House of Representatives, and separate rules for those elections. Blair county has 815,042 registered voters, and the Commissioners, by law, are responsible for administering all elections. Trump proposed the Save America Act initiated by executive order, not by law, will require the County Commissioners to collect documentary proof of the voter's citizenship, including an ID and birth certificate. Mail-in voting will cease. Many women will lose the right to vote because their maiden name on their birth certificate is not on the photo id. The Federal Elections Commission and Homeland Security Act could instruct County Commissioners how to create the right to vote, the Save Act also proposes to sue County Commissioners for noncompliance. The state of Washington estimates to start the act in their state would be between 35 and 39 million dollars. Trumps administration has a 35% approval rating, and 8 million people nation wide have protested in the No Kings March, the longest protest in American history. In order to administer the Save America Act, Blair County will have to have additional staff, develop new computer software, develop new county voter reporting systems, and answer to the federal government on matters of voting. The Save Act is in direct violation of the State and Federal separation powers. Blair County Commissioners should not adhere to the proposed Save Act with its illegal and egregious requirements.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Burke stated she is extremely pleased and excited to announce that last week, shortly after this meeting, we were notified that CYF attained their full licenses effective April 10th. For a six-month period, we will have continued technical assistance from the state. We are extremely happy with the outcome of licensing. We only had a total of 5 citations, and we are just extremely proud of all our employees in that department and the hard work that they have put in to come to this point.

Commissioner Webster stated that she echoes Commissioner Burkes' comments.

Commissioner Kessling added that it's a big deal and it has been a long road. It is good to see all the things CYF has done over the past several years, and the effort the staff have put in to make the changes, as well as the State and County collaborating together to make the right decision and do the right things. As a result of that, we are where we are today. CYF takes a lot of criticism, however when you are down there you see the hard work that they do. He is grateful, as is the whole board, for this moment and for them to achieve the goal they've been working towards for several years. It's monumental so he echoed the other Commissioners' comments. "This is a great time for them."

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 139- 2026:

- a. Ratification of the following ten (10) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
4/06/2026	260406FS	\$4,656.39
4/03/2026	260403ML	\$290.87
4/09/2026	260409HR	\$203.67
4/08/2026	260408SF	\$55,000.00
4/08/2026	260331PC	\$48,414.27
4/09/2026	260409RF	\$469.54
4/10/2026	260410GG	\$19,152.00
4/14/2026	260414SS	\$759,023.06

4/14/2026	260414CY	\$620,534.86
4/14/2026	260414WW	\$565,919.60

- b. Employments: McCartney, Tiffani L., FT, Probation Officer Aide, APO, \$13.75/hr., effective 4/13/2026.
- c. Separations of Employment: Schnarrs, Jordan R., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 4/3/2026. Smith, Robert G., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 4/9/2026. Baurnia, Dakota J., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 4/14/2026.
- d. Retirements: Cupp, Jean K., FT, Administrative Support, MDJ Dunio, \$14.87/hr., effective 3/31/2026.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board:
Commissioner Kessling, on behalf of Rich Heuther, requested approval of the Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Keller Engineers, Inc. for the easement survey of the England Family Limited Partnership - Weyant Farm in the total amount of \$7,150.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of PA at time of closing.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.
- b. Public Safety/911E:
Emily States requested approval of the Commercial Alarm Article of Agreement between the County of Blair, Department of Emergency Services/911E and the various agencies, companies, and residential alarm monitoring customers, in the annual amount of \$300.00, for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

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

- c. Social Services:
 - i. Tricia Johnson requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the two (2) Site Specific Checklists Tier 2 Environmental Review Records (ERR) for Blair County Housing Rehabilitation Existing Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program for the units listed below:

Program Type	Case Number	Unit Location
Whole Home Repair	#WH230221-01	639 Cornell Lane, Altoona
CDBG	#23-2897	1840 Scotch Valley Road, Hollidaysburg
CDBG	#20-2704	318 Garfield Street, Tyrone

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

- ii. Tricia Johnson 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, Tanya McCartney, and Dirtworks by Johnston LLC for the demolition of a garage located at 613 8th Avenue, Altoona in the amount of \$2,833.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.
- iii. Tricia Johnson requested approval of the Quote received from HSS Systems for the creation of a program to create reversing entries for existing posted G/L transactions in the total amount of \$600.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved.
- iv. Tricia Johnson requested approval of Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Social Services, and Seven Mountains Media for an ad campaign

running April 28, 2026 through May 15, 2026, recognizing May as Mental Health Month, in the total amount of \$2,000.00.

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

d. Public Works/Highway:

Paul Shaffer requested approval to amend Resolution #123-2026 to reflect tree trimming along CR-101 by Henry Enterprises Inc., at the rate of \$1,400.00 per day for four (4) days, in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

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

e. Public Works/Facilities:

Nicholas Burket requested approval of the Quote received from Allegheny Overhead Door LLC. for the repair of a garage door at the Blair County Highway Department in the total amount of \$1,059.50.

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

f. Fort Roberdeau:

Glenn Nelson requested approval of the Quote received from Altoona Soft Water to provide water treatment service at Fort Roberdeau for the period of May 2026 through October 2026, in the estimated amount of \$1,145.00.

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

g. Employee Wellness Committee:

Nicholas Burket requested approval of a pavilion rental for \$125.00 and catering services for \$14.25 per meal at Delgrosso's Amusement Park.

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

h. Commissioners:

Alicia Tiracave requested approval for the Blair County Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to be dissolved and its duties, responsibilities, and accounts to be transferred back to the County.

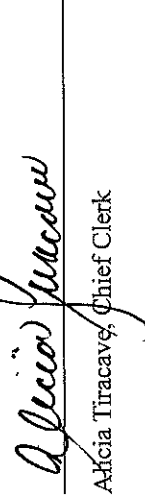
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

