



BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, May 7, 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 Burke, and Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Lisa Logan (Register/ Recorders), Nicholas Burket (Public Works/Facilities), AC Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controllers), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Brandon Meck (Finance), Sue St. Martin (Tax Claims), Scott Bailey (APO), Sam Dunkle (Court Admin), Carol Danneberg (ACW), Kay Stephens(Altoona Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

An executive session was held on May 4, 2026, at approximately 9:30 a.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Chief Clerk Tiracave, Assistant Chief Clerk Guyer, and Finance Director Lindsay Dempsie regarding 3 open positions.

An executive session was held on May 6, 2026, with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Chief Clerk Tiracave, Assistant Chief Clerk Guyer, and HR Interim Director Kyle Brashear regarding an interview of a candidate for one open position.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Stephens stated that she would like to hear more about item A. Who does the monitoring? Who would put the bracelets on? And about the cost?

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Kessling let everyone know it is Corrections Officers week. Commissioner Kessling also announced National Day of Prayer.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 142- 2026:

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

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
4/27/2026	260427FS	\$1,999.37
4/30/2026	260430HR	\$3,991.97
5/1/2026	260501FN	\$117,016.69
4/29/2026	260429RF	\$3,838.91
5/1/2026	260501HI	\$611,265.15
5/5/2026	260505SS	\$22,089.73
5/5/2026	260505CY	\$7,748.00
5/5/2026	260505TC	\$455,178.00
5/5/2026	260505WW	\$288,258.23
5/8/2026	260508AA	\$261,682.18

Which includes payments to the following vendors:

- Blair Senior Services in the amount of \$435.52.
- Hollidaysburg Borough in the total amount of \$3,571.86.
- Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the total amount of \$1,325.00.

b. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover pest control at MDJ DeAntonio:

From	\$	To
01103BM-44840 Building Maintenance	\$450.00	011161DD-44840 MDJ DeAntonio

c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover repairs to the Courtroom #1 door:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$10,360.00	01103BM-44960 APO Building Maintenance

- d. Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board: Requesting approval for the appointment of David Bigelow Sr. for the period of 5/07/2026 through 12/31/2029.
- e. Affordable Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board: Requesting approval for the re-appointments of Scott Durbin and Susan Eberhart, and appointment of Sherree Otto Luke for the period of 5/1/2026 through 4/30/2028.
- f. Employments: Decker, Jennifer L., FT, First Deputy Register of Wills, Register and Recorder, \$16.71/hr., effective 5/1/2026. Gallace, Donald J., FT, Pre-sentencing Guidelines Coordinator, District Attorney, \$14.44/hr., effective 5/1.2026. Garvey, Ashley A. and Myers, Brianna L., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 5/1/2026. Kennedy, Nelson R., PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$13.75/hr., effective 5/1/2026. Wendle, Daniel S., FT, Lieutenant, Prison, \$2327.99/biweekly, 5/01/2026.

- g. Status Changes: Wilts, Michael W., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., to FT, Lieutenant, Prison, \$2,327.88/Biweekly, effective 5/4/2026.

- h. Separations of Employment: Ballet, Matthias X., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 4/27/2026. Eckenrode, Brittany L., FT, Coordinator, Tax Claim, \$18.89/hr., effective 5/1/2026. Nawaz, Ali, FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$19.35/hr., effective 5/1/2026. DaSilva, Mario, FT, Caseworker, CYF, \$21.01/hr., effective 5/1/2026.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to Blair Senior Services, Hollidaysburg Borough, and Thomas and Chandra Jandora due to conflicts of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and with the abstentions as noted.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

- a. Adult Parole:

Scott Bailey requested approval of an Amendment to the Agreement for Services between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Adult Parole, and Vigilnet America, LLC, (Res. 116-2015) to add monitoring services for the Blair County Prison Program effective May 8, 2026.

Commissioner Kessling stated that this is a complex issue and the elected officials are working with the Sheriff's Office and Adult Parole regarding various issues. Vigilnet offers different types of monitoring. Various people at the Prison, Sheriff's Office, and Adult Parole can put the bracelets on and training would be provided. There are on-going discussions as to how many bracelets and they are trying to make the best use of County money.

Commissioner Burke added that the County does not keep a lot of bracelets on hand, but they can be quickly sourced.

Commissioner Kessling thanked Mr. Bailey for his efforts.

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

- b. Tax Claim:

Sue St. Martin requested approval for the removal of tax parcel 24.00-08.-026.00-000 from the active tax sale lists and moved administratively to the County Repository where it will be inactivated and retired from county tax roll records.

Commissioner Burke stated that the County was notified by Senator Ward's office that the parcel does not exist.

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

- c. Register/Recorder:

Lisa Logan requested approval of the Renewal of the Software Support Agreement between the County of Blair and Optical Storage Solutions, Inc., for 20 Landex full licenses for the Register of Wills & Recorder of Deeds Office, in the amount of \$23,945.00, and two full licenses for the Assessment Office in the amount of \$1,280.00, for a total of \$25,225.00, for the period of May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

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

- d. District Attorney:

Chief Clerk Tiracave, on behalf of Peter Weeks, requested approval of the Customer Support Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County District Attorney's Office and Informant

Technologies, Inc., for the period of August 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027, in the amount of \$1,590.00.

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

e. Public Works/Facilities:

- i. Requesting approval for the Payment of the Invoice received Outside the County Purchasing Policy from Burke & Company LLC. d/b/a S.P. McCarl & Co., for labor incurred during the compressor replacement project beyond that which was covered under the warranty, in the total amount of \$300.00.

Commissioner Burke asked to table this item due to a conflict of interest and lack of quorum.

- ii. Nicholas Burket requested approval of a Service Contract between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers for the construction of a parking lot located on

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

f. Social Services:

Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Property Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund (AHTF) Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program between the County of Blair, Department of Social Services, Jeanette Speckhart, and McFarland Remodeling & Construction for exterior code violation repairs located at 2009 5th Avenue, Altoona, in the amount of \$7,500.00.

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

g. Finance:

Lindsay Dempsie requested approval of the 2025-2026 State Food Purchase Program (SFPP) Grant Agreement between the County of Blair and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$254,698.16.

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

h. Commissioners:

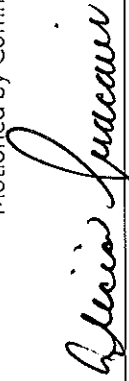
Alicia Tiracave requested approval for Commissioner David Kessling to execute all Exhibit G's for each settlement party and any other documents required to carry out the terms of the County's decision to participate as Participating Subdivision in the Remnant Defendants' Settlement Agreement (RDSA) dated February 3, 2026 under the New National Opioid Settlements, and in his absence, Vice-Chairperson Amy E. Webster to execute any and all documents requiring a physical signature.

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

OLD BUSINESS
None

ADJOURN

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

