

BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, February 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 in attendance stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT:
Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Nicholas Burket (Facilities), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Jessica Miller and Sam Dunkle (Court Admin), Kyle Brashear and Brian Walters (Human Resources), Tricia Johnson and Trina Illig (Social Services), Angela Wagner and A.C. Stickel (Controller), Dennis Wisor (Blair Senior Services), James Henry (Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group), Ann Merrit (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Nichole Hemminger (Public), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:
An executive session was held on 2/12/26 at approximately 4:50 p.m. with the 3 Commissioners and County Solicitor regarding one active lawsuit.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
Kay Stephens asked why the County was not taking lowest bid on item a.ii.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:
Commissioner Burke stated that she spoke with Senator Fetterman regarding the SAVE Act. She shared that she has reservations regarding anyone who changed their name and the impact on staffing due to in-person voting.

Commissioner Webster stated that the SAVE Act has to do with planning and responsibility. We must make sure the election is fair and it is good to have safeguards in place.

Commissioner Kessling reminded everyone that today is National Maintenance Worker Recognition Day and he appreciates everything they do across the County.

CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 84– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eleven (11) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
02/09/2026	260209FS	$871.40
02/12/2026	260212HR	$3,816.96
02/11/2026	260211GG	$13,034.00
02/17/2026	260217SS	$209,941.49
02/17/2026	260217CY	$471,494.51
02/17/2026	260217WW	$519,599.98
02/17/2026	260217FS	$1,679.93
02/24/2026	260224TC	$3,874.25
02/24/2026	260224CY	$46,124.49
02/24/2026	260224SS	$104,253.55
02/24/2026	260224WW	$399,398.87

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Hollidaysburg Borough in the total check amounts of $64,152.07, $27,440.50, and $736.50.
- Blair Senior Services in the total check amount of $163,215.00.

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the paycheck dated 2/20/2026 in the total amount of $974,421.14.

c. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover fees for sewer work at MDJ DeAntonio:

From	$	To
01103BM-43070 Building Maintenance	$289.00	01161DD-44840 MDJ DeAntonio

d. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover the costs for Special Election Expenses:

From	$	To

011062-42110 Elections	$3,000.00	01106615-42110 Special Election
011062-42150 Elections	$1,200.00	01106615-42150 Special Election
011062-43000 Elections	$7,000.00	01106615-43000 Special Election
011062-43010 Elections	$5,000.00	01106615-43010 Special Election
011062-43050 Elections	$500.00	01106615-43050 Special Election
011062-44030 Elections	$25,000.00	01106615-44030 Special Election
011062-44070 Elections	$500.00	01106615-44070 Special Election
011062-45140 Elections	$33,000.00	01106615-45140 Special Election

e. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover fees for repairs to the 911 gates:

From	$	To
01103BM-43070 Building Maintenance	$850.00	44122-44840 911

f. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover Tax Collector Bond Premiums:

From	$	To
01101GCO-41999 General County Operations	$20,007.00	01800-44940 Tax Collectors

g. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover legal fees from McNees Wallace:

From	$	To
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	$4,770.50	113201-44080 CYF

h. 2026 Budget Transfer: To cover staff travel expenses for the Tyler Connect Conference:

From	$	To
01112-42040 Controller	$400.00	01136-42040 Finance

i. Commissioners: Ratification of a Letter of Support from the Blair County Board of Commissioners to the City of Altoona, in support of a grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Multimodal Transportation Fund.

j. Commissioners: Requesting approval of a Letter of Support from the Blair County Board of Commissioners to the Mental Health Planning Council, in support of an application for Tricia Johnson, Director of Social Services, to join said council.

k. Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board: Requesting approval to accept the resignation of Nicola Ardizzone from the Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board effective February 20, 2026.

l. Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board: Requesting approval to accept the resignation of James Dixon from the Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board effective February 24, 2026.

m. Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board: Requesting approval to accept the resignation of Herbert Shelow from the Blair County Planning Commission Advisory Board effective February 19, 2026.

n. Employments: Crowl, Shirley, PT, Department Support, Prothonotary, $13.09/hr., effective 2/17/2026. Walters, John, FT, Maintenance Technician-Electrician, Public Works, $20.56/hr., effective 2/17/2026. Conner, Debra, Temporary Department Assistant, Elections, $11.00/hr., effective 2/23/2026. Dennis, Mandi, FT, Administrative Support, District Attorney, $14.44/hr., effective 2/23/2026. Nawaz, Ali, FT, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, $19.35/hr., effective 2/23/2026. Paul, Kyla, FT, Parole and Probation Officer, Adult Parole and Probation, $19.35/hr., effective 2/23/2026.

o. Resignations: Farber, Rachel and Sweeney, Sean, PT, Deputy Coroner, Coroner, $18.89/hr., effective 2/9/2026. Burr, Vincent, FT, Post-Sentencing Guidelines Coordinator, District Attorney, $14.44/hr., effective 2/11/2026. McCarthy, Paige, FT, Case Manager, Public Defender, $21.05/hr., effective 2/11/2026.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to the payments made to Hollidaysburg Borough and Blair Senior Services due to a conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 84-2026 with abstentions as noted.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Public Works/ Facilities:

i. Nicholas Burket requested ratification of the Proposal between the County of Blair and Smithmyer's Electronics Inc. for the telemetry and signal work into the system of five (5) doors at the Blair County Prison in the amount not to exceed $880.00. Resolution # 085-2026.

Resolution 085-2026: Ratifying the Proposal between the County of Blair and Smithmyer's Electronics Inc. for the telemetry and signal work into the system

of five (5) doors at the Blair County Prison in the amount not to exceed $880.00. Resolution # 085-2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webester, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 085-2026.

ii. Nicholas Burket requested approval for the award of the bid received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #1 - General.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
Carl Walker Construction	$1,985,047.62	Award
CH & D Enterprises, Inc.	$1,886,888.00	
Restocon, LLC	$2,995,622.00	
Pullman Services	$2,994,023.05	
T.G. Basile, Inc.	$3,068,247.75	

Resolution 086-2026: Approving the award of the bid received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #1 - General.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
Carl Walker Construction	$1,985,047.62	Award
CH & D Enterprises, Inc.	$1,886,888.00	
Restocon, LLC	$2,995,622.00	
Pullman Services	$2,994,023.05	
T.G. Basile, Inc.	$3,068,247.75	

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 086-2026.

iii. Nicholas Burket requested approval for the award of the bid received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #2 – Plumbing.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
K & K Plumbing Co.	$63,889.00	
Allied Mechanical & Electrical	$67,900.00	
Montgomery Brothers Plumbing	$53,100.00	Award

Resolution 087-2026: Approving the award of the bid received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #2 – Plumbing.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
K & K Plumbing Co.	$63,889.00	
Allied Mechanical & Electrical	$67,900.00	
Montgomery Brothers Plumbing	$53,100.00	Award

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 087-2026.

iv. Nicholas Burket requested approval for the award of the bid received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #3 – Electrical.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
MH Electric LLC	$109,000.00	Award
Westmoreland Electrical Services, LLC	$179,700.00	
Bettwy Electric	$204,100.00	

Resolution 088-2026: Approving the award of the bid received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #3 – Electrical.

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comment
MH Electric LLC	$109,000.00	Award
Westmoreland Electrical Services, LLC	$179,700.00	
Bettwy Electric	$204,100.00	

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 088-2026.

Court Administration:
Jessica Miller requested approval of a Court Interpreter Services Grant Application for Language Access Reimbursable Costs for calendar year 2025 to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), in the total amount of $25,801.91.

Resolution 089-2026: Approving a Court Interpreter Services Grant Application for Language Access Reimbursable Costs for calendar year 2025 to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), in the total amount of $25,801.91.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 089-2026.

Human Resources:
Kyle Brashear requested approval of the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Blair and SEIU Local 668 Custodial/Highway/Maintenance for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Commissioner Burke stated this is a way of celebrating maintenance workers.

Commissioner Kessling, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, recognized Mr. Brashear for the phenomenal job he has done negotiating union contracts with minimal Solicitor involvement.

Resolution 090-2026: Approving the collective bargaining agreement between the County of Blair and SEIU Local 668 Custodial/Highway/Maintenance for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 090-2026.

Social Services:

i. Jamie Henry requested approval of the Administrative Entity Operating Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG) and the Department of Social Services along with the Department of Human Services for the continued designation of SASMG as the Administrative Entity for Intellectual Disability Services for Blair County effective January 1, 2026.

Resolution 091-2026: Approving the Administrative Entity Operating Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG) and the Department of Social Services along with the Department of Human Services for the continued designation of SASMG as the Administrative Entity for Intellectual Disability Services for Blair County effective January 1, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 091-2026.

ii. Tricia Johnson requested approval to increase the maximum amount awarded per household for the Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program from $5,000.00 to $7,500.00 to continue to assist with repairs for code violations for owner-occupied homes throughout Blair County.

Commissioner Burke questioned why this was needed.

Ms. Johnson responded that the cost of repairs is exceeding the cap. This amount is more in line with the bids received.

Commissioner Kessling stated this program helps homes that have code violations.

Resolution 092-2026: Approving to increase the maximum amount awarded per household for the Code Compliance Repair Assistance Program from $5,000.00 to $7,500.00 to continue to assist with repairs for code violations for owner-occupied homes throughout Blair County.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 092-2026.

iii. Trina Illig requested approval of the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), contract #C000082572, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 15, 2025 through February 6, 2026.

Resolution 093-2026: Approving the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), contract #C000082572, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 15, 2025 through February 6, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 093-2026.

iv. Trina Illig requested approval of the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #C000089766, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 11, 2024 through December 31. 2025.

Resolution 094-2026: Approving the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #C000089766, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 11, 2024 through December 31. 2025.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 094-2026.

v. Trina Illig requested approval to submit the required closeout reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #C000082572.

Resolution 095-2026: Approving the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) contract #C000089766, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 11, 2024 through December 31. 2025.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 095-2026.

vi. Trina Illig requested approval to submit the required closeout reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for the FFY 2020 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) contract # C000084484.

Resolution 096-2026: Approving the submission of the required closeout reporting to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) for the FFY 2020 HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) contract # C000084484.

Motioned by commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 096-2026.

Blair Senior Services:

i. Dennis Wisor requested approval for the acceptance of the FY 2024-2025 Medical Assistance Transportation Program's (MATP) final allocation received from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, in the amount of $1,973,865.00.

Resolution 097-2026: Approving the acceptance of the FY 2024-2025 Medical Assistance Transportation Program's (MATP) final allocation received from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, in the amount of $1,973,865.00

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and approved to adopt Resolution 097-2026.

ii. Dennis Wisor request approval for the acceptance of the FY 2025-2026 Medical Assistance Transportation Program's (MATP) initial allocation received from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, in the amount of $2,279,544.00.

> Resolution 098-2026: Approving the acceptance of the FY 2025-2026 Medical Assistance Transportation Program's (MATP) initial allocation received from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, in the amount of $2,279,544.00.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and approved to adopt Resolution 098-2026.

Commissioners:

i. Chief Clerk Tiracave requested the Ratification of a Consulting Agreement between the County of Blair and Samaritan Fund Program, LLC for guidance on individual insurance market alternatives to eligible Blair County group plan coverage, as well as advice regarding potential financial assistance available through various charities and foundations to cover out-of-pocket expenses associated with individual market coverage.

> Resolution 099-2026: Approving the Ratification of a Consulting Agreement between the County of Blair and Samaritan Fund Program, LLC for guidance on individual insurance market alternatives to eligible Blair County group plan coverage, as well as advice regarding potential financial assistance available through various charities and foundations to cover out-of-pocket expenses associated with individual market coverage.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 099-2026.

ii. Chief Clerk Tiracave requested approval of a County Assistance Agreement between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Corrections, for transportation assistance of County inmates.

> Resolution 100-2026: Approving a County Assistance Agreement between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Corrections, for transportation assistance of County inmates.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 100-2026.

iii. Chief Clerk Tiracave requested ratification of a County Assistance Agreement between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Corrections, for recommendations from correctional professionals regarding specific technical assistance related to the review of the physical construction of the Blair County Prison and operational practices.

> Resolution 101-2026: Approving ratification of a County Assistance Agreement between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Corrections, for recommendations from correctional professionals regarding specific technical assistance related to the review of the physical construction of the Blair County Prison and operational practices.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 101-2026.

iv. Chief Clerk Tiracave requested approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Department of Emergency Services and Bedford County Department of Emergency Services for the training of newly hired telecommunicators.

Commissioner Burke clarified that the County of Blair is helping Bedford County train their telecommunicators.

Resolution 102-2026: Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Department of Emergency Services and Bedford County Department of Emergency Services for the training of newly hired telecommunicators.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 102-2026.

OLD BUSINESS
None

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

Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk