

BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA

Thursday, February 5, 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 those 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), Melissa Gillin (Social Services), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), A.C. Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Brandon Meck (Finance), Nick Burket (Public Works/Facilities), Emily States (Public Safety/911), Joe Cox (JPO), Brian Walter (Human Resources), Paul Shaffer (Public Works/Highway), and Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:
An executive session was held on February 2, 2026, at approximately 9:30 a.m. with the Commissioners, Chief Clerk and County Solicitor regarding one position.

An executive session was held on February 2, 2026, at approximately 10:30 a.m. with the Commissioners and Chief Clerk regarding two positions.

An executive session was held on February 4, 2026. at approximately 3:00 p.m. with the Commissioners and Chief Clerk regarding one position.

An executive session was held February 4, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m. with the Commissioners and Chief Clerk regarding one position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:
Commissioner Burke reminded everyone that the homestead farmstead applications were mailed out those go out from the school districts - not from the County. You have to apply before March 1st to receive that break on your taxes. The Assessment Office asks that people call first to make sure they are not already enrolled. Their phone number is 8146933110. If you are not sure if you've applied in the past for the homestead/farmstead that is the number to call.

Commissioner Webster added that she was going to say the same thing so were all on board with trying to save everyone money and taxes.

CONSENT AGENDA
Resolution 049– 2026:

a. Ratification of the following eight (8) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
01/26/2026	260126RF	$3,634.31
01/26/2026	260126FS	$1,943.12
01/29/2026	260129ML	$56,008.55
01/29/2026	260129HR	$17,731.48
01/30/2026	260130RF	$159.41
02/03/2026	260203SS	$14,064.75
02/03/2026	260203WW	$653,926.71
02/03/2026	260203CY	$824,506.52

b. 2025 Budget Transfer: To cover maintenance work at the APO annex:

From	$	To
01103BM-44840 Building Maintenance	$140.00	012012-44840 Adult Parole

c. Employments: Black, Averey, FT, Case Manager – Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence, Victim Witness, $19.35/hr., effective 1/27/2026. Haigh, Michelle, FT, District Court Administrative Support – DeAntonio, MDJs, $14.44/hr., effective 1/27/2026. Schultz, Ryan, FT, Maintenance Technician-Carpenter, Public Works, $20.56/hr., effective 1/27/2026. Shimer, Samuel, FT, Assessor I, Assessment, $16.71/hr., effective 1/27/2026. Simonsen, Bert, FT, Custodian, Public Works, $17.39/hr., effective 1/27/2026. Solomon, Brittany, FT, Victim Witness Coordinator, Victim Witness, $26.20/hr., effective 2/2/2026.

d. Status Changes; Thomas, Jonathan, FT, Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney, $2,246.93 biweekly, to Assistant District Attorney II, District Attorney, $2,471,62 biweekly, effective 1/2/2026. Mays, Nicholas, FT, Assistant District Attorney, District Attorney, $2,091.01 biweekly, to Assistant District Attorney II, District Attorney, $2,300.11 biweekly. Yarnish, Shannon, FT, Pre-Sentencing Guidelines Coordinator, District Attorney, $14.73/hr., to FT, Paralegal, District Attorney, $18.00/hr. effective 1/26/2026. Tatar, Christopher, FT, Parole and Probation Officer, Adult Parole and Probation, $19.74/hr., to FT, Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff, $19.74/hr., effective 2/2/2026.

e. Resignations; Reynolds, Michael, FT, Custodian, Public Works, $17.39/hr., effective 1/22/2026.

f. Terminations: Murphy, David, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, $21.53/hr., effective 1/14/2026. Sanford, Mark, FT, Lieutenant, Prison, $2,362.91 biweekly, effective 1/21/2026. Taylor, Cydney, PT, Telecommunicator, 911 Center, $19.74/hr., effective 1/22/2026.

g. Retirements: Taylor, Mark, FT, Director-Public Safety, Emergency Management, $3,573.45 biweekly, effective 2/1/2026.

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

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Court Administration:

Nicholas Consiglio requested approval of the Agreement received from SBM Electronics Inc. for the continued maintenance of five (5) Liberty Court Recording Software mixers for the period of December 31, 2025 through December 30, 2026, in the amount of $1,065.00.

Resolution 050-2026: Approving the Agreement received from SBM Electronics Inc. for the continued maintenance of five (5) Liberty Court Recording Software mixers for the period of December 31, 2025 through December 30, 2026, in the amount of $1,065.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster., and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 050-2026.

Public Safety 911:

Emily States requested approval of a Commercial Alarm Article of Agreement between the County of Blair and James E. Van Zandt Veterans Hospital for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of $25.00 per month.

Resolution 051-2026: Approving a Commercial Alarm Article of Agreement between the County of Blair and James E. Van Zandt Veterans Hospital for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of $25.00 per month.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 051-2026.

Public Works / Facility:

i. Nicholas Burket requested approval for the acceptance of the bids received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #1 - General, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

Vendor	Bid Amount
Carl Walker Construction	$1,985,047.62
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 052-2026: Approving the acceptance of the bids received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #1 - General, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

Vendor	Bid Amount
Carl Walker Construction	$1,985,047.62
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 052-2026.

ii. Nicholas Burket requested approval for the acceptance of the bids received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #2 - Plumbing, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

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

Resolution 053-2026: Approving the acceptance of the bids received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #2 - Plumbing, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

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

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 53-2026.

iii. Nicholas Burket requested approval for the acceptance of the bids received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #3 - Electrical, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

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

Resolution 054-2026: Approving the acceptance of the bids received for the Blair County Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project Contract #3 - Electrical, and to award or reject per county code thereafter.

Vendor	Bid Amount
MH Electric LLC	$109,000.00
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 054-2026.

iv. Nicholas Burket requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair and Mark & Susan Henry for the right of access to their property at 411 Mulberry Street, Hollidaysburg, during the Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project at a compensation rate of $500.00 per month for each month the easement is in place.

Resolution 055-2026: Approving the Agreement between the County of Blair and Mark & Susan Henry for the right of access to their property at 411 Mulberry Street, Hollidaysburg, during the Parking Garage Rehabilitation Project at a compensation rate of $500.00 per month for each month the easement is in place.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 055-2026.

Juvenile Probation:

i. Molly Milliron requested approval for the acceptance of the Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) Grant Award, Sub-grant Number: 2024-VF-07-44558-2 from The Pennsylvania Commission on Crimes and Delinquency, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, for $33,540.00.

Resolution 056-2026: Approving the acceptance of the Victims of Juvenile Offenders (VOJO) Grant Award, Sub-grant Number: 2024-VF-07-44558-2 from The Pennsylvania Commission on Crimes and Delinquency, effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, for $33,540.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 056-2026.

ii. Molly Milliron requested approval of the FY 24/25 Financial Statement for funds expended under the Juvenile Services Grant for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, in the total amount of $146,839.00.

Resolution 057-2026: Approving the FY 24/25 Financial Statement for funds expended under the Juvenile Services Grant for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, in the total amount of $146,839.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 057-2026.

iii. Molly Milliron requested approval to submit the 24/25 Equitable Compensation Letter to the Juvenile Courts Judges' Commission (JCJC).

Resolution 058-2026: Approving the submission of the 24/25 Equitable Compensation Letter to the Juvenile Courts Judges' Commission (JCJC).

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 058-2026.

iv. Molly Milliron requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Juvenile Probation Department, and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judge's Commissioner (JCJC), for the use of the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory 2.0 Test Assessment for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Assessments will be purchased at a per-use rate of $4.00.

Resolution 059-2026: Approving the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Juvenile Probation Department, and the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judge's Commissioner (JCJC), for the use of the Youth Level of Service/Case Management Inventory 2.0 Test Assessment for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. Assessments will be purchased at a per-use rate of $4.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 059-2026.

Social Services:

Melissa Gillin requested approval of a Blair County Demolition Fund Disbursement to the City of Altoona to assist with the demolition of the fifteen (15) properties listed below, in the total amount of $78,120.20.

720 1st Ave Altoona - $5,470
1009 4th Ave Altoona - $4,925
1408 18th St Altoona - $5,485
1521 18th Ave Altoona - $5,500
2105 Washington Ave Altoona - $5,750
223 3rd Ave Altoona - $7,075
516 N 10th St Altoona - $4,262.50
709 4th Ave Altoona - $4,925
712 3rd Ave Altoona - $6,625
922 5th Ave Altoona - $4,225

1339 N 9th St Altoona - $4,332.50
2308 3rd Ave Altoona Garage Only - $3,275
1000 3rd Ave Altoona (Abandoned Camper) - $425
131 E 5th Ave Altoona - $9,740
2617 6th Ave Altoona - $6,105.20
Total Request $78,120.20

Resolution 060-2026: Approving of a Blair County Demolition Fund Disbursement to the City of Altoona to assist with the demolition of the fifteen (15) properties listed below, in the total amount of $78,120.20.

720 1st Ave Altoona - $5,470
1009 4th Ave Altoona - $4,925
1408 18th St Altoona - $5,485
1521 18th Ave Altoona - $5,500
2105 Washington Ave Altoona - $5,750
223 3rd Ave Altoona - $7,075
516 N 10th St Altoona - $4,262.50
709 4th Ave Altoona - $4,925
712 3rd Ave Altoona - $6,625
922 5th Ave Altoona - $4,225
1339 N 9th St Altoona - $4,332.50
2308 3rd Ave Altoona Garage Only - $3,275
1000 3rd Ave Altoona (Abandoned Camper) - $425
131 E 5th Ave Altoona - $9,740
2617 6th Ave Altoona - $6,105.20
Total Request $78,120.20

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 060-2026.

Fort Roberdeau:

i. Glenn Nelson requested approval of a contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau, and Barash Media for a ¼ page, 4-color advertisement, in the Blair County Chamber 2026 Membership Directory and Buyers' Guide, at the rate of $750.00.

Resolution 061-2026: Approving a contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau, and Barash Media for a ¼ page, 4-color advertisement, in the Blair County Chamber 2026 Membership Directory and Buyers' Guide, at the rate of $750.00

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 061-2026.

ii. Glenn Nelson requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau, and the Altoona Mirror for advertisement in the Altoona Mirror special editions throughout the 2026 calendar year as outlined in the agreement, in the total amount of $3,125.50.

Resolution 062-2026: Approving the Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau, and the Altoona Mirror for advertisement in the Altoona Mirror special editions throughout the 2026 calendar year as outlined in the agreement, in the total amount of $3,125.50.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 062-2026.

Public Works/Highway:
Paul Shaffer requested ratification of the Construction Plans and Advertisement of County Bridge #33 in Logan Township on T-456 (Old Mill Run Road).

Resolution 063-2026: Approving the Construction Plans and Advertisement of County Bridge #33 in Logan Township on T-456 (Old Mill Run Road).

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 063-02026.

Commissioners:
Alicia Tiracave requested approval of the Agreement between the County of Blair and Mark T. Gingrich for the lease of three (3) parking spaces located at 208 Union Street, Hollidaysburg PA, effective January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, in the amount of $25.00 per space per month.

Resolution 064-2026: Approving the Agreement between the County of Blair and Mark T. Gingrich for the lease of three (3) parking spaces located at 208 Union Street, Hollidaysburg PA, effective January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026, in the amount of $25.00 per space per month.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 064-2026.

OLD BUSINESS
None

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

Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk