



# BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

## Blair County Salary Board Meeting of October 4, 2023 10:30 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

### Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster

### Board Members not in Attendance:

NONE

**Quorum:** Present

### Non-Board Members in Attendance

Lindsay Dempsie, Nicole Hemminger, Cathy Lythgoe, Public Defender Russell Montgomery<sup>1</sup>, Prothonotary Robin Patton<sup>2</sup>, James Pooler, Tracey Rocus, Katherine Swigart, Angela Wagner, District Attorney Peter Weeks<sup>3</sup>

**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

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**Call to Order:** Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

The roll was called by Commissioner Erb.

**Call for Public Comment:** Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Salary Board items. There were no comments.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Webster that the minutes from the September 20, 2023 meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

### Domestic Relations

### Requested by Director Marc Seifert

Department Clerk I Commissioner Burke moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$11.03, \$772.10 estimated bi-weekly, \$20,074.60 estimated annually. This position is funded at 66% by state reimbursement. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Emma Zaffino effective 09/20/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

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<sup>1</sup> The Public Defender is a voting member for items in that office.

<sup>2</sup> The Prothonotary is a voting member for items in that office.

<sup>3</sup> The District Attorney is a voting member for items in that office.

**District Attorney**

**Requested by District Attorney Peter J. Weeks**

Certified Legal Intern District Attorney Weeks moved to update Nicholas Mays' hours from Part-Time Status to Full-Time Status at 35 hours per week effective 7/31/2023. His Part-Time hours were approved at the 2/15/2023 Board meeting. He would be eligible to move to Full-Time certified legal intern after sitting for the bar exam. Upon passing the bar exam; he would transfer to the Assistant District Attorney position and would be SEIU-Professionals Unit eligible, and the wage (currently approved at \$45,000.00) and benefit eligibility would follow what is set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Public Defender**

**Requested by Public Defender Russell Montgomery**

Juris Doctor Public Defender Montgomery moved to create this position effective 10/2/2023. This position is Non-Union, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$22.87, \$1,600.90 estimated bi-weekly. The hire would retain the position of Juris Doctor until passing the bar exam (limited to two attempts while on County payroll), and does not qualify for certified legal intern standing. Upon passing the bar exam, the hire's title would become Assistant Public Defender (replacing Devin Bennati who transferred to Assistant Public Defender II), the hire would be SEIU-Professionals Unit eligible, and the hire's wage and benefit eligibility would follow what is set forth in the collective bargaining agreement. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Prothonotary**

**Requested by Prothonotary Robin Patton**

Receptionist/Clerk Prothonotary Patton moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$11.03, \$772.10 estimated bi-weekly, \$20,074.60 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to Tara Guilbault transferring to the Custody Office effective 10/16/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Public Works-Facilities**

**Requested by Manager James Pooler**

Custodian Commissioner Webster moved to re-create this position. This position is SEIU-Custodian /Highway/Maintenance, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 40 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$16.22, \$1,297.60 estimated bi-weekly, \$33,737.60 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Jacob Stiffler effective 09/28/2023. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Children, Youth, and Families**

**Requested by Commissioner Laura Burke**

Social Services Aide I Commissioner Burke moved to re-create this position. This position is PSSU, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 37.5 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$10.60, \$795.00 estimated bi-weekly, \$20,670.00 estimated annually. This position is reimbursed at 80% by Act 148 funds. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Marci Bush effective 09/06/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

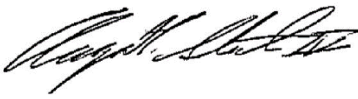
Meeting of October 4, 2023 continued. . .

**Overtime and Additional Time Report:** Controller Stickel presented the September 2023 overtime and additional time report for the information of the Board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.  
In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

August C. Stickel IV  
Secretary