



BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD

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

Blair County Salary Board Meeting of January 24, 2024

9:00 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

President Judge Wade Kagarise¹, Lindsay Dempsie, Sam Dunkle, Cris Fredrickson, Nicole Hemminger, Cathy Lythgoe, Allison Senkevich, Katherine Swigart

Board Members not in Attendance:

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Moment of Silent Refection: Led by Commissioner Kessler

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessler.

The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler.

Call for Public Comment: Commissioner Kessler 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 January 10, 2024 meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

¹ The Judge is a voting member for Court-related offices' items.

Positions:

1. Court Administration.....Presented by President Judge Wade A. Kagarise

Type	Re-creation
Position	Tipstaff
# of Positions	1
Pay Grade	
Union	UMWA-Court Related
Exempt Status	Nonexempt
PT/FT Status	Part-Time
Schedule	29 hours per week (on average)
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	\$11.58
Bi-Weekly (estimated)	\$ 671.64
Annual (estimated)	\$ 17,462.64
Funding Source	General Fund – budgeted at this 499 hours per anniversary year
Effective Date	01/02/2024
Reason	This position was never filled for Judge Zimmerman, and remained open for Judge Miller. Karen Swab transferred from 999 hours per anniversary year to Org 01160 at 499 hours per anniversary year.
Comments	This position is limited to a maximum of 1,500 hours per benefit plan year.

A motion was made by Judge Kagarise and seconded by Commissioner Kessler to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

2. Senior Judges.....Presented by President Judge Wade A. Kagarise

Type	Re-creation
Position	Judicial Secretary
# of Positions	1
Pay Grade	H4 (\$12.16/hour to \$13.37/hour)
Union	Nonunion
Exempt Status	Excluded
PT/FT Status	Full-Time
Schedule	35 hours per week
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	
Bi-Weekly	
Annual	
Funding Source	General Fund – budgeted at this rate
Effective Date	01/02/2024
Reason	Transfer of Julie Dively 5 th Judge vacancy
Comments	

A motion was made by Judge Kagarise and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

3. District Attorney.....Presented by Commissioner Kessler

Type	Re-creation
Position	Administrative Support
# of Positions	1
Pay Grade	
Union	UMWA-Court Related
Exempt Status	Non-Exempt
PT/FT Status	Full-Time
Schedule	35 hours per week
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	\$11.58
Bi-Weekly (estimated)	\$810.60
Annual (estimated)	\$21,075.60
Funding Source	General Fund – budgeted at this rate
Effective Date	01/31/2024
Reason	Resignation of Danielle Barto 01/31/2024.
Comments	

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

4. Children, Youth, and Families.....Presented by Nicole Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Type	Creation
Position	Temporary Caseworker II
# of Positions	2
Pay Grade	
Union	Nonunion
Exempt Status	Non-Exempt
PT/FT Status	Part-Time
Schedule	19 hours per week (on average)
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	\$ 20.50
Bi-Weekly (estimated)	\$ 779.00 estimated
Annual (estimated)	\$ 5,453.00 estimated
Funding Source	80% State Reimbursement, 20% General Fund
Effective Date	1/24/2024
Reason	
Comments	These positions would be limited a maximum of 5 months and 29 days.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Kessler to table this item for a future meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

5. Children, Youth, and Families.....Presented by Nicole Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Type	Set the Salary
Position	Existing Temporary Caseworker II Positions
# of Positions	
Pay Grade	
Union	Nonunion
Exempt Status	Non-Exempt
PT/FT Status	Part-Time
Schedule	19 hours per week (on average)
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	\$ 20.50
Bi-Weekly (estimated)	\$ 779.00
Annual (estimated)	\$ 5,453.00
Funding Source	80% State Reimbursement, 20% General Fund
Effective Date	Retroactive to 01/01/2024
Reason	
Comments	This would bring the temporary positions equal to the PSSU Collective Bargaining Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Webster to set the salary as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

**6. Public Safety-EMA.....Presented by Operations and Training Coordinator
Cris Fredrickson**

Type	Re-creation
Position	Administrative Support
# of Positions	1
Pay Grade	H4 (\$12.16/hour to \$13.37/hour)
Union	Nonunion
Exempt Status	Non-Exempt
PT/FT Status	Full-Time
Schedule	35 hours per week
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	
Bi-Weekly	
Annual	
Funding Source	50% General Fund, and 50% Emergency Management Performance Grant. 100 hours (up to \$1,676.00) of admin. rate is eligible for reimbursement through the Mosquito-borne Disease Control grant in 2024.
Effective Date	1/26/2024
Reason	Cassandra Hamel transferring to Controller's Office
Comments	

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

7. Controller Presented by Controller A.C. Stickel

Type	Re-creation
Position	Deputy
# of Positions	1
Pay Grade	S9 (\$48,677.26 to \$52,571.45 annually)
Union	Non-Union
Exempt Status	Excluded
PT/FT Status	Full time
Schedule	35 hours per week
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	
Bi-Weekly	
Annual	
Funding Source	General Fund – budgeted at this rate
Effective Date	
Reason	Resignation of Tracy Mosel-Miller
Comments	

A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Burke to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

8. Controller Presented by Controller A.C. Stickel

Type	Creation
Position	Temporary Department Assistant
# of Positions	1
Pay Grade	
Union	Nonunion
Exempt Status	Non-Exempt
PT/FT Status	Full time
Schedule	35 hours per week
Wage/Salary	
Hourly	\$ 14.74
Bi-Weekly (estimated)	\$ 1,031.80
Annual (estimated)	\$ 7,222.60
Funding Source	General Fund – budgeted at this rate
Effective Date	01/29/2024
Reason	With a new deputy controller to be hired and a new administrative assistant starting the end of this month, this position is vital for continuity of services.
Comments	This position would be for a maximum of 5 months and 29 days.

A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Burke to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

Meeting of January 24, 2024 continued. . .

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 9:00 a.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 fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

August C. Stickel IV
Secretary