

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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Call to Order:

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent reflection.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

Commissioner Kessling requested that those participating in the meeting please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Others Present:

A.C. Stichel (Controller), Lindsay Dempisie (Finance), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Paul Shaffer (Public Works / Highway), Allison Senkevich and Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel), and Richard C. Sutter, Roy Stewart, Randy Eckman, and Craig and Mo Carlson (Public).

Executive Session Announcement:

Chief Clerk Hemminger confirmed there was no Executive Session since the last meeting on Tuesday, March 12th.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kessling called for public comment.

Craig Carlson of Martinsburg thanked the Board of Commissioners for approving the contract with Gabriel Fera, PC at the last meeting, which he feels would save the county money.

Randy Ekman of Roaring Spring commented that he too is happy money is being saved. He also advocated for returning to paper election ballots and hand-counting votes in future elections.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 126-2024: Approving the Addendum to the Comprehensive Health Services Agreement between the County of Blair on behalf of the Blair County Prison and PrimeCare Medical, Inc. to establish a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) at \$12.00/day per inmate, plus any additional MAT related costs.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 126-2024.

Resolution 127-2024: Approving an advertising agreement between the County of Blair on behalf of Fort Roberdeau and Where & When for a summer and a fall ¼-page advertisement in the total amount of \$1,486.00.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 127-2024.

Resolution 128-2024: Approving a FY 2023/2024 Renewal Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Pressley Ridge.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 128-2024.

Resolution 129-2024: Approving an Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Board of Elections, and Election Systems & Software, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for coding the 2024 Presidential Primary and Election ballot with coding fees as outlined in the contract and twelve-12 days of on-site support, in the total amount of \$34,650.00.

Chief Clerk Nicole Hemminger reiterated that this item is an eligible expense under the Elections Integrity grant.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 129-2024.

Resolution 130-2024: Accepting the PCCD Grant-In-Aid Award between the County of Blair and Blair County Adult Probation and Parole in the total amount of \$70,288.00.

Commissioner Burke expressed her appreciation to the APO office for applying to this grant and for receiving the award. She stated she sits on a committee that is tasked with evaluating this funding and the allocation formula which could increase the funding amount to County of Blair.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 130-2024.

Resolution 131-2024: Approving the allocation of Opioid Settlement Funds for Specialty Courts 2023 eligible expenditures in the amount of \$322,733.81.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 131-2024.

Resolution 132-2024: Approving the submission of the 2022-2023 County Settlement Allocation Report to the PA Opioid Misuse and Addiction Abatement Trust.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 132-2024.

Resolution 133-2024: Authorizing temporary and permanent easements to undertake the bridge project along the eastern and western sides of Bedford Street (County Road 101) for the reconstruction of Bridge #69 located in Freedom Township.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 133-2024.

Resolution 134-2024: Approving the AYSO Field Use Calendar for 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 134-2024.

Resolution 135-2024: Approving the Letter of Support for the Family Services, Inc.'s grant application to Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the full-time employment of the Children's Advocacy Center "CAC" Forensic Interviewer.

Chief Clerk Hemminger reminded the board that this request is not monetary and is simply a request for a letter of support.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 135-2024.

Resolution 136-2024: Approving the Preventative Maintenance Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services 911E, and Palco Power Systems for the maintenance of two generators at the 911 Center in the total amount of \$1,180.03 (for one visit).

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 136-2024.

Resolution 137-2024: Approving the CitiCall End User License Agreement between the County of Blair, Department of Emergency Services 911E and Biddle Consulting Group, Inc. for TestGenius /CitiCall Skills Testing, in the total amount of \$1,195.00, for the subscription period of May 21, 2024 through May 20, 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 137-2024.

Resolution 138-2024: Approving the Professional Services Agreement between the County of Blair, Department of Emergency Services 911E and Mission Critical Partners LLC for consulting services to the County of Blair, as defined in Exhibit B of said agreement, starting on March 1, 2024, and ending on June 30, 2025, or upon the expenditure of said sum of \$25,000.00 (including expenses), whichever comes first.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 138-2024.

Resolution 139-2024: Approving the 2023 Annual Report on the Hazardous Materials Preparedness (HMERP) report to be entered into the ESA by Cris Fredrickson, which serves as the HMRF grant application for July 2024-June 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 139-2024.

Resolution 140-2024: Approving the list of individuals seeking a five-year term membership (January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028) to the Blair County Local Emergency Planning Committee as per Section 6022.203(b) of Act 165, Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, and EPCRA 42 USC § 11001, and nominated to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as outlined on the nomination form.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 140-2024.

Resolution 141-2024: Approving the Third Addendum to Lease Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair Senior Services for an additional parcel of land for expansion of the Blair Senior Services facilities.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest with Blair Senior Services.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 141-2024 with abstention as noted.

Old Business:

Prison:

i. Requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison, and the Borough of Hollidaysburg to grant access to the jail management system.

No action taken.

ii. Requesting approval for the award or rejection of the bids received for two-2 milk products for the Blair County Prison.

No action taken.

New Business:

Public Works – Highway:

Requesting approval of a Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and Allegheny Trucks Inc. for Passenger/Light Truck Tire, Inspection, and Mechanical Labor rates and Commercial Truck and Backhoe Tire, Inspection, Mechanical, and Body Shop Labor rates for the year of 2024, with pricing per the contract.

Resolution 142-2024: Approving Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and Allegheny Trucks Inc. for Passenger/Light Truck Tire, Inspection, and Mechanical Labor rates and Commercial Truck and Backhoe Tire, Inspection, Mechanical, and Body Shop Labor rates for the year of 2024, with pricing per the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 142-2024.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned,


Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk

