

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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Call to Order:

Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Commissioner Erb called for a moment of silent reflection.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:

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

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Webster, and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Commissioner Burke, Solicitor Karn, and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Brian Walters (Human Resources), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Tricia Johnson (Social Services), A.C. Stickel IV (Controller), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Watchdog), Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office) and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment. **There were no comments noted.**

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 570-2023: Approving a County of Blair Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair and Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc., for Opioid Settlement Funding, in an amount not to exceed \$10,715.00 as set forth in Exhibit A of said agreement, to support the purchase of prevention/intervention curriculum to support youth in the Blair County school districts. Curriculum will be utilized to support youth identified with trauma and/or youth with caregivers that have a substance use disorder.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 570-2023.

Resolution 571-2023: Approving a Laboratory Services Agreement by and between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Coroner, and SteelFusion Clinical Toxicology Laboratory, LLC for conducting oral swab toxicology testing, at the rate(s) listed in Exhibit A of said agreement, for the period of December 14, 2023 through November 16, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 571-2023.

Resolution 572-2023: Approving a FY 23/24 Continuing County Adult Probation and Parole Grant Agreement (formerly referred to as Grant-in-Aid) (2023-GA-ST-41201) between the County of Blair and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), in the total award amount of \$70,288.00, to assist in covering salaries within the Adult Parole and Probation Office that would otherwise be covered by the General Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 572-2023.

Resolution 573-2023: Approving the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judge's Commission (JCJC) Juvenile Probation Services Grant Award, in the total amount of \$146,839.00, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 573-2023.

Resolution 574-2023: Approving the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) VOCA Subgrant Award (2021, VF-05-40461), in the total amount of \$105,466.00, for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 574-2023.

Resolution 575-2023: Approving an agreement between the County of Blair, District Attorney's Office and Principle Diversified Business Group, Inc., for court reporting services, in the following amounts:

- Appearance Fee \$ 50.00
- Original \$ 3.25/per page

Rates good for one-1 year with no automatic renewals.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 575-2023.

Resolution 576-2023: Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Blair and Pennsylvania Counties Health Insurance Cooperative (PCHIPC) to set aside \$558,885.00 of our current reserve for the purpose of funding 90% of our maximum premium rate for participation in the PCHIPC funding model for costs of our self-insured medical plan.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 576-2023.

Resolution 577-2023: Approving the submission of a 2023 PComp Safety Improvement Program Grant Application to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), in the total grant amount of \$34,968.26 as outlined below:

Purchase of eleven (11) ballistic vests for our Juvenile Probation Officers in the amount of \$9,944.00;
Purchase of three (3) flammables safety cabinets for proper storage of flammable items in our maintenance department in the amount of \$4804.62;
Purchase of six (6) faucet-mounted eye wash stations totaling \$570.00;
Purchase of twenty-nine (29) toilet-mounting brackets for all Courthouse restrooms in the amount of \$15,223.04;
Purchase of thirty (30) pairs of Vortex gloves for Public Works/Highway employees in the amount of \$1,170.00;
Purchase of one thousand (1000) retractable ID badge reels to replace lanyards in the amount of \$537.60;
Purchase of two industrial vacuum cleaners and one wet/dry shop vac in the amount of \$2,320.00; and
Purchase of twenty (20) rolls of Gaffer tape to secure cables on floors in the amount of \$399.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 577-2023.

Resolution 578-2023: Approving the payment of an annual invoice received from ePaymentNow.com for the printing and mailing of 2024 Dog License Renewal Notices, in the total amount of \$4,485.80.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 578-2023.

Resolution 579-2023: Approving the 2023 Annual Lakemont Dam Inspection Report performed by Gwin Dobson & Foreman Engineers, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 579-2023.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Social Services:

Tricia Johnson requested approval of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program Disbursement, in the total amount of \$3,000.00, for the purchase of property located at 126 Spruce Avenue, Altoona, PA by Tiffani M. Corle, through the First Time Home Buyer's Program.

Mrs. Johnson noted that there are a few more applications for first time homebuyers being processed in Social Services for assistance with this program.

Chief Clerk Hemminger clarified that the County will reimburse Blair Community Action for the disbursement of payment assistance amount for the homebuyer.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 580-2023.

Adjourn:
Meeting Adjourned,