

**BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023, 10:00 A.M.**

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Burke called the meeting to order.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION:**

Commissioner Burke called for a moment of silent reflection.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Webster and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

**Members Absent:**

Commissioner Erb, Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

**Others Present:**

Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), AC Stickel (Controller), Nicole Smith (Court Administration), Jim Pooler (Public Works/Building Maintenance) and Carol Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Adoption of Resolutions:**

**Resolution 322-2023:** Approving a quote received from Compliance Associates, Inc., d/b/a CAI Inc., for the design, programming and facilitation of one-1 County of Blair Functional Tabletop Exercise in 2023 regarding the transportation of hazardous materials, in the total amount of \$7,200.00 (HMEP \$5,760.00 and LEPC \$1,440.00)

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 322-2023.

**Resolution 323-2023:** Approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Cambria County Prison and the County of Blair for temporary housing of juvenile male inmates that are criminally charged and legally detained by Blair County at the rate of \$150.00/day per juvenile and \$37.83/hour per officer (two officers per transport) for any transportation.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 323-2023.

**Resolution 324-2023:** Approving a Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair on behalf of Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Evey Black Attorneys LLC for legal representation, both consultative and court appearances at the rate of \$120.00 per hour for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 324-2023.

**Resolution 325-2023:** Approving 2-two Agreements for Payment of Legal Services between the County of Blair on behalf of Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Brian Grabill, Esq. and Ashley Passarello, Esq. for legal services for the/all child (ren) to which the Attorney is assigned pursuant to the aforementioned Court Order at the rate of \$85.00/per hour for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 325-2023.

**Resolution 326-2023:** Approving a FY 2023/2024 Agreement for Payment of Legal Services between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth, and Families and Forr, Stokan, Huff, Karmanski, and Naugle for guardian ad litem services.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 326-2023.

**Resolution 327-2023:** Approving a FY 2023/2024 Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth, and Families and Dr. Terry O'Hara, PH.D.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 327-2023.

**Resolution 328-2023:** Approving a FY 2022/2023 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Bethanna, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 328-2023

**Resolution 329-2023:** Approving a FY 2022/2023 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and City Missions Living Stones, Inc.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 329-2023.

**Resolution 330-2023:** Approving the ratification of the enrollment into an annual contract between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth, and Families and Survey Monkey.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 330-2023.

**Resolution 331-2023:** Approving a quote received from GovConnection, Inc., for six-6 polycoms for Magisterial District Judge Offices, in the total amount of \$13,829.46. The Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) will reimburse the project in the total amount of \$13,093.46.

Commissioner Burke asked Court Administrator Smith if the polycoms were all replacement units or if they were all new units. Ms. Smith stated that four-4 are replacements and two-2 are new.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 331-2023.

**Resolution 332-2023:** Approving a service agreement with Spanish-speaking interpreter, Maribal Pintado Espiet, for Spanish speaking litigants per the fee schedule below:

Interpretation Time	\$70.00/hour (two hour minimum)
Travel Time	\$35.00/hour (billable on roundtrip over two hours)
Mileage Reimbursement	\$0.65/mile

Commissioner Burke stated that the Board requested that Court Administrator Smith provide prior to today's Business Session the number of times this year the services of a Spanish-speaking interpreter were needed. Court Administrator Smith replied nine-9 times for Spanish-speaking.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 332-2023.

**Resolution 333-2023:** Approving to amend Resolution 433-2022 approving the Submission of FY2022 CDBG Application to the Commonwealth of PA, Department of Community & Economic Development to add language regarding repayment of the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal resources.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 333-2023.

**Resolution 334-2023:** Approving a six-6 month time extension for Parts 7 and 8 of the Blair County Bridge #70 project, extending the contract expiration date from October 27, 2023 to April 27, 2024 to coincide with the construction schedule.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 334-2023.

**Resolution 335-2023:** Approving a Letter of Support for the submission of an application for funding under the Federal Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Community Traffic Safety Project Agreement by the Cambria Allegheny Regional Highway Safety Network.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 334-2023.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Ballpark Improvement Fund:**

Requesting approval of the Assignment of Ballpark Improvement Fund Agreement between the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation, County of Blair, Lozinak Professional Baseball, LLC, The Lakemont Partnership, The Blair County Convention and Sports Facility Authority, and DBH Altoona.

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested that this item be added to the Work Session Agenda of July 18, 2023 as the agreement is still undergoing legal review.

**Public Works – Highway:**

Requesting approval of an Easement Agreement between the County of Blair and the Altoona Water Authority for a newly constructed water line between Jackson Avenue and George Avenue in the City of Altoona.

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested that this item be added to the Work Session Agenda of July 18, 2023 as the agreement is still undergoing legal review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting Adjourned,