

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

**Public meetings are being held both in-person and by conference call. To participate in the meeting please dial 1-408-419-1715 or 1-408-915-6290 and enter meeting number 2468097683#*

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 Burke, Commissioner Webster, and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Sarah Chuff (Finance), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Melissa Harpster and Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), AC Stickel (Controller) Marlyn Griffius (Greenfield Township Resident), Bonita Shreve (President of Blair County 2nd Amendment Coalition), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Carol A. Dannenberg and Bryan King (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), and Don Corl (Frankstown Township Resident).

Executive Session Announcement:

Chief Clerk Hemminger announced that she, HR Director Katherine Swigart and the three-3 Commissioners met in Executive Session beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 to discuss a collective bargaining agreement.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Bonita Shreve, President of the Blair County 2nd Amendment Coalition, stated, it is now more than ever that we need to secure Blair County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, where we would have accountability with penalties for those who would infringe upon an eligible citizen's right to keep and bear arms.

Ms. Shreve stated that we do not have to look far to see tyrannical overreach. In fact, our neighbors to the north, Canada, now are experiencing the very same. The legacy of our American Founding Fathers is the US Constitution, which protects our freedoms and our liberties from tyranny. We, the people of Blair County, are united together through such organizations such as the Tea Party and the Blair County Second Amendment Coalition. This is a non-partisan issue and it is about American Freedom and United We Stand. We encourage you to accept the draft from Attorney Dan Kiss when presented and with that said, God bless you, God bless our county, and God bless America.

Don Corl, Frankstown Township Resident, stated, we are putting the final touches on the draft so there will be more coming within the next day or two. We have just put in another little addition, and that has been done over and over and over again, so hopefully this is the last time we will have to make a revision.

Mr. Corl stated that we have some kind of underlying movement to maybe slow off this thing. He stated that he hopes that would not happen because the people have really put a lot of effort into doing so. I am not going to name them because it is not fair to say but they will find themselves, but there has been an effort to slow it. I hope that we can get through this, and that everybody will be protected.

Mr. Corl stated that he wanted to comment on Commissioner Burke's remark from a couple of weeks ago; it was that of wondering how the people were feeling when they voted for the referendum. Frankly, they were feeling like the government is closing in on them. They just want that added layer of protection to help them feel secure about their liberty and rights. That is how people are feeling. I think that is really where the whole movement is going, they just want a little bit of protection. We have a great country, we have a good county, and we just want to keep it that way.

Chief Clerk Hemminger read the following three-3 public comment emails received at publiccomment@blairco.org

From: Ying Li
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution on Second Amendment

Dear commissioners,

I am writing in regard to the question of timing of the proposed resolution supportive of the second amendment rights. I would like to remind you that the two referendums were voted and passed by the majority of the people in Blair County. Timing or any other excuse should not be used against the people's rights.

In addition, the resolution should hold accountability to those who would infringe upon an eligible Citizen's right to keep and bear arms with penalties that can be implemented by the County.

Sincerely,
Ying Li

From: H Prosser
To: Public Comment
Subject: 2nd Amendment Referendum

This referendum was voted on and passed overwhelmingly! 2nd Amendment for us! Thank you!

From: Deena Ketner
To: Public Comment
Subject: 2A Draft

Hello Commissioners, I am an Altoona resident and helped with getting signatures for the two-2A referendums in November. We did a lot of hard work to get those signatures. It is my belief that Attorney Kiss' draft should be used. We need accountability and penalties. We want Attorney Kiss' draft NOT Solicitor Karn's.

Thank you,
Deena Ketner

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 69-2022: A resolution approving a Third Amendment to the KOREnergy Enrollment Agreement for Demand Response/Reliability Programs, amending to change the end of the initial term 06/01/12, previously amended twice from 05/31/22 to 05/31/25; and approval of Schedule A, increasing electricity reduction volume from 160 kW to 175 kW for 06/01/22 through 05/31/23, and the payment for such period. The kW will be revised, up or down along with the associated annual payment for years 06/01/23 through 05/31/24 and 06/01/24 through 06/30/25 as PLC's are updated annually by Penelec. Revised Schedule A's will be issued to reflect any changes. All other provisions of the original agreement shall remain in full force and effect in all respects.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 69-2022.

Resolution 70-2022: A resolution approving a Term Purchase Order (Exhibit A) to the Natural Gas Agreement between the County of Blair and Snyder Brothers, Inc., dated April 29, 2003, for the purchase of natural gas for the period of November 2022 to October 2025.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 70-2022.

Resolution 71-2022: A resolution approving a Letter of Engagement received from Young, Oakes, Brown and Company (YOBCO) to conduct a financial audit of the Fort Roberdeau Association for year-ended December 2021, in the estimated fee range of \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00 to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 71-2022.

Resolution 72-2022: A resolution approving two-2 contract renewals between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau and Barash Media for two-2 ¼ page, 4-color advertisements in 1) the Blair County Chamber's 2022 Membership Directory and Buyer's Guide, in the amount of \$495.00, and 2) the Town & Gown's 2022 Spring/Arts Preview, in the amount of \$325.00. Costs of the advertisements will be paid from the Fort's county budget for marketing.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 72-2022.

Resolution 73-2022: A resolution approving a County of Blair Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair, on behalf of Fort Roberdeau and Ingenuity Media LLC to design and host the Fort Roberdeau website. The fee for hosting shall be \$325.00 payable upon execution of agreement, with fee for the second year payable on or before the first anniversary of the "go live" date. The fee for the web design is \$1,650.00, payable within thirty-30 days of the "go live" date. After the "go live" date up to five-5 edits in any calendar month shall be provided for \$75.00, thereafter edits during the same calendar month shall be billed at \$35.00 per edit. The term of this agreement will start on the "go live" date and will continue for a term of two-2 years thereafter.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 73-2022.

Resolution 74-2022: A resolution approving a Purchase Order under the Master Lease Agreement between the County of Blair and Doing Better Business for the lease of one-1 Ricoh C4500 Color MFP, copy, print, scan, fax machine, in the amount of \$143.80/per month, includes 5,000 b/w pages with color billed at actual usage monthly (\$0.0049 per b/w excess page, \$0.045 per color excess page) for a period of sixty-60 months.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 74-2022.

Resolution 75-2022: A resolution approving a PCoRP-PComp Member Subscriber Agreement by and between the County of Blair and Inspirit Group, LLC, d/b/a STOPit, for member subscriber rights to a liability, workers' compensation fraud and financial fraud reporting system, with fees payable in consideration for member subscriber's rights under the agreement borne and paid by PCoRP and PComp.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 75-2022.

Old Business

Human Resources:

- a. Requesting approval of an agreement between the County of Blair and United Mine Workers of America (Residual Bargaining Unit only), effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.
- b. Requesting approval of a quote received from Tyler Technologies for Blair County ERP PACE 06 Flex for implementation of timekeeping through Employee Self-Service module of MUNIS and additional training options, in the total amount of \$8,325.00.

Commissioner Erb stated that the above two-2 agenda items would be moved to the Work Session Agenda of 03/01/22.

Fort Roberdeau:

Chief Clerk Hemminger approval for award of bid received for the lease of Fort Roberdeau Farmland according to county code.

Mrs. Hemminger stated that bids were solicited for the lease of Fort Roberdeau Farmland. She stated that two-2 bids were opened on 02/16/22. One bid was from Clinton Black, in the amount of \$28,000.00, and one from Philip Kulp, Kulp Family Dairy, in the amount of \$34,150.00.

Mrs. Hemminger stated that the two-2 bids underwent legal review, and she recommended that the board consider awarding the bid to Philip Kulp, Kulp Family Dairy, the highest bidder meeting specifications, in the amount of \$34,150.00.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 76-2022: A resolution approving the award of bid for the lease of Fort Roberdeau Farmland to Philip Kulp, Kulp Family Dairy, in the amount of \$34,150.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 76-2022.

Second Amendment Sanctuary Referendum Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement:

Continued discussion.

Commissioner Webster stated that she thinks there is confusion among the citizens. She stated that she explained to the people that this is a two-part process, and that the Intergovernmental Agreement itself and the Ordinances will vary somewhat because they have different rules and authority.

Commissioner Webster stated that she received one proposal from a local attorney involved with the Second Amendment citizens proposing a different Intergovernmental Agreement.

Commissioner Webster stated that she understands from listening this morning to the folks that presented public comments, that there is another proposal out there. She stated that she has not yet received that proposal, but is sure she will. She stated that she would prefer it be sent to all three commissioners.

Commissioner Webster stated that there are apparently different concerns that people have and those are probably valid and relevant.

New Business:

None

Adjourn:
Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk