

**WORK SESSION: TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022, 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 Burke, Commissioner Webster, Chief Clerk Hemminger and Solicitor Karn.

**Others Present:**

Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Sarah Chuff (Finance), Mark Taylor (EMA 911/E), Helen Schmitt (Public), AC Stickel (Controller), Melissa Harpster and Allison Senkevich (Controllers Office), Bryan King (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Bonita Shreve (President of Blair County 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Coalition), Jim Hudack, Paul Bookhamer, Allison Morgan and Melissa Stump (CYF), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Jim Pooler (Maintenance), and Nicole Smith (Court Administration).

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Wednesday, March 2, 2022	9:00 a.m.	*Retirement Board (Commissioners Mtg. Room)
	10:30 a.m.	*Salary Board (Commissioners Mtg. Room)
Thursday, March 3, 2022	8:30 a.m.	*Park & Recreation Advisory Bd. (Commissioners Mtg. Room)
	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Business Session (Commissioners Mtg. Room)
Friday, March 4, 2022		
Monday, March 7, 2022		
Tuesday, March 8, 2022	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session (Commissioners Mtg. Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Airport Authority Mtg. (Blair County Airport)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – 02/08/22, 02/10/22, 02/15/22, 02/17/22 and 02/22/22:**

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the meeting minutes of 02/08/22, 02/10/22, 02/15/22, 02/17/22 and 02/22/22. **There were no corrections or changes noted.**

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes as prepared.

**Public Comment:**

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Bonita Shreve, President of the Blair County Second Amendment Coalition. The greatest love is when you lay your life down for another. This nation was built on that principal: to protect and defend those things in which we hold dear like our freedoms and liberties. Freedom is not free as we have seen in America. The Second Amendment is what holds the US Constitution together because we can defend ourselves from those who try to destroy America. Through the years, there are those who have tried to erode the Second Amendment from within. Now, I know that there is another draft of an intergovernmental agreement, and we want to fortify our rights. And we the people want our elected officials to do the will of the people, which is to have an intergovernmental agreement penalty. Blair County is the backbone of Pennsylvania for God and Country. Pennsylvania is also famous for our Liberty Bell, so therefore, let freedom ring. With that being said, God Bless you, Blair County, and our great Nation of America. Thank you.

Chief Clerk Hemminger read the following comment received through the public comment email address:

To: Public Comment  
From: Eric Wills  
Subject: Second Amendment Sanctuary

I would like to add my support for sanctuary draft that Attorney Dan Kiss is to present. This represents very well the will of the people of Blair County.

Thank you, Eric Wills

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Erb called for commissioner comments.

Commissioner Webster offered words of appreciation to the county’s custodial and maintenance staff for their efforts in maintaining the sidewalks and grounds during the recent ice storm.

Commissioner Burke shared comments pertaining to the upcoming step/fitness challenge. She stated that the Healthy Blair County Coalition has collaborated with SparkBlair County and that this year’s challenge will run from April 15 through May 31, 2022. Information regarding the challenge will be posted beginning March 15, 2022.

Commissioner Erb shared comments for prayer and support for the Ukrainian people.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Resolution #77-2022:**

- a. Payment of the following 4-four Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
03/01/2022	220301WW	\$108,359.75
03/01/2022	220301CY	\$4,740.58
03/01/2022	220301CO	\$24,708.94
03/01/2022	220301SS	\$335,668.30

- b. Ratification of the following one-1 Warrant List:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
02/22/2022	220222FS	\$563.98

- c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the Check Dated 02/24/2022, in the total amount of \$779,236.37.
- d. **Ratification of a 2021 Budget Transfer:** Charges received from Campbell Durrant for legal fees for the month of September 2021.

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44080	\$8,170.59	01209PO-44080

- e. **Ratification of a 2021 Budget Transfer:** Steno masks ordered in 2021 but received in 2022.

From	\$	To
01160CR-43010	\$775.63	36101-43010

- f. **Ratification of a 2022 Budget Transfer:** Steno masks ordered in 2021 but received in 2022.

From	\$	To
36101-43010	\$775.63	01160CR-43010

- g. **Ratification of a 2021 Budget Transfer:** Airport appropriation items planned in 2021 but not completed.

From	\$	To
01101GCO-45500	\$4,288.75	36101-45500

- h. **Ratification of a 2022 Budget Transfer:** Airport appropriation items planned in 2021 but not completed.

From	\$	To
36101-45500	\$4,288.75	01101GCO-45500

- i. **Ratification of a 2021 Budget Transfer:** IT items ordered in 2021 but received in 2022.

From	\$	To
01117-46060	\$66,655.38	36101-46060

- j. **Ratification of a 2022 Budget Transfer:** IT items ordered in 2021 but received in 2022.

From:	\$	To
36101-46060	\$66,655.38	01117-46060

- k. **2022 Budget Transfer:** Charges received from HealthForce for invoice dated 01/31/2022.

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	012012-42000 APO Annex
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01107-42000 Assessment
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01103BM-42000 Building Maintenance
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$125.00	013201-42000 CYF
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$75.00	08607-42000 Fort Roberdeau
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$400.00	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01153-42000 Prothonotary
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01157-42000 Public Defender
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$50.00	01109-42000 Treasurer

- l. **2022 Budget Transfer:** Charges received from McNees Wallace for legal fees for 01/2022.

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$5130.00	01101-44080 Commissioners
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$6180.00	01103HW-44080 Highway
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$1560.00	01101-44080 Commissioners
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$480.00	01160CO-44080 Custody
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$900.00	01109-44080 Treasurer

- m. **Employment:** Skyler A. McMullen, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$16.87/hr., effective 02/28/22.
- n. **Resignations:** Tiffany D. Conahye, FT, Clerk Typist II-Court Aide, CYF, \$11.46/hr., effective 02/25/22; Vickie L. Woods, FT, Jury Coordinator, Court Administration, \$12.89/hr., effective 02/25/22; Lenaray R. Emeigh, FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$15.93/hr., effective 03/03/22; Sarah T. Chuff, FT, Manager, Finance, \$52,724.62/yr., effective 03/04/22; and Valerie L. Good, FT, Coordinator, Tax Claim, \$15.51/hr., effective 03/04/22.
- o. **Retirements:** Catherine M. Ickes, FT, Custodian, Custodial Services, \$18.74/hr., effective 03/04/22.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #77-2022.

**Staff Reports & Special Business**

**COVID Update:**

Mark Taylor presented the following COVID update:

Mr. Taylor stated that he is pleased to report that we are coming off another good week of overall COVID improvement. He stated that Blair County added 172 new COVID cases this week, with an improvement of 204 over last week (376). School age cases were 21 compared to 50 last week; the county's positivity rate dropped significantly to 8.18%.

Mr. Taylor stated that the number of COVID patients hospitalized dropped for the fourth week in a row with 18 reported today with only six on vents. Sadly, there were three new deaths reported. The number of people tested at the Jaffa last week was 174, with 103 tested so far this week.

Mr. Taylor stated that first dose vaccinations increased slightly with 178 new shots this week.

**Children, Youth and Families:**

Jim Hudack requested approval of a supporting Resolution for Blair County Children, Youth and Families (CYF) employees' Allison Morgan and Melissa L. Stump, to participate part-time in the Child Welfare Education for Leadership (CWEL) Program.

Mr. Hudack stated that there is no cost to the county for the employees' participation in the program. He stated that the employees' would have a two-2 year commitment to the county following completion of the program.

Discussion followed.

**Social Services:**

Jim Hudack requested approval for the submission of an application for plan review and an application for a commercial building permit for the existing pavilion located at the Fort Roberdeau Historic Site as part of the FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) demolition of the Sinking Valley Grange Hall #484 project's mitigation agreement between the County of Blair and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office.

Discussion followed.

**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.

The above two-2 items will be moved to the Business Session Agenda of 03/03/22.

**Second Amendment Sanctuary Referendum Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement:**

Continued discussion.

Commissioner Webster stated that she is expecting a draft document later this today.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting Adjourned,

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Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk