

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 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 Burke, Commissioner Webster and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), Lindsay Dempsie and Brandon Meck (Finance), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Sarah Seymour (Elections), and Rachel Papuga (Alleghenies Broadband Inc. – via phone).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 364-2023: Approving the submission of the State Food Purchase Program Expense and Data Report (SFPP) for FY 22/23 to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 364-2023.

Resolution 365-2023: Approving the Facility Event Agreement and an Event Proposal between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and the Blair County Convention Center, for use of Lower Level F-H, and meal catering services for the annual Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) SARA Summit on September 28, 2023. Costs associated with this event shall not exceed \$12,000.00 and will be paid with Hazardous Materials Response (Act 165) Funds.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 365-2023.

Resolution 366-2023: Approving the renewal Software License, Service and Support Agreement between the County of Blair on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and Medical Priority Consultants d/b/a Priority Dispatch Corporation, for the Emergency Medical, Fire and Police Dispatch Systems, in the total annual amount of \$30,600.00, for the period of January 15, 2023 through January 14, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 366-2023.

Resolution 367-2023: Approving the following FY 23/24 Purchase of Service Agreements for Intellectual Disabilities between the County of Blair, Maryann Joyce Bistline and Erik Messner for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 367-2023.

Resolution 368-2023: Approving the Conditional Award of Funds received from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA), in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000.00, for the Blair County Housing Rehabilitation – Basic System Repair Program.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 368-2023.

Resolution 369-2023: Approving the FY 23/24 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County, 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 369-2023.

Resolution 370-2023: Approving the FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 Purchase of Service Agreements and HIPAA Business Associate Agreements between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Lifespan Family Services, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 370-2023.

Resolution 371-2023: Approving the following signature on the 2024 Pennsylvania Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PComp) Renewal Checklist for PComp to quote the Blair County rates for 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 371-2023.

Resolution 372-2023: Approving a quote received from McCarl's Preferred Services (MPS), in the total amount of \$1,903.00, with 50% due upon quote acceptance, for replacement of the burners and tubeulators on the Trane Roof Top Unit #2 (RTU#2) at the Blair County Prison.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 372-2023 with abstention as noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Alleghenies Broadband Inc.:

Rachel Papuga requested approval for an allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the total amount of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of deploying fiber and wireless towers to over 593 locations in the Williamsburg area and Juniata Township within Blair.

Ms. Papuga clarified that an allocation of \$250,000.00 will come from Crowsnest Broadband LLC and an allocation of \$250,000.00 will come from the County of Blair. Combined, the \$500,000.00 represents 25% of the overall project amount.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 373-2023: Approving the allocation to Alleghenies Broadband, Inc. \$250,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds contingent upon Alleghenies Broadband's receipt of \$2,000,000 from the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority in response to the Capital Projects Funds opportunity for grant funding; \$250,000.00 from Crowsnest Broadband LLC; and an allocation of \$250,000.00 from the County of Blair, for the purpose of deploying fiber and wireless towers to over 593 locations in the Williamsburg area and Juniata Township within Blair County.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 373-2023.

Elections/Voter's Registration:

Sarah Seymour requested approval for the submission of an application for the Election Integrity Grant Program (EIGP), with a monetary amount of \$406,631.91 to be distributed to Blair County.

Ms. Seymour mentioned the 2023 General and 2024 Primary election costs will be covered under this grant.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 374-2023: Approving the submission of an application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community & Economic Development for the Election Integrity Grant in the amount of \$406,631.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 374-2023.

Park and Recreation:

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval for an allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account #035 Funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for water leak repairs at Pavilion 1 at Valley View Park.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 375-2023: Approving the allocation of funds from the Park and Recreation Reserve Account #035 an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for water leak repairs at Pavilion 1 at Valley View Park.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 375-2023.

Parking Garage Stair Tower Project:

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval for payment of the Contractor's Application for Payment #4, received from Ralph J. Albarano & Sons, Inc., in the total amount due of \$57,881.70, for the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Project.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 376-2023: Approving the payment of the Contractor's Application for Payment #4, received from Ralph J. Albarano & Sons, Inc., in the total amount of \$57,881.70 for the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Project.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 376-2023.

Commissioners:

Allison Senkevich requested approval of a Letter of Support for Verizon in response to their application to the Broadband Infrastructure Program.

Chief Clerk Hemminger noted that Allegheny Broadband Inc. had a chance to review Verizon's proposal and the projects proposed by Verizon fit the Counties needs and do not duplicate any other projects the Commissioners have supported.

Resolution 377-2023: Approving the Letter of Support for Verizon to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority in response to the Broadband Infrastructure Program.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 377-2023.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk