

WORK SESSION: TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

**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 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 Assistant Solicitor Jeff Muriceak.

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karn

Others Present:

Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Trina Illig (Social Services), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog Group), Judy Rosser and Aleisha Albertson (Blair Drug and Alcohol), Nicole Smith (Court Administration), AC Stickel (Controller), and Allison Senkevich (Commissioner’s Office).

Upcoming Meetings:

Tuesday, July 5, 2022	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	9:00 a.m.	*Retirement Board (Commissioners Meeting Room)
	10:30 a.m.	*Salary Board (Commissioners Meeting Room)
Thursday, July 7, 2022	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Business Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)
Friday, July 8, 2022		
Monday, July 11, 2022		
Tuesday, July 12, 2022	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)
	7:00 p.m.	Blair County Airport Authority (Airport)

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the meeting minutes of 06/21/22 and 06/23/22. **There were no corrections or changes noted.**

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

Public Comment:

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

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Erb called for commissioners comments.

Commissioner Webster shared a word of appreciation toward the staff at Fort Roberdeau for the 4th celebration of the “Star Spangled 4th Event”.

Commissioner Burke and Commissioner Erb noted no comment.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution #243-2022:

- a. Payment of the following five-5 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
07/05/2022	220705WW	\$296,742.71
07/05/2022	220705SS	\$ 18,560.21
07/05/2022	220705CY	\$ 100.00
07/05/2022	220705CO	\$ 23,065.03
07/05/2022	220614WW	\$172,255.78

- b. Ratification of the following six-6 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
07/01/2022	220701HI	\$543,404.25
06/30/2022	220630SS	\$ 481.00
06/29/2022	220629MW	\$ 87.50
06/27/2022	220627FS	\$ 2,326.94
06/15/2022	220615MW	\$ 20,083.08
06/14/2022	220614MW	\$ 10,922.13

- c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the Check Dated 6/30/22 in the total amount of \$818,918.65

- d. **Employment:** Cynthia J. Venesky, PT, Assessment, Dept Clark I, \$11.03/hr., effective 7/5/22; Cecilia M. St. Clair, FT, Social Services, Fiscal Operations Officer, \$46,805.20 annually, effective 7/5/22; Jazlin R. Brantling, FT, APO, Parole and Probation Officer, \$16.30/hr., effective 7/5/22
- e. **Retirements:** Kenneth J. Dean, FT, Social Services, Mental Health Program Specialist, \$19.32/hr., effective 7/8/22
- f. **Status Change:** Sandra M. Corey, Job change: from District Court Admin Support to Criminal Processor; Vicki L. Cotter, Hours/Pay rate change: from Receptionist/Clerk to Courtroom Clerk, FT to PT, 35-hr workweek to 999 hrs./anniversary year, \$11.60/hr. to \$12.16/hr.; Kenneth J. Dean: Hour change: FT to Temp, Nonunion, max duration of 5 months and 29 days, effective 7/10/22; Kellie M. Glunt-Novack, Job change: from Administrative Assistant to Telecommunicator, 35 hr. workweek to 40 hr. workweek, \$13.07/hr. to \$16.30/hr.; Susan M. Sunseri, Job change: from Processor in Cost and Fines to Warrant Clerk in Sheriff's Office; Amber M. Weber, Department change: from MDJ Dunio to MDJ Blattenberger.

Chief Clerk Hemminger corrected Ken Dean's retirement date to 7/8/22 and the effective date to 7/10/22 and not 7/5/22 as on the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 243-2022 with corrections as noted above.

Staff Reports & Special Business:

A. Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnership (BDAP):

Judy Rosser requested approval of the FY 22/23 Provision of Single County Authority (SCA) Functions Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair County Drug and Alcohol for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Mrs. Rosser acknowledged Aleisha Albertson, the Assistant Director of BDAP, who just completed her doctorate program on June 30th.

Mrs. Rosser stated that they receive funding from Blair County Social Services as well as through Human Service Block Grants. She then gave a summary of the 2020-2021 annual report and said they will be releasing the 2021-2022 annual report next month.

Mrs. Rosser discussed how BDAP uses the state funding and block grant funding to expand capacity around substance abuse disorder and overdose prevention. She stated her office is operational 24/7 and they have CRS (Certified Recovery Specialists) and staff that help intervene with individuals that have overdose or substance issues.

Prior to having this program implemented, they were getting 120 referrals a year, but are now getting over 900 referrals year and have been successful in placing them into programs nearly 50% of the time. Her organization also provides extensive case management. Their budget used to be \$1.2M before leaving the County 12 years ago, but now their budget is \$6.5M.

They also facilitate an advisory board which promotes different messages in the community and helps facilitate the County Overdose Task Force, which is open to any member of the community. They have a 3-year strategic plan that helps with prevention and provides resources for the individual as well as the family. BDAP works very closely with Children, Youth, and Families as well as navigating programs for the Prison.

Commissioner Erb stated that he appreciates the partnership Blair County has with their Single County Authority, BDAP, and the role they play in helping many organizations within the County.

B. Social Services:

Trina Illig requested approval for the acceptance of a Conditional Award of Funds from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Authority (PHFA) through the Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Fund authorized under Act 10 of 2010 and the Realty Transfer Tax (PHARE/RT), in the amount of \$100,000.00, to support the Blair County Water and Sewer Program.

Mrs. Illig mentioned this was the 3rd time Blair County has been funded through this program. She said they have 10 applicants at this time.

Discussion followed.

C. Court Administration:

Nicole Smith requested approval to participate in the Administrative Office of the Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) Office of Children and Families in the Courts/ Dependency Court Improvement Program, COVID-19 Reimbursement Project, with full cost being covered by the AOPC.

Mrs. Smith stated this request is for video equipment that will allow for remote proceedings in dependency hearings.

D. Children, Youth and Families:

Commissioner Laura Burke requested approval for the acceptance of an allocation of funding under the Promoting Safe and Stable Families Caseworker Visitation Program under Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, (42 U.S.C §§ 629-629i), in the total amount of \$4,505.00, for the period of 10/01/21 through 09/30/22.

Commissioner Burke stated this will provide day-long training for all of the Caseworker staff.

A. Commissioners:

Assistant County Administrator Senkevich requested approval for the submission of a Letter of Support of an application to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and/or PennDOT by the Borough of Hollidaysburg for Multimodal Transportation Fund Program (MTFP) for grant funding for the Canal Basin project.

Mrs. Senkevich noted this is a second request for the same support letter.

Old Business:

Natural Gas Pricing:

Continued discussion concerning contract options, pricing and recommendations for the county's Natural Gas Suppliers.

Current 2.813 blended rate

Contract Term	05/25/22	06/21/22	06/29/22	07/05/22
12 months	7.32	5.85	5.87	5.15
24 months	6.05	5.37	5.30	4.86
36 months	5.45	5.20	5.09	4.77
42 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
48 months	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Chief Clerk Hemminger provided updated numbers for today's meeting per Mike Polosky.

Mrs. Hemminger discussed the last time we fixed pricing early on in the three-year contract and then for the last 50% of it, we did Nimex minus 40% which got us to the blended rate of 2.813 which held until 10/31/21.

She said we have a few options: we can monitor the numbers for a few more weeks, we can give a "not to exceed price" or if the market falls to this price, then we can go ahead and execute a contract. We can also just do a 12, 36, or 48 month or even just fix the price and play out the market.

The Commissioners agreed to continue to monitor the prices and keep this item on the agenda for more discussion at Thursday's meeting. Commissioner Erb will be in contact with Mike Polosky to get additional information and narrative.

Prison:

Requesting approval of a Laundry Dispensing Equipment Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Prison and Janitors Supply Inc. Laundry Dispensing Equipment is being supplied without charge, solely for use with Janitors Supply Co. Inc. with Spartan Chemicals for a 4-year period good through 07/31/26. Laundry chemical pricing is listed on Exhibit A-quote. Should the county discontinue use of Janitors Supply Company Inc. and/or Spartan Chemical products the county agrees to purchase the dispensers for \$6,500.00.

Discussion followed.

Chief Clerk Hemminger stated that the Prison is currently getting a few additional quotes. She suggested this item be removed from the agenda at which time; the Prison will bring new quotes to a future Commissioner's meeting for a recommendation from the Commissioners and Finance department.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk