

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, MAY 26, 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 those participating in the meeting to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Commissioner Erb (by telephone), Commissioner Webster and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Commissioner Burke, Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Allison Senkevich and Melissa Harpster (Commissioner's Office), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Mark Taylor (911E Center), Angela Wagner (Controller's Office), Bryan King (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), Scott Schultz (Court Administration) and Sherry Socie (Planning Commission).

Public Comment:

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

CCAP 2022 Priorities Toolkit – Commissioner Webster:

911 FUNDING & REAUTHORIZATION

Good morning, everyone! The CCAP topic for today is 911 Funding and reauthorization. One of the tasks assigned to counties is public safety, which specifically involves the operation of the 911 center. In Blair County, our 911 operations unit will be celebrating its 25th year and dedicating the updated communications room next week. These operations are vital to providing emergency services to our residents.

As you can imagine, the costs involved in these departments are enormous. The technology to operate 911 centers has improved greatly, but the cost to upgrade and replace equipment and provide proficient, expert services leaves counties in the precarious position of having to invest increasing amounts from our tax dollars to provide these emergency services. Counties do receive large amounts of funding from PEMA and grants. Another source of funds has been a portion of the monthly fees paid by consumers for telephone landlines. However, as cell phones have greatly reduced the demand for landlines, those corresponding funds have dwindled. In addition, the funding formula currently used for grants terminates on December 31, 2024. Counties are requesting action from PEMA, the PA legislature, emergency management professionals, and the communications industry to create reforms and to find sustainable funding sources.

During the past few years, PEMA has been transitioning the counties into shared services with adjacent counties. PA is moving forward with upgraded technology known as Next Gen 911. This allows counties to improve the efficiency of their operations with improved equipment, as well as sharing broadband for 911 public safety answering points, shared network switching, accurate GIS and data, better regional redundancy, consolidation of systems, and consolidation of funding streams.

In order to meet these needs and improvements, CCAP counties support the following:

- o Continued strategic planning and investment for evolving technologies and GIS data to ensure NG911 is properly supported and maintained.*
- o Consolidation of systems and of funding sources.*
- o Development of a funding formula prior to the 2024 expiration date, that will adequately support both current and projected future needs of counties.*

The needs of the citizens have expanded beyond calling 911 for an ambulance or a police response. CCAP has begun working with legislators and agencies and their staffs to implement a 3-digit suicide hotline, which will be 988. This 988 number will be added to current 911 systems. There are concerns, however, regarding how these systems will be integrated and what will be the additional costs, demands on the 911 and emergency system, and training required for dispatchers. During Mental Health month, it is noteworthy to mention the possibility of this new concept in dealing with the increasing demands that suicide has placed on emergency services as well as various health and human services in the commonwealth.

These services are a high priority and in high demand. They are provided by counties and no other government entities. We need the PA and Fed governments to provide adequate funding.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution 170-2022:

a. Payment of the following two-2 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
05/26/2022	220526CY	\$30,009.96
05/26/2022	220526SS	\$23,595.59

b. Ratification of the following seven-7 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
05/16/2022	220516FS	\$ 3,442.43
05/09/2022	220509FS	\$ 3,817.35
05/12/2022	220512HR	\$ 21,593.73
05/09/2022	220430PC	\$ 15,621.61
05/11/2022	220511ML	\$ 30,055.29
05/05/2022	220505WT	\$492,791.25
05/05/2022	220505HR	\$ 5,134.47

c. Payment of the following two-2 invoices dated 05/24/22:

- Blair Senior Services, in the total amount of \$331,178.00.
- Thomas and Chandra Jandora, in the total amount of \$1500.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 170-2022.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 171-2022: A resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Blair and McCollom Development Strategies, LLC to review background material, existing plans, develop Williamsburg Plan, update Hollidaysburg Canal Basin Plan, and develop job description and prospective work plan for a Circuit Rider, for the DCNR Grant Application, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 171-2022.

Resolution 172-2022: A resolution approving the FY 20/21 Final Medical Assistance Transportation Program Allocation (MATP), in the amount of \$1,126,853.00.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 172-2022.

Resolution 173-2022: A resolution approving the FY 20/21 Annual Income and Expenditure Report for the Early Intervention Program.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 173-2022.

Resolution 174-2022: A resolution approving the FY 22/23 renewal contract between the County of Blair and Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group (SASMG) for Intellectual Disability and Early Intervention Services for the period of 07/01/22 through 06/30/23.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 174-2022.

Resolution 175-2022: A resolution approving an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program Disbursement, in the amount of \$3,000.00, for the purchase of property at 1755 Adams Avenue, Tyrone, PA by Christopher and Deborah Zavada.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 175-2022.

Resolution 176-2022: A resolution approving the updated Blair County Adult Probation & Parole Community Service Program Manual.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 176-2022.

Resolution 177-2022: A resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) by and between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison and Goodwill of the Southern Alleghenies for the collaborative relationship in providing re-entry programming services to participants being released from the Blair County Prison. Terms of said agreement are conditional based on available funding for the program during the period of time beginning with 10/01/22 and lasting thirty-six (36) months.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 177-2022.

Resolution 178-2022: A resolution approving a Master Subscription Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County District Attorney's Office and Hawk Analytics for one (1) Investigator CellHawk Subscription, 250,000 maximum number of records, and three (3) maximum users, in the total amount of \$2,995.00, for the period of 05/02/2022 through 05/01/2023.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 178-2022.

Resolution 179-2022: A resolution approving the electronic submission of the FFY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) by Cris Fredrickson no later than 06/10/22. Said grant provides reimbursement for up to half of the salary and benefits of the EMA Coordinator, Operations & Training Officer, and Administrative Assistant, in an amount up to \$83,400.48.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 179-2022.

Resolution 180-2022: A resolution approving the acceptance of the FY 2021/2022 Discretionary Grant Award from the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), in the amount of \$4,450.00, for the enhancement of the County's DUI Court, and in the amount of \$5,445.00, for the enhancement of the County's Drug Court.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 180-2022.

Resolution 181-2022: A resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Blair and the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), as agent of the Unified Judicial System (UJS), for the County's DUI Court, in the amount of \$4,450.00, and the County's Drug Court, in the amount of \$5,445.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 181-2022.

Resolution 182-2022: A resolution approving the submission of an Application of Senior Judge Reimbursable Costs to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), in the total amount of \$3,382.00, for Senior Judge Chambers and Support Staff services during calendar year 2021.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 182-2022.

Resolution 183-2022: A resolution approving a quote received from Bettwy System, to replace the sound system in Courtroom 2, and to reconnect the speaker from the Courtroom into chambers, in the total amount of \$4,410.28.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 183-2022.

Resolution 184-2022: A resolution approving a proposal received from Forever Media, Inc., for commercial advertising of vacant positions within CYF on FROGGY 98.1, WALY 103.9, WTNA AM 1430 and 99.7 FM, plus a matching schedule that will air on ForeverAltoona.com and on all Alexa-enable devices in the total amount of \$9,450.00. (\$3,150.00 each for the months of June/July/August 2022)

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 184-2022.

Resolution 185-2022: A resolution approving the 2022 Fort Special Events as listed in the 2022 Fort Roberdeau brochure for public announcements of the events.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 185-2022.

Resolution 186-2022: A resolution approving a Staffing Employment Agreement between the County of Blair and Labor Staffers, LLC for temporary and/or temp-to-hire positions to be filled within Children, Youth and Families (CYF) and other departments as needed.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 186-2022.

Resolution 187-2022: A resolution approving a Temporary Staffing Services Agreement between the County of Blair and Ruggieri Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Spherion for temporary and/or temp-to-hire positions to be filled in various departments as needed.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 187-2022.

Resolution 188-2022: A resolution approving the Board of Commissioners endorsement of the America250PA Blair County Commission to celebrate America's Semiquincentennial.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 188-2022.

Resolution 189-2022: A resolution approving the PCoRP Commercial Insurance Renewal Proposal received, in the total premium amount of \$399,281.00, for the policy period of 06/01/22 through 06/01/23; and approval of the 40%-30%-30% payment option as outlined below:

June 1, 2022	40%	\$159,713.00
September 1, 2022	30%	\$119,784.00
December 1, 2022	30%	\$119,784.00

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 189-2022.

Resolution 190-2022: A resolution approving two (2) Letters of Support for the submission of an application to the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development by Duncansville Borough for grant funding for the Duncansville Community Memorial Park Site Improvement Project.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 190-2022.

Resolution 191-2022: A resolution approving an extension of the 2021 audit deadline to 07/29/22 by Young, Oakes, Brown and Company (YOBCO).

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 191-2022.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Commissioner's Office:

Allison Senkevich requested approval for the submission of an application for the 2021/2022 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program.

Mrs. Senkevich explained the projects covered by the total cost of the grant \$28,848.25 includes \$14,915.27 for the fire alarm system provided by Johnson Controls and \$9,460.00 for the installation of the fire alarm system installed by Krater Services LLC at the Blair County Transportation Garage, 600 E Loop Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 and \$4,472.98 for various safety supplies (including duty belts, belt keepers, radio holders, handcuff cases, etc.) from Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply for Adult Parole and Probation.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 192-2022: A resolution approving the submission of an application for the 2021/2022 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 192-2022.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk