

WORK SESSION: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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:

Melissa Harpster and Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), Sarah Chuff (Finance), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Bryan King (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Bonita Shreve (President of Blair County 2nd Amendment Coalition), Marylyn Graffius (Greenfield Township Resident), Jim Pooler (Maintenance), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and AC Stickel (Controller).

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, February 23, 2022	9:30 a.m.	*Salary Board Meeting (Commissioners Meeting Room)
Thursday, February 24, 2022	8:30 a.m.	Planning Commission (Altoona Water Authority)
	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Business Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)
Friday, February 25, 2022		
Monday, February 28, 2022	1:30 p.m.	Conservation District Board (1407 Blair St., Hollidaysburg)
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Chief Clerk Hemminger read the following two-2 Public Comment emails sent to the county's public comment email address:

From: Deb Prosser
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 4:22 PM
To: Public Comment

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

From: Ying Li
Sent: Saturday, February 19, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Resolution on 2nd Amendment Rights

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

Bonita Shreve, President of the Blair County 2nd Amendment Coalition, asked, what is an oath? According to the Webster Dictionary an oath is a solemn formal calling of the truth of what one said or can simply be a promise. Those usually process that a person will perform their duty honestly and with the will of the people. It is then that we, the people, expect our elected officials to deliver them to the people. In this case, it is about securing Blair County as a Second Amendment Sanctuary County, where we want to address that holds our governing bodies accountable. It was my oath, which I took that stated, "I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic". And that will never change because there is no expiration date on my oath for God and country. With that being said, God bless you, Blair County and the great nation of America. Thank you.

Marlyn Graffius, Greenfield Township resident. I'd like to read a quote after hearing those emails, a quote by Benjamin Franklin, "In order to adopt central liberties..." If you lose the Second Amendment, you lose the first, the third, and all the way down the line. Look what's happening in Canada... In addition, there is another quote by George S. Patton, "Moral courage is the most valuable and unusual, usually absent characteristics in man." If you have moral courage, stand up against the government, stand up against confrontation and for what is right. Whether that person beside you has the courage or not, you are a leader. This country needs good leaders. Thank you.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Erb called for commissioners comments.

Commissioner Webster shared a brief comment pertaining to Presidents Day.

Commissioner Burke extended a thank you to Don Weakland; RBA IT Director for the County, for his prompt late night assistance with getting her computer operational for remote access capability for her to join today’s meeting.

Proclamation – 2022 Respected Citizen Award - Bill Schirf:

Commissioner Erb read and requested adoption of the following Proclamation to be presented to Mr. Bill Schirf at the annual Central Blair Recreation Commission Community Classic Dinner, Saturday, February 26, 2022.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf has always believed in “Making Altoona a Great Place to Live”; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf, graduated Altoona High School in 1968, received a Bachelor’s Degree from Shippensburg University in 1975, and went on to complete his Master’s Degree in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf has been involved in our community over the past 50 years and has been associated with more than 40 organizations and has held many leadership positions including, Mayor of Altoona, Chairman of the Board of the Altoona Recreation Commission and Altoona Water Authority, President of Altoona Jaycees, Greater City Baseball League, Juniata Civics, and Blair County Keystone Chapter of PIAA Softball; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf, through his involvement in the community, has witnessed extensive business and community development/expansion projects especially during the time he served on City Council from January 2006 to January 2014; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf has been a strong proponent of recreation programming and facility improvements while serving 14 years on the Altoona Recreation Commission and CBRC where he assisted in playground/facility construction and youth sports development; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf, received the Blair County Chamber of Commerce’s Donna D. Gority Servant Leadership award and the Altoona Mirror’s Hometown Favorite Politician award while serving as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Bill Schirf, is a retired teacher and currently resides in 13th Ward with Kathy, his wife of 41 years. They are the proud parents of 3 children, Patrick, Thomas, and Christina, and 3 grandchildren, Sofi, Raymond, and Grace; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, WE, the Blair County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Blair County, would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Bill Schirf for his service to the citizens of the County of Blair, and congratulate him on receiving the

2022 Respected Citizen Award

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Blair, Pennsylvania, this 22nd Day of February 2022.

ATTEST:

**BLAIR COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Nicole Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Bruce Erb, Chairman

Laura Burke, Vice-Chairman

Amy Webster, Secretary

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt the Proclamation.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution #64-2022:

a. Payment of the following three-3 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
02/22/22	220222CY	\$121,365.10
02/22/22	220222SS	\$393,886.97
02/22/22	220222WW	\$213,076.31

Which include payment of the following invoices:

- UPMC Altoona, in the total amount of \$806.35.

b. Ratification of the following four-4 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
02/15/2022	220215TD	\$ 517.06
02/17/2022	220217HR	\$18,298.76
02/11/2022	220211ML	\$29,404.96
02/14/2022	220214FS	\$ 3,061.92

c. **2021 Budget Transfer:** Legal Fees from McNees Wallace for November 2021.

From	\$	To

01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$ 390.00	013201-44080 CYF
013201-44080	-\$ 204.00 (credit on account)	
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$3,990.00	01101-44080 Commissioners

d. **2021 Budget Transfer:** HealthForce from the December 2021 invoice.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$100.00	012011-42000 Adult Parole and Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	012012-42000 Adult Parole and Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	762011-42000 Adult Parole and Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01101-42000 Commissioners
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01112-42000 Controller
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01152-42000 Coroner
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01160-42000 Court Administration
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$100.00	013201-42000 CYF
01101GCO-42000 General County Operation	\$350.00	011062-42000 Elections
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01602-42000 EMA
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$225.00	01103HW-42000 Highway
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01160WK-42000 Judge Kagarise
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01160TS-42000 Judge Sullivan
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01161AB-42000 MDJ Blattenberger
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$550.00	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01153-42000 Prothonotary
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$250.00	44122-42000 Public Safety- 911
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01150-42000 Register and Recorder
01110GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$200.00	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01111-42000 Tax Claim
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01603-42000 Veteran Affairs

e. **2021 Budget Transfer:** HealthForce for an invoice dated December 26, 2021.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$150.00	01103HW-42000 Highway
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$100.00	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$100.00	01153-42000 Prothonotary
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 75.00	01150-42000 Register and Recorder
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01111-42000 Tax Claim
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 50.00	01164711-42000 Victim Witness

f. **2021 Budget Transfer:** Justifacts Inc., from December 2021.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$217.56	012011-42000 Adult Parole and Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$116.50	01107-42000 Assessment
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$124.28	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$523.59	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 57.61	01153-42000 Prothonotary
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 68.25	01103BM-42000 Building Maintenance
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$107.61	01151-42000 Sheriff

g. **2021 Budget Transfer:** Legal Fees from McNees Wallace from December 2021.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$ 270.00	01103HW-44080 Highway
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$9,750.00	01101-44080 Commissioners
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$1,560.00	01101-44080 Commissioners

h. **2021 Budget Transfer:** Legal Fees from Campbell Durrant for December 2021.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$8,307.05	01209PO-44080 Prison

i. **2022 Budget Transfer:** Justifacts Inc., for January 2022.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$ 96.28	01107-42000 Assessment
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$130.28	01160JB-42000 Judge Bernard
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$105.28	01209PO-42000 Prison
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$250.56	01151-42000 Sheriff
01101GCO-42250 General County Operations	\$ 23.04	01105-42250 Human Resources

j. **2022 Budget Transfer:** Legal Fees from Campbell Durrant for January 2022.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101GCO-44080 General County Operations	\$7881.84	01209PO-44080 Prison

k. **2022 Budget Transfer:** Legal advertisements.

<u>From</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>To</u>
01101-42110 General County Operations	\$1,000.00	01209PO-42110 Prison

l. **Employment:** Kaitlyn M. Capella, PT, Administrative Assistant, Public Defender, \$10.51/hr., effective 02/22/22; Kristin D. Claypoole, Franklin B. DeShong, Sean A. Frenandes, Kaleb E. Fuchs, Jeffrey D. Miller, Louis A. Mollica, Zachary R. Suter, and Roderick Taylor, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$16.87/hr.; and Michele L. Grover, From, FT, Assistant Public Defender, Public Defender, \$46,125.04/yr., To, FT, Juris Doctor, Public Defender, \$22.87/hr., effective 02/12/22.

m. **Terminations:** Curtis M. McCormick, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$16.87/hr., effective 04/30/21; Logan H. Miller, Per Diem, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$15.08/hr., effective 12/31/21; and Shiliah S. Nelson, Per Diem, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$15.08/hr., effective 02/15/22.

n. **Resignations:** Collin D. VonColin, FT, Telecommunicator, Public Safety-911, \$13.88/hr., effective 02/11/22; Casea D. Detwiler, FT, Correctional Case Manager, Prison, \$11.03/hr., effective 02/18/22; Tricia A. Rupert, FT, Court Reporter, Court Reporters, \$10.61/hr., effective 02/18/22; Angie M. Best, FT, Casework Manager, CYF, \$45,008.60/yr., effective 02/22/22; and Nicholas O. Soto, FT, Caseworker II, CYF, \$16.29/hr., effective 02/22/22.

Commissioner Erb noted his abstention due to a conflict of interest on the payment of invoices to UPMC Altoona.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 64-2022 with the abstention as noted.

Staff Reports & Special Business:

KOREnergy for Demand Response/Reliability Programs:

Nicole Hemminger requested approval of 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.

Discussion followed.

Natural Gas Supplier:

Nicole Hemminger requested approval of 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.

Chief Clerk Hemminger stated that Mike Polosky, the county's representative from Efficient Energy Solutions, is recommending that the county take advantage of a variable price three-3 year contract at a basis price of minus 40 cents to begin in November 2022. She stated that by signing the variable price contract now this would fix the lower basis costs. The County could continue to follow and hope the NYMEX prices fall lower before next winter to fix the basis costs.

Discussion followed.

Blair County Bridge #70/over South Poplar Run Rehabilitation Project:

Nathan Karn requested approval of a Resolution of condemnation for temporary construction easement areas needed, including but not limited to parking vehicles, storing equipment and materials, and other construction related activities of a property owned by the heirs, successors and assigns of Theodore E. Claar and/or Abraham Burket.

Solicitor Karn stated that the request is for approval of a Resolution of condemnation for temporary construction easement areas needed for the Bridge #70 rehabilitation project; not for a deed in lieu of condemnation as listed on the agenda.

Discussion followed.

Resolution #65-2022: A resolution approving condemnation for temporary construction easement areas needed for the Blair County Bridge #70/over South Poplar Run Rehabilitation Project, including but not limited to parking vehicles, storing equipment and materials, and other construction related activities of a property owned by the heirs, successors and assigns of Theodore E. Claar and/or Abraham Burket.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #65-2022.

Blair County Bridge #92 & #87/Everett Railroad Company:

Nathan Karn requested approval of a Resolution for deed in lieu of condemnation for temporary construction easement areas needed for the purpose of accessing County Road 101 in the area of the bridge projects, parking vehicles, storing equipment and materials and other construction related activities, and for a portion of property permanently needed for Bridge #92 and the temporary construction easement areas for Bridge #92 & #87 owned by the Everett Railroad Company, in the amount of \$1,000.00, in lieu of condemnation and to pay for the right of temporary easements.

Solicitor Karn stated that the culvert for County Bridge #92 would permanently extend onto property owned by the Everett Railroad Company.

Solicitor Karn stated that the railroad agreed to a deed in lieu of condemnation and to pay for the right of temporary easements, in the amount of \$1,000.00, needed for accessing County Road 101 in the area of the Bridge #92 and #87 projects; and for the portion of property permanently needed for the Bridge #92 project.

Discussion followed.

Resolution #66-2022: A resolution approving a deed in lieu of condemnation for temporary construction easement areas needed for the purpose of accessing County Road 101 in the area of the bridge projects, parking vehicles, storing equipment and materials and other construction related activities, and for a portion of property permanently needed for Bridge #92 and the temporary construction easement areas for Bridge #92 & #87 owned by the Everett Railroad Company, in the amount of \$1,000.00, in lieu of condemnation and to pay for the right of temporary easements.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #66-2022.

Fort Roberdeau:

- a. Glenn Nelson requested approval for the acceptance of bids received for the lease of Fort Roberdeau Farmland for review, award or rejection according to county code.

Mr. Nelson stated that bids were solicited for the lease of Fort Roberdeau Farmland. He stated that two-2 sealed bids were opened in the Controller's Office at 2 pm on February 16, 2022. He stated Clinton Black submitted a bid, in the amount of \$28,000.00; and Philip Kulp submitted a bid, in the amount of \$34,150.00.

Mr. Nelson requested that the board consider acceptance of the bids received for review, award or rejection according to county code.

Discussion followed.

Resolution #67-2022: A resolution approving the acceptance of bids received for the lease of Fort Roberdeau Farmland for review, award or rejection according to county code.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #67-2022.

- b. Glenn Nelson requested approval of 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.

Mr. Nelson stated that Solicitor Karn has reviewed the Letter of Engagement. He stated that the Fort Roberdeau Association would pay the fee for the financial audit.

Discussion followed.

- c. Glenn Nelson requested approval of 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.

Mr. Nelson stated that both contracts are annual renewal contracts. He stated that Solicitor Karn has reviewed both contracts.

Discussion followed.

- d. Glenn Nelson requested approval of 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.

Mr. Nelson stated that Solicitor Karn provided the Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold. He stated that the Fort Roberdeau Association would pay the fees associated with the agreement.

Discussion followed.

Maintenance:

Jim Pooler requested approval of a proposal received from Krater Services, Inc. to furnish and install two-2 new circuits from the existing electrical panel to service two-2 new 20-amp twist-lock receptacles located in the basement of the Blair County 911 Center, including necessary conduit, wiring, boxes and connections to existing breakers, in the total amount of \$550.00.

Discussion followed.

Resolution #68-2022: A resolution approving a proposal received from Krater Services, Inc. to furnish and install two-2 new circuits from the existing electrical panel to service two-2 new 20-amp twist-lock receptacles located in the basement of the Blair County 911 Center, including necessary conduit, wiring, boxes and connections to existing breakers, in the total amount of \$550.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #68-2022.

Commissioner's Office:

- a. Allison Senkevich requested approval of 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.

This lease comes at a savings of approximately \$50/month.

Discussion followed.

- b. Allison Senkevich requested approval of 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.

Mrs. Senkevich stated that STOPit is partnered with PCoRP; however, the agreement by and between the County of Blair and Inspirit Group, LLC d/b/a STOPit, would allow the county to utilize the STOPit program through PCoRP licenses allocated to the county and paid for by PCoRP. The county's subscriber rights would be for a liability, workers' compensation fraud and financial fraud reporting system.

Mrs. Senkevich stated that Solicitor Karn has reviewed the agreement.

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.

No discussion held. Item moved to a future agenda.

- 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.

No discussion held. Item moved to a future agenda.

Second Amendment Sanctuary Referendum Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement:

Continued discussion.

No discussion held. Item moved to a future agenda.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk