AGENDA

WORK SESSION

BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE ONLY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG
- 4. **ROLL CALL**
- 5. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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	10:30 a.m.	*Salary Board
Thursday, February 4, 2021	8:30 a.m.	*Park & Recreation Advisory Bd.
	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Business Session
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Monday, February 8, 2021		
Tuesday, February 9, 2021	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session
	6:00 p.m.	Blair County Airport Authority
	_	(Contact airport for mtg. info.)

- 6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** January 19, and 21, 2021
- 7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
- 9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution #025-2021:

a. Payment of the four (4)Warrant Lists listed below:

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- c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the Check Dated 01/28/2021, in the total amount of \$768,246.93.
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10. **STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS**<u>Weekly COVID-19 Update</u>: Mark Taylor

Blair County Community Development Block Grant Program: Trina Illig Public Notice regarding changes to the CDBG-CV and the FY 2020 contracts.

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11. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

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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:

Scott Simmons and Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office), Jenn Sleppy and Sarah Chuff (Finance), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Mark Taylor (911E), Trina Illig (Social Services), Atle Walters (Victim/Witness), Janice Meadows (Court Administration), Brian Wiser (Keller Engineers), Rocky Greenland and Paul Shaffer (Public Works), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Helen Schmitt (Public) and AC Stickel (Controller).

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 19 and 21, 2021:

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the minutes of January 19 and 21, 2021. **There were no corrections or changes noted.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Kay Stephens stated that according to the public notice advertised the Blair County Airport Authority meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 beginning at 7:00 p.m. not 6:00 p.m. as listed above under Upcoming Meetings.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Erb called for commissioners comments.

Commissioner Webster stated that she is very troubled with the State Department of Health regarding the availability and distribution of vaccine. She stated that the county has received so many promises from the state, but very little vaccine has made its way to Blair County. The state has fallen short on promises made with very few answers provided to us.

Commissioner Webster encourages everyone to continue to watch the county's websites for important updates and to continue contacting their primary care physicians and pharmacies for vaccine availability. Once the county does receive a sufficient quantity there are plans set to conduct a mass vaccine distribution site at the Blair County Convention Center.

Commissioner Burke – no comments noted.

Commissioner Erb stated that CareerLink has set up a temporary office at the downtown Altoona Transportation Center while the Altoona Library is still under construction from recent water damage.

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Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #025-2021.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS Weekly COVID-19 Update:

Mark Taylor stated since his last update on January 26 there has been less than one-hundred (100) new coronavirus cases. He stated that the county's positivity rate is currently 8.8%, with hospitalizations under fifty (50) however, there have been nineteen (19) deaths raising the total death count to two-hundred-sixty-six (266).

Mr. Taylor stated that the state as well as the county are keeping a close eye on the new strain of the virus, which is beginning to creep up in some areas. He stated that continued testing is very important.

Mr. Taylor stated that to date 4,528 individuals have received the vaccine, CVS Pharmacy will soon be wrapping up administering vaccinations to long-term care facilities, and most hospitals are finishing up with vaccinating hospital staff. He stated that once these vaccinations are completed it should free up vaccine for others.

Mr. Taylor stated that local pharmacies have begun administering vaccines and areas hospitals will soon be opening vaccine sites as well.

Discussion followed.

Blair County Community Development Block Grant Program:

Public Notice regarding changes to the CDBG-CV and the FY 2020 contracts.

Mrs. Illig stated that the county is required to disclose publicly the reallocation of project funding due to the administrative review of the county's CBDG-CV application prior to receipt of a contract from DCED.

Mrs. Illig stated that after review of the county's CBDG-CV application by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) the Department has advised that with the increased need of subsistence payments from households currently affected by the Coronavirus, all allocations previously made to allocate funding to Housing Rehabilitation will be reallocated to subsistence payments. One additional change reallocating CDBG-CV Hollidaysburg Borough funding from the Bel Air sidewalk improvement project to subsistence payments and FY 2020 Hollidaysburg Borough funding from Bel Air sidewalk improvement project to Housing Rehabilitation.

Mrs. Illig stated that the County of Blair on behalf of the Non-Entitlements and the Entitlement Municipalities of Antis Township, Blair Township, Frankstown Township, Greenfield Township, Hollidaysburg Borough and Tyrone Borough report to the public the following program allocations for the CDBG-CV funding allocation of \$556,738.00:

	Award	Admin	Project Funds	03F. Park, Recreation	05Q. Subsistence Payments	05W, Food Banks	05Z, Other Public Services
Non-							
Entitlements	\$166,152.00	\$29,907.00	\$136,245.00		\$136,245.00		
Antis							
Township	\$67,410.00	\$12,133.00	\$55,277.00	\$16,583.00	\$38,694.00		
Blair							
Township	\$62,039.00	\$11,167.00	\$50,872.00		\$50,872.00		
Frankstown							
Township	\$69,773.00	\$12,559.00	\$57,214.00		\$57,214.00		
Greenfield							
Township	\$61,179.00	\$11,012.00	\$50,167.00		\$40,117.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,050.00
Hollidaysburg							
Borough	\$65,513.00	\$11,792.00	\$53,721.00		\$53,721.00		
Tyrone					•		
Borough	\$64,672.00	\$11,640.00	\$53,032.00		\$51,532.00	\$1,500.00	
	\$556,738.00	\$100,210.00	\$456,528.00	\$16,583.00	\$428,395.00	\$6,500.00	\$5,050.00

Mrs. Illig stated that the county is required to disclose publicly the reallocation of project funding prior to receipt of a contract from DCED for FY 2020. The county was notified of an increase of funding under its FY 2020 funding allocation from \$905,802.00 to \$905,960.00 resulting in an increase in funding of \$158.00.

Mrs. Illig stated that the County of Blair on behalf of the Non-Entitlements and the Entitlement Municipalities of Antis Township, Blair Township, Frankstown Township, Greenfield Township, Hollidaysburg Borough and Tyrone Borough report to the public the following program allocations for the additional FY 2020 funding allocation of \$158.00:

	2020-	2020-				
	Original	Revised	Additional		Original	Revised
		Allocation				
	Allocation	12/15/20	Funds	Activity Description	Allocation	Allocation
				03C. Homeless		
Blair County	\$249,508	\$249,544	\$36.00	Facilities	\$204,597.00	\$204,633.00
				03K. Street &		
Antis				Drainage		
Township	\$118,477	\$118,501	\$24.00	Improvements	\$68,007.00	\$68,031.00
Blair				14A. Housing		
Township	\$97,351	\$97,368	\$17.00	Rehabilitation	\$79,828.00	\$79,845.00
Frankstown				03J. Water/Sewer		
Township	\$127,771	\$127,797	\$26.00	Improvements	\$104,773.00	\$104,799.00
Greenfield				14A. Housing		
Township	\$93,969	\$93,984	\$15.00	Rehabilitation	\$77,055.00	\$77,070.00
Hollidaysburg				14A. Housing		
Borough	\$111,017	\$111,038	\$21.00	Rehabilitation	\$63,724.00	\$63,745.00
Tyrone				14A. Housing		
Borough	\$107,709	\$107,728	\$19.00	Rehabilitation	\$78,322.00	\$78,341.00
Total	\$905,802	\$905,960	\$158.00		\$676,306.00	\$676,464.00

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Discussion followed.

Finance:

Rebecca Robinson requested approval for authorization to participate in the Costar's contract for the purchase of between 180 and 420 tons of sodium chloride (road salt) at a price to be determined by the bidding process for the participation period of August 2021 through July 2022, and authorization for the Blair County Procurement Specialist to submit the request on behalf of the County of Blair.

Ms. Robinson stated that this is a yearly request and without being part of the Costar's salt contract the county would have to bid out on their own or purchase from whatever company could provide us with salt at any given time. She stated that the tonnage price would be determined once the state has the total quantity they will be bidding for. Last year's rate was \$75.45/ton.

Ms. Robinson stated that approximately \$12,000.00 has been budgeted in 2021 for road salt.

Blair County Victim/Witness Office:

a. Atle Walters requested approval of a renewal Maintenance and Service Agreement between the County of Blair and the PA District Attorney's Institute for the PA SAVIN Program within the Victim/Witness Office, in the amount of zero dollars, for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Ms. Walters stated that the PA SAVIN Program has been used within the Victim/Witness Office for at least the past ten (10) years. She stated that there is no cost to the county associated with this renewal agreement.

Discussion followed.

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Mrs. Meadows stated that the installation of screens around Magisterial District Judge Blattenberger's bench will aide in social distancing during court proceedings. She stated that amount would be paid with PCCD Grant Funds.

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Mrs. Meadows stated that there is a need for the installation of two (2) speakers at the front of the Courtroom 6 so that the Judge and participants can hear behind the bench screens during remote proceedings. She stated that the speakers are located in the back of the courtroom, and while the computer interface box installed in the courtroom was helpful to recordings and amplification during remote proceedings it impacted the sound system at the front of the courtroom.

Mrs. Meadows stated that without speakers in the front of the courtroom, the sound is turned up so loud that it affects the areas in the back of the courtroom; including that of Judge Bernard's chambers and hallway. She stated that the associated cost would be paid with PCCD Grant Funds.

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Mrs. Meadows stated that items c, d, and e tie in together for one project. She stated that the door on the second floor of the new section of the courthouse is a swinging door with no access controls. She stated that the door leads to Judge Bernard's chambers and back the hallway to the inmate elevator and on to President Judge Doyle's chambers.

Mrs. Meadows stated that Sheriff Ott is very concerned about the access to the hallway by anyone in the courthouse. She stated that the goal is to convert the swinging door with a solid door to a secure door with swipe card access and a swipe key to Judge Bernard's chambers.

Mrs. Meadows stated that the installation would tie into the courthouse fire alarm system and the door would release in the event of an emergency. She stated that the cost of the project would be reimbursed through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC).

Discussion followed.

Blair County Bridge #67/T-378 West Loop Road:

Brian Wiser requested approval for Notice to Proceed for Part 2, Final Design, for the Bridge Replacement Project, twelve (12) month duration, with anticipated Let Date of October 7, 2021.

Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS: None	
ADJOURN: Meeting Adjourned,	
Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk	_