

# **BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD**

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

## Blair County Salary Board Meeting of April 9, 2020 10:30 AM By Conference Call

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Bruce Erb, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster

**Board Members not in Attendance:** 

NONE

**Non-Board Members in Attendance:** 

Robin Gindlesperger, Nicole Hemminger, District Attorney Peter Weeks<sup>1</sup>, Warden Abbie Tate

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona

Mirror

**Quorum:** Present

1. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Erb explained the ground rules for today's teleconference. Only voting members of the Salary Board may leave their telephones unmuted during the entire meeting, but we would request each avoids excess noise from your location. All other participants should mute their telephones until called upon to speak. Public participants may speak only during the designated public comment period near the beginning of the meeting and must keep their phones muted during the rest of the meeting. Each person needs to avoid interrupting the person speaking. Each speaker MUST state his/her name before talking each time he/she speaks so others will know who is speaking and to ensure minutes will be accurate.

- 2. **Call for Public Comment:** Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Salary Board items. There was no comment at this time.
- 3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Webster that the minutes from the March 26, 2020 meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

#### **Positions:**

4. District Attorney's Office Requested by District Attorney, Peter J. Weeks

Assistant District Attorney: A motion was made by District Attorney Weeks and seconded by
Commissioner Burke to re-create this position as SEIU-ADA APD, Exempt (Salary,) Full-time
at 35.00 hours per week, \$1,730.77 bi-weekly and \$45,000.02 annually. This vacancy is due to
the resignation of Kelby Carlson, effective March 26, 2020. Mr. Weeks explained that the
position will not be filled until June or July for two reasons: First, because of the judicial
emergency declared over the past 30 days or so, it is not appropriate for people to be in and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> District Attorney Peter Weeks is a voting member for items listed under the District Attorney's Office.

out of the courthouse for interviews. Second, leaving this position open for a few months will allow money in the budget to partially cover the appointment of Richard Consiglio as a special prosecutor and the increased salary requested for the First Assistant District Attorney's salary (item #5 on today's agenda.) The motion was unanimously carried.

5. District Attorney's Office Requested by District Attorney, Peter J. Weeks

First Assistant District Attorney: A motion was made by District Attorney Weeks and seconded by Commissioner Burke to re-create this position as Non-Union, Exempt (Salary,) Full-time at 35.00 hours per week, \$2,826.92 bi-weekly and \$73,499.92 annually. This vacancy is due to the promotion of Peter Weeks to the position of District Attorney effective April 1, 2020.

Nicole Hemminger noted for the information of the public that the appointment of Mr. Consiglio as a Special Prosecutor and the required contract will be presented at the next Commissioners' Meeting on April 14, 2020.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### 6. Blair County Prison

#### Requested by Warden Abbie Tate

<u>Lieutenant</u>: A motion was made by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Controller Stickel to re-create this position as Non-Union, Exempt (Salary,) Full-time at 35.00 hours per week, \$1,615.39 bi-weekly and \$42,000.14 annually. This vacancy is due to the retirement of John Wertz effective April 30, 2020. Warden Tate noted that this request is for the bottom of the range of \$42,000.14 - \$46,000.24 for this position. The motion was unanimously carried.

### 7. Overtime Report

The overtime report for March was provided for the information of the board during today's meeting. Because board members did have time to review the report, members will contact Controller Stickel with any questions or comments.

8. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be held on April 23, 2020 at 10:30AM by conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,

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August C. Stickel IV

Secretary