

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023, 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 and Assistant County Administrator Senkevich.

Members Absent:

Chief Clerk Hemminger, Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office), Lindsay Dempsie and Brandon Meck (Finance), Jim Pooler (Public Works/Building Maintenance), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Nicole Smith (Court Administrator), and Rachel Papuga (Alleghenies Broadband Inc. – via phone).

Addition of New Business Item:

Commissioner Erb announced the need to add one-1 New Business Item to today's agenda. He stated that the request for agenda placement was received after the agenda was finalized and posted to the county's website.

The addition is to request a Letter of Support for the submission of a grant application by The Borough of Hollidaysburg to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for Multimodal Transportation Funding for the Canal Basin Park Gateway/Connector/Bridge Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 347-2023: Approving the Indemnity Agreement between the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp.), Railroaders Heritage Corporation (Sub-Grantee), and the County of Blair (County) and the Cooperation Agreement between the Altoona Blair County Development Corporation (ABCD Corp) and the County of Blair (County) to receive funding under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP), in the amount of \$505,776.00 to complete renovations to the Railroaders Memorial Museum and Horseshoe Curve.

Commissioner Erb noted his abstention due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 347-2023 with the abstention as noted.

Resolution 348-2023: Approving a Project Supplement No. 2023-1 to Grant Cooperation Agreement by and between the County of Blair (County) and Alleghenies Broadband Inc. (ABI) for the Crownsnest Broadband Blair County Wireless Expansion Project, in the project grant amount of \$311,782.00, and administration fee of \$21,824.74, for a project completion date of no later than September 30, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 348-2023.

Resolution 349-2023: Approving a Letter of Support for ABI and Crownsnest Broadband to submit a joint application to the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority in response to the Capital Projects Funds (CPF) Opportunity.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 349-2023.

Resolution 350-2023: Approving a Letter of Support for Comcast Cable Communications LLC (Comcast) to submit an application to Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority in response to the Capital Projects Funds (CPF) Opportunity.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 350-2023.

Resolution 351-2023: Approving a FY 23/24 Agreement for Payment of Legal Services between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Mary Ann Probst, Esquire, an employee of Forr, Stokan, Huff Kormanski and Naugle, at \$85.00/per hour, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Name	Vehicle #	Lot #	Item Description/Year/Make/Model	Bid Amount
Barbara Minielli		1	(11) 4-drawer filing cabinets and (1) 2-drawer filing cabinet	\$ 25.00
Bill Henshey		25	(2) paint trailers	\$ 50.00
Jamie Himes		16	(1) 24" backhoe bucket	\$ 20.00
Chris Bopp	20		2005 Dodge Caravan	\$945.00
Chris Bopp	102		2011 Ford Taurus	\$528.00
Karl Kinkopf	6		2005 Ford E350	\$ 25.00
Karl Kinkopf	80		2007 Ford Crown Victoria	\$835.50
Karl Kinkopf	107		2008 Ford E350	\$ 25.00
Adam Clancy		25	(2) paint trailers	\$ 25.00
Adam Clancy	20		2005 Dodge Caravan	\$696.00
Marcus Mason	20		2005 Dodge Caravan	\$600.00
Brooke McCreedy	20		2005 Dodge Caravan	\$500.00
Karl Kinkopf	102		2011 Ford Taurus	\$ 50.00
Bill Henshey	79		2007 Ford Crown Victoria	\$200.00
Jamie Himes	80		2007 Ford Crown Victoria	\$375.00
Jamie Himes	102		2011 Ford Taurus	\$375.00

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 351-2023.

Resolution 352-2023: Approving a Proposal received from Empire to install a new camera system for live surveillance of Courtroom 4, in the total amount of \$5,575.00, to be fully reimbursed by an Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) Security Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 352-2023.

Resolution 353-2023: Approving the acceptance of the reimbursement of funds through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), in the amount of \$13,093.46, for the Magisterial District Judges' Polycom Security Project, in the total amount of \$13,829.46, approved via Resolution 331-2023.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 353-2023.

Resolution 354-2023: Approving the submission of the Election Integrity Grant Program Post-Election Report for the 2023 Municipal Primary for the County of Blair, to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Governor's Center for Local Governmental Services, in the total expended amount of \$231,958.34.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 354-2023.

Resolution 355-2023: Approving a signature acknowledging the receipt and acceptance of a Memorandum from Trustmark dated July 13, 2023 regarding the expiration of Medical Plan provisions in force during the period of a National Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 355-2023.

Resolution 356-2023: Approving a Chapter 105 Water Obstructions and Encroachment General Permit Registration Application (General Permit 11) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Bureau of Waterways Engineering and Wetlands to place riprap protection and minor approach roadway on County Road 101, Everett Road, located in Freedom Township, Blair County.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 356-2023.

Resolution 357-2023: Approving the acceptance of bids received for review, award or rejection according to county code thereafter for the 2023 Sale of County-Owned Assets.

Commissioner Webster noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 357-2023 with the abstention as noted.

Resolution 358-2023: Approving a Letter of Support for the submission of an application to the PennDOT Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program by Rails-to-Trails of Central PA, Inc., for the Lower Trail Improvement Project.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 358-2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Parking Garage Stair Tower Project:

Jim Pooler requested approval for payment of the Contractor's Application for Payment #3, received from Ralph J. Albarano & Sons, Inc., in the total amount due of \$119,760.75, for the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Project.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 359-2023: Approving payment of the Contractor's Application for Payment #3, received from Ralph J. Albarano & Sons, Inc., in the total amount due of \$119,760.75, for the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Project.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 359-2023.

The Borough of Hollidaysburg:

Commissioner Erb requested approval of a Letter of Support for the submission of a grant application by The Borough of Hollidaysburg to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for Multimodal Transportation Funding for the Canal Basin Park Gateway/Connector/Bridge Project.

Commissioner Erb stated that the county has no financial commitment for this project.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 360-2023: A resolution approving a Letter of Support for the submission of a grant application by The Borough of Hollidaysburg to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for Multimodal Transportation Funding for the Canal Basin Park Gateway/Connector/Bridge Project.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 360-2023 with the abstention as noted.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned,

Allison G. Senkevich, Assistant County Administrator