

**AGENDA  
BUSINESS SESSION  
BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM, BLAIR COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018, 10:00 A.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

**5. UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Wednesday, January 3

Thursday, January 4                      8:30 a.m.              Parks & Recreation Advisory Bd.  
(Conference Room 2B, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

Friday, January 5

Monday, January 8                      6:00 p.m.              Blair County Airport Authority  
(Blair County Airport)

Tuesday, January 9                      10:00 a.m.              Commissioners Work Session  
(Commissioners' Meeting Room, Basement)

Wednesday, January 10

Thursday, January 11                      9:00 a.m.              Retirement Board  
(Commissioners' Meeting Room, Basement)

10:15 a.m.              Salary Board  
(Commissioners' Meeting Room, Basement)

Friday, January 12

Monday, January 15                      Courthouse Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16                      10:00 a.m.              Commissioners Business Session  
(Commissioners' Meeting Room, Basement)

**6. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

**7. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION (Todd Kelly, Jeff Auker, Craig Ormsby)**

**8. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution 1-2018**

- a. **Employment:** Grant Wills, FT, GIS Coordinator, \$55,00.14/yr., effective 1/2/18; Bonnie Francis from PT, Tipstaff, 9.00/hr. effective 12/29/17 to FT, Judge (Bernard) secretary, \$16,252.60/yr.;

**9. OLD BUSINESS:**

**10. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Blair County Emergency Management Agency:**

Requesting approval to apply for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Grant for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) for the federal fiscal year 2018 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 for an amount of \$106,570.05 to supplement the salaries of emergency management personnel.

**B. Interchange Lighting – Crosskeys SR 8004:**

Requesting approval of an agreement between the County of Blair and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Roadway lighting in the Crosskeys section of SR 8004 (US Route 22)

**C. Prothonotary:**

Requesting approval of a proposal and service agreement between the County of Blair and SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$110.00 to replace the die plates on the time stamp machine in the Prothonotary's office.

**11. ADJOURN:**

**BUSINESS SESSION: TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018, 10:00 A.M.:**

Location: Public Meeting Room, Basement, New Addition.

Members Present: Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Tomassetti, Commissioner Beam, County Administrator Schmitt and Solicitor Karn.

Others Present: Robin Patton (Prothonotary), Larry Bilotto (PennDOT), Bonnie Young and A. C. Stickel (Controller’s Office), Jennifer Sleppy and Sarah Chuff (Finance), Nicole Hemminger and Melissa Harpster (Commissioner’s Office), James Ott and Dave Reese (Sheriff’s Office), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror) and Cris Fredrickson (EMA).

**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 all present stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (PERTAINING TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY):**

Commissioner Erb called for public comment pertaining to agenda items only. **There were no comments noted.**

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**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Erb called for commissioner’s comments.

Commissioner Tomassetti welcomed and introduced the new county GIS Coordinator, Grant Wills.

Commissioner Beam welcomed and introduced the new county Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Robin Patton, Sheriff James Ott and Chief Sheriff Deputy, Dave Reese.

Commissioner Erb stated that on January 11, 2018, the State Attorney General will be visiting the county and providing a round table for Children, Youth and Families.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resolution 1-2018**

**Employment:** Grant Wills, FT, GIS Coordinator, \$55,00.14/yr., effective 1/2/18; Bonnie Francis from PT, Tipstaff, 9.00/hr. effective 12/29/17 to FT, Judge (Bernard) secretary, \$16,252.60/yr.

Motion by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 1-2018.

**CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION (Todd Kelly, Jeff Auker, Craig Ormsby):**

Commissioner Erb stated that last Friday, December 29, 2017, a special ceremony was held honoring retiring Magisterial District Judges Todd Kelly, Jeff Auker and Craig Ormsby for their dedicated years of service to the County of Blair. He stated that each Judge was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

**Resolution 2-2018:** A resolution approving the adoption of the Certificates of Appreciation for Magisterial District Judges’ Todd Kelly, Jeff Auker and Craig Ormsby for their dedicated years of service to the County of Blair

Motion by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 2-2018.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Blair County Emergency Management Agency:**

Cris Fredrickson requested approval to apply for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) for the federal fiscal year 2018 (October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018) for an amount of \$106,570.05 to supplement the salaries and benefits of emergency management personnel.

Discussion followed.

**Resolution 3-2018:** A resolution approving to apply for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) Grant for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) for the federal fiscal year 2018 from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 for an amount of \$106,570.05 to supplement the salaries of emergency management personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 3-2018.

**Interchange Lighting – Crosskeys SR 8004:**

Larry Bilotto requested approval of a Roadway Lighting Agreement between the County of Blair and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for Roadway lighting in the Crosskeys section of SR 8004 (US Route 22).

Mr. Bilotto stated that under the new agreement PennDOT will assume the responsibility for the repairs and maintenance of the lights. The county will reimburse PennDOT 50% of the related expenses for the repairs and maintenance.

Mrs. Schmitt stated that the County will assume the responsibility for the electricity expense for the interchange lighting. PennDOT reimburses the county 50% of the fee. The remaining amount is split between the Allegheny Township (60%) and the county (40%).

Discussion followed.

**Resolution 4-2018:** A resolution approving a Roadway Lighting Agreement between the County of Blair and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Roadway lighting in the Crosskeys section of SR 8004 (US Route 22).

Motion by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 4-2018.

**Prothonotary:**

Robin Patton requested approval of a proposal and service agreement between the County of Blair and SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$110.00 to replace the die plates on the time stamp machine in the Prothonotary's office.

Ms. Patton stated that the amount to replace the die plates will be paid from the Prothonotary Automation Reserve Fund.

Discussion followed.

**Resolution 5-2018:** A resolution approving a proposal and service agreement between the County of Blair and SimplexGrinnell in the amount of \$110.00 to replace the die plates on the time stamp machine in the Prothonotary's office.

Motion by Commissioner Beam, seconded by Commissioner Tomassetti and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 5-2018.

**ADJOURN:**

Meeting Adjourned,

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Helen P. Schmitt, County Administrator