

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

**Public meetings are being held both in-person and by conference call. To participate in the meeting please dial 1-408-419-1715 or 1-408-915-6290 and enter meeting number 2468097683#*

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 (Commissioners Office), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Abbie Tate (Prison Warden), AC Stickel (Controller), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Brandon Meck (Finance), and Jim Ott (Sheriff).

Approval of Meeting Minutes – 01/31/23 and 02/02/23:

Commissioner Erb stated that the request for approval of the 01/31/23 and 02/02/23 meeting minutes be moved to the Work Session Agenda of 02/14/23.

No action taken.

Public Comment:

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

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 60-2023: Approving the acceptance of PennDot's approval of the County of Blair Engineer of Record Designation.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 60-2023.

Resolution 61-2023: Approving an allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account Funds (035), in an amount not to exceed \$800.00 for service and tires for the parks tractor.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 61-2023.

Resolution 62-2023: Approving a Contract for Services between County of Blair, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for easement appraisal of the James R. and Linda J. Negley farm, in the total amount of \$1,650.00. Cost will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth at the time of easement settlement.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 62-2023.

Resolution 63-2023: Approving a Contract for Services between the County of Blair, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for easement appraisal of the Brian and Rachael Detwiler, Joseph and Vivala McCutcheon farm, in the total amount of \$1,650.00. Cost will be reimbursed by the Commonwealth at the time of easement settlement.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 63-2023.

Resolution 64-2023: Approving 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 64-2023.

Resolution 65-2023: Approving Contract Amendment 2 to the FY 21/22 contract between the County of Blair, and Family Services, Inc., dated June 1, 2021 and first amended on January 26, 2022, now amending said contract by increasing the maximum contract amount from \$130,000.00 to \$205,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, based on review of un-audited actual expenditures and available funds.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 65-2023.

Resolution 66-2023: Approving a FY 22/23 contract renewal between the County of Blair and Blair County Community Action Program, in the maximum contract amount of \$250,000.00, for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Commissioner Erb noted his abstention on voting for the adoption of Resolution 66-2023 due to a conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 66-2023 with the abstention as noted.

Resolution 67-2023: Approving the FY 20/22 Purchase of Service Agreement and Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Blair County Children, Youth and Families (CYF) and Kids First, for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 67-2023.

Resolution 68-2023: Approving a Second Amendment to the Comprehensive Health Services Agreement dated March 1, 2018, and First Amended on or about June 28, 2022, between the County of Blair and PrimeCare Medical, Inc. now amending to extend the Underlying Agreement, as amended, for six (6) months from February 28, 2023 until August 31, 2023, at the rate of \$142,981.04/per month during said extension, in accordance with the same billing cycle as provided for under the Underlying Agreement, as amended. All other provisions of the Underlying Agreement, as amended, not inconsistent with this Second Amendment, shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 68-2023.

Resolution 69-2023: Approving the 2023 Fort Special Event Schedule as listed on the Fort Calendar and the public announcement.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 69-2023.

1. NEW BUSINESS:

Prison:

Jay Whitsel requested approval for the acceptance of bids received for food and non-food items for the Blair County Prison for review, rejection or award according to county code thereafter.

Mr. Whitsel requested that the board consider accepting the bids received from Lodging Kit Company, Ritchey's Dairy, Inc., and US Foods (see attached bid tally sheet) for food and non-food items for the Blair County Prison for review, rejection or award according to county code thereafter.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 70-2023: Approving the acceptance of bids received from Lodging Kit Company, Ritchey's Dairy, Inc., and US Foods (see attached bid tally sheet) for food and non-food items for the Blair County Prison for review, rejection or award according to county code thereafter.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 70-2023.

Commissioners:

Requesting approval of a Letter of Commitment from the County of Blair to UPMC Altoona Foundation for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, in the total amount of \$200,000.00, to support a new Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Health (EMPATH) Unit.

Commissioner Erb stated that this item is pending discussion with ARPA Funds legal counsel. No action taken.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

Resolution 54-2023: Approving a resolution declaring an emergency at the Blair County Prison due to a faulty water heater, and authorization to enter a contract for replacement of the same without bidding.

Abbie Tate stated that two-2 proposals were received for a new water heater to service the K block at the prison.

Warden Tate stated that McCarl's submitted a proposal for basically the same exact tank as the leaking tank. She stated the total quoted price of \$74,490.00 includes Costar's pricing and prevailing wage rates.

Warden Tate stated that Schultz Company submitted a proposal for two-2 80 gallon water heaters. She stated the quoted price of \$42,402.00 includes prevailing wage rates.

Discussion followed regarding the Schultz Company proposal and the size of the water heaters. Will the proposed water heaters provide an adequate water supply?

Commissioner Erb requested that the meeting be recessed until 1:15 p.m. this afternoon to allow Warden Tate to ask the posed question to the vendors.

Meeting recessed.

Meeting Reconvened at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, February 9, 2023.

Call to Order:

Commissioner Erb called the reconvened meeting to order.

Members Present:

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Webster, and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Abbie Tate (Prison Warden), AC Stickel (Controller) and Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office).

Warden Tate stated that upon discussion with county maintenance staff and vendors, the Schultz proposal of two-2 80-gallon hot water heaters would not be sufficient for the housing unit. Warden Tate recommended the McCarl's proposal.

Discussion followed.

RESOLUTION 54 - 2023
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SITUATION
AT THE BLAIR COUNTY PRISON
AND
APPROVING A CONTRACT
BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF BLAIR
AND
MCCARL'S PREFERRED SERVICES (MPS)

WHEREAS, a routine maintenance inspection resulted in the discovery that there is leak a in the main water heater in cellblock K of the Blair County Prison, causing water to pool around the bottom of the unit; and,

WHEREAS, this water heater is located within 10 feet of an electrical panel which, if damaged further, could result in electrical failure thereby making it a safety concern for the staff as well as the inmate population; and,

WHEREAS, further, this particular water heater provides hot water to the showers in K-block and its female inmate population, and there is no other means of providing showers to female inmates.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Blair, do hereby declare an emergency relieving the County of Blair from the requirement of bidding for the water heater in Block K of the Blair County Prison.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that following the review of quotes obtained by the County for the replacement of the water heater, the contract between the County of Blair and McCarl's Preferred Services (MPS) is hereby approved.

DULY, adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Blair, Pennsylvania, on this 9th day of February 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 54-2023.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk