



# BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD

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

## Blair County Salary Board Meeting of February 16, 2022

2:30 p.m. In Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

### Board Members in Attendance:

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

### Board Members not in Attendance:

### Non-Board Members in Attendance: Susan

Ammerman, Sarah Chuff, DeAnna Heichel, Nicole Hemminger, Public Defender Russell Montgomery<sup>1</sup>, Sheriff James Ott, Prothonotary Robin Patton<sup>2</sup>, Allison Senkevich, Katherine Swigart, First Deputy Sheriff Chris Tatar, Register and Recorder Anita Terchanik<sup>3</sup>

**Quorum:** Present

**Media in Attendance:** Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

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**Call to Order:** Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

The roll was called by Tracy Miller.

**Call for Public Comment:** Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Salary Board items. Sheriff James Ott addressed the issue of turnover in staff. He stated the Sheriff's Office is unable to attract quality applicants with the current pay structure. First Deputy Sheriff Chris Tatar stated the staff is long overdue for a substantial pay increase.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Controller Stickel and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the minutes from the February 2, 2022 and February 4, 2022 meetings be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

### Prothonotary

### Requested by Prothonotary Robin Patton

Courtroom Clerk Prothonotary Patton moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly). Part-Time, Non-Benefit Eligible, at 19 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$10.5063, \$399.24 estimated bi-weekly, \$10,380.22 estimated annually. This position is limited to 999 hours per anniversary year. This vacancy is due to Collene Zeak moving to Costs and Fines effective 02/21/2022. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

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<sup>1</sup> The Public Defender is a voting member of the Board for items in that office.

<sup>2</sup> The Prothonotary is a voting member of the Board for items in that office.

<sup>3</sup> The Register and Recorder is a voting member of the Board for items in that office.

**Register and Recorder**

**Requested by Anita L. Terchanik,  
Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds**

Second Deputy-Register of Wills Register and Recorder Terchanik moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly). Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$10.8647, \$760.53 estimated bi-weekly, \$19,773.75 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to Susan Gingery transferring to the position of Deputy Recorder effective 02/12/2022. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Assessment**

**Requested by DeAnna Heichel, Chief Assessor**

Clean and Green Specialist I or II Commissioner Burke moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Residual, Non-Exempt (Hourly). Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$11.7738, \$824.17 estimated bi-weekly, \$21,428.32 estimated annually w/o CPE; \$13.0506/hour, \$913.54 estimated bi-weekly, \$23,752.09 estimated annually with CPE. This vacancy is due the resignation of Kristy Harr effective 02/18/2022. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Public Safety-911**

**Requested by Susan Ammerman, 911 Coordinator**

Telecommunicator Trainees Commissioner Webster moved to re-create a class of seven (7) positions. These positions are Non-Union, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$13.88, \$971.60 estimated bi-weekly. Training is limited to 12 weeks. The total cost for the training would be \$ 40,807.20. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Public Defender**

**Requested by Russell J. Montgomery, Public Defender**

Juris Doctor Commissioner Burke moved to change the title, wage, Union and FLSA status for incumbent Michele L. Grove. This position is Non-Union, Non-Exempt (Hourly). Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$22.87, \$1,600.90 estimated bi-weekly, \$41,623.40 estimated annually. The wage adjustment mirrors that for law clerk converted to an hourly figure. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and carried with a vote of 4 yes and 1 opposed: Public Defender Montgomery.

**Victim Witness**

**Requested by District Attorney Peter Weeks**

Coordinator Request to set the salary for this position. This position is Non-Union, Non-Exempt (Hourly). Full-Time at 35 hours per week. This position will be reimbursed by VOCA and RASA Grants, including payroll taxes, retirement and other benefits. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Atle Walter effective 06/25/2021

Commissioner Erb stated the Salary Board would recess and reconvene Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss and vote on the item of Victim Witness Coordinator.

Commissioner Erb recessed the meeting at 2.54 p.m.

Meeting of February 16, 2022 continued. . .

The Reconvened Salary Board Meeting will be held on February 23, 2022 @ 9:00 AM  
Location to be determined.

The next Regular Salary Board Meeting will be held on March 2, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.  
In Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "August" being the most prominent.

August C. Stickel IV  
Secretary