

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025, 10:02 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Kessling requested that those participating in the meeting please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chlori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempsey (Finance), A.C. Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), James Ott (Sheriff), Nicholas Burket (Public Works / Facilities), Mindy Hostler, Justin Detwiler, Shannon Tucker, Marie Lucianom Nick Soto, Diane Kelmer, Ariel Kenhour, Mickayla Bennet, Sandra Wharton, Mark Centi, David Hovance, Zachary Boslet, Brooke McCready (CYF), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), Sherry Socie (Blair Planning Commission), Carol A. Dannenberg (Holidaysburg Community Watchdog), Kevin Goldblum (Pennsylvania One Call System), Heather Lindsfold, Jen Knisely, (Blair County Library System), Jon Draeger (WTJ-TV), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Sydney Roach (WPSU), Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel), Gary Clare, Mike Sande, Geoffrey Behrens, Carleton P. Good, Cindy Kurty, David Kurty, Perry Miller, Bonnie Miller, Ashley Robinson, Mary Reightnor, Carol Davis, Kevin Yoder, Melanie Perrin, Mike Perrin, Glenn Lunger, Cynthia Lunger, Erin Lingafelt, Travis Lingafelt, Vernetta Nyland, Darcy Decker, Cindi Kiev, Jennifer Powell, Joanne Kruijs, Marsha Horton, Jeff Decker, Thomas Pooley, Victoria Mirenda, Sue Ann Feather, (Public).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Clerk Tiracave confirmed there were two (2) Executive Sessions held since the last Board of Commissioners meeting. The first Executive Session was held on March 31, 2025, at approximately 10:00 A.M. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, and Commissioner Burke regarding a property. The second Executive Session was held on April 3, 2025 at approximately 9:30 A.M. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, and Commissioner Burke regarding a property.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Before beginning the Public Comment section of the Agenda, Commissioner Kessling read from the public comment policy instructing those that wished to address the Board must state their name, address, and municipality and they must be a resident of Blair County. Any individual who wished to address the board has three (3) minutes to present their statements and he would let them know when they reached the 30 second point. Any individual is free at any time to submit comments or testimony to the Commissioners by mail, fax, or email. Individuals addressing the Commissioners should confine their remarks to statements of opinion, information, or fact. The public comment section of the agenda is not intended to be a debate; rather it is intended to be an orderly presentation of opinion, information, and facts to help the board in making decisions on various issues confronting the County. He stated that we went through this last week and everyone was very professional and he appreciates that. The one thing he will not tolerate is that the Commissioners are not here to be bashed or yelled at. If that starts, he will end you at that time and if you do not stop, he will have you removed.

Geoffrey Behrens, 768 N. Douglass Lane, Tyrone. I am also the Vice-President and General Manager of Alto Reste Cemetery Association Incorporated at 109 Alto Reste Park in Allegheny Township. I submit to the County Commissioners the signatures of an additional 1,000 people that signed this petition since the last meeting. He stated that taking the land will have a significant negative impact on the present and future business of Alto Reste Park. The land is part of a historic existing family business, and this decision directly impacts not only our family, but also the many families of those buried on our grounds. Over the last week and a half, we have heard from our community about that impact. After hearing from some of them at last week's meeting, we hope that you feel the same way; that moving forward with the prison on our property is just too costly to further pursue when there are other alternatives. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Marcia Horton, 622 Yale Lane, Altoona. I have numerous family members buried at Alto Reste Park. The projected prison would be up on the hill overlooking the cemetery and up on that hill is a lot of military. These are men and women who fought for our country and I do not see where it is right to put a prison or rehab facility up there where they can look down upon the military and their families that are buried there. It is just not right, it is not honorable for them. She stated that she thinks it is a sin to take property that has been sacred for the people of Blair County.

Daisy Decker, 189 Evergreen Road, Holidaysburg. I supported last week's meeting in support of the Good family and their numerous efforts to protect Alto Reste; a most sacred space for generations for the placement of a new prison. Commissioners, today I want to be heard. I watched you last Thursday sometimes intent on listening and other times distracted. I recognized that many people shared similar remarks and perhaps you thought: here we go again, same words, different person. Here is the message that many of us would like for you to hear, it is personal and it shows me that there are many people concerned about the location you propose for a new county prison. I'm sure you are aware of the petition that Geoff Behrens started. I checked before I came into the meeting this morning and the count is over 6,800 people saying "No!" to the prison being located by Alto Reste Park. More people have expressed not wanting the prison near Alto Reste than the approximately 5,500 people that live in Holidaysburg borough, our County seat, the very location of the current county prison. A significant representation of our community has spoken and must be heard. She stated that

she was born and raised in this area, and remembers the quiet country road that was once in front of the cemetery with horses across the street. Over the years the commercial growth took that beautiful setting away from Alto Reste Park. The area surrounding the park has changed quite a bit since the Good family had their vision, but the family has continued to create and carry on with the gorgeous gardens, peaceful atmosphere, and sacred and calming space for this community to visit loved ones. I cannot imagine how many people visit on any given day. My family visits there regularly. No one deserves to have a prison next to Alto Reste; those who have made use of its services in the past or those who will do so in the future. I am trusting that there are other opportunities that will present themselves for your consideration. Rome was not build in a day and neither will the new Blair County Prison. Commissioner Kessling stated that she has 30 seconds. She continued that considering the ground next to Alto Reste is extremely unsettling to her, as she has three generations of family buried in that peaceful and comforting space. She heard many folks last week ask the Commissioners to continue considering another location. She asked that they please add her to that list. She stated that she is 100% against the new prison being placed near Alto Reste.

Bonnie Miller, 15 Hillside Drive, Duncansville, Allegheny Township. I am here again today to continue to ask you please to not adopt the ordinance to authorize the taking by eminent domain the two parcels of land in Allegheny Township. When she went home last week she realized that we really all agreed on several points in that meeting. One was that we agree that something needs to be done with the current County prison and we agree that we are in a crisis state over the preferred site of the prison. We can all agree that this preferred site has created a whirlwind of emotions, hurt, and fears in our community as evidenced by the thousands of signatures from your community voters, along with pleas from the Alto Reste Park to not take this hallowed ground and from the neighborhood property owners whose ground borders the included location. She stated that the Commissioners would probably all agree that you would like to have a positive proud place in Blair County's history books and you deserve that because you work so hard at what you do. So she humbly asked again please reconsider looking for another site for the prison. She thanked the Commissioners for all of their valuable time.

Herb Decker, 189 Evergreen Road, Hollidaysburg. Mr. Decker stated that the Commissioners have a hard job and he empathizes with that. He spent nearly 50 years in the real estate brokerage and appraisal business, so he comes at this problem from a different angle. To properly and fairly compensate the cemetery association for that property, the future value of all those burial sites would have to be considered. That could be a considerable amount of money and be additionally more than any other site you might consider. He asked the Commissioners to look at the costs involved. Also, he fails to recognize how purchasing prime commercial land is the wisest and most prudent expenditure of taxpayer monies.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Burke stated that she is going to change topics to talk about one of the upcoming proclamations. Just briefly, one of the proclamations today is about National Child Abuse and Prevention Month. There are a number of our CYF employees here today and everyone knows how we have seen a lot of challenges for Children and Youth over the course of the last several years. She wanted to recognize the continued efforts and improvements that our staff has been making in our agency for the protection of the children of Blair County. Commissioner Burke added that she is very proud to be able to work with all of these talented individuals. She knows they have extremely stressful jobs and she is grateful that they are able to join us today to recognize this very important issue. There was a round of applause.

Commissioner Webster stated that she wanted to address an issue that came up last week at the public meeting regarding the issue of the Alto Reste and Ventura properties. She was very troubled by the remarks made by Mr. Ventura and she does not see him here today so it would be nice to be able to talk to him, but he is not here. This particular property, the site of the Alto Reste property, would not have even come to the top of the list of properties that we were interested in except for the fact that Mr. Ventura contacted us through our broker and offered to sell us his property that would provide an access to the property that belongs to Alto Reste Park. So, she was disturbed when he said that he knows nothing about this until January of this year. He not only contacted the Commissioners, he personally took her on a tour of the property and showed her how it would make such a wonderful access. Had that access not been available, we would not even have been here today. We would have been looking at something else. She wanted everyone to be aware of that. Another reason she wanted to speak today is, we are going to have a proclamation regarding the Library Board and the libraries we have in Blair County. We have wonderful libraries. Our librarians keep up to date with all the latest technology and provide lots of good things and programs for kids and adults. We really appreciate their efforts and we are going to recognize Library Month today as well.

PROCLAMATIONS:

Commissioner Webster read the following proclamation:

2025 National Library Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, libraries spark creativity, fuel imagination, and inspire lifelong learning, offering a space where individuals of all ages can explore new ideas and be drawn to new possibilities;

WHEREAS, libraries serve as vibrant community hubs, connecting people with knowledge, technology, and resources while fostering civic engagement, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, libraries provide free and equitable access to books, digital tools, and innovative programming, ensuring that all individuals have the support they need to learn, connect, and thrive;

WHEREAS, the PA Forward@ Literacy is POWER initiative highlights how libraries and staff encourage literacy in Basic, Information, Civic & Social, Health, and Financial, which contributes to greater personal and community success;

WHEREAS, libraries partner with schools, businesses, and organizations, connecting the dots to maximize resources, increase efficiency, and expand access to essential services, strengthening the entire community;

WHEREAS, libraries’ workers have worked to expand fluency in the digital literacy skills needed to navigate the online world in which 21st century information exists;

WHEREAS, libraries nurture young minds through Storytimes, STEAM programs, and literacy initiatives, fostering curiosity and a love of learning;

WHEREAS, libraries empower job seekers, entrepreneurs, and lifelong learners by providing access to resources, training, and opportunities that support career growth and economic success;

WHEREAS, getting a library card is a financially literate action;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, and library workers across the country are joining together to celebrate National Library Week under the theme “**Drawn to the Library**”;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the Blair County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 6-12, 2025 in Blair County. During this week, I encourage all residents to visit their library and celebrate the opportunities they unlock for us every day.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling, and unanimously approved to accept the Proclamation as prepared.

Commissioner Kessling read the following proclamation:

Proclamation
April 2025 “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”
County of Blair

WHEREAS, the month of April 2025, recognized as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and the initiative sponsored by Pennsylvania 811, a utility notification information center with over 53 years of continuous service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania 811 received a million excavation notifications in 2024, over 3,000 construction projects in Coordinate PA, and transmitted approximately 6 million notifications to their member facility owners and operators allowing essential utility and construction crews to provide vital underground services and repair of critical infrastructure to communities throughout Pennsylvania, and

WHEREAS, when contacting 811, at least three business days before digging, a homeowner or a contractor is connected to a unique service that notifies the appropriate underground utility operators in the municipality in which the work will be performed, and

WHEREAS, by notifying 811 of their intent to dig, the homeowner or contractor is knowingly helping to protect the underground utilities, themselves, the work crew, and their neighbors from any unsafe digging practices within their community, and

WHEREAS, upon receiving the notification from Pennsylvania 811, the facility owners and operators disperse to the said work site to mark the approximate location of their underground utility lines with flags, paint, or both, to establish an eighteen-inch tolerance zone of the outside wall or edge of their line or facility, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Blair County Board of Commissioners, in support of the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, do hereby proclaim April 2025 as “Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month”, and encourage all Pennsylvanians to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.pa1call.org for information about digging safely.

Duly, adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Blair, Pennsylvania this 3rd day of April 2025

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to accept the Proclamation as prepared.

Commissioner Burke read the following proclamation:

Proclamation
NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH
April 2025

WHEREAS, in Federal fiscal year 2023, 40,300 reports were made to child protective services in the state of Pennsylvania; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and,

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of the Blair County; and,

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and,

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and,

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and,

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and,

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and,

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Blair County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of April as **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH** in Blair County and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

Motioned by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling, and unanimously approved to accept the Proclamation as prepared.

Consent Agenda:
Resolution 160–2025:

a. Ratification of the following eight (8) Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	ARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
3/26/2025	250326WX	\$9,367.90
3/27/2025	250327RA	\$350.00
3/27/2025	250327CY	\$9,560.05
3/27/2025	250327HR	\$13,115.67
3/28/2025	250328RF	\$3,200.16
4/01/2025	250401SS	\$159,521.46
4/01/2025	250401WW	\$364,121.61
3/28/2025	250328WT	\$121,575.00

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Blair Senior Services in the total check amount of \$854.14.

b. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for maintenance on county vehicles:

From	\$	To
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$246.46	01202-44730 JPO
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$658.31	012011-44730 APO
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$659.43	01103BM-44730 Building Maintenance

c. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for insurance deductibles:

From	\$	To
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations	\$2000.00	113201-44960 CYF

d. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for the purchase of Amtran passes for RVTG:

From	\$	To
012011-42020 Adult Parole	\$295.10	01160195-45070 Veterans Court

e. **Bridge #69:** Requesting approval for payment #2 to Merlo Inc. for Bridge #69 construction in the amount of \$172,142.74.

f. **Bridge #69:** Requesting approval for payment #3 to Merlo Inc. for Bridge #69 construction in the amount of \$302,945.81.

g. **County Road 105 and 105A:** Requesting approval for payment #6 to HRI Inc. for the County Road 105 and 105A Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$75,054.51.

h. **Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission:** Requesting approval of a Letter of Support for the Southern Alleghenies Planning Commission's (SAP&DC) application to the Greenway's Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for \$212,500.00 to fund a \$250,000.00 project.

i. **Children, Youth and Families:** Requesting approval for the use of the courthouse courtyard area on April 10, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Child Abuse Prevention Month event.

j. **Employments:** Urbanek, Olivia, and Markel, Jared, FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$15.52/hr., effective 3/31/2025. Byrne, Robert, PT, Probation Officer Support, Adult Parole and Probation, \$11.58/hr., effective 3/31/2025

k. **Status Changes:** Barkman, Danyel, FT, Social Services Aide III, Children, Youth and Families, \$21.49/hr., to FT, Supervisor - Social Services Unit, Children, Youth and Families, \$1,848.69 biweekly, effective 3/15/2025.
l. **Resignations:** Margraft, April, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 3/22/2025. Stoy, Alexander, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 3/22/2025. Olischewski, Christopher, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, FT, \$21.53/hr., effective 3/25/2025. Stitt, Zachary, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$22.71/hr., effective 3/28/2025.

m. **Terminations:** Focht, Aubree, FT, Telecommunicator Trainee, 911 Center, \$13.88/hr., effective 3/25/2025.

n. **Retirements:** Furio, Stephen, FT, Custodian, Public Works, \$18.70/hr., effective 3/28/2025.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstentions on the payments to Blair Senior Services.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and approved to adopt Resolution 160-2025 with the abstention as noted.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board:

Commissioner Kessling, on behalf of Rich Heuther, requested approval of the Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Keller Engineers, Inc., for the easement survey of the Biddle Family Partnership, LP – Over Farm in the total amount of \$5,400.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of PA at time of closing.

Resolution 161-2025: Approving the Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Keller Engineers, Inc., for the easement survey of the Biddle Family Partnership, LP – Over Farm in the total amount of \$5,400.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of PA at time of closing.

Commissioner Webster explained that the County must get appraisals for all of the farmland preservation easements that have been granted. This is just another farm for which we are looking to have a preservation easement. This is reimbursed by a grant, so it is not out of taxpayer funds.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and approved to adopt Resolution 161-2025.

Blair County Park and Recreational Advisory Board:

Commissioner Goyer requested approval to enter into a Lease Agreement between the County of Blair and FC814 Soccer for the use of the Honorable Judge Fred B. Miller Soccer Field at Valley View Park for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029 in the amount of \$1.00 per year.

Commissioner Burke asked if this was a multi-year lease in the past.

Ms. Guyer responded that this has been a five (5) year lease in the past.

Commissioner Burke asked if there was a field schedule.

Ms. Guyer responded that the field schedule will be coming to the Board for approval at an upcoming Board of Commissioners meeting.

Resolution 162-2025: Approving the Lease Agreement between the County of Blair and FC814 Soccer for the lease of the Honorable Judge Fred B. Miller Soccer Field at Valley View Park for the period of January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2029 in the amount of \$1.00 per year.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 162-2025.

Fort Roberdeau:

Glenn Nelson requested approval to accept the bids received for the Fort Roberdeau Farmland lease for review and then to award or reject according to County Code thereafter.

Mr. Nelson added that this is for the approximate 200 acres of farmland that we lease out on a three year bid. Farmers bid on that lease.

Resolution 163-2025: Approving accept the bids received for the Fort Roberdeau Farmland lease for review and then to award or reject according to County Code thereafter.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 163-2025.

Public Works / Facilities:

Nicholas Burket requested approval of Change order #3 (Resolutions 401-2024 and 83-2025) between the County of Blair and David M. Maines Associates Inc. for the additional labor and materials for the proper installation of the mansard roofing system in the amount of \$17,602.37 with a revised total project amount of \$1,356,391.37.

Commissioner Burke stated that the project is moving along nicely and she received a lot of comments from the public on how nice it looks.

Commissioner Kessling added that on behalf of the Board of Commissioners they want to tell Nicholas Burket that they are thrilled to have him. He has exceeded their expectations in this role. They appreciate everything he is doing and continues to do and they thank him very much.

Resolution 164-2025: Approving Change order #3 (Resolutions 401-2024 and 83-2025) between the County of Blair and David M. Maines Associates Inc. for the additional labor and materials for the proper installation of the mansard roofing system in the amount of \$17,602.37 with a revised total project amount of \$1,356,391.37.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 164-2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioners:

Requesting approval to adopt the Ordinance to authorize the taking by eminent domain two parcels of land in the township of Allegheny.

Commissioner Kessling motioned to take off the table, and not to move forward with, the taking of the Alto Reste property and seconded by Commissioner Webster.

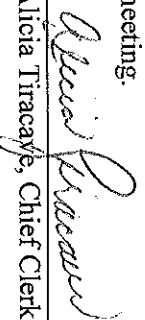
Commissioner Burke stated this action will allow the Commissioners to move forward with their search for an alternate location for a prison. There are tradeoffs for this. Not only this board, but other boards have spent multiple years looking for a suitable piece of ground. It is like looking for a unicorn. We recognize that any property we find will not be ideal. We may have to make have to make compromises. There may be changes to the concept. There may be other people unhappy regarding the site. There may be increased costs due to site development. It may take a significant additional period of time. We just don't know. This is a project that we have prioritized and will continue to prioritize. There may be viable other options, although they may not be ideal in our sight. We heard this sight is not ideal from all members of the public that we have heard from. It is time to move on and continue the search and that is why she supports this motion.

Commissioner Webster stated that she and Commissioner Burke have been working on this project for about five (5) years. Commissioner Kessling joined them with this project as well. They have engaged resources of various departments to help them find locations of relatively flat land in an area that is relatively hilly and with many water sources. They have tried to avoid farmland, which is our biggest industry, and have a laundry list of what they are looking for and what they are excluding from the search. They spent an inordinate amount of time on this and it is not the only thing they have to do. The site they are discussing was the number one site. It is ideal. The other choices will be more costly and less efficient, however, we will continue looking to and see what we can find. We have made promises to the public to get a new prison built, not only for the protection of the people of Blair County, but for the people incarcerated there as well. Currently, we face all kinds of issues because of the conditions of the current prison. Everyone knows we need a new prison. We want to get this started during our term because this is what we promised we would do. So we will continue to tread onward and you can follow our progress by reading the paper and coming to our meetings.

Commissioner Kessling stated that as elected officials they must make difficult decisions. Sometimes they are not popular; however, for a county to move forward such decisions must be made. There have been countless Boards of Commissioners that would not address this issue because they knew it would not be popular. Regardless of whether we like it or not, this Board has no choice to but to address this issue. As was stated before, this has been far from a rush to identify a site to build a prison. Three hundred and twenty four properties have been evaluated over a four year period. For various reasons, those sites have not been pursued. Being mindful of the taxpayers of this County, we do not want to add additional costs to build a prison by paying hundreds of thousands of dollars just to prepare a site for construction plus the added costs of running electric, sewer, and water. We are trying to find a suitable site that has utilities close and lower the costs associated with building a prison. He added that he is grateful to live in a county that allows its citizens to be heard. Over the past several weeks the Commissioners have heard from their community. Individuals as well as business owners have expressed their opposition to the preferred site. Our State Senator and Representative, as well as the Allegheny township supervisors, reached out to us in opposition to this site even knowing the position we are in. This has not divided us. In fact, all of those elected officials have offered their assistance to us in our quest to find a site. We appreciate all the citizens who have reached out to us offering suggestions of properties as well as those who have attended these meetings to speak out regarding this particular site. As an elected official, we want to say Your Voice Matters. As a result of hearing from the community and business owners, he personally will not support, and shall oppose considering the properties for the new prison site.

Adjourn:

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adjourn today's meeting.



Alicia Tiracaye, Chief Clerk