

**AGENDA
WORK SESSION
BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE ONLY
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021, 10:00 A.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 03/02, 03/04, 03/09 and 03/11/21**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
8. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution #94-2021:

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- h. **Park and Recreation Advisory Board:** Requesting approval for the reappointments of Galen Bickel and Phil Ricco to the Advisory Board for the period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024.
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- k. **Death:** Timothy D. Jones, FT, Custodian, Public Works, \$34,236.80/yr., effective 03/10/21.

10. **STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS**

Weekly COVID-19 Update:

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Requesting approval for the submission of an Application for Land Development and/or Subdivision to Tyrone Township, for Fort Roberdeau site improvement projects associated with the Fort's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant award. Said Application was included in the DCNR grant award for professional fees and contingencies with no fee due at this time.

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11. **OLD BUSINESS**

Award of bid:

Requesting approval for the award of bid to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Repairs Project.

12. **ADJOURN**

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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, Chief Clerk Hemminger and Solicitor Karn.

Others Present:

Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office) Jenn Sleppy and Sara Chuff (Finance), A.C. Stickel (Controller), Mark Taylor (911/E), Scott Schultz, Nicole Smith and Janice Meadows (Court Administration), Kerrie Baughman (CYF), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), Donna Fisher and Tyne Blazier (Conservation District), Mike Hofer and Andy DeArmitt (CBRC), Samantha Rogers (AYSO), Paul Shaffer (Public Works), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Helen Schmitt (Public)

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Approval of Minutes – 03/02, 03/04, 03/09 and 03/11/21:

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the minutes of 03/02, 03/04, 03/09 and 03/11/21. There were no corrections or changes noted.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as prepared.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment:

Kay Stephens requested that when item A(i) on today's agenda is presented if a definition could be provided as to what a Holistic Cognitive Consultant is.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Erb called for commissioners comments.

Commissioner Webster stated that she was encouraged by the COVID-19 reports received from the state, the local emergency management agency, hospitals, ambulance services and medical providers, and commended everyone for their efforts in providing and administering the COVID-19 vaccine.

Commissioner Burke stated she had no comments for today.

Commissioner Erb provided a brief update on the COVID-19 Hospitality Industry Recovery Program (CHIRP). He stated that to date ABCD Corporation has received and processed thirty-two (32) applications and if those applications were fully fundable, they would be eligible for total funding of over \$1,000,000.00.

Commissioner Erb stated that the application submission deadline is 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 26, 2021. He strongly encouraged those in the hospitality industry who feel they are eligible for funding to submit an application.

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Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #94-2021.

Staff Reports & Special Business:

Weekly Covid-19 Update:

Mr. Taylor stated that he was happy to report that Blair County saw fewer positive cases than reported the previous week. He stated that the total number of positive cases is 10,815, the number of positive cases per 100,000 decreased from 56.6 to 51.7, the positivity rate decreased from 4.4% to 3.1%, and the number of deaths remains at 305 with no deaths reported within the county over the past eight-8 days.

Mr. Taylor stated that many area nursing homes are returning to in person visitation and all schools have resumed in person learning. He stated that is very important that people are tested even if they are asymptomatic and that AMI will be conducting testing sites March 16-20 at the former Veterans Building, March 23-27 at Morrison's Cove Memorial Park, and Hillside Community Church in Bellwood March 30 and April 1. All testing will be conducted during the hours of 9 am to 6 pm.

Mr. Taylor stated that several providers are administering vaccines to those in the 1a group and UPMC Altoona is working its way through a list of 1a eligible registrants administering about 200 to 300 vaccines daily.

Mr. Taylor stated that currently there are meetings going on about setting up larger regional vaccination centers that would be able to vaccinate a larger number of people. He stated that Governor Wolf stated all Pennsylvanians registered by May 1 for vaccines should have vaccines administered by May 31. Mr. Taylor stated that seems aggressive, but the state seems to have a plan in place for that.

Mr. Taylor stated that there is a growing concern over the number of people who do not seem to want to be vaccinated. He stated that people should keep encouraging others to be vaccinated stating, “the key to reaching herd immunity is to get more and more people vaccinated.”

Court Administration:

- a. Scott Schultz requested approval for the submission of a FY 2021 Capital Case Indigent Defense Grant Fund Application (#35647) to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), in the amount of \$20,000.00, to help supplement the cost associated with contracting with a Holistic Cognitive Consultant, a Neuropsychologist, and a Capital Mitigation Specialist for the Public Defender’s Office in representing an indigent client in a capital murder case.

Mr. Schultz stated that to improve the quality of indigent defense pending in a capital murder case the county would need financial assistance to help the Public Defender’s Office in defending the case to the best of their abilities without imposing a financial burden to the county. He stated that the grant funds would help in supplementing the costs incurred with contracting with a Holistic Cognitive Consultant, a Neuropsychologist and a Capital Mitigation Specialist whose services are needed at the request of Chief Public Defender Russell Montgomery.

Commissioner Erb stated that he, like Kay Stephens, would like a definition as to what a Holistic Cognitive Consultant is.

Mr. Schultz stated that a Holistic Cognitive Consultant would apply knowledge and understanding of the human brain and cognitive system to resolve practical problems and human factor issues in the real world. The consultant would focus on cognitive and human factors and decision-making as well, as how it relates to the performance of the individual. The consultant will look at the fine and gross skills of the indigent client and provide testimony. He stated that if the board needed a better definition of what the consultant does, he would be happy to see if Chief Public Defender Montgomery could provide that prior to the Business Session on Thursday.

Commissioner Webster asked Mr. Schultz if he could provide an estimate of the total cost for these services. Mr. Schultz responded that he did not have that information but could look into it. Court Administrator Janice Meadows stated that Judge Doyle has been working on this case for several years so the costs would be over that period. Commissioner Erb stated that the board is more concerned with the costs for 2021.

Commissioner Burke stated that in cases like this it is very difficult to budget for these types of items.

Discussion followed.

- b. Nicole Smith requested approval for the submission of a Court Interpreter Services Grant Application for Language Access Reimbursement Costs for calendar year 2020 to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC), in the total amount for costs incurred of \$6,661.35.

Ms. Smith stated that costs incurred during calendar year 2020 for interpreter services provided to deaf and limited English proficient court users is eligible for reimbursement through the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC).

Mrs. Meadows stated that the costs incurred are not fully reimbursable, and are only reimbursed a portion of the total incurred costs because the Act 1-A funds provided to the AOPC are divided between all PA Counties.

Discussion followed.

Blair County Children, Youth and Families:

Kerrie Baughman requested approval for the submission of the Civil Rights Compliance Licensing Renewal Questionnaire to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services, and authorization for Jim Hudack, Interim CYF Administrator to sign said questionnaire.

Ms. Baughman stated that this is a required annual submission to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She also requested authorization for Jim Hudack as the Interim CYF Administrator to sign the questionnaire.

Discussion followed.

Recorder of Deed:

Solicitor Karn requested approval of a proposal received from Kofile for the preservation of Plan Book #5, in the total amount of \$7,500.00, to be paid from the Recorder of Deeds Improvement Fund Account budgeted for 2021.

In the absence of Anita Terchanik of the Recorder of Deed’s Office, Solicitor Karn stated that several years ago Kofile provided a combined quote for the preservation of multiple books. However, due to the expenses involved with the preservation of each book, the project was broken down over a number of years as sufficient funds became available to complete the preservation.

Solicitor Karn stated that Kofile has provided Ms. Terchanik with an updated proposal for this section of the preservation project and he feels there are no issues with moving the project forward at this time.

Discussion followed.

Fort Roberdeau:

Glenn Nelson requested approval for the submission of an Application for Land Development and/or Subdivision to Tyrone Township, for Fort Roberdeau site improvement projects associated with the Fort’s Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant award. Said Application was included in the DCNR grant award for professional fees and contingencies with no fee due at this time.

Discussion followed.

Blair County Conservation District:

Tyne Blazier requested approval for a Letter of Support for the NatureWorksPark Trail Additions Project grant request though the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission’s Regional Greenways Mini Grant Program, in the amount of \$4,000.00, to augment the existing facilities already in use through the NatureWorksPark Trail Additions Project.

Mrs. Blazier stated that the Conservation District plans to use any awarded grant funding to make improvements to the existing trail at NatureWorksPark. She stated they plan to extend the trail through the edible buffer to allow guests access to view and pick the edible fruits.

Mrs. Blazier stated that to access the wildlife area of the riparian buffer, they plan to extend the trail leading off an existing boardwalk that navigates through the wetland and wildlife buffer and leads to the Beaverdam Branch of the river. Bird boxes will be installed along the trail with Penelec planting throughout the wildlife area.

Mrs. Blazier stated that they plan to install a removable bollard at the trail entrance of NatureWorksPark. The bollard will prevent visitors from driving into the park but can be removed to allow access of work vehicles needing to enter the park when needed.

Mrs. Blazier stated that due to seasonal flooding at a pavilion they plan to install downspout outlets at the pavilion including shallow underground piping to ensure the water flows away from the pavilion and prevents flooding and erosion.

Discussion followed.

Family Services, Inc.:

Commissioner Erb requested approval for a Letter of Support for the submission of an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for a Keystone Communities Program grant to support the Family Shelter Rehabilitation Project.

Commissioner Erb stated that Family Services Incorporated is applying for the Keystone Communities Program grant to aid in the rehabilitation of an existing structure located at 2300 North Branch Avenue in Altoona into an ADA compliant Family Shelter facility which will include six-6 double occupancy affordable housing rental units.

Discussion followed.

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Commissioner Webster requested approval for a Letter of Support for submission of a grant request through the Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development Commission’s Regional Greenways Mini Grant Program to conduct a feasibility study for a bicycle and pedestrian trail on the county’s Valley View Park property located near the Becky Sheetz Recreation Center.

Commissioner Webster stated that the request is for a feasibility study only at this time for the possible creation of a bicycle and pedestrian trail on the county’s Valley View Park property.

Discussion followed.

Park and Recreation Advisory Board:

- a. Andy DeArmitt requested approval of an allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account Funds #035, to the Central Blair Recreation and Park Commission, in an amount not to exceed \$7,250.00, for the following activities and programs planned for the summer of 2021 at Valley View Park:

• Playground Program	(50 participants, 2 leaders)	\$3,750.00
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• Summer Concert Series		\$2,750.00

Mr. DeArmitt stated that the Central Blair Recreation Commission operates the playground program and summer concert series yearly at Valley View Park and that the allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account Funds enables them to be able to provide these services for the citizens of Blair County.

Discussion followed.

- b. Samantha Rogers requested approval of the AYSO Region #452 Valley View Park Soccer Field Usage Schedule for Calendar Year 2021 per the Lease Agreement between the County of Blair and AYSO Region #452 for the period April 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021 as follows:

• Monday through Friday	5 pm to park close
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Ms. Rogers stated that this is an annual request as per the lease agreement between AYSO Region #452 and the County for use of the soccer fields at Valley View Park. Ms. Rogers stated that as far as COVID they plan to operate using the same safety measures they planned to put into place last season; however, they are hoping they will not need to limit the number of spectators allowed at the fields this year.

Discussion followed.

- c. Melissa Harpster requested approval for the award of four (4) 2021 Park and Recreation Grants as outlined below:

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\$2,150.00 for the purchase and installation of one message board & two 8’ picnic tables.
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Mrs. Harpster stated that advertisements were published during the month of January 2021 for the acceptance of Park and Recreation Grant Applications for 2021. She stated that four-4 applications were received and that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board Members thoroughly reviewed the applications and are presenting them to the Board of Commissioners for consideration of award.

Commissioner Erb raised a question pertaining to the nature of the project submitted by the Morrison's Cove Memorial Park. He stated that he is not certain that the scope of this project fits his definition of what a recreational project is and questions whether this is a type of project the board has intended for recreational grant funding.

Commissioner Webster stated that she too raised similar type questions when she reviewed the application and stated the Advisory Board may need to review this application again at their April meeting.

Solicitor Karn stated that the application is consistent with the courts order with providing funds to support recreational needs that are open to the public free of charge. However, this project definitely caused him to go back and look it over a second time. He stated that although it does not look like recreation in many ways, the board should keep in mind that people could interpret the form of recreation differently.

Solicitor Karn stated that he could not legally say that the project is or is not fundable, and feels the matter is more of a policy issue on how the board in general defines recreational purposes and how they wish to expended the funds for recreational purposes.

Commissioner Burke stated the she feels the project does fits into the use of a public park for recreational purposes. She stated that according to the court order the park is open and available to the public free of charge and that people do view history as a hobby and form of recreation.

Discussion followed.

Old Business:

Award of bid:

Requesting approval for the award of bid to the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications for the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Repairs Project.

Commissioner Erb stated that the bids received are still under legal and engineering review.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk