

MARCH 8, 2018

A meeting of the Blair County Retirement Board was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Blair County Court House.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Bruce R. Erb; Ted Beam, Jr.; Terry Tomassetti; August C. Stickel IV; and James Carothers.

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE: All members were present.

QUORUM: There was a quorum present for the meeting.

NON-BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Helen P. Schmitt; Nicole Hemminger; Jennifer Sleppy; and Roberta Pucciarella.

MARQUETTE ASSOCIATES: Patrick Wing joined the meeting via conference call.

MEDIA IN ATTENDANCE: No one was present from the media.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Bruce Erb called the meeting to order.

ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR THE AGENDA

Mr. Erb announced an additional item for the agenda regarding the rebalance of the Retirement Fund due to the fact that a \$450,000 withdraw is needed to meet the cash needs for the March 2018 retirement distribution.

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Erb called for public comment on Agenda items but no comment was made at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 8, 2018, MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Beam, seconded by Mr. Tomassetti and unanimously carried that the minutes from the February 8, 2018, Retirement Board meeting be approved as prepared.

INCREASING THE ALLOCATION TO CORE REAL ESTATE AND ADDING GLOBAL LISTED INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE ALLOCATION

The Board continued the discussion from the February 8, 2018, meeting on the possibility of increasing the allocation to core real estate and adding global listed infrastructure to the allocation.

Core real estate is a solid investment and has done well. However, it is not as liquid as some of the other investments.

A motion was made by Mr. Stickel, seconded by Mr. Tomassetti and unanimously carried to allocate an additional \$1 million to core real estate with \$500,000 being invested with Principal and \$500,000 being invested with Clarion.

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Global listed infrastructure is very long term and is not as liquid as some of the other investments. If the Board takes action today on investing in global listed infrastructure, they would not be making a decision on a specific investment. Mr. Wing would come back to the Board with some recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Stickel, seconded by Mr. Tomassetti and unanimously carried to invest 3% of the portfolio in global listed infrastructure based on future discussion on recommendations from Marquette Associates.

REBALANCE OF RETIREMENT FUND

Due to the fact that \$450,000 is needed to meet the March 2018 retirement distribution, Marquette Associates presented a recommendation to the Board to rebalance the Retirement Fund for this immediate need. The recommendation is to take \$350,000 from U.S. equities and \$100,000 from fixed income. A copy of the rebalance is attached to the Retirement Board minutes.

Mr. Wing has already spoken with Principal and Clarion and both will be able to take the additional allocation at the beginning of April 2018. Marquette Associates will work with the Controller's Office on the documents that need to be submitted.

Mr. Wing recommends that the Board first rebalance to meet the immediate cash needs for the March 2018 retirement distribution as presented by Marquette. Next, the Board can rebalance for the increased allocation to core real estate. Then the Board can rebalance for the addition of global listed infrastructure to the allocation after Marquette presents specific investment recommendations.

A motion was made by Mr. Stickel, seconded by Mr. Carothers and unanimously carried to approve the rebalance of the Retirement Fund as recommended by Marquette and to approve the reallocation of \$1 million to core real estate by decreasing U.S. equities by 1% and decreasing fixed income by 2%. After these changes, the allocations will be:

- 42% U.S. Equities
- 20% Non-U.S. Equities
- 10% Core Real Estate
- 28% Fixed Income (includes the 1% allocation to Cash)

The investment policy will need changed to reflect the Board's actions. Mr. Wing will have this for the next Retirement Board meeting.

Marquette Associates will work with the Controller's Office to send a letter of direction to BNY Mellon regarding the changes required for this rebalance.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

A motion was made by Mr. Stickel, seconded by Mr. Tomassetti, and unanimously carried that the following applications for membership into the Retirement Fund be approved:

Kyle Marlett - Prison - Effective February 9, 2018.

Jacqueline Saylor - Social Services - Effective February 10, 2018.

Kimberly Sanders - Public Defender's Office - Effective February 15, 2018.