

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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Call to Order:

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent reflection.

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.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Commissioner Kessling, Solicitor Kam and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), A.C. Stickle IV (Controller), Brandon Meek and Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), Carol Dannenberg (Holidaysburg Watch Dog), Andrea Cohen (Lakemont Partnership), Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), and Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing).

Executive Session Announcement:

Chief Clerk Nicole Hemminger announced an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, January 31st at 9:00 a.m. with the three-3 Commissioners, Human Resources Manager Melena Koegler, and herself to interview a candidate for one-1 open position at the County.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kessling called for public comment.

Kay Stephens asked the Commissioners if they had any thoughts on what the potential use of the Lakemont property would be in anticipation of Andrea Cohen's presentation at the meeting.

Special Presentation – Lakemont Park, Andrea Cohen

Andrea Cohen, the President of Lakemont Park, announced several significant changes that will be happening for the 2024 season. She mentioned some of the bigger changes included reducing the amount of operational rollercoasters, namely the Skyliner and Leap The Dips. Ms. Cohen also reiterated the fact that the land is owned by the County and that Lakemont Park is open to hosting new businesses and sporting events as well as renting the facility for community events.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 53-2024: Approving a third amendment to the Inmate Telephone Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison, and Encartele Inc. to extend the expiration date to June 30, 2029 to allow for the installation of additional technology intended to expand inmate telephone, kiosk, and tablet services, on or before February 15, 2024, at no cost to the County.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 53-2024.

Resolution 54-2024: Approving a Service Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Prison, and Caporuscio Plumbing and Heating, Inc. to provide plumbing, heating, and drain cleaning services to the Blair County Prison on an as-needed basis.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 54-2024.

Resolution 55-2024: Approving a Cooperative Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair Township to submit an application (on their behalf) to DCED to administer a FY 2023 competitive CDBG program grant.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 55-2024.

Resolution 56-2024: Approving the submission of a FY 2023 application to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), on behalf of the Township of Blair, for the construction of the Reservoir Road Sanitary Sewer project (contract area 2) in the total amount of \$3,805,316.00.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 56-2024.

Resolution 57-2024: Approving the submission of the corrected 2021-2022 Income and Expense report to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 57-2024.

Resolution 58-2024: Approving the submission of the 2022-2023 Income and Expense report to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 58-2024.

Resolution 59-2024: Approving a 5-year Maintenance Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and ComPros Inc. for continued maintenance and monitoring of ESINet communications equipment.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 59-2024.

Resolution 60-2024: Approving a Service Agreement Contract between the County of Blair and SBM Electronics for the continued maintenance of five-5 Liberty Court Recording software mixers for the period of 12/31/23 to 12/30/24 in the total amount of \$995.00.

Chief Clerk Nicole Hemminger confirmed that the amount of the Agreement is the same as it was for 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 60-2024.

Resolution 61-2024: Approving an Engagement letter from Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC to provide legal services for Blair County and PrimeCare, Inc. in the lawsuit filed by Chrissy Friday.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 61-2024.

Resolution 62-2024: Approving the submission of an application for the 2023-2024 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program to include upgrading a new access control system for the ancillary Adult Probation building in the total amount of \$16,326.00 and installing a new access control system for the District Attorney's office in the total amount of \$6,270.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 62-2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned,



Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk