AGENDA WORK SESSION

BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE ONLY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020, 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 (START RECORDING)
- 5. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT
- 6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS
- 8. CONSENT AGENDA

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9. STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS

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B. Social Services:

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Requesting approval of a letter of support for the submission of a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the Juniata Watershed Conservation Plan.

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None

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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 those participating in the meeting to 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), Jennifer Sleppy and Sarah Chuff (Finance), AC Stickel (Controller), Chris Stacey (Social Services), Janice Meadows (Court Administration), Don Weakland (IT), Paul Shaffer (Public Works), Helen Schmitt (Public), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Mark Taylor and Cris Fredrickson (911/E) and Colleen Knudsen (WTAJ-TV 10).

Executive Session Announcement:

Chief Clerk Hemminger announced that she, the Board of Commissioners, Katherine Swigart, HR Director and John Baker, Labor Counsel with McNees Wallace met in Executive Session on November 24, 2020 beginning at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the SEIU Highway and Maintenance bargaining unit status and the PSSU CYF bargaining unit status, as well as Noah Walstrom litigation and pending legal matters.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Kay Stephens asked for input on the CARES Act Grant Allocations as to what extent the Board of Commissioners had in the application review process and in determining who received what amounts, etc., or if it was let solely to Susquehanna.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Webster encouraged all citizens to login to the county's website to view the county's budget or to come to the courthouse to review a copy that is available at the front entrance of the courthouse.

Commissioner Burke extended thanks and appreciation to Mark Taylor, 911/E Director, other staff members and the staff at AMI for all their hard work in making the COVID-19 testing at the Blair County Convention Center run smoothly. She also encouraged all citizens to wear masks social distance, practice proper handwashing and sanitizing guidelines, etc., in order to help mitigate the spread of the virus.

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Commissioner Erb noted his abstention on the payment of invoices to UPMC Altoona and UPMC Behavioral Health due conflict of interest.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 482-2020 with abstention as noted.

Staff Reports & Special Business:

COVID-19 update:

Mark Taylor, 911/E Director provided an update on the COVID-19 Pandemic relevant to Blair County.

Mr. Taylor stated that the virus is reported in 66 of the 67 Pennsylvania counties. He stated that Blair County has had 4,322 positive cases with sixty-three (63) deaths. Blair County is listed in the highest number category for positive cases whereas we had been listed in the lowest number category.

Mr. Taylor stated that the county's positivity rate is 14.2%. He stated 3,830 recently tested at the Convention Center. Currently, forty-three percent (43%) of the positive cases in Blair County are from the City of Altoona with the other fifty-six (56%) spread between all the other municipalities.

Mr. Taylor stated that area hospitals are experiencing a significant increase in the number of COVID positive inpatients. He stated that the hospitals received new guidelines yesterday pertaining to elective surgeries and other procedures.

Mr. Taylor stated that as far as an update on a vaccine; the vaccine must first gain FDA approval before it can begin to be administered.

Discussion followed.

Social Services:

Christina Stacey requested approval for the submission of two contract amendments by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) amending Appendix C under Special Conditions-Invoicing – ESG invoices are no longer being received through HMIS but will be uploaded and sent via e-mail to a DCED Contact for the following contracts:

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Mrs. Fredrickson stated that she must email the grant agreement to PEMA by November 13, 2020 and the commissioners must complete the eSignature no later than December 28, 2020.

Discussion followed.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy:

Commissioner Erb approval of a letter of support for the submission of a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the Juniata Watershed Conservation Plan.

Commissioner Erb stated that the request for a letter of support comes from Donna Fisher at the Conservation District. He stated that Conservation Plan is twenty (20) years old. He stated that Miss Fisher feels that this project would qualify for grant funding and that there would be no cost to the county.

Commissioner Webster stated that she would like additional time to review the plan.

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Mrs. Hemminger stated that the three (3) requested documents are the initial documents needed by PennDOT to begin the process of obtaining a reimbursement agreement for the bridge project outlined. She stated that the project would be 80% reimbursable with a 15% county match and 5% from the Marcellus Shale Fund.

Discussion followed.

Blair CARES Grant Allocations:

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Mrs. Hemminger stated that \$300,000.00 originally allocated to support certain designated types of entities for costs related to assisting businesses during the COVID-19 disaster emergency would be removed since there were no grant applications received for this category and reallocated to the other categories outlined.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 483-2020: A resolution approving an allocation of \$6,002,238.00 to the following eligible categories under the County of Blair's \$11,002,238.00 Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES ACT) Grant Award Allocation as outlined:

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Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 483-2020.

None Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned, Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Old Business: