



BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Blair County Salary Board Meeting of September 24, 2020

10:30 AM By Conference Call

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Bruce Erb, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster

Board Members not in Attendance: NONE

Quorum: Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Judge Doyle,¹ D.A. Pete Weeks,² Public Defender Russ Montgomery³ Nicole Hemminger, Jennifer Sleppy, Sarah Chuff, Katherine Swigart, Janice Meadows, Heather Meck

Media in Attendance: Kay Stevens – Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Commissioner Erb explained the ground rules for today's teleconference. Only voting members of the Salary Board may leave their telephones unmuted during the entire meeting, but we would request each avoids excess noise from your location. All other participants should mute their telephones until called upon to speak. Public participants may speak only during the designated public comment period near the beginning of the meeting and must keep their phones muted during the rest of the meeting. Each person needs to avoid interrupting the person speaking. Each speaker **MUST** state his/her name before talking each time he/she speaks so others will know who is speaking and to ensure minutes will be accurate.

The role was called by Controller Stickel.

Call for Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Webster and seconded by Commissioner Burke that the minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

Positions:**Court Administration**

Tipstaff (complement): After some discussion and at the recommendation of Ms. Swigart, Judge Doyle moved to approve a complement of 11 Part-Time (under 999 hours per anniversary year) and 2 Part-Time (maximum average of 29 hours per week or 1,508 per calendar year). Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. There were multiple questions. After extensive discussion, Judge Doyle with agreement from Commissioner Burke withdrew her motion pending additional discussions with

Requested by Katherine Swigart

¹ Judge Doyle is a voting member of the board for court related items.

² The District Attorney is a voting member of the board for items in that office.

³ The Public Defender is a voting member of the board for items in that office.

Human Resources. She further requested that she be allowed to present the agenda item when ready. Ms. Swigart cautioned that the matter needs to be resolved before the end of 2020.

District Attorney

Requested by D.A. Weeks

Detective: District Attorney Weeks moved to re-create this position as Non-Union, Non-Exempt (hourly), Full-Time 35 hours per week at \$ \$19.24 per hour, for an estimated bi-weekly wage of \$1,346.80 and an annual wage of \$35,016.80. The vacancy is due to the resignation of Norman Young effective 1/9/2020. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Public Defender

Requested by Russell Montgomery

Temporary Department Assistant: Public Defender Russell Montgomery moved to create this temporary position as Non-Union, Non-Exempt (hourly), Part-Time 29 hours per week at \$ 10.25 per hour with an estimated wage of \$594.50 bi-weekly and \$ 7,728.50 annually. This position will not exceed 5 months and 29 days, regardless of hours worked. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Controller

Requested by Controller Stickel

Administrative Assistant: Controller Stickel moved to re-create this position as Non-Union, Non-Exempt (hourly) at an hourly rate of \$12.75 with an estimated bi-weekly wage of \$892.50 and an estimated annually salary of \$ 23,205.00. The vacancy is due to the untimely death of Wendy Long. Commissioner Erb seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Requested by Controller Stickel

Accountant: Controller Stickel moved to re-create this position as Non-Union, Exempt (salary) Full-Time at 35 hours per week at \$1,368.00 bi-weekly and \$35,568.00 annually. The vacancy is due to the termination of Donald Wertz. Commissioner Erb seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Erb asked Controller Stickel to review the August overtime report which was sent after the last meeting. There was some discussion about extensive overtime in the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Webster indicated she would meet with the Sheriff to discuss possible causes. Reference was also made to discussions at the Prison Board meeting regarding overtime at the prison.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be held on October 8, 2020
at 10:30AM by conference call.

Respectfully Submitted,

August C. Stickel IV
Secretary