

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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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 and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

AC Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller’s Office), Ray Benton (Coroner’s Office), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Brandon Meck (Finance) and Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office).

Approval of Minutes: 10/17/23 & 10/19/23

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the meeting minutes of 10/17/23 and 10/19/23. There were no corrections or changes noted.

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

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Ray Benton addressed Commissioner Erb’s comment from Tuesday’s Work Session Meeting stating that the coroner’s office is way over budget for 2023 because of autopsy costs. Mr. Benton stated that autopsy costs are not something that the coroner’s office can anticipate and budget for because an autopsy is only done upon request.

Mr. Benton stated that he is withdrawing his prior request for approval of a quote received from Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply, in the total amount of \$2,325.74 for the purchase of thirteen-13 badges and thirteen-13 leather ID cases. He stated that Manny Nichols and Clear Creek, who consider the coroner’s office to be law enforcement, has offered to purchase the badges and cases for the Coroner’s Office.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 503-2023: Approving a County of Blair Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair and Dutch’s Hauling, for roll-off container service as listed below:

10-yard container (first 4,000 lbs. free) up to 2 weeks:	\$325.00
15-yard container (first 6,000 lbs. free) up to 2 weeks:	\$375.00
The cost per ton over the free allotment listed above is:	\$ 78.00

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 503-2023.

Resolution 504-2023: Approving the payment of one-1 outstanding invoice received from Roto-Rooter Plumbing and Drain for services provided to the Blair County Prison made outside of the county’s purchasing policy, in the total amount of \$324.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 504-2023.

Resolution 505-2023: Approving the revised County of Blair Right to Know Law Policy, pursuant to the Right to Know Law (Act 3 of 2008; 65 P.S. §67.101 *et seq.*)

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 505-2023.

Resolution 506-2023: Approving to amend Resolution 239-2023, dated May 11, 2023, approving a Proposal of Service Contract between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers, Inc., for design and construction services for the rehabilitation of County Road 105 (Convention Center Boulevard) through Allegheny Township, in the total lump sum, plus estimated of \$299,996.00, to include the appropriate funding source as American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 506-2023.

Old Business:

Coroner's Office:

Requesting approval of a quote received from Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply, in the total amount of \$2,325.74, for the items listed below:

10 – Circle and 7 Point Star Badge	\$1,279.90
01 – Circle and 7 Point Star Badge	\$ 163.99
01 – Circle and 7 Point Star Badge	\$ 175.99
01 – Circle and 7 Point Star Badge	\$ 175.99
13 – Dress Leather Double ID Case w/flip out badge section recessed.	\$ 519.87
Shipping	\$ 10.00
Total	\$2,325.74

Deputy Coroner Benton withdrew his request for approval of the quote received from Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply for the purchase of badges as listed above, stating that Manny Nichols and Clear Creek offered to purchase the badges and cases.

Commissioner Erb extended a thank you on behalf of the County to Mr. Nichols and Clear Creek for the offer to purchase the badges and cases.

Discussion followed.

New Business:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk