



BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD

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

Blair County Salary Board Meeting of August 21, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room.

Board Members in Attendance: Commissioner David Kessling, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Controller A.C. Stickel

Non-Board Members in Attendance: President Judge Wade Kagarise¹, Kyle Brashear, Lindsay Dempsie, Sam Dunkle, Lori Guyer, Melena Koegler, Cathy Lythgoe, Laurie Mayer, Alicia Tiracave, Angela Wagner

Board Members not in Attendance:

Quorum: Present

Media in Attendance: Rachel Foor-Musselman: Altoona Mirror

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Moment of Silent Refection: Led by Commissioner Kessling.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessling.

Call for Public Comment: There was none.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Commissioner Webster that the minutes from the July 17, 2025, meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

Positions:

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Department	Court Administration			Presented By:	President Judge Wade A. Kagarise	
Type	Status Change			# of Positions	1	
Position	Department Support – Custody			Position #	332404	
Union	UMWA – Court related			Exempt Status	Non-exempt	
FT/PT Status	Part-time (1,500 hours)			Schedule	29 hours per week	
Wage	\$13.09	Per hr.	\$755.16	expected bi-weekly	\$19,634.21	expected annually
Funding Source	General Fund			Budget	Included in Budget	
Effective Date	8/30/2025					
Request	Reduction of hours.					
Reason/Justification	Conversion from full-time to part-time (1,500 hours).					

A motion was made by Judge Kagarise and seconded by Commissioner Kessling to change the status for the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Department	Court Administration			Presented By:	President Judge Wade A. Kagarise	
Type	Status Change			# of Positions	1	
Position	Law Clerk			Position #	128405	
Pay Grade	S5	Step	Step 7			
Union	Non-Union			Exempt Status	Exempt	
FT/PT Status	Part-time (max 999 hours)			Schedule	19 hours per week	
Salary	\$1,159.50		bi-weekly	\$30,147.00	annually	
Funding Source	General Fund			Budget	Included in Budget	
Effective Date	8/30/2025 – 12/05/2025					
Request	Temp. Reduction in hours					
Reason/Justification	Temporarily shifting Law Clerk Vicki Wertz to part-time at a pro-rated wage of \$1,159.50 bi-weekly. Returning to full-time on 12/06/2025.					

A motion was made by Judge Kagarise and seconded by Commissioner Kessling to change the status for the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

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Additional and Overtime Report was presented by Controller Stickel and will be kept with the minutes.

Vacancy Report: County is currently running at a 17% up from 16.3% last month vacancy rate. This is still high turnover driven by the Prison.

Adjournment. The meeting was called to adjourn at 1:07 p.m. by Commissioner Kessling and seconded by Controller Stickel. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be on September 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the
Commissioner's Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV
Secretary