



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

Board Members not in Attendance:

Quorum: Present

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

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.

¹ President Judge Kagarise is a voting member for Court related items.

Meeting of August 21, 2025 continued. . .

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 Kessler 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "August C. Stickel IV". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the last name "Stickel" being more prominent.

August C. Stickel IV
Secretary