

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025, 10:01 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Webster called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER:

Commissioner Webster called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Commissioner Webster requested that those participating in the meeting please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

TEMMERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke and Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), A.C. Stickel, Angela Wagner (Controller), Sherry Socie (Blair Planning), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Abbie Tate, Shaun Edmundson (Prison), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kay Stephens requested an update on the creation of the Trail authority and the naming of the TPA.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Burke thanked everyone involved in running the election, including poll workers, mail-in canvassers, highway and custodial workers, the Elections staff, Board of Elections and the Hollidaysburg Post Office which works to make sure that all ballots that can be returned in time get to us. She noted it was probably one of the smoothest elections she has experienced since starting, and it was due to years of refining the practice as well as hard work on the part of everyone involved.

Commissioner Webster commented on the tremendous amount of work needed for an election and thanked the dedicated poll workers who helped make it happen. She also stated that we need more elections workers and hopes that in the future more young people will get involved. She also wanted to bring to everyone's attention the fact that part of our taxes we pay each year go to the library system. In the early part of May, \$25,019.43 was sent to the library as part of the money collected, and the Library System Coordinator and System Administrator sent a thank you note to the taxpayers for contributing to the library system and for keeping the eight (8) libraries running.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 243-- 2025:

a. Ratification of the following five-5 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
5/14/2025	250514RF	\$1,077.07
5/15/2025	250515HR	\$8,365.15
5/20/2025	250520SS	\$89,657.73
5/20/2025	250520CY	\$707,257.14
5/20/2025	250520WW	\$958,574.26

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Hollidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$18,003.96.
- Blair Senior Services in the total check amount of \$131,332.00.

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the paycheck dated 5/16/2025 in the total amount of \$923,159.19.

c. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for maintenance on county vehicles:

From	\$	To
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$875.00	113201-44830 CYF
01103HW-44730 Highway	\$1,448.05	012011-44830 Adult Parole
d. <u>2025 Budget Transfer:</u> To cover the 2025 fees (January – April) from Altoona Health Force for pre-employment drug tests and workers' comp post-accident drug and alcohol tests:		

From	\$	To
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$275.00	012011-42000 Adult Parole and Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$110.0	01107-42000 Assessment
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01112-42000 Controllers
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$110.00	01152-42000 Coroner
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$275.00	01160-42000 Court Administration
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01160FM-42000 Judge Miller
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$440.00	113201-42000 Children, Youth and Families
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$165.00	01158-42000 District Attorney
01101GCO-42000 General County Operation	\$55.00	01161PA-42000 MDJ Aigner
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$110.00	01161BJ-42000 MDJ Jones
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01161MD-42000 MDJ Dunio
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	01161DD-42000 MDJ DeAntonio
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$110.00	34156-42000 Domestic Relations
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$55.00	011062-42000 Elections
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$225.00	01103HW-42000 Highway
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$220.00	01202-42000 Juvenile Probation
01101GCO-42000 General County Operations	\$1245.00	01209PO-42000 Prison

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| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$55.00 | 01157-42000 Public Defender |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$55.00 | 01602-42000 Public Safety - EMA |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$330.00 | 44122-42000 Public Safety - 911 |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$110.00 | 01103CS-42000 Custodians |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$55.00 | 01103BM-42000 Building Maintenance |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$690.00 | 01151-42000 Sheriffs |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$55.00 | 01109-42000 Treasurer |
| 01101GCO-42000 General County Operations | \$55.00 | 01164711-42000 Victim Witness |
- e. **Sheriff:** Requesting approval for one (1) St. Francis University Student Intern, Evan J. Sanders for the period of May 27, 2025, through August 25, 2025, completing 100 hours. Internship is for credit only and at no cost to the county.
 - f. **Fort Roberdeau:** Requesting approval for one (1) Pennsylvania State University Student Intern, Zoe Gray, for the period of May 26, 2025, through July 31, 2025. Internship is for credit only and at no cost to the county.
 - g. **Employments:** Easterling, Minyhah, Kuhn, Breann, and Kuhn, Casey, Temporary Department Assistant, Public Works, \$12.50/hr., effective 5/19/2025. Lin, Ziwai, Temp., Paid Intern, District Attorney, \$11.00/hr., effective 5/19/2025. O'Conner, Alina, FT, Caseworker, Children, Youth and Families, \$20.60/hr., effective 5/19/2025.
 - h. **Status Changes:** McKnight, Taylor, FT., Probation Officer, Juvenile Probation, \$16.95/hr., to FT., Supervisor, Juvenile Probation, \$2,109.66 biweekly, effective 5/17/2025. Rice, Thomas, FT, Civil Case Processor, Court Administration, \$14.29/hr., to FT, Civil Case Manager, Court Administration, \$19.35/hr., effective 4/26/2025
 - i. Resignations: Scalomogna, Marisa, Temporary Department Assistant, Children, Youth and Families, \$20.50/hr., effective 5/11/2025.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to the payment to Hollidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$18,003.96, and to the payment to Blair Senior Services in the total check amount of \$131,332.00 and requested that these two items be moved to next week's agenda.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and approved to adopt Resolution 243-2025, with the removal of the payments to Hollidaysburg Borough and Blair Senior Services, and their placement on next week's agenda.

Prison:

Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave, on behalf of the Prison, requested approval of the Quote received from Axon Enterprise, Inc. for two (2) Taser 10 packages, including equipment, software, warranty, and certification for training purposes, in the total amount of \$10,399.20. This will be funded by the 24/25 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant.

Resolution 244-2025: Approving the Quote received from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for two (2) Taser 10 packages, including equipment, software, warranty, and certification for training purposes, in the total amount of \$10,399.20. This will be funded by the 24/25 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 244-2025.

Social Services:

Trina Illig requested approval to authorize Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Close-out Fiscal Status Report for Contract #C000077647, in the amount of \$905,960.00, and authorize the submission of the closeout documents to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCEd).

Resolution 245-2025: Authorizing Commissioner David Kessling, as the Chief Elected Official, to sign the FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Close-out Fiscal Status Report for Contract #C000077647, in the amount of \$905,960.00, and authorizing the submission of the closeout documents to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCEd).

Ms. Illig stated that CDBG funds are a federal entitlement that flows through the State from HUD, and been around since the 1970's. For the fiscal year 2020, which this allocation of funds covered, the money went to projects for construction of a new family shelter, a multi-year water and sewer project in Frankstown Township, a multi-year street improvement project in Antis Township, clearance and demolition of a building in Tyrone, and rehab program assistance with eight (8) units in Antis, Blair, Frankstown, Greenfield, Hollidaysburg and Tyrone. She wants to make sure people understand the importance of CDBG.

Commissioner Webster stated that it is a very good program.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 245-2025.

Finance:

Lindsay Dempse requested approval for Mike Polosky of Efficient Energy Solutions to lock in the natural gas rate with Snyder Brothers, Inc. for the period of November 2025 through October 2026.

Resolution 246-2025: Approving Mike Polosky of Efficient Energy Solutions to lock in the natural gas rate with Snyder Brothers, Inc. for the period of November 2025 through October 2026.

Ms. Dempsie stated that quotes came in today, and the current going rate for 100% of the variable rate is \$.04606 right now, and she is requesting up to a maximum of \$.0475. This is still lower than what was locked in for the past three years.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 246-2025.

Commissioners:

- i. Requesting Ratification of the application for reimbursement for a County Recycling Coordinator under the 2024 – 903 Recycling Coordinator Grant in the amount of \$40,558.62.

Resolution 247-2025: Ratifying the application for reimbursement for a County Recycling Coordinator under the 2024-903 Recycling Coordinator Grant in the amount of \$40,558.62.

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 247-2025.

- ii. Requesting approval to accept the 2024 - 903 Recycling Coordinator Grant in the amount of \$40,558.62.

Resolution 248-2025: Approving the acceptance of the 2024 – 903 Recycling Coordinator Grant in the amount of \$40,558.62.

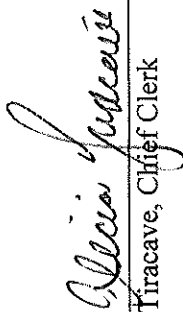
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 248-2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

Motioned by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adjourn today's meeting.


Alicia Firacave, Chief Clerk

