

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioner's 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 those participating in the meeting to 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.

Others Present:

Allison Senkevich and Melissa Harpster (Commissioner's Office), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Brandon Meck and Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), AC Stickel (Controller) and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment. **There were no comments noted.**

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 172-2023: Approving an agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Department of Emergency Services 911E, and Precision Frontier for annual support and maintenance for (1) FieldSeeker Windows Ultra Low Voltage (ULV) Adulticiding Concurrent Office User License and one (1) FieldSeeker Windows Ultra Low Voltage (ULV) Adulticiding Mobile Field Device Concurrent Mobile User License, in the amount of \$700.00 for period of 4/1/2023 through 12/31/2023.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 172-2023.

Resolution 173-2023: Approving the submission of the DGM-16F Financial Status Report to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for the Federal FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) for the period of November 30, 2021 through September 30, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 173-2023.

Resolution 174-2023: Approving the submission of an Application for the Federal FY 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), in the total amount of \$128,097.88, for the period of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, to supplement the salaries and benefits of emergency management personnel who perform essential emergency management functions.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 174-2023.

Resolution 175-2023: Approving the submission of the Federal FY 2023/2025, Year 1, Mid-Year Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP) Status Report to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Transportation, for transportation of hazardous materials incident planning and training projects completed during the grant period.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 175-2023.

Resolution 176-2023: Approving a ¼-page four-4 color advertisement, in the Where & When Pennsylvania 2023 Travel Guide with two-2 seasonal listings in the summer and fall issues, in the total amount of \$1,382.00 to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 176-2023.

Resolution 177-2023: Approving Amendment 5 and its Appendices to the County of Blair Health Benefit Plan (Trustmark) in section specific to “Eligibility, Enrollment and Effective Date” and “Appendix” retroactively to January 1, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 177-2023.

Resolution 178-2023: Approving to renew and extend the Agreement for Professional Services dated February 5, 2008, between the County of Blair and Justice Benefits Incorporated (JBI) for professional assistance to the county exploring opportunities for Federal Financial Participation (FFP), reviewing prospects for expansion of existing Federal Financial Participation (FFP), and securing Federal Financial Participation (FFP) for the county, for an additional four-4 year period at no cost to the county.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 178-2023.

Resolution 179-2023: Approving the second submission of a grant application for the 2022-2023 Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool (PCoRP) Loss Prevention Grant Program, in the total amount of \$13,651.89.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 179-2023.

Resolution 180-2023: Approving a letter of support for the Blair County Convention Center and Explore Altoona's response to an RFP by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) to host the 2028 CCAP Annual Meeting/Conference.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 180-2023.

Resolution 181-2023: Approving an allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account Funds #035 in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for miscellaneous emergency expenses that may arise throughout the year at Valley View Park.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 181-2023.

Resolution 182-2023: Approving to increase the pavilion and amphitheater rental fee beginning in 2023 from \$65.00 per day to \$70.00 per day.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 182-2023.

Old Business:

Commissioners Office:

- i. Nicole Hemminger requested approval of an allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account Funds #035 in an amount not to exceed \$140.00 for the purchase of a seat cover for the Valley View Park Truck.

Chief Clerk Hemminger stated that she wanted to clarify that an allocation of #035 funds in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 was approved in 2022 for the purchase of a seat cover, however, the Public Works Department could not find a seat cover in the not to exceed amount of \$100.00. She provided several options to the board for approving the allocation request.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 183-2023: Approving to rescind Resolution 418-2022 approving an allocation of Park and Recreation Reserve Account Funds #035, in an amount not to exceed \$100.00 to purchase a seat cover for the county-owned truck used by the Valley View Groundskeeper; and approving an allocation of said funds in an amount not to exceed \$140.00 for said purchase.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 183-2023.

- ii. Bruce Erb requested approval for Commissioner Bruce Erb to execute all Exhibit K's for each settlement party and any other documents required to carry out the terms of the County's decision to participate in the proposed New National Opioid Settlements, and in his absence, Vice Chairperson Laura O. Burke to execute any and all documents requiring a physical signature.

Commissioner Erb stated that the county's initial allocation of the National Opioid Settlement was for \$5.6 million over a period of eighteen (18) years. He stated that the county is expecting to receive additional settlement funds; however, an allocation amount is not yet calculated stating that very preliminary estimates indicate the county receiving between \$2 million and \$4.6 million over an undetermined period of time. The additional funds are due to new proposed settlements made with five (5) entities – Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, Allergan and Teva. The first allocation was from settlements made with three (3) pharmaceutical distributors and Johnson & Johnson.

Commissioner Erb stated that the first step in the process is for the county to submit the form(s) needed to put the county in the position of being able to receive the additional settlement funds. He stated the form(s) are due by April 18, 2023. Additional funds are not likely to be distributed until at least December.

Commissioner Erb stated that there is no immediate deadline for which the county needs to decide how to spend settlement funds. There is an expressed interest among the Board to provide Medication-Assisted Treatment to county prison inmates with addictions; however, the treatment setup and monitoring is a very complex issue.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 184-2023: Approving Commissioner Bruce Erb to execute all Exhibit K's for each settlement party and any other documents required to carry out the terms of the County's decision to participate in the proposed New National Opioid Settlements, and in his absence, Vice Chairperson Laura O. Burke to execute any and all documents requiring a physical signature.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 184-2023.

New Business:

Park and Recreation Advisory Board:

Melissa Harpster requested approval of a Valley View Park Facilities Rental Management Agreement between the County of Blair and Central Blair Recreation Commission (CBRC) for CBRC to manage Valley View Park amenity reservations for a \$5.00 portion of the \$70.00 rental fee paid by the public per the terms outlined in the agreement for the period of April 17, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 185-2023: Approving a Valley View Park Facilities Rental Management Agreement between the County of Blair and Central Blair Recreation Commission (CBRC) for CBRC to manage Valley View Park amenity reservations for a \$5.00 portion of the \$70.00 rental fee paid by the public per the terms outlined in the agreement for the period of April 17, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 185-2023.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk