

COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025, 10:01 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke and Chief Clerk Tiracave.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempsie, Brandon Meck (Finance), Angela Wagner (Controller), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Amanda Moore (Prison), Cris Fredrickson (EMA), Julia Burke (Public Defender), Kelly Charlesworth, Thomas Charlesworth (Public)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

An Executive Session was held on May 7, 2025, at approximately 3:00 p.m. with the Commissioners regarding an open position.

An Executive Session was held on May 12, 2025, at approximately 9:00 a.m. with the Commissioners regarding a performance appraisal for one employee.

An Executive Session was held on May 22, 2025, at approximately 3:00 p.m. with the Commissioners regarding an open position.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

None

Consent Agenda:

Resolution 249– 2025:

a. Ratification of the following fifteen-15 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
5/20/2025	250520WW	\$958,574.26
5/05/2025	250505SC	\$2,210.16
5/08/2025	250430PC	\$50,932.23
5/23/2025	250523WX	\$8,202.67
5/20/2025	250520RF	\$249.94
5/22/2025	250522HR	\$35,079.99
5/05/2025	250505FS	\$1,835.50
5/12/2025	250512FS	\$1,306.40
5/19/2025	250519FS	\$3,565.03
4/21/2025	250421FS	\$2,306.40
4/28/2025	250428FS	\$1,778.33
5/27/2025	250527SS	\$262,531.64
5/27/2025	250527CY	\$301,037.79
5/27/2025	250527WW	\$539,063.84
5/20/2025	250520EH	\$17,472.98

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 amounts of \$131,332.00 and \$163,946.00.

b. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for bee spraying at Fort Roberdeau:

From	\$	To
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01103BM-44740 Building Maintenance \$620.00 08607-44740 Fort Roberdeau

c. **Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project:** Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #11, Part 1, Preliminary Design, in the total amount of \$13,014.18, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.

d. **Employments:** Frank, Ashley, PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$11.58/hr., effective 5/27/2025. Graser, Nathan P., Hoovier, Kristopher P., Huston, Andrew J., Kephart, Elaina M., Nash, Shannon L., Oliver, Jae D., and Tobery, Robert E., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 5/27/2025. O’Conner, Alina C., FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$20.60/hr., effective 5/27/2025. Sipes, Ashley N., FT, Civil Case Processor, Court Administration, \$11.58/hr., effective 5/27/2025.

e. **Resignations:** Crowl, Shirley R., PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$11.58/hr., effective 5/16/2025. Nichols, Tanner M., FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$22.66/hr., effective 5/22/2025. Fisher, Camerla B., FT, First Deputy, Register & Recorder, \$14.08/hr., effective 5/28/2025.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstention to the payment to Hollidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$18,003.96, and to the payments to Blair Senior Services in the total check amounts of \$131,332.00 and \$163,946.00.

Commissioner Kessling stated that there have been many employments lately. Pay increases have stabilized employment, and many people are coming back. We are working to ratify union increases.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 249-2025, with the abstentions noted.

Public Safety/EMA:

Christine Fredrickson requested approval for an Extension of the No-Cost Period of Performance of the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) Grant Agreement C950004629, Resolution 491-2024, between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). The new period of performance is from July 1, 2024, through December 30, 2025.

Resolution 250-2025: Approving the Extension of the No-Cost Period of Performance of the Hazardous Materials Response Fund (HMRF) Grant Agreement C950004629, Resolution 491-2024, between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services, and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). The new period of performance is from July 1, 2024, through December 30, 2025.

Ms. Fredrickson noted that this allows for an additional six (6) months to use funds they have already received.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 250-2025.

Public Defender:

Julia Burke requested approval to submit a modification for the 2023/2024 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant #44329 Amendment for the FY 2024/2025 Indigent Defense Grant Program in the amount of \$100,934.00.

Resolution 251-2025: Approving the submission of a modification for the 2023/2024 Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Grant #44329 Amendment for the FY 2024/2025 Indigent Defense Grant Program in the amount of \$100,934.00

Ms. Burke added that the previous request was rejected due to the way it was entered.

Commissioner Kessling stated that he appreciates what Ms. Burke is doing and understands that it is a learning process.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 251-2025.

Prison:

Amanda Moore requested approval for the Payment of an Invoice made Outside the County Purchasing Policy received from Pace Analytical Services, LLC, for water testing fees in the amount of \$4,655.00.

Resolution 252-2025: Approving the Payment of an Invoice made Outside the County Purchasing Policy received from Pace Analytical Services, LLC for water testing fees in the amount of \$4,655.00.

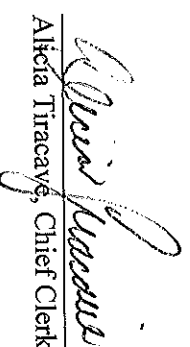
Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 252-2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURN:

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


Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk