

# **BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD**

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

# Blair County Salary Board Meeting of May 3, 2023 10:30 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room

#### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commissioner Bruce Erb, Commissioner Laura Burke, Controller A.C. Stickel, Commissioner Amy Webster

**Board Members not in Attendance:** NONE

**Quorum:** Present

Non-Board Members in Attendance: President Judge Elizabeth Doyle<sup>1</sup>, Scott Andrews, Chief Deputy Coroner Ray Benton<sup>2</sup>, Lindsay Dempsie, Nicole Hemminger, Steffan Housum, Melena Koegler, Tricia Maceno, Sheriff James Ott<sup>3</sup>, James Pooler, Marc Seifert, Allison Senkevich, Nicole Smith, Sue St Martin, Katherine Swigart, Angela Wagner, Molly Wink

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens, Altoona

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Call to Order: Commissioner Erb called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

The roll was called by Commissioner Erb.

**Call for Public Comment:** Commissioner Erb called for public comment on Salary Board items. There were no comments.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Burke and seconded by Commissioner Webster that the minutes from the April 19, 2023 meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

Adult Parole and Probation Requested by President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle Parole and Probation Officer Judge Doyle moved to re-create 2 positions. These positions are UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 37.5 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$16.30, \$1,222.50 estimated bi-weekly, \$31,785.00 estimated annually. These vacancies are due to the resignation of John Sayre effective 10/21/2022 and the resignation of Michelle Pompa effective 04/25/2023. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Judge is a voting member for Court related office items.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Chief Deputy Coroner is a voting member for items in that office.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Sheriff is a voting member for items in that office.

### Custody

### Requested by President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle

<u>Custody Manager</u> Judge Doyle moved to re-create this position within the hiring range of the H10 pay grade (\$16.29/hour to \$17.92/hour). This position is Non-Union, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Jessica Miller effective 04/30/2023. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### **Domestic Relations**

# Requested by Director Marc Seifert Presented by President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle

<u>Unit Supervisor</u> Judge Doyle moved to document the correct salary for Tracey Rocus. The minutes from the March 15, 2023 Salary Board Meeting stated \$17.29/hour. The minutes should have stated "Applying the Pay Policy to Tracey's previous experience; she is eligible for \$17.92/hour; the maximum of the hiring range of the H10 pay grade (\$16.29/hour to \$17.92/hour)". Tracey was promoted to this position effective 04/03/2023. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

# **Juvenile Probation**

# Requested by Acting Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Molly Wink

# Presented by President Judge Elizabeth A. Doyle

Administrative Support Judge Doyle moved to re-create this position effective 05/02/2023. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$11.58, \$810.60 estimated bi-weekly, \$21,075.60 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to Dorothy Culbertson transferring to Administrative Support in the Public Defender's Office effective 04/17/2023. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### Coroner

# **Requested by Coroner Patricia Ross**

<u>Deputy Coroner</u> Chief Deputy Coroner Benton moved to re-create this position. This position is Non-Union, Per-Diem (limited to 999 hours per anniversary year), with a rate of \$80.00 per 8 hour shift. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Otto Barton III effective 12/31/2021. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

# Coroner

## Requested by Coroner Patricia Ross

<u>Deputy Coroner</u> Chief Deputy Coroner Benton moved to create 5 positions. These positions are Non-Union, Per-Diem (limited to 999 hours per anniversary year), with a rate of \$80.00 per 8 hour shift. This request for creation of positions is due to operational needs of the office. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### Sheriff

#### Requested by Sheriff James Ott

<u>Deputy</u> Sheriff Ott moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 40 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$15.52, \$1,241.60 estimated bi-weekly, \$32,281.60 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Domenic Roefaro effective 04/25/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### Sheriff

# Requested by Sheriff James Ott

<u>Deputy</u> Sheriff Ott moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Court, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Part-Time at 29 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$15.52, \$900.16 estimated bi-weekly, \$23,404.16 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Abigail Noel effective 04/21/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### **Public Works-Facilities**

## **Requested by Manager James Pooler**

<u>Custodian-2<sup>nd</sup> Shift</u> Commissioner Webster moved to create this position. This position is SEIU-Highway/Maintenance, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 40 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$14.42, \$1,153.60 estimated bi-weekly, \$29,993.60 estimated annually. This position is needed to replace the contract terminated by Nittany Professional Cleaning. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### **Social Services**

## Requested by Director Tricia Maceno

<u>Fiscal Specialist</u> Commissioner Erb moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Residual, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$15.52, \$1,086.40 estimated bi-weekly, \$28,246.40 estimated annually. The wages for this position are reimbursed at 100% by the state. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Amy Myers effective 04/28/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

#### **Tax Claim**

### **Requested by Director Sue St Martin**

Administrative Support Commissioner Burke moved to re-create this position. This position is UMWA-Residual, Non-Exempt (Hourly), Full-Time at 35 hours per week with an hourly rate of \$12.16, \$851.20 estimated bi-weekly, \$22,131.20 estimated annually. This vacancy is due to the resignation of Germaine Crocker effective 04/27/2023. Commissioner Webster seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

After discussion on Pay Policy application to a Chief/First Deputy for an Elected Official who has an extended absence and is unable to perform duties, Controller Stickel recommended that Katherine Swigart, Human Resources Director; and Nicole Hemminger, Chief Clerk, submit a proposed revision to the Pay Policy for review by the Salary Board.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be May 25, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. In the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mag M. Starter

August C. Stickel IV

Secretary