

**AGENDA  
WORK SESSION  
BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE ONLY  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020, 10:00 A.M.**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
4. **ROLL CALL**
5. **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020	1:30 p.m.	*Commissioners Business Session
Thursday, October 15, 2020	8:30 a.m.	*Prison Board
	10:00 a.m.	*Records Improvement
Friday, October 16, 2020		
Monday, October 19, 2020	3:00 p.m.	ABCD Corp. Board Mtg. (Contact ABCD for mtg. method)
	7:00 p.m.	Conservation District Meeting (Contact Conservation District)
Tuesday, October 20, 2020	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
7. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
8. **PROCLAMATION** Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020
9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 425-2020:**

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- f. **Social Services Advisory Board:** Requesting approval for the reappointments of Robert Smith, Donna Gority and Michael Stubler and for the appointment of Matt Dumm to the Advisory Board. All terms will expire on December 31, 2023.

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- h. **Resignations:** Joseph E. Dennis, PT, Telecommunicator, 911/E Center, \$14.72/hr., effective 10/08/2020.

10. **STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS**

A. **Department of Social Services:**

Requesting approval for the selection of projects to be included in the FY 2020 Blair County Community Development Block Grant Application (CDBG) on behalf of the sixteen-16 non-entitlement communities as follows:

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B. **Court Administration:**

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11. **OLD BUSINESS**

**Award of Contract:**

Burgmeier's Hauling

12. **ADJOURN**

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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 that those participating in the meeting stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Webster, Chief Clerk Hemminger and Solicitor Karn.

**Others Present:**

Scott Simmons and Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office), Jennifer Sleppy and Sarah Chuff (Finance), Trina Illig and Chris Stacey (Social Services), Janice Meadows (Court Administration), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), AC Stickel (Controller), Helen Schmitt (Public), Katie Martin (Altoona Library System), Julie Nagle (Hollidaysburg Watchdog Organization) and Colleen Knudson (WTAJ-TV 10)

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Commissioner Erb announced the addition of the Board of Elections Meeting beginning at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, October 14, 2020 via telephone conference.

**Public Comment:**

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Kay Stephens asked the board to consider resuming in person public meetings.

Julie Nagle expressed a concern that it appears that AMED (Altoona Mobile Emergency Department) is responding to ambulance calls where closer units are available directly against Senate Act 6. She also stated that AMED "refuses to install CAD systems or GPS so that the 911 Center does not know their current location".

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Erb called for commissioners comments.

Commissioner Webster announced that October 19, 2020 is the last day to register to vote or to change name, address or party. She also announced that October 27 is the last day to apply for a mail-in or absentee ballot and November 3 voted ballots may be dropped off only by the voter at a special drop-off door at the Courthouse on Union Street and if mailed, envelopes must be postmarked by 11:59 p.m. on November 3 and received by 5 pm on November 6.

Commissioner Burke extended a reminder in light of the rising number of positive COVID-19 numbers within Blair County the importance of social distancing, mask wearing, proper handwashing, etc.

Commissioner Erb extended congratulations on behalf of the County to Fred Imler Sr., and Imler's Poultry on receiving the Blair County Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Agricultural Community Excellence Award.

**Proclamation Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2020:**

Commissioner Burke read the following proclamation:

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month  
2020  
Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual’s privacy and dignity, security and humanity, due to systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse including abuse to children and the elderly, and

**WHEREAS**, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people, but cut across all economic, racial and societal barriers, and are supported by societal indifferences, and

**WHEREAS**, the impact of domestic violence is wide ranging, directly effecting individuals and society as a whole, here in Blair County, throughout the United States and the world, and

**WHEREAS**, it is battered women themselves who have been in the forefront of efforts to bring peace and equality to the home, and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, We, the Blair County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be ***National Domestic Violence Awareness Month*** and urge all Blair County citizens to actively participate in the scheduled activities and programs to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators of domestic abuse accountable for their actions against individual victims and our society as a whole.

**Blair County Board of Commissioners:**

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Bruce R. Erb, Chairman

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Laura O. Burke, Vice-Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Amy E. Webster, Secretary

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Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt the Proclamation.

**Consent Agenda:**

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Commissioner Burket noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest on the payment of an invoice to Thomas and Chan Jandora.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 425-2020 with abstention as noted.

**Staff Reports & Special Business:**

**Department of Social Services:**

Trina Illig requested approval for the selection of projects to be included in the FY 2020 Blair County Community Development Block Grant Application (CDBG) on behalf of the sixteen-16 non-entitlement communities as follows:

- Available for projects                   \$204,597.00
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Mrs. Illig stated that the county’s total allocation for FY 2020 was \$249,508.00 with 18% for administration fees in the total amount of \$44,911.00, and a total allocation for selected projects in the amount of \$204,597.00.

Mrs. Illig stated that there were a total of two-2 new projects selected and one-1 recurring project. She stated that the first project involves the renovation of the Roaring Spring Public Library’s basement in order for the Roaring Spring Food Pantry to move from their current location into the library’s basement. The total project cost is in excess of \$210,884.00, with \$121,078.00 available in funding, thus leaving a shortfall of \$89,806.00 to be further funded.

Mrs. Illig stated that the second project is demolition of the Sinking Valley Grange Hall located in Tyrone Township, in the total amount of \$25,000.00. She further stated that this project can however, be completed with an allocation of 2017 Demolition Funds, in the total amount of \$25,000.00.

Mrs. Illig stated that the third recurring project is housing rehabilitation. She stated that the county currently has 95 applicants on its waitlist with 132 applicants overall and that 37 of those applicants are located within the six-6 entitlement communities.

Mrs. Illig stated that there are three-3 projects from prior years that need to be kept in mind for funding. The first project is in the amount of \$1.4 million for Newry Borough. She stated that they are currently working with the United States Department of Agriculture to identify other funding sources for this project.

Mrs. Illig stated that the second project is in the amount of \$1 million for the Williamsburg Streetscape project. She stated that this project was placed on hold two-years ago due to projects that first needed to be completed by PennDOT.

Mrs. Illig stated that the third project is that of the Homeless Shelter in the amount of \$1.2 million.

Mrs. Illig stated that 70% of the allocated funds must benefit low to moderate-income individuals and 30% must be used for blight or other urgent need projects.

Discussion followed.

**Court Administration:**

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Mrs. Meadows stated that this is the third month the courts have rented risers from Always a Party Rental for use in Courtroom #1, in the monthly amount of \$1,260.00. She stated that the courts received a quote from McCartney's for the purchase and installation of metal risers in Courtroom 1, in the total amount of \$4,640.00.

Mrs. Meadows stated that she would like to have the risers purchased and installed prior to November 1, 2020, due to upcoming scheduled jury trials. She stated that the cost would be paid from the court's CARES general operating account.

Commissioner Erb asked Mrs. Meadows if she explored other seating options instead of the use of risers. Commissioner Erb also expressed his concerns over the potential damage that the use of risers could cause to the recently renovated courtroom.

Discussion followed.

**Old Business:**

**Award of Contract:**

Burgmeier's Hauling

No action taken.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting Adjourned,

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Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk