

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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Call to Order:

Commissioner Kessling called the meeting to order.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Commissioner Kessling called for a moment of silent reflection.

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.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karm and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), A.C. Stickel IV (Controller), Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), Trina Illig (Social Services), Lindsay Dempse (Finance), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kessling called for public comment.

Kay Stevens commented on the difficulty to hear the public meetings when participating virtually.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 18-2024: Approving the amendment of Resolution# 81-2023, dated February 14, 2023, by removing language “in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 for one-1 year” from said Resolution that originally approved the Service Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County 911 Center and Ravine Industries, for embroidered logo uniform shirts.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 18-2024.

Resolution 19-2024: Approving the extension to the 2020, 2021 and 2022 911 Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreements between the County of Blair, Department of Emergency Services/911E and the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA). All agreements have been extended to December 31, 2024 for the purposes of reporting expenses and closing out the projects within the PEMA new web portal.

- 2020-034 for the SAC Regional CAD Project
- 2021-156 For the SAC CHE upgrade Project
- 2022-027 for the SA CHE and ESInet Maintenance

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 19-2024.

Resolution 20-2024: Approving the Bid Specifications and the advertisement for the Invitation to Bid for Food and Non-Food Items for the Blair County Prison.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 20-2024.

Resolution 21-2024: Approving two-2 Election Polling Place Lease Agreements between the County of Blair and the property owners (Municipal/Federal Government and Privately-Owned Facility) for the April 23, 2024 Primary Election and the November 5, 2024 Presidential Election.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 21-2024.

Resolution 22-2024: Approving four-4 Sub-Recipient Agreements for housing assistance under the County's PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Program for 22/23 between the County of Blair and the following agencies:

- Blair Health Choices in the total amount of \$10,000.00
- Catholic Charities in the total amount of \$10,000.00
- Center for Community Action Agency in the total amount of \$10,000.00
- Family Services, Inc. in the total amount of \$10,000.00

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 22-2024.

Resolution 23-2024: Approving the authorization of Tricia Johnson as the designated signing authority for CDBG/HOME contracts.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 23-2024.

Resolution 24-2024: Approving the designation of Keller Engineers as the County Engineer for the year 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 24-2024.

Resolution 25-2024: Approving Amendment No. 1 to the Health Care Service Agreement between PeopleOne Health, Inc. and the County of Blair, which includes the following changes:

- A membership rate increase of \$5.00 per employee per month to cover the cost of lab benefit enhancement.
- Changes to the payment period for invoices and switching from direct deposit to ACH for payments.
- Moving to a "Statement of Work" to streamline the amendment process.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 25-2024.

Resolution 26-2024: Approving the 2024 PA Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PComp) Insurance Renewal Proposal in the total estimated contribution of \$245,197, for the policy period of 01/01/24 through 01/01/25.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 26-2024.

Resolution 27-2024: Approving a Letter of Recommendation for consideration to fill one Blair County designated spot on the Alleghenies Broadband Inc. Board of Directors with one of the following three-3 names: Jim Foreman (incumbent), Dave Snyder (Tyrone), or Grant Wills (Altoona).

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 27-2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned,


Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk