

COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025, 10:00 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.

TEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), Nicholas Burket (Public Works – Facilities), Paul Shaffer (Public Works – Highway), A.C. Stickel, Angela Wagner (Controller), Sherry Socie (Blair Planning), Devin Saylor (Assessment), Nick Consiglio (Court Administration), Carol A. Dannenberg (Holidaysburg Community Watchdog)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Kessling noted that this week is Correction Officers’ Appreciation Week.

Commissioner Burke stated that the Affordable Housing Trust Fund has 2 vacancies, so the Commissioners are looking for citizens to submit Talent Bank applications. The applications are available on our website and we look forward to hearing from those interested in assisting.

Commissioner Webster stated she forgot to mention last week that April 30, 2025 would have been the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, and today is the 80th anniversary of VE Day, which was victory in Europe day for World War I. Germany’s unconditional surrender. I don’t think anyone likes war, but these wars have taken place. We have many people who have dedicated their lives, their families, and who have sacrificed their lives to defend ours and other countries. When you see Veterans, we’re happy they were able to come back, but when you see a Veteran, thank them and acknowledge them. We have a wonderful Veterans’ Office here in the County, where Vets are helped with whatever they need and are entitled to receive, so please support our Veterans.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 222– 2025:

a. Ratification of the following eight-8 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
4/30/2025	250430RF	\$2,471.73
5/1/2025	250501FN	\$117,016.69
5/1/2025	250501HR	\$21,915.39
5/1/2025	250501HI	\$602,252.29
5/6/2025	250506SS	\$122,603.59
5/6/2025	250506CY	\$381,414.34
5/9/2025	250509AA	\$249,571.78
5/6/2025	250506WW	\$879,728.34

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Holidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$105.00.
- Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the total check amount of \$1,500.00

b. Ratification of total Payroll for the paycheck dated 4/11/2025 in the total amount of \$962,345.82.

c. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for Maintenance on County vehicles:

From	\$	To
001103HW-44730 Highway	\$163.98	01202-44730 JPO

d. **2025 Budget Transfer:** To cover the fees for disbursement of the PCORP Grant:

From	\$	To
02101901-46060 PCORP Grant	\$10,399.20	02209901-42030 PCORP Grant

e. **Commissioners:** Ratification of a Letter of Support from The Blair County Board of Commissioners to Ms. Susan Brehm, Regional Director of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in support of the Southern Alleghenies Planning & Development Commission’s (SAP&DC) submission of a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Annual Update to the EDA on June 30, 2025.

f. **Employments:** D’Andrea, Jennifer, PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$11.58/hr, effective 5/5/2025.

Shope, Stephanie, FT, Administrative Support, District Attorney, \$11.58/hr., effective 5/5/2025.

g. **Resignations:** Bowman, Bobby, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.52/hr., effective 4/26/2025. Savino, Austin, FT, Deputy, Sheriff, \$15.52/hr., effective 5/2/2025.

Commissioner Burke noted her abstentions to the payment to Holidaysburg Borough in the total check amount of \$105.00, and to the payment to Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the total check amount of \$1,500.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 222-2025.

Court Administration:

Nick Consiglio requested approval for the Payment of the Invoice made Outside the County Purchasing Policy received from Haiyan Hutchinson for interpreter services in the amount of \$645.00.

Resolution 223-2025: Approving the Payment of the Invoice made Outside the County Purchasing Policy received from Haiyan Hutchinson for interpreter services in the amount of \$645.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 223-2025.

Highway:

Paul Shafter requested approval of the Quote received from Paul Carnell Auto Body for the repair and refinish of the rear door on CYF Vehicle #34 in the total amount of \$875.00.

Resolution 224-2025: Approving the Quote received from Paul Carnell Auto Body for the repair and refinish of the rear door on CYF Vehicle #34 in the total amount of \$875.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 224-2025.

Public Works:

Nicholas Burkett requested approval of the Quote from Premier Pest Control & Lawn Care LLC for the spraying of carpenter bees at Fort Roberdeau in the amount of \$620.00.

Resolution 225-2025: Approving the Quote from Premier Pest Control & Lawn Care LLC for the spraying of carpenter bees at Fort Roberdeau in the amount of \$620.00.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 225-2025.

Finance:

Lindsay Dempsey requested approval of the Term Purchase Order (Exhibit A) to the Natural Gas Agreement between the County of Blair and Snyder Brothers, Inc., dated April 29, 2003, for the purchase of natural gas for the period of November 2025 to October 2028.

Ms. Dempsey stated that Exhibit A is being added to lock in the rate for the next 36 months, November 2025 thru October 2028. She received the Nymex update from Efficient Energy Solutions today, and the Nymex approved in 2022 was Nymex LDS at \$.288. They have a basis they use and then lock in the percent of volume of actual usage. Today they are requesting to lock in the maximum basis cost (base component) of Nymex LDS - \$.288 for 36 months.

Commissioners:

- i. Chief Clerk Alicia Tiracave requested approval to extend the Engineering Agreement L000823 – Old Mill Run Bridge, between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers, Inc., for the time of completion of Part 1 from May 30, 2025 to January 23, 2026.

Resolution 226-2025: Approving the extension of Engineering Agreement L000823 – Old Mill Run Bridge, between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers, Inc., for the time of completion of Part 1 from May 30, 2025 to January 23, 2026.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 226-2025.

- ii. Alicia Tiracave requested approval to accept a Grant between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Commissioners, and the PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program in the total amount of \$10,399.20 for two (2) Taser Ten Bundles to be used by the Blair County Prison.

Commissioner Kessling stated that hopefully they are not to be used, but good to have.

Resolution 228-2025: Approving to accept a Grant between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Commissioners, and the PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program in the total amount of \$10,399.20 for two (2) Taser Ten Bundles to be used by the Blair County Prison.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 228-2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Adjourn:

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



Alicia Tiracave, Chief Clerk

