

**BUSINESS SESSION
BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE ONLY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT
6. PUBLIC COMMENT
7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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8. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

9. CONSENT AGENDA:

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- e. **Resignations:** Melissa M. Grissinger, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$20.53/hr., effective 09/06/2020; and Tyshawn Nelson, Temporary, Laborer, Public Works, \$14.42/hr., effective 09/08/2020.
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10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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11. OLD BUSINESS:

None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

Children, Youth and Families:

Presentation of the financial portion of the FY 2020/2021 Implementation Plan, in the amount of \$14,443,665.00 of which the county share is \$2,616,429.00 and the FY 2021/2022 Needs Based Plan and Budget in the amount of \$15,241,421.00 of which the county share is \$2,861,334.00.

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- a. Requesting approval for the acceptance of bank proposals received to refund the county's outstanding 2011 Bond Series.
- b. Requesting approval for the adoption of a Debt Ordinance, Ordinance 2-2020.

County Road 101 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Grant Application:

- a. Requesting approval of a matching funds commitment letter certifying that the County of Blair has \$650,000.00 set aside as a matching funds for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant, for improvements to County Road 101 located in Greenfield Township, Blair County.
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COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant:

Requesting approval of a first amendment to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant (contract #C000073989) between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development and the County of Blair, amending Appendix C of said contract.

IRS Audit of 2014 Bond:

- a. Requesting approval of an Engagement Letter for Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP to act as Special Tax Counsel to assist the County of Blair in responding to the IRS' inquiries related to the 2014 Bond on an hourly basis by members: Sean Garin, Esq. (\$415/hour), Clifford Pastel, Esq. (\$545/hour), Matthew Ingersoll, Esq. (\$310/hour), Francis C. Collins, CPA and/or Alexander Collins, CPA (\$125/hour).

- b. Requesting approval of IRS Form 2848: Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative to name Sean Garin, Esq., Clifford Pastel, Esq. and/or Matthew Ingersoll, Esq. as representatives of the County of Blair on the examination of the \$10,630,000.00 County of Blair (PA) General Obligation Bond, Series 2014.

13. 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 and asked that during our time of reflection that we take a moment to remember our dear friend and co-worker Wendy Long who passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2020 after a very brief terminal illness.

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), Sean Garin (Dinsmore Shohl LLC), Angela Wagner (Controller's Office), Helen Schmitt (Public), Amy Wertz, Deawna Wyandt, Diane Litzinger, Marylou Hoover and Ashley Smyder (CYF), Janice Meadows (Court Administration), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Jon Frank (JPO), and Trina Illig (Social Services).

Executive Session Announcement:

Chief Clerk Hemminger announced that she, the three-3 Commissioners, and HR Director Katherine Swigart met in Executive Session to conduct an employment interview for an open position beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Kay Stephens requested that the Board consider providing an update on the Blair CARES Small Business and Non-profit grant application since the deadline for submission closed at 4 pm on Friday, September 11, 2020.

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Chief Clerk Hemminger announced that the Records Improvement Committee Meeting was inadvertently marked as cancelled on today's agenda. She announced that the meeting will be held as previously scheduled.

Commissioner Erb drew everyone's attention to the new commissioner meeting schedule, adding a meeting on Wednesdays at 1:30. This will be a standing board meeting through the end of the year.

Commissioner Comments:

The Commissioners each shared a few words of reflection on the passing of friend and Blair County Controller's office employee Wendy Long, and offered their condolences to Wendy's husband, Craig, their children and grandchildren.

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Commissioner Burke noted her abstention due to a conflict of interest on the payment to Thomas or Chandra Jandora for foster care services.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 374-2020 with abstention as noted.

Unfinished Business:

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Commissioner Webster stated that she feels the issues presented at the September 8, 2020 meeting regarding the trail color naming can be completed in both a safe and logical way.

Commissioner Erb stated that he agrees with Commissioner Webster.

Commissioner Burke stated that she disagrees in regards to the color naming of the trails due to the safety aspect and that she feels that we are excluding many Blair County schools by naming after the PIAA District 6 school mascots.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb, nay vote by Commissioner Burke. Motion passed two (2) to one (1) to adopt Resolution 375-2020.

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Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 383-2020.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Children, Youth and Families:

Amy Wertz requested approval of the financial portion of the FY 2020/2021 Implementation Plan, in the amount of \$14,443,665.00 of which the county share is \$2,616,429.00 and the FY 2021/2022 Needs Based Plan and Budget in the amount of \$15,241,421.00 of which the county share is \$2,861,334.00.

Commissioner Erb asked Ms. Wertz if she could provide any specific budgeted figures pertaining to the Juvenile Probation Office. Ms. Wertz stated that the CYF and Juvenile Probation Office figures are combined into one-1 budget.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner Erb asked Ms. Wertz if the budgeted figures are based on full staffing. Ms. Wertz stated that the budgeted figures for FY 20/21 does not include full staffing. She stated that one-1 new position requested for FY 20/21 was approved by the State, but not yet approved by the county's Salary Board. Ms. Wertz also stated that there are no plans for additional staffing in FY 21/22.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 384-2020: A resolution approving the financial portion of the FY 2020/2021 Implementation Plan, in the amount of \$14,443,665.00 of which the county share is \$2,616,429.00 and the FY 2021/2022 Needs Based Plan and Budget in the amount of \$15,241,421.00 of which the county share is \$2,861,334.00.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 384-2020.

Acceptance of Bids Received:

Janice Meadows requested approval for the acceptance of bids received for cleaning services for various county office buildings, Magisterial District Judges, 911/E Center and the Adult Parole Satellite Office.

Mrs. Meadows stated that an advertisement for bids was recently published for cleaning services for various county office buildings, Magisterial District Judges, 911/E Center and the Adult Parole Satellite Office with one-1 bid received and opened on Friday, September 11, 2020 with the Chief Clerk and Controller present. She stated that the one-1 bid received from was from Nittany Professional Cleaning, Inc., in the total monthly amount of \$2,585.00.

Mrs. Meadows stated that the bid specifications called for one-1 cleaning per week at the Blair County Airport, however, the bid received included two-2 cleanings per week. She stated that the required Certificate of Liability Insurance has been received.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 385-2020: A resolution approving the acceptance and award of bid received from Nittany Professional Cleaning, Inc., in the total monthly amount of \$2,585.00, for cleaning services for various county office buildings, Magisterial District Judges, 911/E Center and the Adult Parole Satellite Office.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 385-2020.

Finance:

- a. Jennifer Sleppy requested approval for the acceptance of bank proposals received to refund the county's outstanding 2011 Bond Series.

Mrs. Sleppy stated that the county recently received the following five-5 proposals to refund the outstanding general obligation 2011 Bond Series and pay cost of issuance.

Northwest Bank	2.12% Fixed Rate	\$24,812.50 Fees
CNB Bank	2.00% Fixed Rate	\$5,500.00 Fees
First Commonwealth Bank	1.97% Fixed Rate	\$15,000.00 Fees
M& T Bank	1.89% Fixed Rate	\$2,750.00 Fees
First National Bank	1.63% Fixed Rate	\$0.00 Fees

Mrs. Sleppy recommended that the board accept the five-5 proposals received an award the lowest proposal received to First National Bank at a fix rate of 1.63% with \$0.00 fees.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 386-2020: A resolution approving the acceptance of the following five-5 loan proposals received for the refund of outstanding general obligation bond series 2011 and pay of issuance an award of the lowest proposal received to First National Bank at the fix rate of 1.63% with \$0.00 fees:

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First National Bank	1.63% Fixed Rate	\$0.00 Fees

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 386-2020.

- b. Sean Garin requested approval for the adoption of a Debt Ordinance, Ordinance 2-2020.

Mr. Garin stated that in 2011 the county assumed a bond issue in the original amount of \$10,630,000.00 to pay for various building upgrades and expenses. He stated that the average interest rate the county paid was 4.07%.

Commissioner Erb stated that rather than refinancing by setting up a new bond issue, he recently proposed that the county's finance director be authorized to approach local banks for refinancing proposals. He stated that when the county financed a bond in 2017 the fees paid were approximately \$145,000.00. The total fees associated with this refinancing are approximately \$27,000.00.

Mr. Garin stated that by paying off the 2011 bond the county would save approximately \$642,000.00 over a six-6 year period 8.16% (actual cash savings of \$730,000.00 9.3%) .

Discussion followed.

Resolution 387-2020: A resolution approving the adoption of a Debt Ordinance, Ordinance 2-2020.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 387-2020.

County Road 101 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED)

Multimodal Grant Application:

- a. Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval of a matching funds commitment letter certifying that the County of Blair has \$650,000.00 set aside as a matching funds for the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant, for improvements to County Road 101 located in Greenfield Township, Blair County.

Mrs. Hemminger stated that she feels comfortable that the county will be able to fund the match commitment with Marcellus Shale, Greenways funds and Act 89, Fee for Local Use funds without need of General Account funds.

Discussion followed.

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Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 388-2020.

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval for the submission of a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application, in the amount of \$1,950,000.00, from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, for improvements to County Road 101 located in Greenfield Township, Blair County and authorizing Keller Engineers to submit the application on behalf of the County of Blair.

Mrs. Hemminger stated that the overall project total cost is in the estimated amount of \$2.5 million.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 389-2020: A resolution approving the submission of a Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant Application, in the amount of \$1,950,000.00, from the Commonwealth Financing Authority, for improvements to County Road 101 located in Greenfield Township, Blair County and authorizing Keller Engineers to submit the application on behalf of the County of Blair.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 389-2020.

COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant:

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval of a first amendment to the COVID-19 County Relief Block Grant (contract #C000073989) between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community and Economic Development and the County of Blair, amending Appendix C of said contract.

Mrs. Hemminger stated that the state has requested the amendment to the contract due to updates made to Appendix C.

Discussion followed.

Mrs. Hemminger stated that the county received 55 applications from non-profit organizations; 90 applications from small business & tourism organizations and that applications received by hand or fax are not included in those numbers. She stated that all emails have been responded to and that the process of working thru the applications for completeness before giving them to the firm assisting the county with management of the CARES Funds is ongoing.

Discussion followed.

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Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 390-2020.

IRS Audit of 2014 Bond:

- a. Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval of an Engagement Letter for Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP to act as Special Tax Counsel to assist the County of Blair in responding to the IRS' inquiries related to the 2014 Bond on an hourly basis by members: Sean Garin, Esq. (\$415/hour), Clifford Pastel, Esq. (\$545/hour), Matthew Ingersoll, Esq. (\$310/hour), Francis C. Collins, CPA and/or Alexander Collins, CPA (\$125/hour).

Discussion followed.

Resolution 391-2020: A resolution approving an Engagement Letter for Dinsmore and Shohl, LLP to act as Special Tax Counsel to assist the County of Blair in responding to the IRS' inquiries related to the 2014 Bond on an hourly basis by members: Sean Garin, Esq. (\$415/hour), Clifford Pastel, Esq. (\$545/hour), Matthew Ingersoll, Esq. (\$310/hour), Francis C. Collins, CPA and/or Alexander Collins, CPA (\$125/hour).

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 391-2020.

- b. Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval of IRS Form 2848: Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative to name Sean Garin, Esq., Clifford Pastel, Esq. and/or Matthew Ingersoll, Esq. as representatives of the County of Blair on the examination of the \$10,630,000.00 County of Blair (PA) General Obligation Bond, Series 2014.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 392-2020: A resolution approving IRS Form 2848: Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative to name Sean Garin, Esq., Clifford Pastel, Esq. and/or Matthew Ingersoll, Esq. as representatives of the County of Blair on the examination of the \$10,630,000.00 County of Blair (PA) General Obligation Bond, Series 2014.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 392-2020.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk