

WORK SESSION: TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2021, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Burke, Commissioner Webster and Solicitor Karn.

Members Absent:

Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Others Present:

Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office), Mark Taylor (911E), Carol Hartman (SASMG), Glenn Nelson (Fort Roberdeau), Jenn Sleppy and Sarah Chuff (Finance), Jim Pooler (Maintenance), Brian Wiser (Keller Engineers), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), Jim Ott (Sheriff), AC Stickel (Controller), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Becky Robinson (Purchasing) and Paul Shaffer (Public Works).

Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, June 23, 2021	3:00 p.m.	Blair HealthChoices Board Mtg. (Contact Blair HealthChoices)
Thursday, June 24, 2021	8:30 a.m.	Blair Planning Commission Mtg. (Contact Planning Commission)
	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Business Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)
	10:30 a.m.	*Special Salary Board Meeting (Commissioners Meeting Room)
Friday, June 25, 2021		
Monday, June 28, 2021		
Tuesday, June 29, 2021	10:00 a.m.	*Commissioners Work Session (Commissioners Meeting Room)

Approval of Meeting Minutes - 06/01/21 and 06/03/21:

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the meeting minutes of 06/01/21 and 06/03/21. **There were no corrections or changes noted.**

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as prepared.

Public Comment:

Kay Stephens asked if the Special Salary Board Meeting listed under the Upcoming Meetings for Thursday, July 24, 2021 was indeed going to be held. Commissioner Erb responded, yes.

Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Erb called for commissioners comments.

Commissioner Webster stated that Fort Roberdeau Director, Glenn Nelson would be providing an update of upcoming events to be held at the Fort. She encouraged everyone to attend the events.

Commissioner Burke echoed Commissioner Webster's comments on attending the events. She stated that the Star Spangled 4th will be part of the county's 175th Anniversary events.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution #245-221:

- a. Payment of the three (3) Warrant Lists listed below:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
06/22/21	210622CY	\$363,573.50
06/22/21	210622SS	\$223,257.27
06/22/21	210622WW	\$146,695.38

- b. Ratification of the four (4) Warrant Lists listed below:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
06/15/2021	210615FS	\$ 2,906.86
06/15/2021	210615RF	\$ 3,938.63

06/18/2021	210618EO	\$ 145.00
06/18/2021	210618HR	\$14,804.40

- c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the Check Dated June 17, 2021, in the total amount of \$785,510.35.
- d. **Employment:** Rebecca L. Dimond, FT, Payroll Administrator, HR, \$30,000.00/yr., effective 06/21/21; Shaun M. Edmundson, From, Lieutenant, Prison, \$1,688.64/bi-weekly, To, Temporary out-of-class work, Deputy Warden, Facility Services, Prison, \$1,764.67/bi-weekly, effective 06/18/21; Fred A. Guyer, From, PT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$10.51/hr., To, FT, Tipstaff, Court Administration, \$10.51/hr., effective 06/19/21; and Joshua J. Cherish, From, FT, Sheriff's Deputy, Sheriff's Office, \$15.49/hr., To, PT, Sheriff's Deputy, Sheriff's Office, \$15.49/hr., effective 06/21/21.
- e. **Resignations:** Kaitlyn A. Eger, FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$30,381.00/yr., effective 06/25/21; Edward J. Ferguson, PT, Public Defender, Public Defender's Office, \$32,044.22/yr., effective 06/25/21; and Atle T. Walter, FT, Victim Witness Director, District Attorney's Office, \$51,000.04/yr., effective 06/25/21.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #245-2021.

Staff Reports & Special Business:

Weekly Covid-19 Update:

Mark Taylor stated that he was very happy to report that the county's case number were down with zero new cases to be reported for the week. He stated the positivity rate was down to 1.2%, and the number of hospitalizations are also down to five-5 to seven-7 per day.

Mr. Taylor stated that vaccine rate increased. He stated that work continues with AMED, area hospitals, etc. to get as many vaccination clinics scheduled as possible.

Mr. Taylor stated that all in all things look like they are starting to go in the right direction; however, there is still concern over the new Delta variant and everyone is keeping a watchful eye towards it.

Bridge #74/Maple Hollow:

Brian Wiser requested approval of a Proposal of Service Contract between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers for permitting service for roadway embankment repair, Blair County Bridge #74/Maple Hollow, Allegheny Township, in the total lump sum total plus estimated costs of \$2,580.00.

Mr. Wiser stated that the scope requirements for this project include permitting services to design and permit a roadway embankment repair to Blair County Bridge #74/Maple Hollow, located in Allegheny Township. He stated that county workforces will install the rock protectors. As a result, no bidding documents, bidding services or construction services will be required. The costs associated with the contract are in the lump sum total plus estimated costs of \$2,580.00.

Discussion followed.

Southern Alleghenies Service Management Group:

- i. Carol Hartman requested approval of two-2 FY 2021/2022 renewal contracts for Early Intervention services between the County of Blair and the agencies listed below for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:
- Kids First Affiliated Services
 - North Star Services, Inc.

Ms. Hartman stated that Kids First Affiliated Services provides direct services and North Star Services provides support coordination. She stated that the rates remained the same as the prior fiscal year.

Discussion followed.

- ii. Carol Hartman requested approval of five-5 FY 2021/2022 renewal contracts for Intellectual Disability Services between the County of Blair and the agencies listed below for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:
- Allegheny Lutheran Social Services
 - Empowering Lives Foundation
 - North Star Services, Inc.
 - Saint Francis University
 - Juanita Seely

Ms. Hartman stated that there has been no increase of the state-set rates from the prior fiscal year.

Discussion followed.

Department of Emergency Services/911E:

- i. Mark Taylor requested approval of an Amendment to the License Agreement with an effective date of June 1, 2012 and amended on April 8, 2021 between the County of Blair, Department of Emergency Services and Tyler Technologies, Inc., amending the April 8, 2021 Amendment, under the paragraph titled, "1. Payment Terms", subparagraph (b) relating to maintenance and support fees is hereby stricken in its entirety replacing with additional language as outlined within said Amendment to the License Agreement with all other terms and conditions of the license agreement remaining in full force and effect.

Mr. Taylor stated that Tyler Technologies discovered that they made an error in the contract dollar amount by almost \$18,000.00, therefore, an amendment to the agreement was necessitated. He stated that all other terms and conditions associated with the agreement remain in full force and effect.

Discussion followed.

- ii. Mark Taylor requested approval of a no-cost period of performance extension on the FY 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) award number EMW-2018-SS-00046, from September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021, to September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2022. Said performance extension in no way varies or supersedes the terms and conditions of the existing 2018 SHSGP Grant Agreement.

Mr. Taylor stated that in order to complete the projects due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) granted a no-cost period of performance extension, extending the period end date from August 31, 2021 to August 31, 2022. He stated that the terms and conditions of the existing grant agreement remain in full force and effect.

Discussion followed.

Blair County Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Ott requested approval of Service Agreement No. CS006205, between the County of Blair and Rapiscan Systems, for the security screening equipment, in the total amount of \$4,620.00, for the period of April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Sheriff Ott stated that Assistant Solicitor Muriceak reviewed and revised the service agreement and Rapiscan Systems has accepted all of the requested revisions. He stated that the total amount of the service agreement did increase from \$4,235.00 last year to \$4,620.00 this year.

Discussion followed.

Fort Roberdeau:

- i. Glenn Nelson requested approval to submit a 2021 Tourism Marketing Co-Op Partnership Form to Explore Altoona for Fort Roberdeau marketing and advertising programs to non-Blair County residents, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, with a cash match of a minimum of \$50.00. Cash match is to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association. There is no cost to the county.

Mr. Nelson stated that the request is for a revised format of the County of Blair's Tourism Grant due to COVID-19 Pandemic delays and concerns. He stated that he maximum co-op partnership request for 2021 is an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 with a minimum cash match of \$50.00. The cash match will be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association with no cost to the county.

Discussion followed.

Resolution #246-2021: A resolution approving the submission of a 2021 Tourism Marketing Co-Op Partnership Form to Explore Altoona for Fort Roberdeau marketing and advertising programs to non-Blair County residents, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00, with a cash match of a minimum of \$50.00. Cash match is to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association. There is no cost to the county.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #246-2021.

- ii. Mr. Nelson requested approval of a high-frequency commercial schedule on WALY 103.9 radio of 35:60 second commercials, promoting the July events being held at Fort Roberdeau, in the amount of \$600.00 to Forever Media Group, to be paid from the Fort's county advertising budget.

Mr. Nelson stated that this is an annual request to advertise on the radio and online with Forever Media to promote the Fort's July events and Star Spangled 4th. He stated that the \$600.00 cost will be paid from the Fort's County Advertising Budget.

Discussion followed.

Resolution #247-2021: A resolution approving a high-frequency commercial schedule on WALY 103.9 radio of 35:60 second commercials, promoting the July events being held at Fort Roberdeau, in the amount of \$600.00 to Forever Media Group, to be paid from the Fort's county advertising budget.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution #247-2021.

Magisterial District Justice Office 24-3-03:

Jim Pooler requested approval to advertise for bids for alterations to the Magisterial District Justice Office 24-3-03, located at 311 Union Street, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Mr. Pooler stated that the alterations project to Magisterial District Justice Office 24-3-02 (MDJ Aigner) has been pending since 2019. Commissioner Burke asked Mr. Pooler if any of the items associated with the alterations project have been completed since 2019. Mr. Pooler responded, no.

Discussion followed.

Old Business:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk