

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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 Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), A.C. Stichel IV (Controller), Brian Walters (Human Resources), Lindsay Dempsie (Finance), Carol Dannenberg (Holidaysburg Watch Dog), Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

Executive Session Announcement:

Chief Clerk Hemminger confirmed there were no Executive Sessions since the announcement on Tuesday, February 6th.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Kessling called for public comment. **There were no comments.**

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 65-2024: Approving a Service Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for the easement appraisal of the Penn England Family Limited Partnership – Royer Farm in the total amount of \$1,650.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of PA at time of closing.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 65-2024.

Resolution 66-2024: Approving a Service Contract between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Blair County Agricultural Land Preservation Board, and Agrarian Associates, Inc. for the easement appraisal of the England Family Limited Partnership – Dilling Farm in the total amount of \$1,650.00 to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth of PA at time of closing.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 66-2024.

Resolution 67-2024: Approving the request to reinstate the Blair County 911 Steering Committee.

Commissioner Burke had a question regarding the 5-person quorum since this Committee is comprised of 16 members. She felt a 5-person quorum was small due to the size of the overall Committee and had some additional questions she wants answers to before voting. This item will be moved under Old Business on the next Board of Commissioner's meeting.

No action taken on this item.

Resolution 68-2024: Approving the request to extend the Lease Agreement between the County of Blair, on behalf of Children, Youth, and Families, and JJ Keller Family Limited Partnership for an additional one-year term.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 68-2024.

Resolution 69-2024: Approving the request to submit a Discretionary Grant application to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for funding for the Blair County DUI Court program in the total amount of \$5,666.16.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 69-2024.

Resolution 70-2024: Approving the request to submit a Discretionary Grant application to the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) for funding for the Drug Court program in the total amount of \$6,036.02.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 70-2024.

Resolution 71-2024: Approving the payment of the Patient-Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI) fee established by Health Care Reform to support clinical effectiveness research for plan year 04/01/22 – 03/31/23 in the total amount of \$1,914.00.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 71-2024.

Resolution 72-2024: Approving a renewal agreement between the County of Blair and Ameriflex to administer Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and Dependent Care Accounts (DCA) on behalf of the eligible enrolled employees of the County of Blair. Changes that the County of Blair will adopt for the plan year that County of Blair will adopt for the plan year April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024, are increases to the 2024 maximum Health FSA funding limit of \$3,200.00 and FSA carry-over (rollover) limit to \$640.00 annually; and for authorization for Brian Walters to complete the online renewal with AmeriFlex, implementing the aforementioned changes, and electronically signing on behalf of Commissioner Dave Kessling as the authorized representative of the County of Blair.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 72-2024.

Resolution 73-2024: Approving the request to offer MetLife Pet Insurance at discounted, self-paid individual group rates to all benefit-eligible County of Blair employees effective March 5, 2024 at no cost to the County.

Commissioner Webster asked to amend the resolution to include that the County will not have a part in the administering of this benefit.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 73-2024, as amended.

Resolution 74-2024: Approving a two-year Renewal Contract between County of Blair and Vision Benefits of America (“VBA”), to provide County-funded, base group managed vision care benefits to eligible enrolled employees under Base Vision Plan #4487, at the current cost of \$0.75 per employee, per month, for the period of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2026.

Motion by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 74-2024.

Resolution 75-2024: Approving the agreement between the County of Blair and Cummings Trophies & Engraving for products and services including, but not limited to, custom office supplies; services/products will be provided on a per quote basis via a County approved Purchase Order.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Kessling and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 75-2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioners:

Requesting approval to rescind Resolution 40-2024, dated January 25, 2024, to correct the funding source by removing the phrase “\$100 will be paid by the General Fund and \$1,200 of the membership fee will be paid by the Hazardous Material Response Fund (HMRP) grant” and replacing it with “\$1,300 of the membership fee will be paid by the Hazardous Material Response Fund (HMRP) grant”.

Chief Clerk Hemminger asked to move this item to Old Business on the next Board of Commissioner’s meeting so it can be separated into two resolutions.

No action taken on this item.

ADJOURN:

Meeting Adjourned,


Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk