

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: TUESDAY, October 1, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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Jori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempse (Finance), A.C. Stickel and Angela Wagner (Controller), Melena Koegler and Brian Walters (Human Resource), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Mindy Hostler (CYF), Cathy Lythgoe and Barb Bosar (Court Administration), and Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Clerk Socie stated there was one Executive Session held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. with Commissioner Kessling, Commissioner Webster, Commissioner Burke, Chief Clerk Socie, Finance Director Lindsay Dempse, Human Resource Director Melena Koegler, and Solicitor Gabriel to discuss one-1 collective bargaining agreement.

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES - 8/27:

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Kessling called for public comment.

Kay Stevens asked for an update concerning the letters going out to the municipalities regarding the decertification of Explore Altoona and the deadline for their responses.
In addition, she understands there are two people leaving Children, Youth and Families, and she is wondering how that department is doing.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Kessling called for commissioner comment.

Commissioner Kessling read the following statement:

On September 17th, the Board of Commissioners passed a resolution to begin the process of decertifying the local TPA, also known as Explore Altoona. This resolution required the townships and boroughs to make a vote on this issue. To date, the resolution has not been forwarded to the townships and boroughs to vote on as we are preparing a letter to explain the process, which we have not yet completed. We have been informed that ABCD Corp., also known as "The Alliance," has reached out to Explore Altoona requesting a meeting on this particular subject. We, the Board of Commissioners, are pleased to hear the board of Explore Altoona has accepted their invitation. As a board, we are happy to see this dialogue occur and hopeful that this meeting will be productive as well as continue on this path of what is best for Blair County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution 460-2024:

a. Payment of the following three-3 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
10/1/2024	241001WW	164,764.59
10/1/2024	241001SS	26,051.88
10/1/2024	241001CY	57,583.41

b. Ratification of the following six-6 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
9/27/2024	240927RF	117.68
9/26/2024	240926RA	60.00
9/26/2024	240926HR	23,481.90
9/24/2024	240924RA	40.00
9/23/2024	240923FS	2,032.22
9/24/2024	240924WX	7,648.92

c. **2024 Budget Transfer:** To cover Insurance Deductible fees:

From \$ To
01101GCO-44960 General County Operations \$2,000.00 01151-44960 Sheriff

- d. **Employments:** Lund, Coleen, FT, Administrative Assistant - APO Hollidaysburg, Adult Parole and Probation, \$13.40/hr., effective 9/30/2024. Femicola, Joseph, FT, Clerk Typist I, Children, Youth, and Families, \$13.00/hr., effective 9/30/2024. Brown, David, Guyer, Matthew, McCaulley-Dean, Brittiani, and Ray, Terri, Temporary, Telecommunicator Trainee, 911 Center, \$13.88/hr., effective 9/30/2024. Conner, Debra, and Fisher, Debora, Temporary, Department Assistant, Elections, \$10.00/hr., effective 9/30/2024. Offer Rescinded: Ralston, George, FT, Custodian, Public Works, \$16.81/hr., effective 9/20/2024.
- e. **Resignations:** Pitts, Nathan, FT, Custodian, Public Works, \$18.29/hr., effective 9/19/2024. Brubaker, Nevaeh, FT, Custody Manager, Court Administration, \$16.70/hr., effective 10/4/2024.
- f. **Terminations:** Enedy, Timothy, FT, Caseworker I, Children, Youth, and Families, \$20.78/hr., effective 9/20/2024. Hughes, Natasha, FT, Caseworker I, Children, Youth, and Families, \$20.78/hr., effective 9/24/2024. Oswald, Brandy, FT, Department Support, Domestic Relations, \$11.03/hr., effective 9/24/2024.
- g. **Retirements:** McCabe, Paulette, FT, First Deputy - Register of Wills, Register and Recorder, \$15.86/hr., effective 10/1/2024. Schultz, Scott, FT, Problem Solving Courts Coordinator, Court Administration, \$2,157.42 biweekly, effective 10/2/2024.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 460-2024.

STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS:

Records Management:

Courtney Sable requested approval of an Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold by and between the County of Blair and Burgmeier Hauling, Inc. trading as (t/a) Burgmeier Shredding for purges at multiple locations on an on-call basis at the rate of \$275.00 minimum charge, .40 cents per lb. once the minimum is met, and a \$68.00 service fee, for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Resolution 461-2024: Approving the Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold by and between the County of Blair and Burgmeier Hauling, Inc. trading as (t/a) Burgmeier Shredding for purges at multiple locations on an on-call basis at the rate of \$275.00 minimum charge, .40 cents per lb. once the minimum is met, and a \$68.00 service fee, for the period of September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 461-2024.

Children, Youth and Families:

- i. Mindy Hostler requested approval of the FY 24/25 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Dr. Terry O'Hara, PH.D. for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amounts as outlined in Exhibit E.

Resolution 462-2024: Approving the FY 24/25 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Dr. Terry O'Hara, PH.D. for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 in the amounts as outlined in Exhibit E.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 462-2024.

- ii. Mindy Hostler requested approval of the FY 2024/2025 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and City Missions-Living Stones, Inc.

Resolution 463-2024: Approving the FY 2024/2025 Purchase of Service Agreement and HIPAA Business Associate Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and City Missions-Living Stones, Inc.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 463-2024.

- iii. Mindy Hostler requested approval of the FY 23/24 Purchase of Service Agreement dated July 1, 2023, between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Evey Black Attorneys LLC, for an extension of the Agreement for 90 days, from October 1, 2024 through December 30, 2024, at the hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour.

Resolution 464-2024: Approving the FY 23/24 Purchase of Service Agreement dated July 1, 2023, between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families, and Evey Black Attorneys LLC, for an extension of the Agreement for 90 days, from October 1, 2024 through December 30, 2024, at the hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 464-2024.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

Adjourn:

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



Sherry Soete, Chief Clerk

