

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING: THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025, 10:01 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.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alicia Tracave and Lori Guyer (Commissioners), Lindsay Dempse and Brandon Meek (Finance), Angela Wagner (Controller), Betsey Nelson (Social Services), Abbie Tate (Prison), Paul Shaffer (Public Works), Sam Dunkle (Court Administration), Becky Robinson (Purchasing), Joe Cox (Juvenile Probation), Glenn Nelson (For Roberdeau), Kay Stephens (Alhonna Mirror), and Nate Taylor (Public Access Channel).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

Chief Clerk Socie confirmed there were no Executive Sessions held since the last Board of Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES: – 12/12/2024, 12/19/2024, and

12/31/2024.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT:

Commissioner Kessling called for Commissioners Comments.

Commissioner Webster reminded everyone that today is Law Enforcement Day and asked that if you see a law enforcement officer, please thank them for their service.

Commissioner Kessling agreed and asked that you tell law enforcement officials they are appreciated.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution 1 – 2025:

a. Payment of the following five-5 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
1/07/2025	250107CY	29,008.50
1/07/2025	250107SS	195,906.83
1/07/2025	250107TC	149,778.12
1/07/2025	250107WW	262,655.32
1/10/2025	250110AA	267,083.71

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Blair Senior Services in the total check amounts of \$1,294.34 and \$128.00.
- Holidaysburg Borough in the total amount of \$3,358.64.
- Thomas and Chandra Jandora in the total amount of \$1,550.00.

b. Ratification of the following one-1 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
1/06/2025	250106FS	1,179.07

c. **District Attorney's Office:** Requesting approval of one (1) Penn State student intern, Paige Dance for the period of January 21, 2025 through May 23, 2025. Internship is for credit only and at no cost to the county.

d. **Juvenile Probation Department:** Requesting approval of an Affiliation Agreement between the County of Blair and St Francis University for the purpose of student job shadowing and internship experiences.

e. **Juvenile Probation Department:** Requesting of one (1) Saint Francis University student inter, Faye Butterbaugh for the period of January 16, 2025 through May 1, 2025. Internship is for credit only and at no cost to the county.

f. **Employments:** Cassidy, Trace I., FT, Law Clerk, Judge Miller, \$41,609.53/hr., effective 1/6/2025

g. **Status Changes:** Dematteis, Britany L., FT, Clean & Green Specialist, Assessment, \$14.43/hr., to FT, Coordinator, Tax Claim, \$15.51/hr., effective 1/6/2025.

h. **Resignations:** Crowl, Shirley R., FT, Coordinator, Tax Claim, \$17.83/hr., effective 1/3/2025. Moyer, Kelly A., FT, Case Manager, Public Defender, \$22.84/hr., effective 1/3/2025. Brehm, Jennifer L., FT, Probation Officer Aide, APO, \$11.87/hr., effective 1/7/2025. Foley, Thomas L., FT, Caseworker I, CYF, \$20.00/hr., effective 1/10/2025

Commissioner Burke noted her abstentions on the payments to Blair Senior Services, Holidaysburg Borough, and Thomas and Chandra Jandora.

- ii. Glenn Nelson requested approval for an advertising agreement between the County of Blair, Fort Roberdeau, and Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau (HCVB) for a 1/6 horizontal page ad in the 2025 Visitors Guide “Raystown Moments,” in the total amount of \$675.00. This will be paid out of the Fort Reserve Fund 008.

Commissioner Kessling asked if we are paying \$675.00 for a 1/6 page ad, what are we getting for \$345,00?

Mr. Nelson responded that they distribute to over 50 different spots in the county and various listings in their promotional items.

Resolution 6-2025: Approving the advertising agreement between the County of Blair, Fort Roberdeau, and Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau (HCVB) for a 1/6 horizontal page ad in the 2025 Visitors Guide “Raystown Moments,” in the total amount of \$675.00. This will be paid out of the Fort Reserve Fund 008.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Webster, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 6-2025.

Coroner:

Commissioner Burke, on behalf of Coroner Ray Benton, requested approval to submit Work Statements agreeing that the Coroner’s Office shall provide case-level data reports to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health.

Commissioner Burke added that in exchange we do receive \$10,000.00.

Resolution 7-2025: Approving the submissions of Work Statements agreeing that the Coroner’s Office shall provide case-level data reports to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health.

Motioned by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Kessling, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 7-2025.

Social Services:

Betsy Nelson requested approval of the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), contract #C000082572, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Commissioner Kessling asked why we are just now approving something for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Ms. Nelson responded that the contracts are four (4) year contracts, so this is still an active contract.

Commissioner Burke added that fiscal contracts run from July 1 through June 30.

Chief Clerk Socie confirmed that this is a mid-year report.

Resolution 8-2025: Approving the FFY 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), contract #C000082572, Monitoring Activity Progress Report (MAPR) for the period of July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

Motioned by Commissioner Kessling, seconded by Commissioner Burke, and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 8-2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Adjourn:

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


Sherry Socie, Chief Clerk