



BLAIR COUNTY SALARY BOARD

c/o Blair County Controller, 423 Allegheny St., Ste 141, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Blair County Salary Board Meeting of July 10, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Public Meeting Room.

Board Members in Attendance:

Commissioner David Kessler, Commissioner Laura Burke, Commissioner Amy Webster, Deputy Controller Angela Wagner

Board Members not in Attendance: Controller A.C. Stickel,

Non-Board Members in Attendance:

Prothonotary Robin Patton¹, Kermit Alwine, Susan Ammerman, Kyle Brashear, Lindsey Dempsie, Melena Koegler, Ken Ressler, Allison Senkevich

Media in Attendance: Kay Stephens

Quorum: Present

Call to Order: Commissioner Kessler called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Refection: Led by Commissioner Kessler.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Led by Commissioner Kessler.

Roll Call: The roll was called by Commissioner Kessler.

Call for Public Comment: There was none.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster that the minutes from the June 26, 2024, meeting be approved. The motion was unanimously carried.

¹ The Deputy of Prothonotary is a voting member for related items.

Positions:

7.

Department	Prothonotary			Presented By:	Prothonotary Robin Patton		
Type	Re-creation				# of Positions	1	
Position	Receptionist/Clerk				Position #	332401	
Union	UMWA – Court Related			Exempt Status		Nonexempt	
PT/FT Status	Full-time			Schedule	35 hours		
Wage	\$11.03	Per hr.	\$772.10	expected bi-weekly	\$20,074.60	expected annually	
Funding Source	General fund budgeted at this rate				Primary Org Code		
Effective Date	07/08/2024						
Reason	Promotion of Karin harr to Juvenile Clerk of Courts effective 7/8/2024						
Comments	The starting rate of this position is set at \$11.03/hour in UMWA-Court CBA.						

A motion was made by Prothonotary Patton and seconded by Commissioner Kessler to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

8.

Department	Sheriff			Presented By:	Lieutenant Kermit Alwine		
Type	Re-creation				# of Positions	1	
Position	Deputy				Position #	124507	
Union	UMWA – Court Related			Exempt Status		Nonexempt	
PT/FT Status	Full-time			Schedule	40 hours		
Wage	\$15.52	Per hr.	\$1,241.60	expected bi-weekly	\$32,281.60	expected annually	
Funding Source	General fund budgeted at this rate				Primary Org Code		
Effective Date	06/01/2024						
Reason	Termination of Curtis Johnston effective 5/31/2024						
Comments	This position’s starting rate of \$15.52/hour is set in the UMWA-Court CBA. This re-creation would open the vacancy set by the departure of Curtis Johnson, with no change to the maximum number of full-time deputies (currently 19).						

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

9.

Department	Sheriff			Presented By:	Lieutenant Kermit Alwine		
Type	Re-creation				# of Positions	1	
Position	Deputy Sheriff – Part time				Position #	124508	
Union	UMWA- Court Related			Exempt Status			
PT/FT Status	Part-time (max 1,500 hours per benefit plan year)			Schedule	29 hours per week		
Wage	\$15.52	Per hr.	\$900.16	expected bi-weekly	\$23,404.16	expected annually	
Funding Source	General fund budgeted at this rate				Primary Org Code		
Effective Date	07/03/2024						
Reason	Resignation of Luke Yeager effective 07/13/2024						
Comments	This position’s starting rate of \$15.52/hour is set in the UMWA-Court CBA.						

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

10.

Department	Sheriff	Presented By:	Lieutenant Kermit Alwine		
Type	Creation	# of Positions	2		
Position	Deputy Sheriff – Part Time	Position #	124508		
Union	UMWA- Court Related	Exempt Status			
PT/FT Status	Part-time (max 1,500 hours per benefit plan year)	Schedule	29 hours		
Wage	\$15.52	Per hr.	\$900.16	expected bi-weekly	\$23,404.16 expected annually
Funding Source	General fund budgeted at this rate		Primary Org Code		
Effective Date	07/03/2024				
Reason	Creation of two vacant positions for MDJ criminal court day post assignment.				
Comments	This position's starting rate of \$15.52/hour is set in the UMWA-Court CBA.				

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to create these positions as stated. The motion was unanimously denied.

11.

Department	Public Works	Presented By::	Ken Ressler		
Type	Re-creation	# of Positions	1		
Position	Custodian	Position #	320601		
Union	SEIU-Custodial/Highway/Maintenance	Exempt Status	Nonexempt		
PT/FT Status	Full-time	Schedule	40 hours per week		
Wage	\$16.81	Per hr.	\$1,344.80	expected bi-weekly	\$34,964.80 expected annually
Funding Source	General fund budgeted at this rate		Primary Org Code		
Effective Date	6/28/2024				
Reason	Termination of Nathan Pitts effective 6/27/2024				
Comments	This position has a starting rate of \$16.81 defined in the SEIU Highway/Maintenance CBA				

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create the position as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

12.

Department	911 Center	Presented By:	Susan Ammerman		
Type	Re-creation	# of Positions	4		
Position	Telecommunicator Trainee	Position #	124508		
Union	Nonunion	Exempt Status			
PT/FT Status	Full-time temporary (max 5 mos and 29 days)	Schedule	35 hours		
Wage	\$13.88	Per hr.	\$971.60	expected bi-weekly	\$12,630.80 expected annually
Funding Source	General Fund budgeted at this rate		Primary Org Code		
Effective Date	07/01/2024				
Reason	Re-creation of four vacancies				
Comments					

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to re-create these positions as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

13.

Department	911 Center			Presented By:	Susan Ammerman	
Type	Creation				# of Positions	3
Position	Telecommunicator			Position #	357201	
Union	UMWA-Residual			Exempt Status	Nonexempt	
PT/FT Status	Full-time			Schedule	40 hours	
Wage	\$16.30	Per hr.	\$1304.00	expected bi-weekly	\$33.904.00	expected annually
Funding Source	Exceeds General fund budget for this year.				Primary Org Code	
Effective Date	07/01/2024					
Reason	Creation of three additional Full-time Telecommunicator positions					
Comments						

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster to table this item to the next Salary Board for more discussion to be had on the matter. The motion was unanimously carried.

14. Recommendation to abolish the requirement for Salary board to recreate vacancies for positions whose staffing level has already been set and appears in “Position Control.” Items that will still need to be presented to the board would be the Creation of a new position, the Abolishment of a position, changes to the total number of staff who may fill a position, and changes to the compensation of a position, including temporary or “out of class” pay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster for what items need to be presented to Salary Board as stated. The motion was unanimously carried.

15. Overtime and Additional Time Report: which will be kept on file with the minutes.

16. Adjournment. The meeting was called to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. by Commissioner Kessler and seconded by Commissioner Webster. The motion was unanimously carried.

The next regular Salary Board Meeting will be July 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner’s Public Meeting Room

Respectfully Submitted,



August C. Stickel IV
Secretary