

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room, Basement.

**Public meetings are being held both in-person and by conference call. To participate in the meeting please dial 1-408-419-1715 or 1-408-915-6290 and enter meeting number 2468097683#*

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

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Commissioner Erb, Commissioner Webster, and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Commissioner Burke, Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Phil Ray (Altoona Mirror), Allison Senkevich (Commissioners Office), Jim Pooler (Public Works/Facilities), AC Stickel (Controller), Melena Koegler (Human Resources), Jim Ott (Sheriff), Brandon Meck (Finance), and Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing).

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment. **There were no comments noted.**

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 540-2022: Approving a Letter of Support for the submission of a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) Improving Justice System Responses to Opioid, Stimulant and Related Substance Use Disorders Grant.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 540-2022.

Resolution 541-2022: Approving an agreement between the County of Blair and Keller Engineers, Inc., for Engineer Designation Services for 2023 at the following hourly rates:

2023 Blair County Schedule of Hourly Rates*

Senior Professional Engineer	\$145.00
Professional Engineer	\$130.00
Landscape Architect	\$115.00
Professional Surveyor	\$145.00
Surveyor	\$ 88.00
Survey Assistant	\$ 70.00
Environmental Specialist	\$124.00
Senior Designer	\$115.00
Designer	\$ 90.00
Senior Technician	\$ 90.50
Technician	\$ 66.00
Senior Resident Project Representative	\$ 93.50
Resident Project Representative	\$ 83.50
Administrative Support	\$ 52.50
Mileage IRS Allowable	Presently \$0.62/mile
Report Copies 8 ½ x 11	\$0.15/page (black & white) \$1.00/page (color)
Report Copies 11 x 17	\$0.50/page (black & white) \$2.50/page (color)
Prints 22 x 34	\$2.75/sheet (black & white) \$8.75/sheet (color)
*Hourly rates include wages, required taxes, insurance, overhead and profit. This form of pricing is used primarily for cost plus fees. Our work for you will be negotiated for a lump sum amount in most cases.	

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 541-2022.

Resolution 542-2022: Approving Change Order #1 received from Ralph J. Albarano & Sons Inc., changing the contract completion date of the Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Project, from January 27, 2023 to June 9, 2023, at no additional cost to the county.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 542-2022.

Resolution 543-2022: Approving an Agreement for Purchases under Bidding Threshold between the County of Blair and Church in the Middle of the Block LLC, to provide paint analysis for paint chips retrieved from the 1875 and 1906 sections of the Blair County Courthouse, at the rate of \$50.00 per sample.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 543-2022.

Resolution 544-2022: Approving a quote received from McCarl's Preferred Services for HVAC and Plumbing Service Work for the County of Blair at time and material rates for work needing immediate attention for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00/call.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 544-2022.

Resolution 545-2022: Approving a 1/6, Horizontal Ad in the 2023 Raystown Moments Guide by the Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau for promotion throughout the Lake Raystown Region, Juniata College, and Huntingdon County Regional market, in the total amount of \$659.00, to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 545-2022.

Resolution 546-2022: Approving a Gold Partnership with the 2022/2023 Huntingdon County Visitors Bureau, for promotion and advertisement of Fort Roberdeau throughout the Raystown Lake Region, in the amount of \$295.00 to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 546-2022.

Resolution 547-2022: Approving a \$1,000.00 Advertorial Package in the 2023 Inspiration Guide by the Happy Valley Adventure Bureau for promotion of Fort Roberdeau throughout the State College, Penn State University and Centre County Regional market, in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be paid by the Fort Roberdeau Association.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 547-2022.

Resolution 548-2022: Approving an Engagement Letter for Professional Auditing Services for the years' 2022, 2023, and 2024 between the County of Blair and Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for the amounts not-to-exceed \$82,500.00 for 2022; \$85,000.00 for 2023 and \$87,500.00 for 2024.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 548-2022.

Resolution 549-2022: Approving an amendment to the 457b Deferred Compensation Plan with Nationwide Retirement Solutions for employees to voluntarily participate in a Roth plan.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 549-2022.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance 3-2022:

Chief Clerk Hemminger requested approval of an Ordinance authorizing the Blair County Board of Commissioners to enter into a Trust Agreement and Bylaws, and authorizing the participation in the Pennsylvania Counties Workers' Compensation Trust (PComp) pursuant to the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act as amended.

ORDINANCE 3-2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, BLAIR COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA, TO ENTER INTO A TRUST AGREEMENT AND BYLAWS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION TRUST PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT, AS AMENDED

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act, 77 P.S. §1 et. seq. , as amended (the "Act"), authorizes employers, including "political subdivisions," as defined in the Act, to pool their liabilities through participation in a fund and trust agreement approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (the "Department"); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant §§1036.1-1037.9 of the Act and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, certain counties and county related entities established the Pennsylvania Counties Workers' Compensation Trust ("PComp") to ensure the payment of workers' compensation benefits to the participating counties' respective employees through the creation of a common fund and trust subject to the terms and conditions of a trust agreement and bylaws (the "Trust Agreement and Bylaws") established and executed by the participating counties; and

WHEREAS, PComp and its Trust Agreement and Bylaws have been approved by the Department; and

WHEREAS, the County of Blair (the "County") desires to become a member of PComp in accordance with the Act and the Trust Agreement and Bylaws.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Blair (the "Board") hereby enters into, joins and becomes a member of PComp. The Trust Agreement and Bylaws, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A," is approved substantially in the form attached hereto, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference. The Board hereby authorizes and directs its officers to execute the Trust Agreement and Bylaws of PComp. The Board also authorizes its officers to execute any other agreement or document, to provide required information, and to do all acts, necessary for its participation in PComp.

The Trust Agreement and Bylaws approved and adopted herewith shall constitute a binding agreement and shall be sufficient warrant and authority for the officials and agents as appointed by the Board to participate and represent the County's interest in PComp.

As a condition of participation in PComp, the County agrees to comply with all the terms and conditions in the Trust Agreement and Bylaws.

The organizational structure of PComp shall consist of a board of Trustees, all as is set forth in the Trust Agreement and Bylaws.

The County delegates to the Board of Trustees of PComp the powers enumerated in the Trust Agreement and Bylaws.

On behalf of the County, PComp is empowered to enter into any contract necessary to effectuate its purposes.

The Trust Agreement and Bylaws may be modified or amended, as set forth therein.

This Ordinance is being adopted pursuant to the provisions of Act No. 44 of July 2, 1993, P.L. 190 and specifically, Article VIII of the Act (77 P.S. §§1036.1-1036.18) to evidence and effectuate the County's decision to participate in PComp, and shall be effective immediately.

DULY ENACTED by the Commissioners of the County of Blair, Pennsylvania on this 29th day of December 2022.

COUNTY OF BLAIR

ATTEST:

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Bruce R. Erb, President

Laura O. Burke, Vice President

Amy E. Webster, Secretary

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Ordinance 3-2022.

Prison:

Requesting approval of a proposal from Schultz Company to replace the defective shaft and bearings for the Trane roof top unit at the Blair County Prison in the total amount of \$2,338.00.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 550-2022: Approving a proposal from Schultz Company to replace the defective shaft and bearings for the Trane roof top unit at the Blair County Prison in the total amount of \$2,338.00.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 550-2022.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk