

WHEREAS, Blair County is devoted to taking action to eliminate hunger in every part of our community, as well as providing additional resources to those in need in the community; and

WHEREAS, Blair County is dedicated to collaborating with the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank and its local Blair County partner agencies like St. Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army, and American Rescue Workers, to educate people about the role, work, and importance of food banks in addressing food insecurity and advocating for increased awareness of the need to dedicate further resources and attention to hunger issues; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been established as “Hunger Action Month” for the purpose of bringing attention to and raising awareness about food insecurity in our communities. This includes engaging the public in action to end hunger one person at a time; and

WHEREAS, the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, its Blair County partner agencies, and other food banks across the country will host events throughout September to bring awareness to food insecurity and help end hunger in their local community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Blair County Commissioners, do hereby recognize September 2022 as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in Blair County and call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

DULY ADOPTED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Blair, Pennsylvania, this 30th Day of August 2022.

**BLAIR COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Bruce Erb, Chairman

Laura Burke, Vice-Chairman

Amy Webster, Secretary

Attest:

Nicole Hemminger, Chief Clerk

Maria D’Isabella of the Central PA Food Bank shared a few brief words and expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Board for their recognition.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt the Proclamation.

Proclamation: Contact Altoona 40 Years’ Of Service
Commissioner Erb read the following proclamation and motioned for adoption of the proclamation:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, CONTACT Altoona began its telephone service in Blair County in 1981 as a project of the City Union of United Methodist Churches, led by Dr. Jim Zisloft and his wife Jean; and

WHEREAS, CONTACT Altoona’s goal is to enhance personal independence and quality of life by offering free and confidential services to the community; and

WHEREAS, CONTACT Altoona has served its community for 40 years’ and continues to be a person-centered telephone helpline whose mission is to respond to the needs of callers by active, reflective listening and, when appropriate, to make referrals to needed services; and

WHEREAS, CONTACT Altoona has continuously provided Helpline services in the community through dedicated and well-trained volunteers and has expanded its programs to include Reassurance Calls, Information and Referrals; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, we, the Blair County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Blair County, would like to take this opportunity to recognize CONTACT Altoona for 40 years’ of service to our community of Blair County.

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ATTEST:

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Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt the Proclamation.

Consent Agenda:

Resolution #329-2022:

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

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
8/30/2022	220830WW	\$176,211.06
8/30/2022	220830CY	\$136,587.24
8/30/2022	220830SS	\$352,345.30

- b. Ratification of the following four-4 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
8/25/2022	220825HR	\$16,452.47
8/23/2022	220823AB	\$25,000.00
8/19/2022	220819RF	\$1,046.38
8/22/2022	22822FS	\$3,330.17

- c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the Check Dated 08/25/2022 in the total amount of \$847,709.92.

- d. **Claysburg/East Freedom Ministerium:** Requesting approval to close part of County Road 101, Bedford Street, along with Walnut Street, and Clair Street, Claysburg, PA on Sunday, October 9, 2022, from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. to conduct the annual CROP Walk for Hunger.

- e. **Employment:** Devin J. Woods, FT, Prison, Corrections Officer, \$20.59/hr., effective 8/23/22 and Bryce A. Iachini, PT, Prison, Corrections Officer (fill-in), \$15.08/hr., effective 8/29/22.

- f. **Resignations:** Joseph F. Hibernik, FT, Treasurer, Second Deputy, \$12.77/hr., effective 8/19/22; Martin R. Sekerak Jr., FT, Public Works – Highway, Temporary Laborer, \$14.42/hr., effective 8/26/22; Luke D. Wirfel, FT, Public Works – Highway, Summer Employee, \$10.00/hr., effective 8/26/22; Krystal L. Payton, FT, Prison, Correctional Case Manager, \$11.58/hr., effective 9/2/22; Colleen P.A. Zeak, PT, Cost & Fines, Receptionist/Clerk, \$11.03/hr., effective 9/2/22.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 329-2022.

Staff Reports & Special Business:

Presentation:

Senator Judy Ward announcement of a DCED grant.

Senator Ward stated that earlier this year she had a meeting with Commissioner Erb and Chief Clerk Hemminger regarding a proposed study for the building of a new prison. She stated as a result of this meeting, she requested funds for this study when working on the state budget.

Senator Ward stated that the Department of Community and Economic Development allocates funds for this type of project. She stated that she is happy to announce that the county will receive a grant from DCED in the amount of \$184,000.00 for the cost of the study.

The Board of Commissioners extended their sincere thanks and appreciation to Senator Ward for pursuing the funds for the county.

Discussion followed.

Bridge #73/Jugtown:

Paul Shaffer requested approval of Proposal No. PN2213738 and an Authorization to Proceed received from KTA-Tator, Inc., for conducting a NACE Coating Inspection for Blair County Bridge #73/Jugtown; additional repairs of Fabricated Structural Steel and Bolt Assemblies at Regal Industries, Donora, PA, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Mr. Shaffer stated that Solicitor Karn reviewed the proposal and the terms and conditions of the proposal.

Discussion followed.

Box Culvert Group/Bridges #87, 88, 89 and 92/Freedom Township:

Paul Shaffer requested approval of the Construction Plans prepared by Keller Engineers, for the Blair County Box Culvert Group/Bridges #87, 88, 89 and 92, located in Freedom Township.

Mr. Shaffer stated that the group of bridges are along County Road 101, located in Freedom Township.

Discussion followed.

Blair County Parking Garage Stair Tower Repair Project:

Jim Pooler requested approval for payment of Application #1, received from Ralph J. Albarano & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$21,150.00, for contracted work completed to date.

Discussion followed.

Children, Youth and Families:

Commissioner Burke requested approval of a FY 20/21 and FY 21/22 Contract Amendment between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Evolution Counseling Services, LLC, amending Attachment B, deleting Attachment E and inserting Attachment D, with all other provisions of said contract remaining unchanged.

Commissioner Burke stated that Solicitor Karn reviewed the contract amendment and all other provisions of the contract remain unchanged.

Discussion followed.

Social Services:

Jim Hudack requested approval of the 2022 Civil Service Employees' Compensation Plan for Mental Health, Mental Retardation Office between the County of Blair and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Human Services.

Mr. Hudack stated that the plan is an annual submission to the PA Civil Service Commission.

Discussion followed.

Department of Emergency Services:

Wendy Traxler requested approval of a Maintenance Agreement between the County of Blair, Department of Emergency Services and ComPros Incorporated, for the county's portion of the Southern Alleghenies 911 Cooperative CPE, with the county only being responsible for the cost of the actual workstations within their facility as outlined below, for the period of one-1 year beginning on October 1, 2021:

QTY	TYPE/MODEL	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL MONTHLY	EXTENDED YEARLY
1	CPE MAINTENANCE	Year 1 (15 Workstations)	\$7,211.74	\$ 86,540.90
1	CPE MAINTENANCE	Year 2 (Same as above)	\$7,428.08	\$ 89,136.95
1	CPE MAINTENANCE	Year 3 (Same as above)	\$7,650.67	\$ 91,808.00
1	CPE MAINTENANCE	Year 4 (Same as above)	\$7,973.35	\$ 95,680.15
1	CPE MAINTENANCE	Year 5 (Same as above)	\$8,372.01	\$100,464.15
			TOTAL FEE	\$463,631.15

Ms. Traxler stated that the agreement was reviewed by the County's Solicitor.

Discussion followed.

Records Management:

Heather Rininger requested approval for use of Google's reCaptcha software within the Blair County website on the Kentico platform, to allow for the collection of online data through forms, at no cost to the county.

Ms. Rininger stated that the county's new website will allow for the collection of online data through forms. She stated this application is designed to prevent data entry from a malware bot and allows only real people to submit data to the site.

Ms. Rininger stated that IT has okayed the use of the software and there is no charge to the county for its use.

Discussion followed.

Human Resources:

Melena Koegler requested approval of a quote received from Breezeline for Commercial Basic Video Service (Public and Private View), for the employees’ breakroom, in the total monthly amount of \$40.98, for a period of thirty-six (36) months.

Ms. Koegler stated that both Solicitor Karn and IT reviewed the quote. She stated that the quote is to supply basic video service to the employees’ breakroom.

Discussion followed.

Fort Roberdeau:

Glenn Nelson requested approval of a membership investment with the Blair County Chamber of Commerce for the period of September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, in the total annual membership amount of \$321.00, for promoting Fort Roberdeau to Blair County businesses and networks.

Mr. Nelson stated that Solicitor Karn has reviewed the membership form.

Commissioner Erb stated since the county as a “whole” is already a Chamber Member, he requests that the Fort Roberdeau Association pay the membership investment fee.

Discussion followed.

Commissioner’s Office:

- a. Allison Senkevich requested approval of a Second Addendum to the Lease Agreement dated September 14, 2015, by and between the County of Blair, on behalf of the Penn State Extension Office and the Blair County Airport, for a month-to-month extension, except for the specific change set forth herein, the provisions of the Lease Agreement shall remain in full force and effect in all respects.

Mrs. Senkevich stated that Solicitor Karn reviewed the Second Addendum to the Lease Agreement. She stated as of October 1, 2021, the Second Addendum provides for a month-to-month contract basis, with a sixty-60 day written notice for termination by either party with all other provisions of the Lease Agreement remaining in full force and effect.

Discussion followed.

- b. Mrs. Senkevich requested approval for the adoption of the Blair County Board of Commissioner’s Proclamation Policy.

Discussion followed.

Old Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 325-2022: Approving the FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 renewal Purchase of Service Agreements between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Merakey.

No action taken.

Resolution 326-2022: Approving the FY 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 renewal Purchase of Service Agreements between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Professional Family Care Services, Inc.

No action taken.

Resolution 327-2022: Approving the eleven-11 FY 2022/2023 renewal contracts between the County of Blair and the agencies listed below:

AGENCY	FUNDING SOURCES	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Blair County	Human Services Development Fund (HSDF)	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 30,000
Blair Family Solutions	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 50,000
CenClear Child Services	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 35,000
Child Advocates	HSDF	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 5,000
CONTACT Altoona	HSDF & Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 115,000
Family Services, Inc.	HSDF & HAP	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 170,000
H.O.P.E. Drop In	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 50,000
NAMI of Blair County	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 50,000
Peerstar	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 10,500
Skills of Central PA	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$ 350,000
UPMC Western Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies	Mental Health	Maximum Contract Amount \$2,170,000

No action taken.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Allison Senkevich, Assistant County Administrator