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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 Burke, Commissioner Webster, and Assistant County Administrator Senkevich.

Members Absent:

Chief Clerk Hemminger, Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Bryan King (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), Jim Crowder (Penelec/First Energy), Kay Stephens (Altoona Mirror), and Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office).

Public Comment:

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

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 147-2022: A resolution approving the submission of the Federal FY 2023-2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Application (HMEP) to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), who serves as the grant administrator on behalf of the United States Department of Transportation, in the total amount of \$107,529.60 for the period of 10/01/22 through 09/30/25, for hazardous materials training and planning, that encompasses fifteen-15 proposed projects.

Motion by Amy Webster, seconded by Laura Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 147-2022.

Resolution 148-2022: A resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement by and between the County of Blair on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and MCM Consulting Group, Inc. (MCM) for a Functional Exercise with a completion date of 12/31/22 through the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant (HMEP), in the total amount of \$12,419.25, with \$9,935.40 to be paid from the HMEP grant funds and \$2,483.85 to be paid from the Local Emergency Planning Committee Funds (LEPC).

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 148-2022.

Resolution 149-2022: A resolution approving to 1) Rescind the Professional Services Agreement by and between the County of Blair on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and MCM Consulting Group, Inc. (MCM) dated 08/12/21, for the countywide Hazardous Materials Transportation Incident EOC Functional Exercise with a completion date of 09/30/21, and 2) Approving a Professional Services Agreement by and between the County of Blair on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and MCM Consulting Group, Inc. (MCM) for the countywide Hazardous Materials Transportation Incident EOC Functional Exercise with a completion date of 09/30/22, in the total amount of \$3,447.00, with \$2,757.60 to be paid from the HMEP grant funds and \$689.40 to be paid from the Local Emergency Planning Committee Funds (LEPC).

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 149-2022.

Resolution 150-2022: A resolution approving to 1) Rescind the Professional Services Agreement by and between the County of Blair on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and MCM Consulting Group, Inc. (MCM) dated 08/12/21, for the countywide Hazardous Materials Transportation Incident Tabletop Exercise and Training Session with a completion date of 09/30/21, and 2) Approving a Professional Services Agreement by and between the County of Blair on behalf of the Department of Emergency Services and MCM Consulting Group, Inc. (MCM) for the countywide Hazardous Materials Transportation Incident Tabletop Exercise and Training Session with a completion date of 09/30/22, in the total amount of \$11,474.20, with \$9,179.36 to be paid from the HMEP grant funds and \$2,294.84 to be paid from the Local Emergency Planning Committee Funds (LEPC).

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 150-2022.

Resolution 151-2022: A resolution approving a Software Support Maintenance Renewal Agreement between the County of Blair and Optical Storage Solutions, Inc., for twenty-one (21) full Landex Licenses for the Register of Wills/Recorder of Deeds Office, two (2) licenses for the Assessment Office; and one (1) Hot Site Hosting and Record Alert System, in the total amount of \$25,865.00, for the period of 05/01/22 through 04/30/23.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 151-2022.

Resolution 152-2022: A resolution approving an Agreement between the County of Blair on behalf of the Board of Elections and Election Systems & Software, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, for coding the 2022 Primary and General Election Ballot and twelve-12 days of onsite support, in the total amount of \$31,490.00.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 152-2022.

Resolution 153-2022: A resolution approving an allocation of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP-2) High-Needs funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHA), in the amount of \$329,965.72, for rental and utility assistance, and for the Center for Community Action to serve as the designated agency for processing the ERAP-2 applications through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's online COMPASS system and issuing payments.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 153-2022.

Resolution 154-2022: A resolution approving an Affordable Housing Trust Fund Program Disbursement in the amount of \$3,000.00, for the purchase of property located at 423 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA by Geoffrey Sipe.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 154-2022.

Resolution 155-2022: A resolution approving the submission of a request to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) to extend the FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract #C000066602 from 10/17/22 to 04/30/23 to provide additional time to complete existing projects underway.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 155-2022.

Resolution 156-2022: A resolution approving a quote received from Auto-Owners Insurance (Warren A. Gingrich Agency Inc.) for Builders' Risk Coverages, in the total annual amount of \$252.00, for the period of 05/01/22 through 05/01/23, for construction rehabilitation of the existing pavilion at Fort Roberdeau. Works includes ADA parking, pouring a cement floor and shingles, fascia repair and replacements.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 156-2022.

Resolution 157-2022: A resolution approving a Letter of Support for the submission of a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant Application to the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) by Logan Township, in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the construction of Phase 1 of an Outdoor Soccer Complex on the township owned Strawberry Hills property located in the Juniata section of the township.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 157-2022.

Old Business:

Resolution 145-2022:

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BLAIR COUNTY BRIDGE #69, EVERETT ROAD, LOCATED IN FREEDOM TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, Blair County Bridge #69, which is located on Everett Road in Freedom Township, was damaged by a contractor performing construction and/or installation of a sewer line for the Freedom Township Water and Sewer Authority; and,

WHEREAS, the damage to the bridge includes the collapse of the downstream, right spandrel parapet; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage, a bridge inspection was performed by the County's bridge inspector, which resulted in a "Priority 0" condition; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Board of Commissioners for the County of Blair, do hereby declare a state of emergency with respect to Bridge #69 and authorize that the bridge will remain closed until the best course of action can be determined.

DULY, adopted by the Commissioners of the County of Blair, Pennsylvania this 5th Day of May 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 145-2022.

New Business:

Park and Recreation Advisory Board:

Commissioner Webster presented discussion concerning the following requests received from AYSO for additional Valley View Park soccer field usage during the month of June 2022:

June 7-9; 5-7:30 pm

- Extension of the AYSO "house" program due to two-2 weeks of cancellations due to rain/snow and unusable field conditions during the month of April.

Commissioner Webster stated the Park and Recreation Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Commissioner's approve AYSO's request to use the soccer field from 5 pm to 7:30 pm June 7 through 9 to make up games cancelled during the month of April due to inclement weather.

Resolution 158-2022: A resolution approving the request received from AYSO for additional Valley View Park soccer field usage during the month of June 2022 as follows:

June 7-9; 5-7:30 pm

- Extension of the AYSO "house" program due to two-2 weeks of cancellations due to rain/snow and unusable field conditions during the month of April.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 158-2022.

June 13-17; 8:30 am to 4 pm

- Open camp run by UK International Soccer.

June 18; 8:00 am to sundown

- One-day tournament hosted by AYSO called Glory on the Grass 5v5 for 9U and up and open to everyone in the surrounding area. The insured is “It’s for the Kids”.

Commissioner Webster stated that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board did not approve AYSO’s requests to conduct the open UK camp or the Glory on the Grass tournament due to non-receipt of the required certificates of liability insurance and endorsements. She stated the Advisory Board also expressed concerns that the camp and tournament may go against parameters established by the court order on how Valley View Park is to be operated – that being on a “must be free and open to the general public” basis.

No further discussion or action took place.

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Allison G. Senkevich, Assistant County Administrator