

BUSINESS SESSION: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022, 10:00 A.M.

Location: Commissioner's 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 Burke, Commissioner Webster, and Chief Clerk Hemminger.

Members Absent:

Solicitor Karn and Assistant Solicitor Muriceak.

Others Present:

Katherine Swigart, Melena Koegler (Human Resources), Carol Wyerman (Reach up Reach out), Sonya Zeigler (Reach Back), Rebecca Robinson (Purchasing), Carol A. Dannenberg (Hollidaysburg Community Watchdog), AC Stickel (Controller), James Ott (Sheriff), Michael Hughes (Public) and Melissa Harpster (Commissioners Office).

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner's Meeting Minutes of 10/25/22 and 10/27/22:

LERTA Public Meeting of 10/25/22:

Commissioner Erb called for corrections or changes to the commissioner's meeting minutes of 10/25/22 and 10/27/22 and the LERTA Public Meeting of 10/25/22. **There were no corrections or changes noted.**

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Burke and unanimously approved to accept the minutes as prepared.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Erb called for public comment.

Carol Wyerman, Altoona resident and member of Reach Up Reach Out, and her granddaughter Sonya Zeigler, Duncansville resident and member of Reach Back, shared of a family member's recent passing due to fentanyl poisoning and concerns of how his case was handled by local law enforcement agencies and the coroner's office.

Michael Hughes, Altoona resident shared his concern over the amount of a pay raise the Sheriff's Office recently received. He asked the Commissioner's if it were true that the raise only amounted to .13 cents per hour, and if so, he found it insulting to the men and women who do a great job and who risk their lives on a daily basis.

Unfinished Business:

Adoption of Resolutions:

Resolution 454-2022: Approving a proposal received from Empire for the purchase and installation of three-3 new cameras for live surveillance of designated areas within the Juvenile Probation Office, in the total amount of \$4,727.00.

Motion by Commissioner Burke, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 454-2022.

Resolution 455-2022: Approving a Contracting for Audit Services Policy.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 455-2022.

Resolution 456-2022: Approving to advertise via the Penn Bid website a Request for Proposal for Professional Auditing Services for the years ending December 31, 2022, 2023 and 2024 with optional three-3 year extension.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 456-2022.

Resolution 457-2022: Approving the Blair County 2023 Funding Option with the Pennsylvania Counties Health Insurance Cooperative (PCHIPC), acknowledging that the County agrees to set aside approximately \$562,683.00 of its current reserve for the funding model accepted by all PCHIPC members.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 457-2022.

Resolution 458-2022: Approving a Letter of Authority confirming that the County of Blair has retained PMA Medicare Solutions, a service of PMA Management Corp., to work on its behalf to address any Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Claim asserted against the County of Blair. Said Letter of Authority is effective for a five-5 year period beginning with date of letter signing, or until the County of Blair revokes authority in writing.

Motion by Commissioner Erb, seconded by Commissioner Webster and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 458-2022.

Resolution 459-2022: Approving a five-5 month time extension for completion of Part 6, Final Design, for the Blair County Bridge #70/Over South Poplar Run/ Rehabilitation Project, from January 28, 2023 to June 28, 2023. Said time extension is necessary to coincide with the construction schedule for this project. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 459-2022.

Resolution 460-2022: Approving a quote received from Allegheny Trucks Inc., to perform a diagnostic test and to repair County Truck #52, in the total amount of \$433.99.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 460-2022.

Old Business:

Bridges 87, 88, 89 and 92:

Nicole Hemminger requested approval for award of bid for the Bridges 87, 88, 89 and 92 Box Culvert Project.

Discussion followed.

Resolution 461-2022: Approving the award of bid to the second lowest responsible bidder, Francis J. Palo, Inc., for the Blair County Bridges 87, 88, 89 and 92 (Box Culvert) Project, in the total amount of \$2,082,082.00, pending all documents meet specifications.

Motion by Commissioner Webster, seconded by Commissioner Erb and unanimously approved to adopt Resolution 461-2022.

New Business:

None

Adjourn:

Meeting Adjourned,

Nicole M. Hemminger, Chief Clerk