

AGENDA
BLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM, BASEMENT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**
5. **APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES – 12/03**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
7. **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**
8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Resolution 571– 2024:

- a. Payment of the following four-4 Warrant Lists:

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
12/17/2024	241217WW	427,186.12
12/17/2024	241210EO	2,130.00
12/17/2024	241217CY	586,621.59
12/17/2024	241217SS	33,930.07

Which includes payment of the following invoices:

- Hollidaysburg Borough, in the amount of \$17,610.73.

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

EFFECTIVE DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	AMOUNT
12/09/2024	241130PC	22,339.32
12/12/2024	241212HR	8,873.31
12/10/2024	241210TC	95,755.93
12/09/2024	241209FS	2506.25

- c. Ratification of Total Payroll for the paycheck dated 12/13/2024 in the total amount of \$847,568.32.
- d. **WTAJ:** Requesting approval for use of the Courthouse Courtyard Area for coverage of an event on December 19, 2024, from 3:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- e. **Blair County Conservation District Board:** Requesting approval for the reappointment of Commissioner Amy Webster to the board for the period of 01/01/2025 through 12/31/2025.
- f. **Bridge #33/Old Mill Run Bridge Replacement Project:** Requesting approval of ECMS submission Invoice #6, Part 1, Preliminary Design, in the total amount of \$16,786.17, received from Keller Engineers. Expenses are 95% reimbursable and will be paid from the Marcellus Shale Legacy Fund.
- g. **2024 Budget Transfer:** To cover Insurance Deductible fees:
- | <u>From</u> | <u>\$</u> | <u>To</u> |
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| 01101GCO-44960 General County Operations | \$507.75 | 113201-44960 CYF |
- h. **Employments:** Shetrom, Kurtis, FT, Custodian (MDJ), Public Works, \$16.81/hr., effective 12/16/2024. Conrad, Brayden, PT, Probation Officer Support, Adult Parole and Probation, \$11.58/hr., effective 12/23/2024. Luciano, Marie, FT, Casework Manager, Children, Youth and Families, \$1872.20 biweekly, effective 12/23/2024.
- i. **Resignations:** Costrello, Brandan, FT, Corrections Officer, Prison, \$21.53/hr., effective 12/7/2024. Stein, Skyler, Temporary, Telecommunicator Trainee, 911 Center, \$13.88/hr., effective 12/11/2024.

9. **STAFF REPORTS & SPECIAL BUSINESS**

- a. **Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee:**

- i. Requesting approval of an allocation of funds from the Opioid Settlement Fund to the Department of Social Services for reimbursement of expenses incurred for the 2024 SAP networking day in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- ii. Requesting approval of a Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair Health Choices for Contingency Management Services, in the amount of \$524,560.84 to be paid from the Opioid Settlement Fund.

- iii. Requesting approval of a Purchase of Service Agreement between the County of Blair and Blair Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. for implementation of Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT) in the amount of \$8,000.00 to be paid from the Opioid Settlement Fund.
- b. **Public Safety – 911E:**
- i. Requesting approval to cancel the 30-day open burning ban for the County of Blair with the minimum notice of 48 hours to be given prior to the cancellation.
 - ii. Requesting approval of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), Statewide Interconnectivity Funding Grant Agreement, in the total award amount of \$1,682,506.42, for the projects listed below:
 - \$ 98,876.11 for the SAC CHE Maintenance Project
 - \$ 86,870.11 for the SAC Regional CAD Maintenance Project
 - \$ 118,890.60 for the SCM ESINet Maintenance Project
 - \$ 25,000.00 for Blair NG911 GIS Post Migration Cost
 - \$ 18,546.00 for Blair ILEC Post Migration Legacy Cost
 - \$ 1,298,557.60 for SAC Regional Radio Project
 - \$ 35,766.00 for SAC Cyber Security Policy Development
- c. **Public Safety – EMA:**
Requesting approval of the FFY 2023/2025 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Agreement (C950003917) Amendment, to include Year 3 (2025) approved projects, in the total award amount of \$12,760.00, for the performance period of October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.
- d. **Social Services:**
- i. Requesting approval of four-4 Sub-Recipient Agreements for housing assistance under the County’s PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement (PHARE) Program for 23/24 between the County of Blair and the following agencies:
 - Catholic Charities in the total amount of \$10,000.00
 - Center for Community Action Agency in the total amount of \$10,000.00
 - Blair Health Choices in the total amount of \$10,000.00
 - Family Services, Inc. in the total amount of \$10,000.00
 - ii. Requesting approval for the submission of the CY 2025 Annual Notification Form for Assisted Outpatient Treatment, to the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services, indicating that the County of Blair will not provide Assisted Outpatient Treatment pursuant to Section 301(c) of the Mental Health Procedures Act (MHPA) and for Tricia Johnson to sign said form on behalf of the County of Blair.
 - iii. Requesting approval of the FY 24/25 Contract Agreement between the County of Blair and Cen-Clear Child Services, Inc. for mental health services funded by the Human Services Block Grant for an amount not to exceed \$28,000.00 for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- e. **Prothonotary:**
Requesting approval for the Payment of the Invoice made Outside the County Purchasing Policy received from Kofile for the preservation of three (3) of the Prothonotary's Docket books that are in need of repair in the total amount of \$12,561.00. The first half, in the amount of 6,280.50, to be paid from the Records Improvement Committee fund. The second half to be paid from the Prothonotary's reserve fund.
- f. **Public Works / Highway:**
- i. Requesting approval of the Construction Plans, Bid Specifications, and the Advertisement for the Invitation to Bid for the Salt Storage Building for the Highway Department.

- ii. Requesting approval of the 2025 Annual Lakemont Dam Inspection Report to be performed by Gwin, Dobson & Foreman Engineers, Inc.
 - iii. Requesting approval for the Payment of the Invoice made outside of the County Purchasing Policy received from Roberts Pest Control for treatment for flea control in the amount of \$325.00.
- g. **Human Resources:**
Requesting approval for the submission of a 2024 PComp Safety Improvement Grant Application to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), in the total grant amount of \$3,854.25 as outlined below:
- a) Class-A First Aid Refills – 20 each at \$134.95 for a total of \$2699.00
 - b) Sting Relief Swabs – 10 each at \$8.80 for a total of \$88.00
 - c) Physicians Care Eye Wash Solution – 1 case for a total of \$194.55
 - d) Bandages Assorted Sizes – 20 each for a total of \$739.80
 - e) BleedStop First Aid for blood clotting for moderate to severe bleeding wounds – 10 each at \$13.29 for a total of \$132.90.
- h. **GIS:**
Requesting approval of the quote received from Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) for GIS software maintenance, in the total amount of \$27,160.00 for the period of February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026.
- i. **Children, Youth and Families:**
Requesting approval of a FY 24/25 Agreement between the County of Blair, Blair County Children, Youth and Families and Evey Black Attorneys LLC, for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$135.00 per hour.
- j. **Human Resources:**
- i. Requesting approval of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Blair and Pennsylvania Counties Health Insurance Cooperative (PCHIPC) to set aside \$576,598.00 of our current reserve for the purpose of funding 90% of our maximum premium rate for participation in the PCHIPC funding model for costs of our self-insured medical plan.
 - ii. Requesting approval of the one (1) year renewal of the Administrative Services Agreement between the County of Blair and Luminare Health Benefits for benefits/claims administration effective January 1, 2025, in the total amount of \$260,750.16. Said cost reflects a 0.91% increase from 2024 solely due to a non-negotiable increase in the Cigna Network Access Fee. All other costs remain the same as 2024 rates.
- k. **Commissioners:**
- i. Requesting approval of the Operation Our Town agreement between the County of Blair, the Blair County District Attorney and Operation Our Town for donated funds to conduct law enforcement purposes as set forth in this agreement and gives the Blair County District Attorney all necessary cooperation to facilitate said purposes.
 - ii. Requesting approval to rescind Resolution 98-2024 - Approving a Commitment of \$200,000.00 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to The UPMC Foundation Contingent as outlined in this resolution.
 - iii. Requesting approval to allocate \$200,000 to UPMC Altoona Foundation from Capital Reserve funds towards construction of the Emergency Psychiatric Assessment Treatment and Healing (EMPATH) unit at UPMC Altoona Hospital. Funds are contingent upon UPMC's receipt of \$773,015.00 (over a 2-year period) from Pennsylvania Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs for a substance abuse disorder and crisis stabilization service grant; \$250,000 from the US

Department of Health Resources and Services Administration; and an allocation of \$100,000.00 from the City of Altoona towards the construction of this unit.

- iv. Requesting approval to rescind resolution number 373-2023 approving of ARPA Funds to be distributed to ABI for the deployment of fiber and wireless towers in the Williamsburg and Juniata Township project area within Blair County.
- v. Requesting approval to allocate \$250,000.00 Alleghenies Broadband, Inc. in Capital Reserve Funds contingent upon Alleghenies Broadband's receipt of \$2,000,000 from the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority in response to the Capital Projects Funds opportunity for grant funding; \$250,000.00 from Crowsnest Broadband LLC; and an allocation of \$250,000.00 from the County of Blair, for the purpose of deploying fiber and wireless towers to over 593 locations in the Williamsburg area and Juniata Township within Blair County.
- vi. Requesting approval for a Fee Agreement Letter between the County of Blair and Gabriel Fera, PC for Solicitor Services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$200,000.00 plus out of pocket costs, and for the 2025 calendar year. For the remainder of the 2025 calendar year, rates are as follows: Partner Rate: \$225; Senior Associates Rate: \$210; Associate Rate: \$190; Paralegal Rate: \$145.

10. **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

11. **ADJOURN**

The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Public Meeting Room