

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2016

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:31 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Michael A. Baker, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, present

Commissioner Rodney D. Ruddock, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael T. Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells and Josh Widdowson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Baker led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...APRIL 27, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 27, 2016 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Curry was present and made comments regarding tax reassessment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an Executive Session held on Friday, May 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

PROCLAMATION...MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Baker, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to proclaim May as National Bike month. Bicycling is an environmentally-sound form of transportation, an excellent form of fitness, and quality family recreation that residents of Indiana County enjoy on a daily basis. Initiatives like the annual Bike to School Challenge, which took place on May 4, 2016, encourage youth participation in bicycling and increase awareness of road safety for not only bicyclists, but also for individuals driving motor vehicles and pedestrians. Jeff Raykes from the Office of Planning & Development was present to accept the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION...NURSING HOME WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of May 8 – 14, 2016, as Nursing Home Week in Indiana County, a week to honor our vulnerable citizens who receive care, or the dedicated ones who give care. Indiana County is committed to quality health care and this year's theme is "It's a Small World, with a Big Heart". Kim Coughlin, Communities at Indian Haven, was present to accept the proclamation and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

**AGREEMENT...PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES /
COMMUNITIES AT INDIAN HAVEN**

At the request of Garrett Weston, Communities at Indian Haven, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve an amended Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and Indiana County which provides for intergovernmental transfers of funds to DHS in order to provide the non-federal share of Medical Assistance payments to county nursing facilities. The dollar amount changes slightly and the facility will see a net gain of \$244,000.00.

TAX ASSESSMENT UPDATE

At the request of Frank Sisko, Chief Assessor, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to adopt the 2015 Base Year values derived as a result of the reassessment and the subsequent appeals be adopted for the 2016 tax year as ordered by the Court of Common Pleas to be certified and completed on or before May 25, 2016.

At the request Frank Sisko, Chief Assessor, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to authorize the County Solicitor to petition the Court of Common Pleas to extend the date to enroll in Clean and Green for 2017 from June 1st to August 1st to accommodate the eligible property owners who will not receive their 2016 tax bills until after the usual deadline to apply.

BIDS...COURTHOUSE EQUIPMENT ROOM ABATEMENT PROJECT (050416) / MAINTENANCE

Mr. Bill Sink, Director of County Facilities, was present and explained that as the county proceeds with the recently awarded elevator modification project, we are required to address existing building issues that impact current code and safety requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the low bid received from Northstar Contracting Group, Pittsburgh, PA in the amount of \$139,360.00 to remove and dispose of approximately 5,500 square feet of fireproofing and insulation according to standards enforced by the Department of Labor and Industry and the Department of Environmental protection. Included in this project is the re-application of non-asbestos insulation to meet industry standards and non-asbestos fireproofing to obtain the 3-hour fire rating required under the original building specifications. The entire project will be performed under the direction of a third party environmental consultant, AGX, Inc. who will provide the required oversight including air monitoring, building integrity and compliance certification. It is noting that two other bids were received in the amount of \$195,000.00 and \$197,000.00.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE FUND GRANT APPLICATIN 2015 / EMA

At the request of John Pividori, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess, and carried unanimously to approve the 2015 Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant application. This grant is intended to defray some of the cost of responding to Hazardous Materials Emergencies throughout the county. The Local Emergency Planning committee (LEPC) administers these funds for the procurement of equipment and services related to the response capability of Team 900. In this application, the county is eligible for funding in the amount of \$72,759.98.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PREPAREDNESS REPORT TO PEMA / EMA

At the request of John Pividori, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess, and carried unanimously to approve the 2015 Hazardous Materials Emergency Response

Preparedness report to PEMA. This annual report highlights the funding, planning and training that has been completed using the funds received from SARA Planning facilities, Tier II chemical reports and the County General Fund match.

**PURCHASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR TEAM-900 /
EMA**

At the request of John Pividori, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of the replacement of four (4) Self Contained Breathing Apparatus for Indiana County's Team-900. The cost of the replacement is \$21,960.00 and will be purchased under Pennsylvania's State Contract pricing from Mine Safety Appliances through KAZA Fire Equipment, Ebensburg, PA. These new units will replace devices which will no longer pass annual testing due to the age.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 15-16 / CYS

At the request of Sara Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess, and carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with IUP Research Institute, Indiana, PA for FY 2015-2016 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. Commissioner abstained from the vote because he is on the board for the IUP Research Institute. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Sara Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess, and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Alternative Living Solutions, Latrobe, PA for FY 2015-2016 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Sarah Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Centre County Service Bureau, State College, PA for FY 2015-2016 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Sarah Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Family Care for Children & Youth, Inc., Milton, PA for FY 2015-2016 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF
PENNSYLVANIA COURTS AND INDIANA COUNTY / CYS**

At the request of Sara Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts (AOPC) and Indiana County. AOPC is providing Indiana County with a grant to pay for the Permanency Practice Initiative Educational Workshop Indiana County will be hosting that targets legal and social service professionals, as well as the general provider community regarding Family Group Decision Making. The maximum amount of the grant is \$3,000.00.

INDIANA COUNTY BRIDGE PROJECTS

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to authorize a Notice to Proceed to Gibson-Thomas Engineering for preparation of the open barrier joint retrofit and exterior beam cracking repair contract P/S, Non-Composite, Adjacent Box Beam bridges #300 – Shelocta. Repairs for this bridge are required by July 2016. Funding for this project will be from either or both Act 13 & Act 44 funds, as determined by PennDOT. Additionally, authorization is requested by the Office of Planning & Development to coordinate with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) and PennDOT to place this project on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as necessary for funding authorization.

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At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to begin preparing the demolition plans & permitting process for #1C – Albin. It is anticipated that the County will pay for design costs and PennDOT will pay for the demolition. TIP money will be available after October 1, 2016, the beginning of the Federal Fiscal Year. A cost estimate for preparation of demolition plans for #1C – Albin is \$120,000. Funding for the design phase of the project will be from either or both Act 13 & Act 44 funds, as determined by PennDOT. Additionally, authorization is requested by the Office of Planning & Development to coordinate with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) and PennDOT to place this project on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as necessary for funding authorization.

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to authorize Gibson-Thomas Engineering to begin preparing the demolition plans & permitting process for #65 – Grace Church. It is anticipated that the County will pay for design and PennDOT will pay for the

demolition. TIP money will be available after October 1, 2016, the beginning of the Federal Fiscal Year. A cost estimate for preparation of demolition plans for #65 – Grace Church is \$100,000. Funding for the design phase of the project will be from either or both Act 13 & Act 44 funds, as determined by PennDOT. Additionally, authorization is requested by the Office of Planning & Development to coordinate with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) and PennDOT to place this project on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as necessary for funding authorization.

Kristin Obush, Gibson Thomas Engineering, was present and the board commended her for assistance to the county in getting these bridges repaired.

RESOLUTION...CLEANING PENNSYLVANIA'S STREAMS & RIVERS

After a Resolution was read by Ms. Hess, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution in support of Cleaning Pennsylvania's Streams & Rivers. This resolution supports increased state investments to be made by the General Assembly and the Governor with dedicated, sustainable and long-term funding sources, such as the creation of a Growing Greener III program focused on water quality, recreation, restoration and preservation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock commented that the Blairsville Borough Police sponsored a memorial service to honor those in law enforcement who given their lives in protection of us and told Sheriff Fyock that he appreciated his comments at the service. Commissioner Baker commented that the danger first responders and police office is underscored to what they deal with each day and deeply appreciates everything they all do.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MAY 25, 2016 AT 1:00 P.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25 2016 at 1:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. Mr. Baker announced the June 8th and 22nd meeting have been cancelled and will be held on June 1, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Baker adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman