

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Josh Widdowson and Rachel Jones

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...AUGUST 24, 2016

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 24, 2016 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Randy Rudge, Tony Greenawalt, Tammy Curry, Trina Flamm, Ray Wood and Rich Wilhelm made comments regarding taxes and the consolidation of the Indiana Area Elementary Schools. Stacy Long representing Grant Township Supervisors also asked the commissioners to consider an ordinance banning injection wells.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were Executive Sessions held on September 8, 2016 at 11:30 to discuss legal matters.

MOTOROLA MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT / EMA

Jolene Burkhardt, Emergency Management Agency, presented the board with an amendment to the county's current maintenance agreement with Motorola. This agreement provides coverage for the microwave radios, fiber routers paging terminals, paging network radios, paging GPS and all 48-volt power supplies. Each of these items were covered by various factory maintenance agreements since implementation of the new radio system. By amending the current Motorola Maintenance Agreement, which was entered into on December 17, 2014, full responsibility for network service would be with Motorola and their service representatives at Capital Area Communications. The additional cost through 2024 is \$826,091.68. Because of the increased cost, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to table this item until the next meeting pending further review of the agreement.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

A motion was made Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to appoint Kathy Monko as an Adult Education and Literacy Representative to serve on the Workforce Investment Board; term to expire September 30, 2018. Ms. Monko replaces Jennifer D. Eckels who has resigned.

AGREEMENT...ATTORNEY ANDREW J. SACCO / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Andrew J. Sacco to provide legal services. It is noted that in the future Commissioner Baker asked that the Bar Association from each county be solicited for this service.

AGREEMENT...CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES, INC. / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a contract between the Center for Community Resources and AIBDHP for the provision of Supports Coordination services that involves the locating, coordinating and monitoring of needed services and supports for intellectually disabled individuals.

CONTRACT APPROVAL - INDIANA COUNTY CDBG COMPETITIVE AWARD / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a contract agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development for a Competitive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract. The contract is for \$245,000.00 to assist with the costs to construct the Upper Palmerton/Fairfield Heights Water Line Extension Project in Burrell Township. The funding completes the \$545,000.00 total project costs to extend Highridge Water Authority's public service to 34 occupied households. To complete the financial package, the remaining funds have been allocated by the Burrell Township Supervisors through their 2014 and 2015 CDBG Entitlement allocations and local funds from the Highridge Water Authority. Ms. Zak said no Indiana County CDBG or General Funds will be used for this project.

The water line extension will be accomplished by the construction of 6,500 LF of 8" PVC pipe, 3,500 LF of 6" PVC pipe, and the construction of a 90,000-gallon water storage tank. The areas of Burrell Township to be provided new water service are First and Second Streets, Grove and Spring Avenues, Hill Drive, Palmerton and Marshall Heights Road.

RESOLUTION AND TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM – FEDERAL-AID REIMBURSEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT APPROVAL / PLANNING

At the request of Jeff Raykes, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to enter into the Transportation Alternatives Program Federal-Aid Reimbursement Grant Agreement for the Preliminary Engineering and Final Design phases of the Route 22 Pedestrian Bridge project in Burrell Township. The resolution and agreement will commit \$290,000 in Transportation Alternatives Program funding awarded to Indiana County by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission through the Livability Through Smart Transportation Program. The 20% (\$72,500) local match required to encumber these funds will be secured from funds awarded to the project through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Community Conservation Partnerships Program. The Route 22 Bridge will connect the north and south sides of U.S. Highway Route 22 in the area surrounding WyoTech and the Interchange Center to the Park and Ride lot on the southern side of the highway. The bridge will connect the Hoodlebug Trail in Blairsville,

improving connectivity of the County's trail system, and allowing for future expansion and connections. It will also increase pedestrian safety, boost recreation and related tourism, and act as a gateway to Indiana County. The Office of Planning & Development requests authorizing the agreement and resolution as required by the Department of Transportation to advance the design and engineering for this project. It is noted that no county General Fund dollars will be used for this project.

**GRANT AGREEMENT – COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY
MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND / PLANNING**

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement, with conditions, offered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$980,000.00 through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The motion also includes authorization for any two Commissioners to sign the contract, and authorization for Commissioner Baker to execute the MTF funding commitment letter. The MTF funds are proposed to be used to design and construct a Multimodal Corridor that connects the Hoodlebug Trail to the IUP campus, downtown Indiana, and the White Township Recreation Complex, along with other Hoodlebug Trail enhancements. Due to the extraordinary amount of time in receiving the award of the MTF funds, circumstances of the project have changed since the filing of the original application. The Office of Planning & Development is working with local project partners to develop an amendment request to the CFA/DCED, however the grant contract must be returned by September 15, 2016. Therefore, until such time as an amendment is approved by the CFA/DCED, there will not be any activity or encumbrances to the grant funding or the 30% matching funds without the prior authorization and approval of the Board of Commissioners under the recommendation of the project partners.

INDIANA COUNTY EMPLOYEE MANUAL UPDATE

At the request of Melissa Miller, Human Resource Director, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve updates to the Indiana County Employee Manual. Updates include language changes or clarifications due to new law, regulations and case law in regards to protected classes. The only addition is a Social Media Use policy in the wake of technological advances.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Baker announced that the Center for Economic Operations will have a copy of their News Letter in the Indiana Gazette on September 20, 2016.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28 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 11:29 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman