

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JULY 12, 2017

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 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 Katie Haberl, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Josh Widdowson and Greg Reinbold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...JUNE 28, 2017

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...INDIANA COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS – 50TH ANNIVERSARY

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to commend the Indiana County Parks & Trails on its 50 years of dedicated service to improve the quality of life for Indiana County residents and rededicate our on-going efforts to ensure that county parks and trails are a gift that will be passed on to future generations. Ed Patterson, Director of Indiana County Parks and Trails was present to accept the proclamation. He also presented the Board with a copy of the “Indiana County Parks & Trails 50th Anniversary 1967-2017” which is a 63-page summary of how the parks system’s diverse outdoor recreation attractions were created and expanded.

AGREEMENT...PSSU COMMISSIONERS RESIDUAL

John Reilly, Labor Negotiator for the County, presented the Board with a tentative 3-year agreement with PSSU Commissioners Residual which includes Children & Youth, Planning & Tax Assessment. As with the prior union agreements, this agreement provides for modification in the health care plan with increased deductibles and copays. The county is also offering a second healthcare plan with a smaller network with smaller premiums. The employee contribution towards health care is 10% and the second plan will be 8%. Effective July 17, 2017 the Caseworkers wages will have adjustments and current longevity is removed and are not retroactive. The work day on July 17, 2017 and January 1, 2018 for caseworkers will increase by 15 minutes per day. On January 1, 2018, wage increase will be 2.25% and January 1, 2018 it

will be 2.50%. All other employees in this unit, wage adjustments will be 2% in 2017, 2.25% in 2018 and 2.50% in 2019. A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess to ratify this contract.

CONTRACT...GINA R. FORCE, ESQ. / COURTS

At the request of Christy Donofrio, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Gina R. force to provide representation of parents of children in dependency cases in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month. Contract term is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

CONTRACT...KATRINA KAYDEN, ESQ. / COURTS

At the request of Christy Donofrio, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Katrina Kayden to provide representation of parents of children in dependency cases in the amount of \$1,500.00 per month. Contract term is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENT FY 16-17...OUTSIDE IN SCHOOL OF EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION, INC. / CYS

At the request of Sarah Ross, Director of Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess, and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Outside in School of Experiential Education, Inc., Greensburg, PA for FY 2016-2017 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM...THOMAS KAUFFMAN, ESQUIRE / CYS

At the request of Sarah Ross, Director of Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve an agreement for FY 17-18 with Thomas Kauffman for Guardian ad Litem services for the subjects of abuse and dependency petitions filed by the Children & Youth Services on an as needed basis at the rate of \$100.00 per hour for. He also represents CYS as a juvenile Defender for status offenders at the rate of \$900 per month.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM...THOMAS RIVOSECHI, ESQUIRE /CYS

At the request of Holly Moyer-George, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve an agreement for FY 17-18 with Thomas Rivosecchi for Guardian ad Litem services for the subjects of abuse and dependency petitions filed by the Children & Youth Services on an as needed basis at the rate of \$100.00 per hour and \$120.00 per hour as substitute solicitor.

AGREEMENT...ROBERT MANZI, JR., ESQ. / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, BDHP, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve an agreement between Robert Manzi, Jr. and Armstrong-Indiana BDHP for the provision of legal services.

APPLICATION FILING – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE EDA ASSISTANCE TO COAL COMMUNITIES (ACC) / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Staffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a grant application filing to the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. The federal money is available through an Assistance to Coal Communities Program and is intended to help communities in transition after experiencing downturns in coal-related industries including coal mining, mining support businesses, manufacturing for mine-related purposes and electricity generation. The federal dollars can be used for planning and for infrastructure improvements that will help communities develop other long-term ways to diversify their economies. The proposed application will be in the range of \$2 to \$3 million.

Mr. Stauffer said the county's investments in business parks, roads and utilities and access to about \$2 million in available matching funds from state and local sources will help prepare a strong and convincing application.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Baker reminded those present that the board will be traveling to Washington DC to meet with the National Association of Counties for the Intergovernmental Affairs Task Force.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JULY 26, 2017 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Baker adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman