

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 31, 2018

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:34 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 Matthew T. Budash, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Josh Widdowson, Greg Reinbold and Chauncey Ross.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...JANUARY 24, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 24, 2018 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions

ORDINANCE...2017-2018 PHASE IV REFINANCING

Chris Brewer, Legal Counsel from Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, presented Phase IV of the 2017-2018 Refinancing to the Board. A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the ordinance refinancing the 2015 Series F & G in the amount of \$9,445,000 through CNB Bank at the rate of 2.168% and 2.37%. The new notes are \$4,125,000 and \$5,320,000 with a final maturity in 2026.

PA SAVIN MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

On behalf of the District Attorney's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the PA SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement. This is a no cost agreement through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency that provides a free service of around the clock access to the custody status of offenders in county jails, state prisons, or under state parole supervision in the Commonwealth. PA SAVIN also provides automated telephone, email and/or text message notification of any change in an inmate's incarceration status; including release, transfer to other prisons, escape, and any custody changes, for all victims.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 17-18 / 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 a Private Provider

Contract with IRMC Physician Group-Neuropsychiatric Associates, Indiana, PA for FY 2017-2018 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

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 a Private Provider Contract with Menta Psychological, Indiana, PA for FY 2017-2018 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

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 a Private Provider Contract with Harborcreek Youth Services, Harborcreek, PA for FY 2017-2018 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, Director of Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock, and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Perseus House, Inc., Erie, PA for FY 2017-2018 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED SCOPE AND BUDGET FOR A DCNR PEER-TO-PEER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT / PLANNING

At the request of Josh Krug, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a revision to the project scope and budget for grant funds from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Project. The original grant amount of \$2,500.00 has been used to complete one (1) Walkability Assessment in Clymer Borough. Additional funding in the amount of \$7,500.00 will be used fund one (1) additional Walkability Assessment in Saltsburg Borough as part of the 2018 Indiana County *WalkWorks* Program, as well as staffing and administration for the 2018 *WalkWorks* Program and the 2018 *Indiana County Decathlon*. *WalkWorks* is a collaboration between the Office of Planning & Development, the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Health to increase opportunities for physical activity in Indiana County. The total grant amount is revised to \$10,000.00 and requires a 10% match (\$1,000.00) from the County which has been secured with planning initiative funding.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT – 2017 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT / 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 approve entering into a \$173,000.00 contract agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Indiana County's service provider for this contract is the Indiana County Community Action Program. This is an 18-month contract that will provide \$163,513.00 for Rapid Re-Housing assistance and services; \$3,000.00 for data collection and entry; and \$6,487.00 for administration expenses. The original application request was for \$266,508.00 however due to the statewide

requests for assistance DCED reduced the awarded amount by \$93,508.00. The reduction eliminated all funds requested for operational assistance at the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick. The amount of the operational funding request was \$79,016.18. It is unknown at this point how this funding gap for operations at the shelter will be remedied.

Michelle Faught, ICCAP Executive Director, was present and said while DCED has prioritized placing homeless in temporary housing rather than shelters, there is a desperate need for the services Pathway provides. She said they get over 400 referrals a year at Pathway and we serve approximately 150 individuals per year. She also said that she believes if we lose this funding and we have to close Pathway, it is going to be not only an ICCAP problem but a countywide problem. The current funding for Pathway runs out in June and she is seeking other grants and funding sources to keep the shelter operating beyond that.

Commissioner Ruddock said that government definition of homelessness can prevent some people in need of shelter or rehousing from getting it. It is truly a broken system right now with the way they provide funding and the lack of funding for this project. We are not going to let this system falter. There are too many individuals out there who are at risk and it would pass the responsibility to other agencies who are not prepared to support. We will find a funding solution.

Commissioner Baker said we appreciate the passion you have shown and what ICCAP shows every day for people in our county. You can count on us to be there for you.

Commissioner Hess said I think the community will step up. They already have and I think they will do ever more.

VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRISTAR MOTORS / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2018 Expedition in the amount of \$40,714.00 from Tristar Motors, Blairsville, PA. This vehicle will be financed through F.N.B. Commercial Leasing with four annual payments of \$10,687.03 with a \$1.00 buyout. It is also noted that this purchase is under state contract pricing through CoStars.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...LEPC / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the following members to the Local Emergency Planning Committee; terms ending February, 2020:

Sammi Medvitz – PA American Water
Milton Lady – Local EMA Coordinator, White Twp
James Dickson – Indiana Co. HAZMAT Team 900
Michael Baker – Indiana County Commissioner
Michael Keith – Local Elected Official

CONTRACT...THOMAS R. HARLEY ARCHITECTS, LLS / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Thomas R. Harley Architects, LLC in the amount of \$16,375.00 to provide architectural design of an expansion at the current EMA/911 headquarters.

AGREEMENT...NBIS BRIDGE SAFETY INSPECTION

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a 5-year agreement with Gibson Thomas Engineering not to exceed \$903,320.28 to provide bridge inspections on all county, township and borough bridges in the county 20 feet and over.

2018 PCOMP SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously to approve the 2018 PComp Safety Improvement Program grant application in the amount of \$20,000.00. The \$20,000.00 will be used to help cover the costs of the body scanner recently purchased at the County Jail in the amount of \$105,000.00.

RESOLUTION...2018 COUNTY GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES

After a resolution was read, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the 2018 County Government Priorities listing the following 7 priorities:

- Human Services Funding and System Reform
- Preventing Substance Abuse and Drug Overdose
- Maintaining the Shale Gas Impact Fee
- Increasing Forensic Bed Access for County Inmates with Mental Illness
- Supporting Veterans Services
- Funding for Voting Systems
- Mandate Reform

A copy of the resolution will be sent the local legislators. Commissioner Baker also called upon the legislators to restore the funding for Human Services that was cut in the 2013 budget year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief Clerk, Robin Maryai, announced that the first day to obtain signatures for candidate's nomination petitions is February 13, 2018 and the last day to circulate and file nomination petitions is March 6, 2018.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 24, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 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