

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2018

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 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...APRIL 11, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 11, 2018 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were none.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

At the request of Dana Henry, Office of Planning & Development, and after a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim April 29 – May 5, 2018, as National Small Business Week. The President of the United States has proclaimed National Small Business Week every year since 1963 to highlight the programs and services available to entrepreneurs through the U.S. Small Business Administration and other government agencies. Indiana County supports and joins in this national effort to help America's small businesses do what they do best – grow their business, create jobs, and ensure that our communities remain as vibrant tomorrow as they are today.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT – 2017 PHARE GRANT AGREEMENT / PLANNING

At the request of Tina Coleman, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for \$55,000.00 of 2017 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Funds (PHARE). The funds will be utilized for the 55+ Roof & Heating System Replacement Program. The program will assist income eligible homeowners over the age of 55 with replacing inoperable furnaces and/or roofs. The total project budget is \$120,000.00 with \$55,000.00 allocated from Indiana County local housing funds, \$10,000.00 of in-kind services and \$55,000.00 of PHARE funds. A ranking system of need will be utilized to identify households to be assisted. This is not a first come first serve program.

**RESOLUTION – ARC POWER INITIATIVE APPLICATION SUBMISSION
INDIANA COUNTY EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT / PLANNING**

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the proposed Indiana County Education Center project, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to authorize submission of a Federal grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), POWER Initiative program in the amount of up to \$1,500,000.00 for costs associated with the development of a 27,000 square foot education and training facility. The motion also allows Commissioner Baker and/or any appropriate officials, as necessary, to be granted authorization to execute any such documents or take such actions required to execute the POWER Initiative contract and to implement same. The purpose of the Indiana County Education Center is to provide a regional learning facility for students K-12, as well as adult learners, to include a community college, technology center, and a proposed Challenger Learning Center, all intended to provide students entering the workforce the necessary skill sets to pursue successful careers in high demand occupations. The POWER Initiative grant will be administered by the Office of Planning & Development in collaboration with the Indiana County Development Corporation that will develop the building.

Commissioner Ruddock said he is excited about this project and hopes we get the necessary dollars to complete the educational side of the mission. I know there is a lot of interest in trying to develop and build a complex that will encourage students in Indiana County to find their way into the job market through programs that are expanding in Indiana County. This kind of money will help us to complete that requirement. The Commissioners are working very closely with the Indiana County Development Corporation, Indiana County Technology Center, the school districts of Indiana County, Westmoreland County Community College and IUP to help generate and build a complex that will encourage students in Indiana County School Districts to find their way into the job market through programs that are expanding in Indiana County. This kind of money will help us to complete that requirement.

Commissioner Hess said It's clear that education from birth to adult education is very important and this is a great step in moving that along. There has been a lot of work done so far and there is a lot more to go. There is a lot of moving parts.

Commissioner Baker said this program will touch students from kindergarten all the way through graduation and beyond. Through the Challenger program, our elementary students will have an opportunity to come and experience that. High School kids through the ICTC and then on to WCCC and IUP and beyond with Adult Education. It is a great opportunity and commended the Office of Planning & Development and the various groups that have had to come together to make this work. We've been forging ahead with it and I'm very, very happy to see that its about to come to fruition.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD / CYS

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Tammie Brunetta, Indian, PA to the Citizens Advisory Board; term to expire December, 2018.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 17-18 / CYS

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Preventative Aftercare, Inc., Grove City, 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 Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock, and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with The Christian Home of Johnstown, Johnstown, 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 Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Family Care for Children & Youth, Inc., Milton, 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 Terrence Redd, 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 Services, Inc., Chambersburg, PA for FY 2017-2018 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

BIDS...PARK ROAD SEAL COATING PROJECTS 042318 / PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Indiana County Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the low bid received from Suit-Kote Corp., Bentlyville, PA in the amount of \$24,358.95 for the seal coating of park roads at Pine Ridge Park and Buttermilk Falls. There were six bids received ranging from \$24,358.95 through \$43,221.15. This project is funded through the Liquid Fuels Account.

RESOLUTION...MUNICIPALITY CERTIFYING PROVISION OF LOCAL MATCH FOR STATE OPERATING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / INDIGO

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 resolution certifying that Indiana County will provide a local match the Indiana County Transit Authority in the amount of \$72,292.00.

CONTRACT...ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management. In the first year of the agreement, Enterprise will replace 14 county vehicles a cost of \$110,121.12. The cost includes vehicle lease costs and a maintenance plan including the first brake replacement for each vehicle but excludes tires. This program will reduce the overall fleet costs by eliminating unplanned repairs, lowering fuel costs and improve the overall safety of the county's fleet. As part of this agreement, the county will be piggybacking off of Lackawanna County contract. It is noted that this is a five-year agreement.

Allan Brown from Enterprise was present and said that the government sector is our fastest growing sector. The goal is when budgets are tight, replacement is deferred. Enterprise has created a formalized specific strategy that lowers the age of the fleet, reduces operating costs quickly and allows the county to put operating and capital dollars back into other programs.

Commissioner Ruddock said the county will save approximately \$30,000.00 per year or more over the next 10 years. This agreement will also provide vehicles that are safe and secure and accommodate the needs of the departments with their unique characteristics. In past years the county has waited until the vehicle has 150,000 miles or more on it before it is replaced. This program will bring that mileage down to a reasonable number so that we can protect and support this process.

Commission Hess said maintenance on the vehicles leased under the agreement will be done locally. We like our local mechanics, we want to support them and we have come up with a plan that ensures that we can do that. Our fleet is a very important component to delivering very important services to Indiana County and its more important than ever, especially in rural areas, that we have a safe fleet of vehicles, ones that we know are going to get to where we need to go.

Commissioner Baker said reviews from other counties and government customers leasing through Enterprise were part of the decision to approve the agreement. We made sure that we all talked personally to our colleagues across the state that are being served by this. Each of the individuals I spoke to came back to us with very good reports on not only the vehicles themselves, but the levels of service and so on. They were the best references you guys could have.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hess announced that the Indiana County Workshop for Landlords will be held on May 24, 2018 starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Center.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MAY 9, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, 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 11:01 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman