

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 23, 2018**

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:30 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 Greg Reinbold and Chauncey Ross.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Baker asked Robin Maryai to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVE MINUTES...MAY 9, 2018**

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 9, 2018 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

There were none.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS OF WESTERN PA'S PRESTIGIOUS EAGLE AWARD / INDIANA PARKS & TRAILS**

Barbra Hauge from Thomas R. Harley Architects presented the County with The Eagle Award given by The Associated Builders and Contractors of Western PA for the Buttermilk Falls Bridge and Access Stairs Project. This is the highest award bestowed on construction projects for excellence by the Associated Builders and Contractors. Steve Walters from Indiana Parks & Trails was also present to accept the award.

**RESOLUTION...HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**

At the request of Wayne Kablack, Indiana County Hospital Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a Resolution authorizing a refinancing plan by the Indiana County Hospital Authority under which the authority would borrow about \$36 million to pay off existing debt at a lower interest rate and fund additional projects. It is noted that the County would have no obligation for the debt and no taxpayer dollars are involved. The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 requires that an issue of obligations be approved by the applicable elected representative of the governmental unit on behalf of which such obligations are to be issued.

**AGREEMENT...HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT / 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 an agreement between the

County of Indiana and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the 2017-2018 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program. Indiana County has been awarded \$40,584.00 for training and planning costs associated with transportation related incidents. The period of the grant award is October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2019. This is a matching grant providing 80% of the total cost and 20% will be provided through the HAZMAT Fund for a total allocation of \$50,730.00.

#### **CHILD ACCOUNTING AND PROFILE SYSTEM (CAPS) VERSION 14 UPGRADES / 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 Child Accounting and Profile System (CAPS) Version 14 upgrades. The CAPS Version 14 Upgrade is fully comprised of the mandatory CWIS (Child Welfare Information Solution) Upgrades. These upgrades are shared by 56 CAPS counties. The Upgrades were finalized on January 31, 2018. The total cost of the CWIS Upgrades for all 56 counties is \$422,165. The cost has been proportionally allocated across all counties based on the number of users in each county compared to the total number of CAPS users. The cost of the upgrade to our county is a fixed price of \$5,176.13. This cost for these upgrades will be coming from our IT Grant.

#### **CHILD ACCOUNTING & PROFILE SYSTEM (CAPS) CWIS 2.0 UPGRADES / 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 Child Accounting & Profile System (CAPS) CWIS 2.0 upgrades. The CWIS 2.0 Upgrade is shared by fifty-six CAPS counties. The Upgrades were to begin February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. The total cost of the CWIS Upgrade is \$350,000. The cost has been proportionally allocated across all CAPS counties based on the number of users in each county compared to the total number of CAPS users. The cost of the upgrade to our county is \$4,291.32. This cost will be paid through the Information & Technology Grant.

#### **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 Alice Paul House, 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.

#### **CONTRACT AWARD – 2016-17 CDBG INDIANA COUNTY “OBO CENTER TOWNSHIP / PLANNING**

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Center Township Supervisors, a motion was made by Mr. Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a contract award with Young & Associates Consulting Engineers of Indiana, PA. The contract award is on behalf of the Center Township Supervisors for the design of the Aultman 4<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Sewer and Road Reconstruction Project. The amount of the contract is for \$8,500.00 and will be funded with Center Township’s 2016 and 2017 CDBG entitlement funds. The project will correct storm water and street hazards that exist on the western side of 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Aultman. Approximately 1,300 linear feet of 12” HDPE storm sewer drainage pipe will be constructed along with five catch basins. At the conclusion of the line construction the road will be reconstructed.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY GRANT APPLICATION /PLANNING**

At the request of Jeff Raykes, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to authorize the filing of an application for grant funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) for Alternatives Analysis and Preliminary Engineering documents for a pedestrian/ bicycle route from the Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge over RT 22 in Burrell Township to the Borough of Blairsville. This planning initiative will engage a professional engineering firm to work with the County, local municipal officials, PennDOT, and the public to identify and design a connector route from the southern bridge landing site at the Park and Ride along William Penn Highway to the Blairsville Riverfront Trail located in the Borough. The total amount requested from CFA in the grant is \$25,500.00 in planning and preliminary engineering funds. The grant program requires a 15% match (\$4,500) from the County which has been secured through funds made available by the Indiana County Parks and Trails.

Commissioner Ruddock called the proposed bridge and connector route critical to creating a region trail system. He said if we put this pedestrian bridge in, there has to be a connector between the bridge and the West Penn Trail. What we don't want to do is say we have satisfied the requirements for the bridge and still have other issues to develop. We want to make sure it is all packaged and thinks delivery then can be understood by those who object to the program.

Commissioner Hess said promoting recreational opportunities can provide a boost to the local economy. She said these are the kind of projects that are crucial to rural economies. This is an opportunity to have riders and walkers taking advantage of something that's regional, spending their money on lodging and food and other things.

Commissioner Baker said he is supportive of the grant funding for the study and engineering but said he has concerns over the safety of those using the proposed trail between the bridge and the Riverfront Trail in Blairsville. He said Thirty thousand dollars is going to be spent on a study to figure out how to safely get people from the bottom of that bridge into Blairsville. My continued support of this project is going to be contingent upon this study proving to me that that's possible. If this study comes back and says, "well, people are still going to have to walk alongside the highway" I'm not for putting another dollar in after that.

**TIME EXTENSION...T-460 AULTMAN BRIDGE #3**

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 time extension from July 24, 2018 to December 31, 2018 for T-460 Aultman Bridge #3 to cover the project through the end of physical construction.

**NOTICE TO PROCEED FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION...T-460 AULTMAN BRIDGE #3**

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a "Notice to Proceed" for Construction Inspection Services for T-460 Aultman Bridge #3.

**COURTHOUSE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 28, 2018 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

Commissioner Baker announced that the Courthouse will be closed on Monday May 28, 2018 inobservance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JUNE 13, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 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 11:02 a.m.

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Sherene Hess, Secretary

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Michael A. Baker, Chairman