

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 29, 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 Rienbold and Chauncey Ross.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...AUGUST 1, 2018 AND AUGUST 14, 2018

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Mr. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 1, 2018 as submitted.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of August 14, 2018 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an Executive Session held on August 13, 2018 to discuss a Legal Matter.

CHANGE ORDER #1...MARC-SERVICE, INC. / JAIL

At the request of John Emerson, Gibson Thomas Engineering, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 to the contract with Marc-Service, Inc. in the amount of \$22,502.70 for the Jail Cooling Tower Project. The total amount of the contract will be \$358,702.70. The change order is for a security gate, platform, ladder and guardrail to access the cooling tower. Also, to furnish and install pressure gauges, flex connectors, outdoor rated alarm and heat trace alarm. Commissioner Ruddock asked why this wasn't part of the original plan. Mr. Emerson said it was but it was deleted and after seeing the maintenance worker at the Jail climbing a 12' foot ladder he felt it was a safety issue and needed corrected.

RESOLUTION...INDIANA COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY / INDIGO

At the request of John Kanyan, Indigo, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a Resolution that extends the charter of the Indiana County Transit Authority by 50 years through 2079. Mr. Kanyan said the current charter is due to expire in about 10 years and many of the projects they are working on require a useful service life longer than the charter. It will make it more favorable to receive grants and do projects. The current charter dates back to 1979.

GRANT AGREEMENT...VICTIM NOTIFICATION PROGRAM / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Linda Callihan, District Attorney's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the grant agreement for the Victim Notification Program in the amount of \$135,013.00 for years 2019 and 2020. The program notifies and provides services to all victims of crime who have a case in the Indiana County Criminal Court System.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 17-18 / CYS

At the request of Sarah Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Counseling Wellness of Indiana County, LLC Indiana, PA for FY 17-18 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, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Outside/In School of Experiential Education, Inc., Greensburg, PA for FY 17-18 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 18-19 / CYS

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 Care Center of Indiana County, Indiana PA for FY 18-19 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 Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Unity Family Services, Indiana, PA for FY 18-19 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 Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Auberle, McKeesport, PA for FY 18-19 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 Central Counties Youth Center, Bellefonte, PA for FY 18-19 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 Pathways, Butler, PA for FY 18-19 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 Harborcreek Youth Services, Harborcreek, PA for FY 18-19 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, KidsPeace National Center, Inc., Schnecksville, PA for FY 18-19 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, LifeSpan Family Services of PA, Punxsutawney, PA for FY 18-19 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, Pentz Run Youth Services, Inc., Dubois, PA for FY 18-19 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 The Summit Academy, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 18-19 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, Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center (Detention), Greensburg, PA for FY 18-19 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 Westmoreland County Regional Youth Services Center, (Shelter), Greensburg, PA for FY 18-19 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

AGREEMENT...LOCAL COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENT / JOINDER AGREEMENT / BDHP

At the request of Christa Zubik, Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a revision to the Joinder Agreement between Armstrong and Indiana Counties. The agreement needed to be updated to reflect changes related to being accepted as block grant counties. The changes are as follows:

1. Language change – Department of Human Services now refers to Joinders as Local Collaborative Arrangements. The agreement title has been changed to Local Collaborative Arrangement / Joinder Agreement.
2. Since there are multiple documents and modifications which have been made to the original joinder agreement over the years, most recently 2008 and 2013, a paragraph was added to note the affirmation of these documents as a single agreement.
3. Paragraphs have been added to reflect the changes made in 2015 to the HealthChoices program through the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Southwest Six Counties and Southwest Behavioral Health Management.
4. Paragraphs have been added related to the acceptance of Armstrong and Indiana Counties to become funded through the Department of Human Services block grant and the role that AI-BDHP will play in that initiative.

EASEMENT...HIGHRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an easement at the Ghosttown Trail located in Burrell Township for Highridge Water Authority in the amount of \$1.00. The Burrell Township Sewer Authority is in the process of upgrading its sewage treatment plant.

Commissioner Ruddock said “I think it would be a good opportunity for us to have some dialogue with Highridge Water Authority just to get caught up with all the projects they have been dealing with in that area.”

Commissioner Baker concurred and said “I think there are some points that this board needs to address with some of the parties of this agreement and catch up and have some discussions about various issues.”

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION / PLANNING

At the request LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Borough of Blairsville, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of a Keystone Communities Program (KCP) application. The application will request \$185,000.00 to complete the \$375,000.00 financial package to demolish the former G.C. Murphy Building located in the central business district of Blairsville. Other funds already committed to the project include \$145,000.00 of 2017 Indiana County CDBG and \$5,000.00 of Act 137 funds. To meet the \$1 for \$1 match requirement of the KCP, Blairsville Borough has committed \$40,000.00 of its local funds. The application deadline is August 30, 2018.

BY-LAWS REVISION – INDIANA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION / 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 approve and advance the updated bylaws of the Indiana County Planning Commission. The updated version of the bylaws was developed by the Planning Commission and has been reviewed and approved by both the County and Planning Commission Solicitors. Following your approval, the Planning Commission will adopt the bylaws at their next regularly scheduled meeting in September.

LIQUID FUELS – COUNTY AID – BURRELL TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to submit the necessary Liquid Fuels funding encumbrance to PennDOT District-10 for a total of \$25,000.00 Application for County Aid on behalf of Burrell Township to partially offset eligible project costs for various paving projects, including T-852 Lamantia Lane, T-447 Pleasant Valley Road, T-888 Strangford Road and T-724 Chestnut Ridge Road. The total estimated project costs are \$120,361.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 21% of the total project costs. The remaining project funding sources are from Burrell Township.

LIQUID FUELS – COUNTY AID – CREEKSIDE BOROUGH / 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 submit the necessary Liquid Fuels funding encumbrance to PennDOT District-10 for a total of \$22,505.00 Application for County Aid on behalf of Creekside Borough to partially offset eligible project costs for storm water projects. The total estimated project costs are \$22,505.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 100% of the total project costs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock said there was an announcement in a review at Forbes.com regarding Millennial Home Buyers. “If you look at the latest data, Millennial homebuyers aren’t flocking to the big cities or urban centers like most would assume. They’re heading to the outliers – smaller, more suburban towns where a slightly longer commute means more affordable housing, safer streets and lower cost of living. In fact, according to the Ellie Mae Millennial Tracker, the top cities among Millennial buyers last month were Indiana, Pennsylvania, Bay City, Michigan and Watertown, South Dakota.”

Commissioner Ruddock said at the Indiana County Technology Center’s Joint Operating Committee Meeting that a motion was made and approved a Grant Pre-schematic Approval for a project that is being developed on the hill with ICTC, WCCC and the Challenger. They want to make sure there is a safe and secure entrance into the ICTC and the building that is being developed does not infringe upon the great view of the ICTC by the students, staff and visitors over the years. He also commented we have a number of projects that need to be displayed in full view of the county in a public forum so we can demonstrate we have made a lot of crucial positive steps to make Indiana County what we think it should look like for the future.

Commissioner Hess said community development is important, agriculture sector is key to Indiana County and said the Farm Bureau’s annual banquet is on September 27th. The Indiana County Sustainable Economic Development Summit II will have speaker Scott Scheely who is a Special Assistant for Workforce Development for the PA Department of Agriculture.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...SEPTEMBER 12, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners’ Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, 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 11:07 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman