

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 8, 2026**

Commissioner Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman R. Michael Keith, present  
Commissioner Bonni S. Dunlap, present  
Commissioner Sherene Hess, present

Also, in attendance were Solicitor Matthew T. Budash and Chief Clerk Robin Maryai.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 25, 2026.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jessica Jopp, Susan Comfort, Leigh Hendrix, made public comment regarding their opposition to Homer City Development Gas Powerplant and the proposed Data Centers.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

There were no Executive Sessions.

**PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH**

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously proclaim April National County Government Month in Indiana County.

**PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH**

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026 as National Library Week in Indiana County.

**PROCLAMATION...WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to proclaim April 11 – 17, 2026 as Week of the Young Child in Indiana County.

**PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK**

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim April 19 – 25, 2026 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Indiana County.

### **PROCLAMATION...FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim April, 2026 as Fair Housing Month in Indiana County.

### **PROCLAMATION...BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

A proclamation was read in February for Black History Month. The NAACP asked that a picture be taken with the proclamation.

### **RESOLUTION – FAIR HOUSING / PLANNING**

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioners Hess and carried unanimously to approve a Fair Housing Resolution for Indiana County and “on behalf of” (“OBO”) the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement communities of Indiana Borough and Center Township. The resolution identifies publicly how Indiana County, including the “OBO” communities, will promote, educate and aid in the enforcement of Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act), the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances. The actions identified for implementation to further fair housing will include at a minimum publicizing the name and contact information of the designated Fair Housing Officer for Indiana County, including the “OBO” communities of Indiana Borough and Center Township; conducting a minimum of one fair housing activity annually, and utilizing the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs.

### **RESOLUTION - DESIGNATION OF A FAIR HOUSING OFFICER AND COMPLIANT PROCESS / PLANNING**

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution designating Christina Coleman, Community Development Analyst as the Fair Housing Officer to comply with Federal Fair Housing Law and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act and identify a complaint process. The Fair Housing Officer designation includes the County of Indiana and Indiana County “on behalf of” Indiana Borough and Center Township as designated Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Grantees. The Fair Housing Officer is available to assist any resident that believes they have been discriminated against based on the federal, state and local laws and ordinances. The duties include receiving all complaints of housing discrimination and taking the appropriate action to resolve the complaint as required. The notice of the Fair Housing Officer and compliant process will be published in the Indiana Gazette on April 9, 2026 and will be posted at [www.icopd.org](http://www.icopd.org).

### **PURCHASE FOR REALITY WORKS BABY SIMULATOR PROGRAM / CYS**

At the request of April Bogdanski, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of RealCare Baby Simulators at the cost of \$27,338.36. The purpose of this purchase is to secure support for the acquisition and implementation of RealCare Baby simulators as a preventative, evidence-informed intervention within Indiana County’s independent living program. This initiative is designed to increase youth preparedness, strengthen decision-making skills, and promote long-term stability by equipping participants with a realistic understanding of

parenting responsibilities. The cost of this purchase will be paid from the Independent Living Grant.

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND INDIANA COUNTY AIRPORT MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Indiana County and the Indiana County Airport Municipal Authority. The purpose of this MOU is to set forth the understanding between the County and the Authority regarding: (1) the County's agreement to pay certain bills and expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Authority in connection with airport operations; and (2) the Authority's agreement to transfer the funds in certain bank accounts to the County; and (3) the County's agreement to assume the day-to-day management of airport operations, maintenance, administration, capital projects, construction projects, leasing, and employees, while the Authority operates the fuel sales at the Airport and provides the County with oversight of construction, airport policies and procedures, and economic growth initiatives;

### **ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE**

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve Assignment of Leases between the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority and Allyn Cavoto, III, Antonio Difilippo, Asherjohn Waldor, Berlin Airlift Historical Foundation, Blake Ketchum, Civil Air Patrol, Edward Joyce, Frederick Fuellner, Glen Ishoy, Gregory Henderson, Harold Snyder, Indiana Flying Club, John Daniel, K&K Commercial Leasing, LLC, Kenneth Cirolì, Keystone State Aviation, III (Brian Swank), Nathaniel Arthurs, Sean Fuellner (1), Sean Fuellner (2), Thomas Judkins, Wayne R. Maynard, Brad Kratz, d/b/a Advanced Aeroworks & Avionics, LLC (1), Brad Kratz, d/b/a Advanced Aeroworks & Avionics, LLC (2), Colin Miller, Lechene Aviation, LLC, and Riziki Café, LLC and does here by assign all of its rights, title and interest in the Leased Premises to the County of Indiana.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENT...REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Robert D. Williams to the Redevelopment Authority; term expires January, 2027.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING...APRIL 22, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business coming before the Board at this time, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

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Sherene Hess, Secretary

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R. Michael Keith, Chairman