

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 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 Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Keith and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 22, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by Lee Schweitzer, who read a poem; Ralph Ferraro commented on public comment at the public meetings. And Jessica Jopp, Tamar Whited, Carolyn Trimarchi and Leigh Hendrix who comment on the possible data centers in Homer City,

PROCLAMATION...2026 PERMANENCY CONFERENCE AWARD

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to hereby commend Kelli and Jason Stubbe for receiving the Permanent Family Recognition Award and expressed sincere gratitude for their outstanding service, leadership, and heartfelt impact on the children and families of Indiana County.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS...INDIANA COUNTY RECOVERY CENTER

At the request of Amanda Schroder, Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$947,244.00 for the Indiana County Recovery Center. These funds will be used to provide screening and education, socialization and support programs, and recreational opportunities for Indiana County residents with substance use disorders. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2027 through June 30, 2030.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 26-27 / CYS

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with the CAI-Computer Aid, Inc. where they will assist Children & Youth Agency with fiscal policy and procedures, training, consultation and technical assistance at the rate of \$115.00 per for a total of months.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with The Center for Hearing and Deaf Services, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 26-27 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Neveah, Inc., Greensburg, PA for FY 26-27 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Ireland Family Services, Indiana, PA for FY 26-27 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with A Second Chance Counseling, Greensburg, PA for FY 26-27 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Alternative Living Solutions, Latrobe, PA for FY 26-27 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with County of Westmoreland, Greensburg, PA for FY 26-27 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

AGREEMENT...TRI-COUNTY WIB/EARN PROGRAM / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Maureen Pounds, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Tri-County WIB/EARN Program adding them to the Project SHARE database, which will be used to manage common information and reduce duplication of efforts allowing clients quicker access to services.

AGREEMENT...FAMILY PROMISE OF INDIANA COUNTY / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Maurene Pounds, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Family Promise adding them to the Project SHARE database, which will be used to manage common information and reduce duplication of efforts allowing clients quicker access to services.

AGREEMENT...SECURE TECHNOLOGY VALUE SOLUTIONS / JAIL

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve a maintenance agreement with Secure Technology Value Solutions in the amount of \$36,720.00 for the body scanner and millimeter wave scanner at the jail.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...DRS ELECTRICAL / EMA

At the request of Thomas Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the purchase from DRS Electrical a UPS for the Strong's Hill Tower site in the amount of \$39,600.00. This will be paid from the General Fund with a 83% reimbursement from 9-1-1 funding.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...ALL AMERICAN FIRE EQUIPMENT / EMA

At the request of Thomas Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of 10 sets of Turnout Gear from All American Fire Equipment in the amount of \$34,000.00. This will be funded by General Fund and HAZMAT Response Account and it is noted this is under COSTARS Contract.

LIQUID FUELS – APPLICATION FOR COUNTY AID – RAYNE TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to authorize the Chief Clerk to submit the necessary Liquid Fuels funding encumbrance to PennDOT District-10 for an Application for County Aid on behalf of Rayne Township for an allocation of \$125,000.00 to partially offset eligible project costs for the Martin Road Bridge Replacement Project. The total estimated project costs were originally \$741,488.00 with \$500,000.00 awarded through a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Commonwealth Financing Authority Multimodal Transportation Fund (CFA MTF) grant. Following bidding in May 2026, a low bid of \$584,588.00 was received and with \$60,000.00 of engineering, construction administration and inspection services, the revised project total is \$644,588.00 with the balance of \$19,588.00 committed by Rayne Township. The recommended County Aid allocation of \$125,000.00 represents approximately 19.4% of the total project costs.

**RESOLUTION – JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT – REHABILITATE RUNWAY 11-29 –
AUTHORIZATION TO FILE GRANT APPLICATION TO PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT / PLANNING**

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to authorize the filing of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (PA DCED) for the Rehabilitate Runway 11-29 Project and related Airport Capital Improvements Project located at the Jimmy Stewart Airport (IDI) located in White Township. The \$1,500,000 grant application through the Keystone Communities Initiative (KCI) Program will include Non-AIP (Airport Improvement Program) eligible costs, such as 2 inches of additional asphalt pavement for a total of 5 inches, engineering, design, permitting and installation of perimeter fencing and Terminal Building improvements. Requesting approval for the Executive Director of the Office of Planning & Development be authorized to submit the KCI grant application and Commissioners Keith and Dunlap authorized to sign the grant contract.

**CONTRACT AWARD – JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT – REHABILITATE RUNWAY
11-29 / PLANNING**

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority, and Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to enter into a contract agreement with Quaker Sales Corporation of Johnstown, PA, for the Rehabilitate Runway 11-29 Project located at the Jimmy Stewart Airport (IDI) located in White Township. The Runway is approximately 5,502 feet long and 100 feet wide. The recommended contract award to Quaker Sales Corporation of \$4,594,495.00 is for milling the existing asphalt, any required base repair, replacement of a minimum of 5-inches of new asphalt surface course, lighting height adjustments, markings and signage and related infrastructure, including drainage. A total of three bids were received, ranging from the low-bid as presented up to a high of \$6,385,000.00.

Project costs for this contract will be covered with Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds, Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation (BOA) funds and Local Share Costs by the County at a percentage basis of 95/2.5/2.5 with the County responsible for Non-AIP eligible share of 2 inches of asphalt paving at \$837,750.00, which will be offset with the PA DCED grant. Although work is to commence in 2027, a Notice to Proceed shall not be issued until all project grant funds are contracted. It is estimated that the Runway may be closed for up to 70 calendar days.

**JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT – REHABILITATE RUNWAY 11-29 – PROPOSAL FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TASK ORDER – CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION |
INSPECTION | RESIDENT PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE / PLANNING**

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a Task Order with Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. of Carlisle, PA for professional services, including Construction Administration, Inspection & Resident Project Representative for the Rehabilitate Runway 11-29

Project located at the Jimmy Stewart Airport (IDI) located in White Township. The Task Order amount is \$700,000.00 based on unit prices and fixed fee and includes sub-contractor services for quality acceptance testing, construction compliance monitoring, construction and record drawing surveys, construction administration and permitting services.

Project costs for this professional services contract will be covered with Federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funds, Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation (BOA) funds and Local Share Costs by the County at a percentage basis of 95/2.5/2.5.

CHANGE ORDER #7 - JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT HANGAR AND PARKING LOT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning and Development, and on behalf of the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., and Stiffler-McGraw Architects, LLC, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #7 in the amount of \$2,486.00 with Francis J. Palo, Inc. for the Jimmy Stewart Airport Hangar and Parking Lot Project. Change Order #7 is to cut down the cane rail posts that were to be core-drilled into the slab and add mounting flanges to accommodate floor mounting under the stairs so as not to interfere with the radiant heat tubing.

The revised contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc. with approval of Change Order #7 will be \$2,368,133.00 and the additional cost will be covered by Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funds, Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant funds, and any required County match via project bank financing.

CHANGE ORDER #8 - JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT HANGAR AND PARKING LOT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning and Development, and on behalf of the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., and Stiffler-McGraw Architects, LLC a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #8 in the amount of \$9,266.00 with Francis J. Palo, Inc. for the Jimmy Stewart Airport Hangar and Parking Lot Project. Change Order #8 is to install a moisture barrier coating over the properly prepared concrete slab to protect the resinous finish flooring and provide a smoother finished surface, resulting in a 5-year manufacturer's warranty. The revised contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc. with approval of Change Order #8 will be \$2,377,399.00 and the additional cost will be covered by Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funds, Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant funds, and any required County match via project bank financing.

CHANGE ORDER #9 - JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT HANGAR AND PARKING LOT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning and Development, and on behalf of the Indiana County Municipal Airport Authority, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc., and Stiffler-McGraw Architects, LLC a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by

Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #9 in the amount of \$3,453.56 with Francis J. Palo, Inc. for the Jimmy Stewart Airport Hangar and Parking Lot Project. Change Order #9 is to install base trim angle at liner panels to conceal concrete slab expansion joint. The revised contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc. with approval of Change Order #9 will be \$2,380,852.56 and the additional cost will be covered by Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant funds, Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant funds, and any required County match via project bank financing.

INSPECTION SERVICES – ROUTE 22 PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST BRIDGE PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a professional services agreement with Gibson-Thomas Engineering for the Initial Inspection of the Route 22 Pedestrian/Bicyclist Bridge in Burrell Township for a not-to-exceed fee of \$20,000.00 for the inspection work, rigging and traffic control services.

This Initial Inspection is mandated by PennDOT and will be in accordance with Publication 238, *Bridge Safety Inspection Manual*. The inspection will require the use of a rigging sub-contractor to access portions of the structure that are not visible from the ground level. The inspection will require short-term lane closures on Route 22 to examine the steel beam elements of the main span over the highway. Project costs for this contract will be covered with available Non-General Fund program revenues administered by the Office of Planning & Development.

INDIANA COUNTY RIGHT TO KNOW POLICY

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an update to the Indiana County Right to Know Policy. Mr. Budash said because right to knows are received via email there is a log process that needs to be done and any court related right to know requests are to be directed to the court administrator's office.

ELECTION INTEGRITY GRANT PROGRAM (EIGP) FY 26-27

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 grant application for the Election Integrity Grant Program FY 26-27 in the amount of \$247,461.50 through the Department of Community and Economic Development. These funds will be used to offset the election related costs such as staff at the polling places on election day, training, maintenance on our equipment, security, and ballot printing. The amount we are receiving is a decrease of \$7,345.56 over last year's allocation.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...TRI-COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the board appoint of Drue Flora to the Tri-County Workforce Development Board; term expires September 30, 2029.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Keith read the following statement:

In order to ensure protection of natural resources and responsible development policies of our communities in regards to building of large-scale industrial projects (which includes data centers), the Indiana County Commissioners initiated steps to amend our Subdivision And Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

Land use decisions are primarily controlled at the township and borough levels under PA law, but the County administers the SALDO for 32 of the townships and boroughs (not White Township, East Wheatfield Township, Indiana Borough, Blairsville Borough, Burrell Township or Homer City Borough). Therefore, the County Commissioners can act within their authority to establish safeguards, provide guidance and support the municipalities in making informed decisions.

The first step of the process was to accept written public comments. The total number of comments received was 248. There were 123 from Indiana Borough and White Township (50%) and 54 from Center, Homer City Borough and Black Lick Township (22%). Out of county and state comments totaled 7% and the remaining 16% was from other areas of the county. There were 30 (12%) comments in support of data center development. However, many were directly opposed to a data center; others were concerned over impacts and a lack of transparency.

Concurrently, the Commissioners, ICOPD staff and the Planning Commission have been researching data centers, impacts, ordinance language and comparison of data ordinances in the PA Chamber model, Tioga County, Franklin County, Lancaster County, York County, Chester and Montgomery Counties; in addition, appropriate regulatory agencies and their regulations, including the PA Department of Community and Economic Development's have been checked. The Commissioners will issue information (comments, FAQ) along with the draft on the ICOPD website by the end of August.

A public hearing will be scheduled and announced to take comments on the draft ordinance.

Commissioner Keith recognized Ronda Craig from SPC who was in attendance.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...AUGUST 26, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 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 Keith to adjourn the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman