

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2024

Commissioner R. Michael 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 Robin A. Gorman, 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 Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 13, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 8, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arnold Lehman made public comment regarding the budget and assisting non-profit agencies.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...RENEE FLEMING'S KENNEDY CENTER AWARD

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to acknowledge Indiana County native Renee Fleming being named 2023 Kennedy Center Honoree and recognized her inspiration and talents that continue to bring great pride to Indiana County.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH AND NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month and recognized January 11th as National Human Trafficking Awareness Day and urged all citizens to work towards the elimination of human trafficking in our community and the empowerment of human trafficking survivors.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION DAY

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim January 9, 2024 as National Law Enforcement Appreciation

Day and urged all citizens to demonstrate their appreciation for the work of our Law Enforcement Officers.

UNION CONTRACTS

At the request of John Reilly, the County's Labor Negotiator, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Detective Arbitration award). The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 allowing wage increases as follows: 3.5% for 2024, 3.5% for 2025, 3% for 2026 and 3% for 2027 for 2 employees. There is also a change to employees' contributions hired after January 1, 2024 to 12%.

At the request of John Reilly, the County's Labor Negotiator, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the tentative agreement for the PSSU Commissioners Residual Group. This agreement is from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 allowing wage increases of 4% for each year for 24 employees. There is also a change to employee's contributions hired after January 1, 2023 to 12%.

At the request of John Reilly, the County's Labor Negotiator, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the tentative agreement for the UMWJ Jail staff. The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026 allowing a 4% wage increase for each year for 65 employees. There is also a change to employees' contributions hired after January 1, 2024 to 12%.

AGREEMENT...RESOURCE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION / TAX ASSESSMENT

At the request of Frank Sisko, Tax Assessment, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Resource Technologies Corporation to maintain the mineral values in the county as well as assisting in the mineral appeals in the amount of \$19,200 for years 2024 through 2026.

CHANGE ORDERS #1 – YMCA OF INDIANA COUNTY LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of the YMCA of Indiana County and Thomas R. Harley Architects, LLC, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 on the plumbing construction contract with Vlabel Plumbing Company, LLC. The change order requested is to decrease the contract amount by \$6,000.00 from \$247,200.00 to \$241,200.00. Change Order #1 is to use standard round floor drains in the shower and locker room areas in lieu of the specified trench drains.

CHANGE ORDER #3 – INDIANA COUNTY "OBO" INDIANA BOROUGH S. 15TH ST STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS / PLANNING

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of Indiana Borough and Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc., a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 for the construction contract with Terra Works, Inc. The change order requested is to increase the contract amount by \$10,956.00 from \$678,155.10 to \$689,111.10. Change order #3 is for additional asphalt road cuts and the repaving of these areas. In order to cover the additional costs, the 2021 CDBG funds allocated to Indiana Borough will be utilized for this portion of the work.

RESOLUTION...HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a resolution adopting the Indiana County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Indiana County.

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT #9 – FEDERAL ENGINEERING, INC. / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve Agreement Amendment #9 to extend an agreement with Federal Engineering, Inc. through December 31, 2024 in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

LEASE EXTENSION...PENN PARTS CO. / MDJ BLAIRSVILLE

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the second five-year renewal with Penn Parts Co. This lease extends the current lease for the Magisterial District Judge office in Blairsville through January 25, 2029. The extension also includes a 4% increase each year as stated in the original lease.

BIDS...DISTRICT ATTORNEY VEHICLE (010524)

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to table the bid received for the 2014 Buick Lacross as more time is needed to review the one bid received.

JAIL SECURITY PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #6...GRAYBAR / JAIL

At the request of Eric Leonard, Information Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Graybar in the amount of \$44,755.05. This contract includes the purchase of all network equipment that provides internet connection to the jail's computers, camera system, door system and intercom system and will also provide a solution if there is a power outage at the County Jail where all equipment will continue to be powered until the general turns on.

JAIL SECURITY PROJECT CHANGE ORDER #7...JB MECHANICAL INC. / JAIL

At the request of Eric Leonard, Information Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a contract with JB Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$22,428.50. This contract will provide an HVAC system for the server room located in the administration area of the County Jail.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED...MONDAY JANUARY 15, 2024 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

The Courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Day Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 24, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman