

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2025

Commissioner R. Michael Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 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 Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 25, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no executive sessions.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT

Bob Marcus from Marcus and Mack was present and explained there have been two major developments in the nationwide opioid litigation. (1). New secured settlements with eight opioid manufacturers totaling nearly \$1.2 billion in value, and (2). The advancing approval of the Purdue Pharma bankruptcy Plan and \$6.5 billion Sackler settlement, which together are expected to deliver an additional \$8 billion in for proceeds for opioid abatement efforts.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to sign the bankruptcy settlement agreement with Purdue Pharma.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to sign the Sackler settlement agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to sign the group settlement with manufacturers: Alvogen, Amneal, Apotex, Hikma, Indivior, Mylan, Sun Pharmaceuticals, and Zydus.

PROJECT MODIFICATION...INDIANA COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVE GRANT / PROBATION

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 project modification from the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency to re-allocate funds from the Re-Entry Officer that was hired and directing those funds to a Case Management software system under the JAG Single Solicitation Local Initiatives Grant for the Indiana County Probation Office in the amount of \$74,840.00 and will cover costs in the amount of \$73,020.42. The remaining \$1,819.58 will come from the general fund.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...DRS ELECTRICAL SERVICES, LLC (COSTARS #008-E23-885) / EMA

At the request of Thomas Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an equipment purchase in the amount of \$32,862.00 to replace UPS's at many of the County Tower Sites. The original equipment is no longer serviceable due to the closure of the manufacturer and spare parts are not available. This equipment is under Costars pricing and will be funded 83% from 9-1-1 funds.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...HUCKESTEIN MECHANICAL (COSTARS #008-E22-885 / MAINTENANCE

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the purchase a dehumidification to the three courthouse air handlers. This consists of three electric reheat coils and programming of the HVAC computer system to maintain proper humidity levels which will improve the overall health of the building and HVAC system. The total cost of this upgrade is \$99,800.00 and is under Costars pricing.

CONTRACT AWARD – DIXONVILLE COMMONS BUILDING STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Platinum Visual Solutions, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a contract agreement with Ray I. Winters & Sons, Inc. from Indiana, PA for the Dixonville Commons Building Storm Sewer Replacement Project. The contract award request in the amount of \$25,150 is to excavate and install approximately 140' of 24" N-12 storm sewer pipe. Pipe will be backfilled with stone and trench line paved. Project costs will be covered by a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant and Platinum Visual Solutions funds.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to appoint James McQuown to the Indiana County Transportation Authority; term expires January, 2030.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Dunlap introduced the new Airport Manager; Roger Ewing and thanked Thomas McDaniel for serving as interim director during the search for a new Manager.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JULY 23, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 23, 2025 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 Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Commissioner

R. Michael Keith, Chairman