

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2022

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...MAY 25, 2022

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 25, 2022.

COVID UPDATE

Thomas Stutzman reported that Indiana, Armstrong and Westmoreland Counties have been elevated to a medium rating according to CDC. Counties north and east remain at a low category and west are high. CDC community level represents the need for caution and potential exposure in indoor settings and represents an increase in hospitalizations over the last 7-day period. Indiana County is at a high-rate category. Over the last seven-day period ending on June 5th, Indiana County has had a 10% decrease in the covid positive cases. Testing saw a decrease of 5.71% through May 30th. Through June 4th Covid hospitalizations have decreased by 10.5%. Department of Health report Indiana County had a total 126 positive cases between May 25th and 31st. There has been no change in the vaccination rate and remains at 0.1%. There have been two additional deaths bringing the total of covid related deaths in Indiana County to 360. Indiana County has had 599 seasonal flu cases documented. IRMC has reported several patients are being treated for FluA and FluB strains.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Arlene Wanatosky made public comment opposing the Sanctuary 2nd Amendment Ordinance. Ken Setlock made public comment regarding the Recycling Center and the amount of trash at the center.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...JUNETEENTH 2022

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim and promote the observance of and support for Juneteenth 2022 in Indiana County

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 22-23 / CYS

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with George Junior Republic Preventative Aftercare, Grove City, PA for FY 22-23 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 Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith, Ms. Gorman Abstained as she serves on the Board of Trustees for the IUP Research Institute. Motion was approved for the agreement with IUP Research Institute for Applied Psychology, Indiana, PA for FY 22-23 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 Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Judith Rein, Psychologist, Indiana, PA for FY 22-23 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 Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with The Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County, Clearfield, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – INDIANA BOROUGH S. 7TH STREET STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf Indiana Borough and Stiffler McGraw and Associates, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #1 with Shadco, LLC in the amount of \$22,135.25 on the Indiana Borough Storm Sewer Replacement Project. Change Order #1 is a deduct to the contract for final balancing of quantities that went into the project. The revised contract with Shadco, LLC with approval of Change Order #1 will be \$189,701.75.

CHANGE ORDER #2 – PEG RUN RESERVOIR DREDGING PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of Gibson-Thomas Engineering and Indiana County Municipal Services Authority a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 with Charles J. Merlo, Inc. in the amount of \$19,508.61 on the Peg Run Reservoir Dredging Project. Change Order #2 is to upgrade plant communication systems and monitoring systems within in the plant and install 2" and 4" metered lines outside of the plant. The revised contract with Charles J. Merlo, Inc. with approval of Change Order #2 will be \$361,508.61. This additional cost will be covered with 2018 CDBG Entitlement Funds and 2019 CDBG Competitive Funds.

CHANGE ORDER #3 – GLEN CAMPBELL BOROUGH WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of Glen Campbell Borough and The EADS Group, Inc., a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 with SE Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$13,247.00 on the Glen Campbell Borough Water System Improvement

Project. Change Order #3 is for additional excavation of the water tanks foundation due to the geotechnical report of unstable soils and placement of 260 tons of 2A limestone structural compacted fill. The revised contract with SE Construction Group, LLC with approval of Change Order #3 will be \$953,091.30 and the additional cost will be covered by Glen Campbell Borough's Penn Vest funds.

CHANGE ORDERS #13 THROUGH #15 INDIANA COUNTY EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER / PLANNING

David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Desmone Architects requested that the Board of Commissioners approve the following Change Orders #13 through #15 on the Indiana County Education & Technology Center Building Project with Cavcon Construction Company, Greensburg, PA.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #13. Change Order #13 is an increase to the Cavcon Construction contract of \$19,649.82. Change Order #13 is to add an eyewash in Room 8119 and install floor boxes, patch panels and patch cables.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #14. Change Order #14 is a decrease to the Cavcon Construction contract of \$245,208. Change Order #14 is to add additional landscaping, delete a portion of the ceiling baffles, delete custom casework and delete laboratory casework.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #15. Change Order #15 is a decrease to the Cavcon Construction contract of \$13,952.37. Change Order #15 is to add 15 standard mortise locksets, removal of interior wall graphics and interior screen wall from the scope of work.

The revised Guaranteed Maximum Price Contract with Cavcon Construction Company with approval of Change Orders #13 through #15 will decrease their contract to \$6,633,199.29. A \$239,510.42 decrease.

CDBG-CV CONTRACT EXTENSION INDIANA COUNTY AND INDIANA COUNTY "OBO" INDIANA BOROUGH, BURRELL TOWNSHIP, CENTER TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract extension request to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the CDBG-CV Entitlement Contract. The contract amount is \$378,119.00 of CARES Act funding for Indiana County and Indiana County "On Behalf Of" Indiana Borough, Burrell Township and Center Township. The current contract is from January 27, 2020, to November 30, 2022, with the extension request to May 31, 2023. Approval of this extension includes Commissioner Keith's signing an official request to PA DCED.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT – 2021 CDBG INDIANA COUNTY AND INDIANA COUNTY "OBO" INDIANA BOROUGH, BURRELL TOWNSHIP, CENTER TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with the

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the 2021 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement contract for Indiana County and Indiana County “on behalf of” Indiana Borough, Burrell Township and Center Township. The total contract amount is \$699,806.00. The funding allocation for each entitlement entity is as follows:

- Indiana County: \$299,392.00
- Indiana Borough: \$201,286.00
- Burrell Township: \$ 97,556.00
- Center Township: \$ 101,572.00

Approval also allows for Commissioners Keith and Gorman to complete the on-line e-contracting procedures for contract execution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DELEGATION OF SIGNING AUTHORITY 2021 CDBG ENTITLEMENT INDIANA COUNTY AND INDIANA COUNTY “OBO” INDIANA BOROUGH, BURRELL TOWNSHIP AND CENTER TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the delegation of the signing authority for the invoicing of the 2021 CDBG Entitlement Program for Indiana County and Indiana County “on behalf of” Indiana Borough, Burrell Township and Center Township. The delegation of the signing authority is for LuAnn Zak to review and sign all invoices for the 2021 CDBG Entitlement contract prior to submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for approval. The signing authority request is to comply with the Commonwealth’s paperless invoicing process. The resolution includes a commitment from the Board of Commissioners to notify DCED of any changes in personnel and an acknowledgement that the ultimate responsibility of the overall management of the grants remains with the County.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION TO FILE 2022 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT APPLICATION / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The application is requesting \$105,618.00 in 2022 ESG funding to be matched with other state and local funds provided by ICCAP. The project scope of the application includes rapid re-housing services, Homeless Management Information System data collection and administrative activities. The financial request is for eighteen months of funding assistance. A public meeting to accept comments was conducted on May 26, 2022 for the proposed project. No citizen comments were received. The application is deadline is June 10, 2022. Approval allows for Commissioner Keith to sign all required application forms

RESOLUTION/COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH ICCAP – 2022 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a resolution to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with ICCAP for the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. The Cooperation

Agreement defines responsibilities required to carry out the ESG Program. ICCAP will be the County's service provider for the ESG program by providing rapid re-housing services to assist the homeless or near homeless residents of Indiana County. ICCAP continues to operate and manage the Pathway Shelter that provides emergency housing for homeless individuals and families. The ESG Program provides permanent housing solutions for people exiting the services provided at the Pathway Shelter.

**ICCAP EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG AND ESG-CV) PROGRAM
VENDOR SERVICES CONTRACTS / PLANNING**

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a 2021 fiscal year vendor services contract agreement with the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) to provide services for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) through the PA Department of Community & Economic Development. ICCAP is designated as the County's vendor for services for the 2021 ESG contract timelines and services. The 2021 ESG services to be provided include rapid-re-housing, rental and financial assistance, data entry for the Pennsylvania Human Management Information System, (HMIS), and associated administrative services. The contract dates are October 7, 2021, to April 6, 2023 and is for \$105,618.00.

2022-2023 HIGHWAY SAFETY EDUCATION PROJECT GRANT

Commissioner Gorman explained this item was tabled at the last public meeting. This is a five (5) county grant (Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, Indiana and Jefferson) that is for Highway Safety Education activities in response to Indiana County's Crash Picture that the Department of Transportation gathers from counties across state. The five (5) counties have agreed to subcontract with the IUP Research Institute who has done this for many years. Because Ms. Gorman sits on the IUP Research Institute Board, she will have to abstain from voting on this agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the grant and to subcontract with IUP Research Institute.

CONTRACT...BABST, CALLAND, CLEMENTS AND ZOMINIR, P.C.

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Babst, Calland, Clements and Zominir, P.C. to represent Indiana County with respect to the litigation filed in the United States Supreme Court titled David McCormick for U.S. Senate, et al v. Leigh M. Chapman et al and docketed to Civil Action 46 MM2022 and the litigation filed in the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania titled Dave McCormick for U.S. Senate et. al v. Leigh Chapman, et. al, docketed to 286 MM 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hess announced there will be public events for input needed for county transportation planning as follows:

- June 8th, 7:00 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge Resort Fountain Bar Room
- June 15th, 7:00 p.m. at Saltsburg Borough Building
- June 22, 7:00 p.m. at East Mahoning Township Community Park, Marion Center Park Hall

Commissioner Gorman announced the Jimmy Stewart Airshow will be held July 9 & 10th at the Airport.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JUNE 22, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 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. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman