

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2026

Commissioner Dunlap 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, absent
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 Dunlap 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 February 25, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Jopp and Tamera Whited regarding the proposed Homer City Energy Generating Station and asked the board to protect the health and environment of the residents of the county.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously proclaim March 15-21, 2026 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week.

PROCLAMATION...INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim March, 2026 as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month.

ANNUAL PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAN / INDIANA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

At the request of Shannon Kundla, Indiana County Housing Authority, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the Annual Public Housing Agency Plan for the Indiana County Housing Authority. The purpose of this plan is to state, in writing, the Housing Authority's of Indiana County's policies on the deconcentration of low-income families through the housing programs it administers.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION / PLANNING

At the request of Josh Krug, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to authorize the filing of an application for grant funds from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) for funding to assist in developing a new update of the Indiana County Comprehensive Plan. The current Comprehensive Plan, *Where We Live*, was adopted in September of 2012. The total estimated project budget is \$170,000.00, with \$85,000.00 requested from DCED MAP grant. The MAP grant program requires a 50% match from the County which has been secured through county funds and as well as Planning Office staff in-kind contributions to the project. The Planning Office requests authorizing this resolution and the signing of any additional materials as specified by the program application.

CHANGE ORDER #2 – INDIANA COUNTY FOOD BANK RENOVATION PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stuaffier, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP), and Stiffler-McGraw Architects, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to request that the Board of Commissioners approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$2,076.90 with LMJ Contractors, Inc. for the ICCAP Food Bank Renovation Project. Change Order #2 covers the removal and replacement of the existing vertical steel channel supporting the electrical service lines. The work includes fabricating a new post using round stock steel tubing, installation, flashing to new roof panels, and reconnecting service lines with Penelec. With the approval of Change Order #2, the revised contract with LMJ Contractors, Inc. will be \$497,076.90. This additional cost will be covered by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 25, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 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 11:12 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Bonni S. Dunlap, Vice-Chairman