

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2023

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...MARCH 8, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023.

COVID UPDATE

COVID case counts in Indiana County, have fluctuated somewhat over the past two weeks. For the 7-day period of March 1st to March 7th, there were 96 reported COVID cases. However, from March 8th to March 14th, the total dropped to 41 COVID cases. So far this calendar year the County has not had a 7-day period where there have been 100 COVID Cases or more. The CDC continues to categorize Indiana County, and all surrounding counties at the "LOW" rate of COVID Community Levels. The majority of Pennsylvania is in this same category. PADOH discontinued reporting COVID Statistics this month, all PADOH links point to the CDC Website. CDC continues to report slight increases in the rates of COVID vaccinations. PADOH Seasonal Flu cases in Indiana County for week 10, of 2023, ending March 11th, reported a total of 1,091 cases documented. These cases have also decreased.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim March 29, 2023 as Vietnam War Veterans Day and through this commemoration, join with all citizens to honor and remember our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their courage, sacrifice, and valor and encourage all citizens to participate in activities that bestow honor and commendation on American heroes past and present.

PROCLAMATION...CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Indiana County and urged all citizens to work together to help reduce child abuse and neglect

and engage in activities that strengthen families and provide a health environment for children to learn, grow and thrive in our community.

PROCLAMATION...INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim March, 2023 as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month in Indiana County and encouraged all citizens to support the efforts and hard work of Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities and their families as they strive to live self-determines lives and realize their own personal aspirations.

PROCLAMATION...50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARC, INDIANA COUNTY

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to recognize the 50th Anniversary of The Arc of Indiana County as they celebrate this remarkable milestone and offered their personal gratitude on behalf of the community of Indiana County.

PROCLAMATION...PENNSYLVANIA 4-H WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim March 13 – 17, 2023 as Pennsylvania 4-H Week throughout Indiana County and encourage our citizens to acknowledge and celebrate 4-H for its valuable service and continued efforts to empower youth with foundation of success for a lifetime.

PROCLAMATION...WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

After a proclamation was read, motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim March 2023 as Women's History Month and honor the women who have served and dedicated their lives to making our county and nation a better place to live.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND TO STEWART CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC / TREASURER

At the request of Kimberly McCullough, Treasurer, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of \$1M from the American Rescue Plan checking account held at S&T Bank and \$2M from the General Fund held at First Commonwealth into the pre-existing Stewart Capital Bond. The current bond provides an interest rate of 4.7% and above. These bonds are liquid where the county has the option to access these funds if needed.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FROM BOLIVER VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an equipment purchase from Boliver Volunteer Fire Company a 1994 Spartan/RD Murray Engine/Tanker for use by the County HAZMAT team for firefighting vapor/fire suppression with foam in the amount of \$24,000.00.

AGREEMENT...AIRESRING / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve and agreement with Airespring to replace the current telephone service provider from copper lines to fiber lines at 9-1-1, EMA and alternate sites. The monthly cost for this agreement will be \$861.48 and a one-time cost of \$1,811.98.

CHANGE ORDER #3...ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES CONTRACT...INDIANA COUNTY FOOD BANK WAREHOUSE / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Community Action Program, Inc., a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #2 to the Architectural Services contract with Stiffler McGraw & Associates, Inc. for renovation, design and inspection services at the Indiana County Food Bank Warehouse. The requested change order will increase the contract by \$24,900.00 from \$126,493.00 to \$151,393.00. The change order request reflects additional services to design revisions necessary to install the built-in freezer/cooler including the associated floor revisions of the concrete mix components and inspections. Sufficient project funds are available to cover the change order costs.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 23-24 / 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 Counseling Wellness of Indiana County, LLC, Indiana, PA for FY 23-24 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 Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Grand Beginnings Children's Center, Indiana, PA for FY 23-24 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 Center for Hearing and Deaf Services, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 23-24 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 extension agreement with Northwest Media, Inc. for FY 23-24 to provide online training services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

CHANGE ORDERS...CORONER'S OFFICE PROJECT

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a change order with Marc Services in the amount of \$64,524.50. This is due to engineering issues which were first presented and had to be changed for proper ventilation needs.

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a change order with Leverknight Electrical in the amount of \$3,068.00 for an additional service line to the new exterior HVAC unit.

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a change order with Don

Huey in the amount of \$26,182.37 for a larger turnaround for garage access, new flooring at the entrance and an extra pad for HVAC equipment.

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve a change order with Newman Plumbing in the amount of \$9,840.28 for larger gas service to feed the new exterior HVAC unit.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY OF INDIANA PURSUANT TO THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AND DISTRIBUTION FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA ISSUES AND ADDICTION
ABATEMENT TRUST**

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution establishing the initial disbursement of funds allocated to Indiana County pursuant to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Opioid Settlement Agreement and distribution from the Pennsylvania Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust.

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WHEREAS, the United States is facing an ongoing public health crisis of opioid abuse, addiction, overdose and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Indiana and its partners spend millions of dollars each year to address the direct consequences of the opioid crisis; and

WHEREAS, since at least 2017 or before, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Indiana have been pursuing investigations and litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals in an effort to hold the collective opioid defendants financially responsible for the impact of the opioid epidemic on the County of Indiana and to provide the necessary resources to combat an opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, various opioid defendants chose to settle the claims brought against them by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the County of Indiana and the counties of this Commonwealth, including the County of Indiana and, as a result, the settlement funds were placed into a trust fund known as the Pennsylvania Opioid Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana County Board of Commissioners are creating an Indiana County Opioid Advisory Committee of professionals that serve on the front lines and directly see in real time the impacts of the opioid crisis. The Committee's purpose will be to share experiences, discuss areas of opportunity to address gaps and/or needs they witness directly throughout our current system and to gather and assess data to make informed recommendations

to the Indiana County Board of Commissioners. The recommendations will be prioritized by the Committee as to the most critical areas of need to address treatment, recovery, prevention and/or education of opioids in accordance with Exhibit E and guidance from the National Settlement of the Pennsylvania Opioid Issue and Addiction Abatement Trust; and

WHEREAS, the County of Indiana is entitled and will be receiving annual disbursements from the Pennsylvania Opioid Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust; and

WHEREAS, the County of Indiana is limited in how funds disbursed from the Pennsylvania Opioid Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust may be allocated and/or spent; and

WHEREAS, the funds, once received, must be expended, spent and/or utilized within eighteen (18) months of receipt over a duration currently of 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit E of the Interstate Opioid Trust Order specifically sets forth approved uses for the Pennsylvania Opioid Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust funds and a copy of the said Exhibit is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution as is more fully set forth herein; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Indiana County Commissioners do hereby approve and authorize that the funds received from the Pennsylvania Opioid Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust will be allocated in subsequent public meetings as submitted by the Indiana County Opioid Advisory Committee and approved by the Indiana County Board of Commissioners in accordance with all requirements and guidance provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Opioid Settlement and the Agreement and Distribution from Pennsylvania Opioid Issues and Addiction Abatement Trust.

Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Indiana, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 22nd day of March 2023 and will be active immediately upon signature.

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

R. Michael Keith, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Robin A. Gorman, Commissioner

Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

Sherene Hess, Commissioner

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INDIANA COUNTY OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to establish the Indiana County Opioid Advisory Committee.

APPOINTMENTS...INDIANA COUNTY OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint the following members to the Indiana County Opioid Advisory Committee:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Kami Anderson	Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission
Rachel Grove	Indiana Regional Medical Center
Lesley Loveridge	Warden, County Jail
Robert Manzi	District Attorney
Megan Miller	The Open Door
Jerry Overman	County Coroner
Becky Perkovich	Blairsville Reality Tour
Lisa Spencer	Department of Human Services
Thomas Stutzman	Emergency Management Agency
Nicole Wannett	The Recover Center
Jamie Boyles	Alice Paul House

APPOINTMENT OF KAMI ANDERSON CHAIRPERSON OF THE INDIANA COUNTY OPIOID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Kami Anderson as Chairperson of the Indiana County Opioid Advisory Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Keith thanked Senator Pittman and Representatives Struzzi and Smith for their assistance of recent funding to the local municipalities.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...APRIL 12, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 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 11:45 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman