

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2026

Commissioner 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 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 Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 11, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Jopp, Susan Comfort, Leigh Hendrix, Lynn Santos, Rebecca Myers, Damian Kordell and Carolyn Trimarchi made public comment regarding their opposition to the proposed Data Centers in Center Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

OPIOID LITIGATION UPDATE

At the request of Robert Marcus, Attorney representing the county in the Opioid Litigation, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation to join the settlement agreement with six regional distributors/dispenser defendants: Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including is subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics. Mr. Marcus commented that the County is into millions of dollars that is coming to Indiana County and most of the settlements are over a period of years. This new settlement amount has not yet been determined.

PROCLAMATION...CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously proclaim April, 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PROCLAMATION...SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim April, 2026 as Sexual assault Awareness Month.

PROCLAMATION...PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to proclaim April 2026 as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 25-26

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with SpeakWrite, Austin, TX, PA for FY 25-26 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 Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with YMCA, Indiana, PA for FY 25-26 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 Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Every Child, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 25-26 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

2025-2026 MDJ ESSENTIAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROJECT / COURTS

At the request of Katrina McCombie, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the grant application for the Indiana County 2025-2026 Essential Security Equipment Reimbursement Project Grant in the amount of \$19,000.00. These funds will be used to purchase security cameras and door controls at Clymer Magisterial District Office building.

SURPLUS EQUIPMENT...INDIANA COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the sale of surplus items at the Indiana County Parks & Trails. Items include push mowers, folding chairs and tables, windows and doors, boat motors, pressure washers and other miscellaneous items. Sale items can be viewed at Blue Spruce Park, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Sealed bids are due in the Commissioner's Office by 1:00 p.m. on April 20, 2026.

BIDS 032326)... SEAL COATING 2026 ROAD PROJECT / PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the low bid received from Quaker Sales Corporation for the Blue Spruce Park seal coating project in the amount of \$48,569.31. One other bid was received from Russell standard in the amount of \$64,998.72. This project will be funded from the county's liquid fuels account.

LOAN APPROVAL...INFIRST BANK / PROTHONOTARY

At the request of Randy Degenkolb, Prothonotary, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to remove the loan approval from the agenda.

CHANGE ORDER #3 – CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER PHASE 2A / PLANNING

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of the Central Allegheny Challenger Learning Center, and UpStreet Architects, Inc., a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 for the Challenger Learning Center Phase 2A Project. This change order, in the amount of \$15,491.00 with CNC Construction, Inc., is to provide two coats of paint for all interior doors and frames. With the approval of Change Order #3, the revised contract with CNC Construction, Inc. will be \$224,936.00. The additional project costs will be covered by Keystone Communities Initiatives Program grant funds.

CHANGE ORDER #4 - JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT HANGER AND PARKING LOT PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of the Indiana County Airport Authority, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. and Stiffler-McGraw Architects, LLC, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #4 in the amount of \$13,417.00 with Francis J. Palo, Inc. for the Jimmy Stewart Airport Hanger and Parking Lot Project. Change Order #4 is to furnish and install Protect-All Interlocking 18" x 18" rubber floor tiles in the Mezzanine area. This installation includes all transitions and minor floor prep. The revised contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc. with approval of Change Order #4 will be \$2,355,413.00 and the additional cost will be covered by Redevelopment Assistance Capitol Program (RACP) grant funds and Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) grant funds.

CHANGE ORDER #4 – THE WELCOME CENTER AT THE BANK / PLANNING

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Thomas R. Harley Architects, LLC, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #4, in the amount of \$2,714.00, with CNC Construction, Inc. for the Welcome Center at the Bank Project. Change Order #4 includes the addition of six track lights in the display vault, six spare track lights, one stairwell remote switch, and labor for several miscellaneous items. Upon approval of Change Order #4, the revised contract with CNC Construction, Inc. will be \$780,685.50. The additional project costs will be covered by Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program and Keystone Communities Initiative Program grant funds.

BUDGET REVISION #2 – 2021 INDIANA COUNTY CDBG ENTITLEMENT / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve Budget Revision #2 to the County's 2021 CDBG Entitlement contract. The requested revision will adjust existing budget line allocations between the administration and the project line for the Food Bank Warehouse Rehabilitation Project. The revision will reduce the administration line by \$4,955.70 and increase the project activity allocation by the same amount. The administration line will be adjusted from \$23,697.91 to \$18,742.21 and the public facilities line increased from \$275,694.09 to \$280,649.79. The adjustment is requested in order to have sufficient funds to complete the replacement of the metal roof and siding with the gutters and downspouts at the Food Bank Warehouse. Due to recent unanticipated costs additional funds are required to complete the project activity.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – HUD LEAD HAZARD REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County of Lawrence for the HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (LHRG). Lawrence County was recently awarded \$5 million of HUD Lead Hazard Control funds and \$750,000 of Healthy Homes Supplemental funding for the purpose of reducing lead-based paint hazards and healthy home hazards in eligible housing properties. Indiana County along with the Counties of Mercer, Lawrence, Butler, Delaware, Clearfield and the City of Titusville are proposing to partner through local housing rehabilitation efforts to assist with eliminating lead hazards in eligible homes.

Lawrence County is the responsible entity relative to the contract PALHB0836-25 and is prepared to assume the responsibilities associated with the Environmental Review Process under 24 CFR 58-35 for all the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Home Hazard reduction projects relative to the above-referenced grant funding, including for those projects identified as being within the County of Indiana and the other areas listed. The County of Lawrence, by and through its Lead Program, in order to satisfy the conditions of the above referenced grant, will assume and accept all responsibility to perform all Environmental Review process duties required under 24 CFR 58-35 for Indiana County for the Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Home Hazard Reduction Programs. This will be at no cost to Indiana County.

VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRISTAR MOTORS / COUNTY JAIL

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of a 2026 Transit-350 Van from Tristar Motors in the amount of \$78,080.55. This vehicle will be used by the County Jail for transport of inmates.

BIDS (032026) ...SURPLUS VEHICLES

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 bids received for following surplus vehicles:

1. 2016 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$8,888 to Heide Weston
2. 2016 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$5,800 to Sadler Auto
3. 2014 Ford Explorer in the amount of \$5,500 to Sadler Auto

BOARD VACANCY...REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chief Clerk, Robin Maryai, announced the county will be accepting letter of interest to serve on the Redevelopment Authority. The letters can be sent to the attention of the Chief Clerk, Commissioners Office.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...APRIL 8, 2026 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 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 11:41 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman