

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 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...FEBRUARY 22, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 22, 2023.

COVID UPDATE

Thomas Stutzman reported that the PADOH's weekly COVID case count for Indiana County, for the week ending March 1st, totaled 43, this is a decrease over the previous three week's totals. The CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels, through March 2nd, remain at the "LOW" rate category for Indiana and all surrounding counties. The PADOH reported three additional COVID-19 related deaths since the last meeting. This brings the total number of COVID related deaths in Indiana County to 395. The CDC continues to report increases in the rates of Bivalent Booster shots throughout the region. In the population of those 5 years of age and older, on average, in the six-county region, a 0.15% increase has been reported in last week's update. The PADOH Seasonal Flu cases in Indiana County for week 8, of 2023, ending February 25th, reported a total of 1,070 cases documented. The majority being Type A. Overall, COVID and Season Flu cases are decreasing week by week and vaccination rates continue to increase.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...20TH FAMILY FUN FEST

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to recognize the Children's Advisory Commission and the Indiana Mall Management as they celebrate the 20th Annual Family Fun Fest on March 25, 2023.

PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim April 2023 at "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month" in Indiana County and encourage all to visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.pa1call.org for information.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...CONTRACT HARDWARE & SUPPLY INC. / MAINTENANCE

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 an equipment purchase from Contract Hardware and Supply Inc to upgrade all courthouse door locks to meet ADA requirements in the amount of \$74,127.14. This contract is the low-bid from three Co-Star vendors and funding will be provided from two grant through the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 22-23 / CYS

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 Pathways Adolescent Center, Oil City, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

CONTRACT – ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES/FORMER ALICE PAUL HOUSE FACILITY / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to enter into a contract agreement with Stiffler McGraw & Associates of Indiana for environmental services to be conducted at the former Alice Paul House facility. The contract award will be \$2,900.00 to provide testing for asbestos materials prior to start of demolition. The testing is necessary to comply with the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) requirements when undertaking demolition activities. The contract is funded by Act 13 Impact Fee funds.

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL REAL ESTATE / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to authorize the sale of 2.51 acres of land located at the Jimmy Stewart Airport and also to authorize the chief clerk to advertise for sealed bids.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...LEPC / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint the following to the Local Emergency Planning Commission:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Mark Bertig	Media
Michael Grimes	Healthcare
Jon Pina	Community
Thomas Stutzman	Emergency Management Agency
Michael Dunn	Citizens Ambulance Service
Melvin Benamati	Fire Chiefs Association

Terms will expire February, 2025.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the purchase from Motorola Solutions 10 portable radios with accessories, update mobile radios and two updated control stations for the County Jail in the amount of \$62,209.24.

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT CHANGE ORDER...MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a change order to the maintenance agreement with Motorola Solutions. This agreement amends the 2025 to 2033 maintenance and System Upgrade Agreement, previously entered into by all nine ICORRS county partners. There are three specific items identified: 1. New language on terms and conditions. 2. Adding Nokia Service for network support. 3. Adding remote system reboot services for system failures. The cost associated with the change order is divided between all nine counties, on an annual basis, thereby reducing each counties share by the addition of the three new county partners.

GRANT ACCEPTANCE...JUVENILE COURT JUDGES COMMISSION GRANT IN AID / JUVENILE PROBATION

At the request of Jim Decker, Probation, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to accept the Juvenile Court Judges Commission Grant in Aid in the amount of \$81,668.00. This grant provides 70% of funding towards juvenile probation officers salaries.

GRANT APPLICATION...AOPC DISCRETIONARY GRANT / PROBATION

At the request of Jim Decker, Probation, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the submission of a grant application for the AOPC Discretionary Grant for the Drug Treatment and Veterans Treatment Courts. These courts provide individuals who are either veterans or people dealing with drug and alcohol concerns a chance to have intensive treatment and supervision giving them a better chance to re-enter the community. If approved, Indiana County could receive up to \$10,000 per court.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...2KREW SECURITY & SURVEILLANCE / INFORMATION SERVICES

At the request of Eric Leonard, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an equipment purchase from 2Krew Security & Surveillance a complete upgraded camera security system at the courthouse in the amount of \$173,620.00+. This purchase includes cameras, servers, and installation.

STUDENT AFFILIATION AGREEMENT...WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY / CORONER

At the request of Jerry Overman, Coroner, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to enter into an agreement with West Virginia University to allow students to observe autopsies, providing clinical education and/or fieldwork for the students.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PANEL

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to appoint the following member to the Public Participation Panel for Indiana County:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Rick Fuellner	Jimmy Stewart Airport
Bridgette Matson	ARIN Intermediate Unit
Matthew Housholder	Center Township Supervisors
Chris Anderson	White Township Supervisors
Byron Stauffer	Office of Planning & Development
Dana Henry	Office of Planning & Development
John Kanyan	Transit Authority
Joe Kinter	Downtown Indiana
James McQuown	Resident
James Wiley	Resident
Judy Holliday	Resident
Alex Edmundson	Resident
Quintina Thomas	Resident
Christoph Maier	Resident
Ron Learn	Farm Bureau
Brett Braun	IRMC
Jeff Grim	Citizens Ambulance
Nicole Sipos	Indiana Borough
Peter Broad	Indiana Borough
Sam Phillips	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
R. Michael Keith	Indiana County Commissioner
Robin A. Gorman	Indiana County Commissioner
Sherene Hess	Indiana County Commissioner
Barb Hauge	Downtown Indiana
Laurie Lafontiane	Parks and Trails
Patrick Joyal	Governor's Representative
Josh Krug	Resource
Mark Hilliard	Chamber of Commerce
Linda Gwinn	Blairsville Downtown and Parks
Thomas Stutzman	Emergency Management Agency
John Emerson	Gibson Thomas Resource
Luke Shively	McNaughton Moving and Storage
Laura Herrington	Indiana County Tourist Bureau
Jennifer Eckels	Westmoreland Community College
Scott Overdorff	Brushvalley Township Supervisors
Craig Andrie	Rayne Township Supervisors
Janine Maust	Aging Services
Brian Allen	Resource PennDOT
Harold Swan	Resource PennDOT

Terms will expire December 31, 2025. The purpose of the panel is to work with the Southwest Pennsylvania Planning Commission for long-range planning for Indiana County.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS...AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the transfer of funds from the American Rescue Plan into the General Fund for 2023. These funds cover revenue loss that the county incurred in 2021.

GRANT APPLICATION...LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND

A motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant application for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 under the Americas Rescue Plan Act for FY 2023. This grant is a general revenue enhancement program that provides additional assistance to eligible revenue sharing counties. Indiana County is eligible because the county has received federal payments in lieu of taxes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 22, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 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 11:18 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman