

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2025

Commissioner Bonni S. 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 April 23, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lynne Alvine made comment regarding the funding cuts made by the federal government.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no executive sessions.

PROCLAMATION...NURSES WEEK AND HOSPITAL WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of May 11 – 17, 2025 as National Hospital Week and the week of May 6 – 12, 2025 as National Nurses Week in Indiana County.

PROCLAMATION...EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of May 18 – 24, 2025 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Indiana County.

PROCLAMATION...MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim May, 2025 as Mental Health Awareness Month in Indiana County.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL POLICE WEEK AND PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to observe the week of May 11 – 17, 2025 as National Police Week and designate May 15, 2025 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

PROCLAMATION...SAFE BIKING AND WALKING MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to proclaim the month of May, 2025 as Safe biking and walking month in Indiana County.

INDIANA COUNTY DECATHLON- 2025 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE- HEALTH AND WELLNESS INITIATIVES

The Commissioners acknowledged the professionals, partners and volunteers from the Indiana County Decathlon Program who were awarded the 2025 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence in the category of Health and Wellness Initiatives at the State History Museum in Harrisburg on April 16.

The Indiana County Decathlon combats chronic diseases and social isolation through guided walks from January to June. Participants of all ages and abilities explore local culture, services, and natural resources on varied routes designed for different skill levels. Partnerships with Aging Services, the YMCA, and Indiana County Parks & Trails have expanded the program's reach, with 300 sign-ins recorded in 2024 – a testament to its strong community impact.

CONTRACT AWARDS – THE JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT HANGAR AND PARKING LOT PROJECT / PLANNING

Dave Morrow, Office of Planning and Development, on behalf of the Indiana County Airport Authority, Delta Airport Consultants, Inc. and Stiffler-McGraw Architects, LLC requested that the County enter into four prime contract agreements for the Jimmy Stewart Airport Hangar and Parking Lot Project. The total of the combined four contracts seeking approval is \$2,744,394.00. The four contracts are for: General Construction, Electrical, Mechanical (HVAC) and Plumbing. The work consists of the construction of a new 100' x 120' hangar for the storing of small commercial aircraft. The hangar will house a pilot's office, storage room, janitors' closet, breakroom, MEP room, unisex bathroom with shower, conference room, a mezzanine and parking lot.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the General Construction Contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc., Clarion, PA in the amount of \$2,289,000.00. Nine eligible bids were received for the General Construction Contract ranging from low bid of \$2,289,000.00 to a high bid of \$3,292,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the Electrical Construction Contract with Leverknight Electric, Boswell, PA in the amount of \$135,720.00. Seven eligible bids were received for the electrical ranging from low bid of \$135,720.00 to a high bid of \$220,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the Mechanical Contract with MARC Service, Inc., Windber, PA in the amount of \$250,875.00. Seven eligible bids were received for the mechanical ranging from low bid of \$250,875.00 to high bid of \$409,575.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the Plumbing Contract with First American Industries, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA in the amount of \$91,900.00. Six eligible bids were received for the plumbing ranging from low bid of \$91,900.00 to high bid of \$169,600.00.

Project funding for this project will be through a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant and Commonwealth Finance Authority (CFA) grant funds.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...ARMSTRONG-INDIANA BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM BOARD

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Debra Lawson to the Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Board; term expires December 31, 2025.

AMENDMENT #1 ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICE AGREEMENT...BI INCORPORATED / PROBATION

At the request of Amanda Leonard, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve amendment #1 with BI Incorporated which extends the terms to December 7, 2025. They provide electronic monitoring equipment for those under house arrest. The offender is charged \$10,00 per day to cover the cost of the rental fees.

CLOUD SEARCH RENEWAL AGREEMENT...GovOS / REGISTER & RECORDER

At the request of Maria Jack, Register & Recorder, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the Cloud Search Renewal Agreement with GovOS. Users will be able to purchase images on-line and the County will receive an ACH monthly for the online purchases. The amount of the agreement for year one is \$32,016.16; year two \$32,908.87 and year three \$33,844.08.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 25-26

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 Service Master of Indiana County, PA for FY 25-26 to provide cleaning services at the Children & Youth Agency.

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 Grand Beginnings Children's Center, Indiana, PA for FY 25-26 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide 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 Great Expectations Child Care and Early Learning Center, Blairsville, 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 Amy DeFurio Dougherty, Esq. to provide Guardian Ad Litem services at the of \$100.00 per hour.

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 Joelyssa Johnson, Esq. to provide Guardian Ad Litem services at the of \$100.00 per hour.

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 Thomas D. Rivosecchi, Indiana, PA for FY 25-26 to provide substitute solicitor services to Children & Youth Services at the rate of \$120.00 per hour on an as needed basis.

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 Preventative Aftercare, George Jr. Republic, Grove City, 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 Counseling Wellness of Indiana County, 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 Alternative Living Solutions, Latrobe, PA for FY 25-26 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide 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 Bethesda Lutheran "Services, Meadville, PA for FY 25-26 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide 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 Central Counties Youth Center, Bellefonte, PA for FY 25-26 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT...JENNIFER HAMMERS PATHOLOGY, LLC / CORONER

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the agreement extension with Jennifer Hammers Pathology, LLC through December 31, 2025 providing forensic pathology services.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hess made comments regarding the federal funding cuts and how it affects Indiana County.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MAY 28, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 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 11:51 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Commissioner

Bonni S. Dunlap, Vice-Chairman