

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 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 May 13, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessica Jopp and Leigh Hendrix made public comment regarding their opposition to the proposed Data Centers and Gas Power Plant in Center Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS APPRECIATION WEEK

After a proclamation was read a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously proclaim June 10-14, 2026 as Child Welfare Professionals Appreciation Week and June 8-12 as Child Welfare Service Providers Appreciation Week.

AGREEMENT...ROBERT S. MUIR, ATTORNEY AT LAW / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, BDHP, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Robert S. Muir for FY25-26 to provide guardianship and legal services at the rate of \$125.00 per hour.

CHANGE ORDER #3 – THE WELCOME CENTER AT THE BANK LOW VOLTAGE SYSTEMS PROJECT / 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 Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$5,083.00 with BR Electric & Audio Visual for the Welcome Center at the Bank Low Voltage Systems Project. Change Order #3 is to add power and network drops to cubicles in the main

area, add 4 UniFi viewers with stands, additional Cat6 cabling and conference room email purchase and integration. The revised contract with BR Electric & Audio Visual with approval of Change Order #3 will be \$110,211.00. This additional project cost will be covered with Keystone Communities Initiatives Program grant funds.

LIQUID FUELS – APPLICATION FOR COUNTY AID – CREEKSIDE BOROUGH / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve and allow the Chief Clerk to submit the necessary Liquid Fuels funding encumbrance to PennDOT District-10 for an Application for County Aid on behalf of Creekside Borough for an allocation of \$48,271.00 to partially offset eligible project costs for the Campbell Street and Indiana Road Paving Project. The project includes approximately 400 feet of Campbell Street from Third Street to Water Street and 1,745 feet of Indiana Road from SR 0954 to the municipal line as well as the placement of 2A aggregate along the shoulders. The total estimated project costs are \$53,271.00 with \$5,000.00 committed from Creekside Borough. The recommended County Aid allocation of \$48,271.00 represents just under 92% of the total project costs.

LIQUID FUELS – APPLICATION FOR COUNTY AID – ERNEST BOROUGH / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve and allow the Chief Clerk to submit the necessary Liquid Fuels funding encumbrance to PennDOT District-10 for an Application for County Aid on behalf of Ernest Borough for an allocation of \$55,690.00 to partially offset eligible project costs for the 1st Street Resurfacing Project. The 1st Street Resurfacing Project is a major enhancement to 1st Street consisting of a 2-inch bituminous overlay along with new catch basins and cross pipes. The project will include installing three new standard inlet boxes along with 70 feet of 18-inch HDPE pipe along specific problem areas on 1st Street. These new inlet boxes and pipe will provide adequate drainage for the residents that are currently experiencing flooding in their homes and property. The existing roadway is experiencing severe damage, deterioration, cracking, and large potholes are present throughout. The proposed project will include a complete resurfacing of the entire 1st Street with a 2-inch overlay. The total estimated project costs are \$60,690.00 with \$5,000.00 committed from Ernest Borough. The recommended County Aid allocation of \$55,690.00 represents just under 92% of the total project costs.

LIQUID FUELS – APPLICATION FOR COUNTY AID – GLEN CAMPBELL BOROUGH / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve and allow the Chief Clerk to submit the necessary Liquid Fuels funding encumbrance to PennDOT District-10 for an Application for County Aid on behalf of Glen Campbell Borough for an allocation of \$30,000.00 to partially offset eligible project costs for the Glen Campbell Road Rehabilitation Project. The project entails Seal Coat / Surface Treatment applications, including base repairs, pipe installation, and inlets for various roadways within the Borough, including First Street, Railroad Street, Schrader Street, Oak Street Graham Street, Morris Street,

Brady Run Avenue and Jefferson Street. The project area is approximately 10,300+ feet of roadways. The total estimated project costs are \$100,186.00 with \$70,186.00 committed from Glen Campbell Borough. The recommended County Aid allocation of \$30,000.00 represents just under 30% of the total project costs.

GRANT AGREEMENT – YMCA OF INDIANA COUNTY – RACP GRANT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve a Grant Agreement in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania acting through the Office of the Budget for the YMCA of Indiana County Facility Expansion and Improvements Project. The YMCA of Indiana County undertook a major multi-phase project at the White Township facility, including roof replacement, new HVAC equipment installation, new domestic hot water tanks and boilers and locker room improvements. The \$2,000,000.00 RACP grant will be leveraged by \$2,176,781.00 of local matching funds, including cash match via community donations and land match for a total project of \$4,176,781.00. Approval also allows for R. Michael Keith, Chairman, to sign the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Indiana County Commissioners.

FEDERAL GRANT ACCEPTANCE – U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (EDI) – COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) – WINDY RIDGE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK – PHASE 3C ROADWAY PROJECT / PLANNING

Byron Stauffer explained The Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park – Phase 3C Roadway Project, proposes a public-private collaboration with the Indiana County Development Corporation (ICDC), a 501(c)(6) non-profit for eligible costs the construction of the business park roadway to ultimately connect with Rustic Lodge Road (TR 3033) and related infrastructure to support the 210-acre Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park. When complete, the improved roadway will provide access to an additional 31.319-acres for business development and expansions. The Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park is strategically situated at the intersection of SR 286 and US Route 422 in White Township and is geographically located to be a regional job center to support manufacturing, distribution and an array of other growth industries.

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to accept a Federal grant funding award from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Community Project Funding (CPF) for the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park – Phase 3C Roadway Project in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 and approve entering into a Cooperation Agreement with the Indiana County Development Corporation to provide the dedicated roadway right-of-way to support the project and overall project coordination and authorization for document signing authority by Commissioners Keith, Dunlap and Hess, as may be required. Additional project funding includes a \$2,300,000.00 grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) that will leverage utilization of \$1,324,569 of available

local funding through the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. § 3212) administered by the County.

ENGINEERING SERVICES – WINDY RIDGE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK – PHASE 3C ROADWAY PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion as made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to enter into a professional services engineering task order with Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc., Latrobe, PA to provide design, permitting and related services for the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park – Phase 3C Roadway Project. The engineering task order includes, but is not limited to project management, surveys, wetlands and watercourse evaluation, roadway design, roadway drainage, permitting, utility coordination, highway occupancy permit, bid package, testing and construction administration. The scope does not include construction inspection at this time. Gibson-Thomas Engineering will utilize its best efforts regarding Certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation. The total design costs are estimated at \$376,015.86 or approximately 7.5% of the Phase 3C Roadway project budget. Approval also includes authorization for signing authority by Commissioners Keith, Dunlap and Hess, as may be required.

The Indiana County Commissioners selected Gibson-Thomas Engineering in 2022 as the County Municipal Engineer following an advertisement and review of qualifications from interested firms and entered into a five-year agreement for various engineering services. Funding for this professional services agreement will be through the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) – Economic Development Initiative (EDI) – Community Project Funding (CPF) and the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (PWEDA) (42 U.S.C. § 3212) administered by the County.

2025-2026 PCORP LOSS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve that a PCorp Loss Prevention Grant Program application be submitted to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$2,754.060. These funds will be used to replace the rear doors of the Courthouse. The doors were malfunctioning due to age. While these doors serve as limited-access point for entry, they are vital emergency egress routes for the public.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

At request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve the reappointments of August Santini and Danny Sacco to the Indiana County Municipal Emergency Medical Services Authority; terms will expire April, 2031.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 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 11:02 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman