

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
October 11, 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...SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 27, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...4-H SOUTHERN SHOOTING SPORTS CLUB

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to acknowledge and congratulate the achievements of Sadie Palfrey and John Bruner and recognize the skills and instruction of Clark and Connie Bruner as they participated in the National 4-H Shooting Sports. Sadie placed first overall in air rifle and John Bruner placed eighth overall in archery.

PROCLAMATION...4-H OUTDOOR ADVENTURES CLUB

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to acknowledge and congratulate the achievements of Maggie Palfrey, Sadie Palfrey, John Bruner and Elizabeth Bruner and recognize the skills and instruction of Deborah Beisel as they participated in the 43rd Annual National 4-H Forestry Invitational. Maggie, Sadie, John and Elizabeth placed 2nd overall as a team with Elizabeth obtaining the highest overall score of the entire contest.

PROCLAMATION...BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim October 16-20, 2023 as Business Women's Week in recognition of the critical role women play in the development and success of our county's business community.

PROCLAMATION...FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim October 8 – 14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week in Indiana County and urged all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during this week.

PROCLAMATION...COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to designate October as Community Planning Month and recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners throughout the County for their continued commitment to public service.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – 119 BUSINESS PARK SITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Gruppo EF a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to table the change order to allow further review.

LIQUID FUELS – COUNTY AID – ERNEST BOROUGH | CREEKSIDE BOROUGH | BLACK LICK TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, requested that the Board approve the following requests for County Aid project under the administration of the Indiana County Liquid Fuels funding:

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an application be submitted to PennDOT District -10 in the amount of \$55,000.00 for County Aid from Liquid Fuels funds on behalf of Ernest Borough to partially offset eligible project costs for the Upper Store Hill Road Resurfacing Project. The total estimated project costs are \$78,200.00. Ernest Borough will provide funding in the amount of \$23,200.00 for the balance of the project. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 70% of the total estimated project costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an application be submitted to PennDOT District-10 in the amount \$52,325.00 for County Aid from Liquid Fuels funds on behalf of Creekside Borough to partially offset eligible project costs for patching and paving to Arch Street and Bridge Street. The total estimated project costs are \$62,325.00. Creekside Borough will provide funding in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the balance of the project. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 84% of the total estimated project costs.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an application be submitted to PennDOT District-10 in the amount of \$75,000.00 for County Aid from Liquid Fuels funds on behalf of Black Lick Township to partially offset eligible project costs for the Nehrig Road Culvert Replacement Project. The total estimated project costs are \$415,000.00. Black Lick Township will be responsible for providing the balance of funding in the amount of \$340,000.00. It is anticipated that Black Lick Township will be submitting a grant application request through the Multimodal Transportation Fund for additional assistance. The

proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 18% of the total estimated project costs.

INDIANA COUNTY ACT 13 IMPACT FEE DISTRIBUTION – 2021 MODIFICATION / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the following modification to the previously authorized Act 13 expenditure for the 2021 fiscal year, as follows:

Current Allocation	Proposed Modification
Criteria 11 – \$13,988.00 – from remaining balance held in the Act 13 Fund line item.	Criteria 8 – \$13,988.00 – Geographic Information Systems (GIS) – Planning

The request also directs and authorizes the Chief Clerk and the Executive Director of the Office of Planning & Development to report the modification of 2021 Act 13 allocation expenditures to the PUC, as required under the Act.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT...DEPUTY SHERIFF’S

At the request of John Reilly, the County’s Labor Negotiator, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the tentative agreement for the Deputy Sheriff’s. The term of this agreement is from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 allowing a 3% wage increase for each year for 16 Deputy Sheriff’s. There are other operational changes made to the contract with the input of the County Sheriff.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT...LINDA CALLIHAN / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Meghan Foulk, District Attorney Office, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a consulting agreement with Linda Callihan to provide consulting services at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.

GRANT IN AID...ADULT PROBATION / PROBATION

At the request of James Decker, Probation Office, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the County Adult Probation and Parole Grant in Aid program for FY 23-34 in the amount of \$110,720.00. These funds are used for costs incurred for supervision of adult offenders.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 23-24 / 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 a contract with Attorney Amy Defurio-Dougherty to provide Guardian Ad Litem services at the rate of \$100.00 per hour.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with George Junior Republic Preventative Aftercare, Grove City, 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 agreement with Adelphoi Village,

Latrobe, PA for FY 23-24 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 Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Family Care Services, Chambersburg, PA for FY 23-24 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 Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Centre County Youth Services Bureau, State College, PA for FY 23-24 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

OLD FARMHOUSE UPGRADE AT THE AIRPORT

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Old Farmhouse Upgrade at the airport in the amount of \$90,000.00. The cost of the materials will be covered under the Whole Home Repairs Program and Tim Bash, from the Indiana County Technology Center explained that the students will provide the labor for the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...OCTOBER 25, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, 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 11:33 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman