

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 26, 2022

Commissioner R. Michael Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman R. Michael Keith, absent
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...OCTOBER 12, 2022

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 12, 2022.

COVID UPDATE

Thomas Stutzman reported that over the past three weeks, Vaccination rates within the county have shown the most dramatic rise in months. Residents completing the "Full Series" of COVID Vaccinations has increased by 0.4% and COVID Booster vaccinations have increased by 0.9%. The previous increases were typically less than 0.1% per week. He hopes this increase is related to the PADOH, Rural Community Grant funded projects that the Indiana County Human Services Department has pushed out over the past month encouraging people to seek out COVID Vaccinations. The CDC's COVID Community level has returned to the "LOW" rating for Indiana County. This indicates reductions in hospital COVID cases and overall infection rates. There has been concern expressed about the possibility of a "Tri-Pandemic" coming throughout this winter. The combination of new COVID-19 strains, seasonal flu, and the Respiratory Syncytial (sin-SISH-uhl) Virus Infection (RSV). Regionally, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh has reported a spike in RSV among children. There is no vaccine for RSV and it can be serious in infants and old adults. Following the recommended best practices that we learned throughout COVID-19, can help ease the burden on our healthcare systems. One new COVID related death has been reported by PADOH, bringing the total number of COVID related deaths in Indiana County to 382. CDC's website reported a 1.02% increase in COVID Cases as of the October 18th update. They also reported a 12.3% increase in COVID Testing, as of their last update on October 22. IRMC reported a significant increases in patient census on October 18th and they had over 100 patients in house. The COVID positive patients at that time were reported as nine, with nine testing positive. No COVID patients were reported in the ICU or on ventilators. CDC's COVID Community Transmission rate for almost all of Pennsylvania is in the "HIGH" Rate category. Six Counties remain at the "SUBSTANTIAL" Rate Category and three have been downgraded to "MODERATE".

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Riley made comment regarding the agenda, meeting minutes and ARP Funding.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT #8...FEDERAL ENGINEERING / EMA

At the request of Thomas Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve contract amendment #8 with Federal Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 through December 31, 2023. FE has assisted with FCC License renewal and tower site lease agreements since 2017.

GRANT ABG-2022 – AIRPORT TAXIWAY PHASE 2 (APPORTIONMENT) / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Bureau of Aviation 2022 Airport Taxiway Phase 2 Apportionment Grant in the amount of \$224,685.00. This grant is 100% Federal Funds.

GRANT ABG-2022 – AIRPORT TAXIWAY PHASE 2 (DISCRETIONARY) / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Bureau of Aviation 2022 Airport Taxiway Phase 2 Discretionary Grant in the amount of \$1,511,111.00. This grant is 90% Federal Funds, 5% State Funds and 5% Local Funds through the Airport Authority.

This project is to construct the rehabilitation of the Terminal Area connector taxiways pavement, realign the connector taxiway providing direct access from the apron to the runway, and correct drainage issues at the intersection of the connector taxiway and the parallel taxiway. The project will include pavement rehabilitation with an overlay or partial reconstruction as determined by the geotechnical investigations accomplished during the design phase, associated drainage improvements to avoid cutting back into the pavements later, SWM if required, lighting improvements and marking.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 22-23 /CYS

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 Dr. John Carosso, Greensburg, PA for FY 22-23 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. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with City Mission-Living Stone “Hope House, Uniontown, PA for FY 22-23 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 Adelphoi Village, Inc., Latrobe, Greensburg, PA for FY 22-23 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 Abraxas, Pittsburgh, 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 AWARD – COMMUNITIES AT INDIAN HAVEN INTERIOR PAINTING PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Communities at Indian Haven, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract agreement with JDH Painting and Flooring from Indiana, PA, for the Communities at Indian Haven Interior Painting Project. The contract award request in the amount of \$68,500.00 is for the interior painting of the front foyer entrance, front administration offices and the 100 wing of the facility. This project is being funded with Communities at Indian Haven General Funds.

CONTRACT AWARDS – INDIANA COUNTY CORONER’S OFFICE PROJECT / PLANNING

Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and Thomas R. Harley Architects, LLC requested that the Board of Commissioners enter into three prime contract agreements for the Indiana County Coroner’s Office Project. Total of the combined three contracts seeking approval is \$475,220.00. The three contracts are: General Construction, Electrical and Plumbing. No bids were received for the HVAC and it shall be rebid. The work consists of the renovation of an existing building located at 220 Airport Road, Indiana, PA. The renovation will provide the Indiana County Coroner with office space, work areas and an addition of a garage.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the General Construction Contract with Don Huey Custom Building & Remodeling, Inc., Indiana, PA in the amount of \$390,625.00. Five eligible bids were received for the General Construction Contract ranging from low bid of \$390,625.00 to high bid of \$626,800.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the Electrical Construction Contract with Leverknight Electric, Boswell, PA in the amount of \$37,550.00. Three eligible bids were received for the electrical ranging from low bid of \$37,550.00 to high bid of \$70,000.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the Plumbing Contract with Newman Plumbing, Inc., Zelienople, PA in the amount of \$47,045.00. Four eligible bids were received for the Plumbing ranging from low bid of \$47,045.00 to high bid of \$92,200.00.

RESOLUTION – PENNDOT MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND (MTF) GRANT APPLICATION – JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Airport Authority, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to authorize via resolution the filing of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant application in an amount up to \$3,000,000 for the engineering, design, inspection costs, bidding, audit, legal and construction of eligible project costs at the Jimmy Stewart Airport related to transportation improvements, such as runway, taxiway, apron, roadways, drainage, storm water management, lighting, utilities, sidewalks, etc., for the subsequent construction of an approximate 12,000 square foot corporate hangar.

If the PennDOT MTF funding is approved, it is also requested that a Cooperation Agreement be authorized between the project partners and the Indiana County Commissioners to administer the

project through the Office of Planning & Development. Authorization also allows for Commissioner Keith to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and for the Executive Director of the Office of Planning & Development to submit the PennDOT MTF application.

GRANT APPLICATION...LOCAL ASSISTANCE AND TRIBAL CONSISTENCY FUND

At the request of Lisa Gregersen, Financial Supervisor, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a grant application for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund in the amount of \$100,000.00 under the Americas Rescue Plan Act. 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.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE...AVAIL BUSINESS SYSTEMS / PUBLIC DEFENDER

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an equipment purchase and new shelving from Avail Business Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$34,610.44 for the Public Defender's Office.

ARPA MUNICIPALITIES FUNDING

Indiana County was the recipient of an ARPA Grant made available under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) from the United States Treasury. The townships and boroughs in Indiana County were able to apply for funding from this grant.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement for Conemaugh Township in the amount of \$20,000.00 to be used for water & sewage projects.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement for Glen Campbell Borough in the amount of \$36,250.00 to be used for a water project.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement for Homer City Borough in the amount of \$15,000.00 to be used to Fire, Water and Stormwater projects.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement for Indiana Borough in the amount of \$37,825.00 to be used for the Nixon Ave. Storm water project.

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant agreement for Washington Township in the amount of \$22,352.50 to be used for a storm water project.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED...FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022 VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Gorman announced that the courthouse will be closed on Friday, November 11, 2022 in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 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 11:05 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman