

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2021

Commissioner R Michael Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 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...OCTOBER 13, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no executive sessions.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Thomas Stutzman reported that vaccines are still not being widely sought. Indiana County is at 48.2% of those eligible to get fully vaccinated and is behind by 12% in neighboring counties. Positive and pending cases have flat lined over the last three weeks with about 30 cases per day. Testing is also declining from 120 test per day to 77 per day. CDC reported in the last 7 days a 10% increase in positive cases in Indiana County and 47% increase in hospital admissions. Indiana County and all counties in the Commonwealth remain on a high rate of community transmission. CDC reported a decrease in ICU admissions by 3.57% in Indiana County. Deaths in the county have increased by 44.44% in the past 7 days. The county's total COVID related deaths are at 224 and one year ago it was only 12. IRMC is continuing their weekly COVID vaccination clinics at the KCAC on Tuesdays. The Department of Health reported that as of October 26th 4,028 residents have received their booster shots with the majority of those over the age of 65. Mr. Stutzman is urging those to get vaccinated.

PROCLAMATION...HONORING OUR INDIANA COUNTY VETERANS

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Keith a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim Saturday, December 11, 2021 as Honor Our Indiana County Veterans and asked Indiana County Residents to support this effort. A ceremonial wreath laying will be held at the Indiana County Courthouse Veterans Wall at the same time as the wreaths are being laid by volunteers in the Indiana County cemeteries. Churches throughout Indiana County will ring their church bells at 12:00 noon on Saturday December 11th to honor our veterans.

PROCLAMATION...RED RIBBON WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of October 23 – 31, 2021 as Red Ribbon Week and encouraged citizens to participate in drug and tobacco education and prevention activities to make a visible show of support for a strong commitment to a tobacco-free community.

CONTRACT EXTENSION...FEDERAL ENGINEERING / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve extension #7 with Federal Engineering to assist with tower lease agreements and engineering for non-public safety use of the county facilities. The amount of the contract is not to exceed \$20,000.00 and ends on December 31, 2022.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT...ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD, LLC / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Maureen Pounds, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract amendment with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC for the ERAP 1 Program. This amendment is necessary because the American Rescue Plan has extended the ERAP 1 program until the end of September, 2022. It is also necessary to increase the maximum amount of allowable expenses from \$20,000 to \$35,000 to accommodate the extension of this contract.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING...FRANKLIN COUNTY / JAIL

At the request of Sam Buzzinotti, Warden, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keitha and carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Franklin County to accept adult offenders over the age of 18 at the rate of \$65.00 per day.

ADULT PROBATION AND PAROLE GRANT IN AID PROGRAM / PROBATION

At the request of Susan Lichtenfels, 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 in the amount of \$110,720.00. These funds are used for costs incurred for supervision of adult offenders.

NOTICE TO PROCEED...DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANTS, INC. / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Notice to Proceed to Delta Airport Consultants in the amount of \$320,000 for design and bidding phase services for the Rehabilitate Terminal Area Connector Project at the Indiana County Airport. This project is a 100% Federal Grant with no local share requirements.

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 the amount up to \$2,500,000 for the design, bidding and construction of the Phase I site work (apron, taxiway, drainage, SWM, lighting, and utilities for the subsequent construction of an

approximate 10,000 square foot corporate hangar. If the CFA 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. Approval also authorizes 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 CFA MTF application and to implement the project scope.

RESOLUTION – PENNDOT MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND – WHITE TOWNSHIP & INDIANA BOROUGH

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 authorize the filing of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant application in the amount up to \$500,000 for preliminary engineering design for eligible transportation improvements located along Wayne Avenue, Hospital Road, Carter Avenue, and 7th Street corridors of White Township and Indiana Borough, respectively. The County has partnered with Indiana Regional Medical Center and Indiana University of Pennsylvania as well as White Township and Indiana Borough on visioning exercises of possible land use along these critical roadways. If 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. Approval also authorizes for Commissioner Keith to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and for the Executive Director of the Planning Office to submit the PennDOT MTF application.

COMPETITIVE CDBG-CV RESOLUTION / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of a competitive Community Development Block Grant -CV application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The application submission would request up to \$1 million of CDBG-CV funds to extend broadband services to eligible low-moderate income areas of Indiana County. The extension of broadband services to unserved areas of the County meets the guidelines of the CDBG-CV funds as it pertains to coronavirus response, preparation and prevention. Submission of the application is contingent upon the successful completion of the CDBG-CV citizen participation requirements and is due November 12, 2021. Approval also allows for Chairman Keith to sign all necessary forms to complete the application process.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of John Swagger to the Parks & Trails Board; term to expire August, 2026.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Richard Britten to the Citizens Advisory Board; term to expire December, 2023.

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR PARENTS FY 21-22 / CYS

At the request of Terrence Redd, CYS, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Marshall Chriswell, Esquire to

provide legal counsel to parents for dependency matters at the rate of \$55.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,750.00 per month.

At the request of Terrence Redd, CYS, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Allen Fiechuk, Esquire to provide legal counsel to parents for dependency matters at the rate of \$55.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,750.00 per month.

At the request of Terrence Redd, CYS, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Gina Ryen-Force, Esquire to provide legal counsel to parents for dependency matters at the rate of \$55.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,750.00 per month.

FY 19-20 PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS /CYS

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Justice Works YouthCare, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 19-20 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Justice Works YouthCare, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 20-21 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, 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, Psy.D., Monroeville, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Justice Works YouthCare, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Preventative Aftercare, Inc., Grove City, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Sign Language Specialists of Western PA, Inc., Johnstown, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, 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 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, 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, Uniontown, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Community specialists Corporation d/b/a The Academy, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Edmund L. Thomas Adolescent Center, Erie, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC, Milton, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, 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, Inc., Chambersburg, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with George Junior Republic of Pennsylvania, Grove City, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with KidsPeace National Center, Inc., Schnecksville, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Outside/In School of Experiential Education, Inc., Greensburg, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Perseus House, Inc., Erie, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with The Summit Academy, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 21-22 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

AGREEMENT...MCNEES WALLACE & NURICK, LLC

At the request of Solicitor Matthew Budash, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with McNees, Wallace & Nurick, LLC to provide assistance in representation in seeking land use approval for the construction of the pedestrian bridge in Burrell Township.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING... OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17, 2021 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. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman