

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

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 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 Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 10, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Ferraro made comment regarding Constitution violations.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

RESOLUTION...FINANCING BY THE BUTLER COUNTY GENERAL AUTHORITY

At the request of Jamie L. Inferrera, Counsel for the Valley Community Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve a resolution for financing by the Butler County General Authority for the undertaking of a project for the benefit of the Valley Community Services in the amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00. These funds will be used within various counties to acquire and equip residential group homes including one in Blairsville Borough.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT PLAN PROJECT FUND EXPENSE

At the request of Amanda Schroeder, Drug & Alcohol Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve from the Opioid Settlement Funds the amount of \$10,000.00 for three years to allow the Probation Office to purchase drug screening cups and oral swabs to be used for early detection and intervention with justice-involved person.

At the request of Amanda Schroeder, AIC Drug & Alcohol Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve from the Opioid Settlement Funds the amount of \$9,000.00 to purchase laundry equipment at two male halfway houses in Indiana County.

At the request of Amanda Schroeder, AIC Drug & Alcohol Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve from the Opioid Settlement Funds the amount of \$9,000.00 to purchase gym and fitness equipment at two male halfway houses in Indiana County.

AGREEMENT MODIFICATION ...SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC. / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Armstrong-Indiana BDHP, a motion was made by Commissioner Keith, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve a modification to the Southwest Behavioral Health Management Agreement to allow for advance payment of administrative dollars due to the state budget impasse which has caused a hold on program funding. These dollars help BDHP to continue to meet the administrative and expense obligations.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 25-26 / CHILDREN & YOUTH 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 addendum with George Jr. Prevention Aftercare, 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 Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with A second Chance Counseling Services, Greensburg, 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 Pressley Ridge, Pittsburgh, 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 Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with A second Children's Aid Society of Clearfield County, Clearfield, 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 Auberle, McKeesport, 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 Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an

agreement with A second 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 placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with A second Families for Children and Youth, Milton, PA for FY 25-26 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

RESOLUTION – 2025 INDIANA COUNTY CDBG PROJECT SCOPE AND 3-YR PLAN

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Hess, seconded by Commissioner Dunlap and carried unanimously to approve a resolution approving the project scope and 3-year plan of the County-wide needs priorities for the 2025 Non-Entitlement CDBG application. Indiana County will submit the Indiana County Food Bank Warehouse Rehabilitation project for the 2025 CDBG funds. The 2025 Indiana County Entitlement is \$283,348.00 and is due to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development by October 31, 2025. All citizen participation requirements for project development and selection were completed as required.

FILING RESOLUTION – 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ENTITLEMENT APPLICATIONS / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Commissioner Dunlap, seconded by Commissioner Hess and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of the 2025 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development by the deadline date of October 31, 2025. The application submission includes Indiana County's CDBG Entitlement and the two entitlement communities of Indiana Borough and Center Township. The total application amount is \$580,961.00. Approval also allows for Chairman Keith to sign all necessary forms to complete the application process.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Hess announced that she will be joining a joint press release with the Pennsylvania School Board Association and CCAP on how the budget impasse is affecting the school and the counties.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...OCTOBER 8, 2025 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 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 10:54 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael Keith, Chairman