

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

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

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of September 11, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...MANUFACTURING WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of September 30 through October 4, 2024 as Manufacturing in Indiana County.

CONTRACT ADDENDUM #1...AFFINITY HEALTH SERVICES

At the request of Dana Heitzenrater, Communities at Indian Haven, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve contract addendum #1 with Affinity Health Services. This addendum allows Affinity Health Services to employ a licensed nurse to provide remote care plan support services on an interim basis on behalf the Communities at Indian Haven. The term of this contract addendum will not exceed eight (8) weeks.

CONTRACT ADDENDUM #2...AFFINITY HEALTH SERVICES

At the request of Dana Heitzenrater, Communities at Indian Haven, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve contract addendum #2 with Affinity Health Services. This addendum allows Affinity Health Services to employ a licensed nurse to perform the Director of Nursing role on an interim basis on behalf of the Communities at Indian Haven. The term of this contract addendum will be until a permanent Director of Nursing is hired by the Communities at Indian Haven.

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES...DELTA AIRPORT CONSULTANT, INC. / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement for Professional Services with Delta Airport Consultant, Inc. to perform certain consulting services for airport projects. The cost will be dependent on the projects and will be paid from Airport and/or grant funding.

GRANT APPLICATION...ESSENTIAL SECURITY EQUIPMENT FUNDING / COURTS

At the request of Katrina McCombie, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a grant application for the AOPC Essential Security Grant Funding in the amount of \$25,000.00. This funding is focused on security enhancements for the Common Pleas Court.

CONTRACT EXTENSION REQUEST – 2020 CDBG-CV INDIANA COUNTY BROADBAND INITIATIVE PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a request for a contract extension to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The request pertains to the \$2,000,000.00 competitive CDBG-CV contract for the Indiana County Broadband Initiative Project. The funds are extending broadband services to West and South Mahoning Townships and Smicksburg Borough areas. The existing contract expires on November 30, 2024. The request is to extend the contract an additional 3 months to February 28, 2025. Permitting issues delayed the installation of the fiber optic line by several months.

GRANT APPLICATION...PROBATION GRANT-IN-AID / PROBATION

At the request of James Decker, Probation Office, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the submission to PCCD the Probation Grant-in-Aid application in the amount of \$111,985.00. These funds will be used to offset costs related to staff.

GRANT AWARD...EDWARD BRYNE JAG GRANT / PROBATION & DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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 grant award for the Edward Bryne Jag Grant for Law Enforcement Initiative in the amount of \$244,586.00. This is a joint application with the District Attorney's Office, Probation Office, Indiana Borough Police, Blairsville Police and Clymer Police and will be used for technology upgrades.

CHANGE ORDER #1...PINE RIDGE PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING / PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve change order #1 for the Pine Ridge Park Maintenance Building with H&L Builders in the amount of \$42,444.00. The change order includes:

1. Two fiberglass doors - \$1,650.00.
2. Two 16-foot and one 8-foot partition walls with three doors - \$11,250.00.

3. 24 x 24 concrete water collection box with 12-foot pipe and a 40-foot pipe - \$7,250.00.
4. Apron in front of the building - \$22,294.00.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board commended all involved in the recent event at the KCAC where approximately 12,000 people in attendance.

Commissioner Gorman announced that she will be resigning her position as County Commissioner effective Friday, November 8, 2024. She said this will allow ample time for the process to fill her seat under County Code Section 501. She said she has been proud to serve for the past 5 years and it is with great gratitude, and a little bit of sorrow and a lot of excitement that she is taking a new position as Vice-President with Homer City Redevelopment LLC. She said to all of her county colleagues it has been an absolute honor to serve alongside each and every one of you and to the county constituents, residents, partners and friends thank you for your confidence in me to have had the privilege to serve as you County Commissioner. "The position, although I didn't know it at the time, brought true purpose to my life at a time I could appreciate it most.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...OCTOBER 9, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9 2024 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 11:03 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Commissioner

R. Michael Keith, Chairman