

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2022

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...FEBRUARY 9, 2022

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Riley made public comment regarding COVID and vaccinations of the younger population.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

COVID UPDATE

Thomas Stutzman, EMA, said the CDC reported that the COVID positive rate as of today is 11.6%, and there has been decrease in the number of testing and that is due to the influx of at home testing. The Pennsylvania Department of Health has made home tests available at their North 2nd Street Office. The tests are free and hours are Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 and 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Mr. Stutzman also reported that EMA, IRMC and the Health and the Human Services Sub-committee is working with the Pennsylvania Department of Health Initiative for Rural PA and PA Office of Rural Health to expand the healthcare community's ability to extend public access to covid vaccinations and testing in rural areas. There are grant funds available to expand the capabilities of the health care provider community to directly deliver services outside of the Indiana general area.

PROCLAMATION...CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and unanimously carried to proclaim February 2022 as Career and Technical Education Month in Indiana County and encouraged all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by career and technical education programs.

PROCLAMATION...INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to proclaim March, 2022 as Intellectual Disabilities Awareness Month in Indiana County and encouraged all citizens to support the efforts and hard work of Pennsylvania

with intellectual disabilities and their families as they strive to live self-determined lives and realize their own personal aspirations.

AGREEMENT...MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF SOUTHWESTERN PA / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, BDHP, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Mental Health America of Southwestern, PA to employ a Behavioral Health Ombudsman/Advocate to serve behavioral health consumers and family members residing in Armstrong and Indiana Counties. Terms of the agreement are from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2022 at the rate of \$31.50 per hour.

PCOMP SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

At the request of Melissa Miller, Assistant Chief Clerk/Director of Human Resources, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the PComp Safety Improvement Program Grant Application in the amount of \$1,978.20 be submitted to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP). This application will provide 50% of the funding to purchase 5 ballistic vest for the Sheriff's Office.

AGREEMENT...DEREUME DUNKEL ROOFING COMPANY / MAINTENANCE

At request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Dereume Dunkel Roofing to replace the roof at 801 Water Street in the amount of \$73,000.00. It is noted this agreement is under PA CoStars.

AGREEMENT...HUCKESTEIN MECHANICAL SERVICES INC. (JAIL) / MAINTENANCE

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Huckestein Mechanical Services, Inc. for the addition of two boilers to the geothermal system at the County Jail in the amount of \$388,116.00. This will add the ability to provide the proper BTU's to heat the facility correctly. It is noted this agreement is under PA CoStars.

AGREEMENT...HUCKESTEIN MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC. (COURTHOUSE) / MAINTENANCE

At the request of Mike Yanity, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Huckestein Mechanical Services, Inc. for upgrades to the HVAC System for the Courthouse in the amount of \$895,894.00. It is noted this agreement is under PA CoStars.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT...EVA VOUGHT / CORONER

At the request of Jerry Overman, Coroner, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a consulting agreement with Eva Vought to serve in a consulting/advisory role to the Coroner's Office by reviewing and comparing death attribution's related to COVID deaths by providing guidance and expertise on an as needed based. The county will pay the consultant in the amount of \$17.50 per hour, not to exceed 250 hours annually.

AGREEMENT HIGHER INFORMATION GROUP

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Higher Information Group up to

\$25,000.00 for the Conversion of Election Results Books and minutes to digital images. It is noted that this agreement is under PA CoStars.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 23, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 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 Ms. Hess to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman