

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 2019

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:34 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Michael A. Baker, present
Commissioner Rodney D. Ruddock, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, present

Also, in attendance were Solicitor Matthew T. Budash, Assistant Chief Clerk Melissa Miller and others. Members of the news media present were Josh Widdowson, Chauncy Ross and Greg Reinbold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Baker led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...FEBRUARY 13, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 13, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an Executive Session held February 27, 2019 at 10:00 to discuss legal issues.

PROCLAMATION...SAFETY AND SECURITY DAY

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to proclaim March 15, 2019 as Safety and Security Day in Indiana County and call upon the residents of Indiana County to join with us in working together to keep our kids safe in our schools and throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through a relentless focus on care, compassion, and kindness for all. Superintendent Michael Vuckovich from Indiana Area School District was present to accept the proclamation. There will be a school Safety and Security Symposium on March 15, 2019 at the KCAC. This symposium will provide information for all stakeholders in the education community, administrators, board members and staff and presenters will offer valuable resources to help prepare them to continue the discussion of safety and security in our schools.

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN THE INDIANA COUNTY DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION AND THE OFFICE OF THE INDIANA COUNTY SHERIFF / DRO

At the request of Darren Divido, Domestic Relation Section, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract for services between the Indiana County Domestic Relations Section and the Office of the Indiana County Sheriff to serve bench warrants, provide inmate transportation and perform various other duties on behalf of DRS. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

AGREEMENT...SCHILLINGER & KEITH / TAX CLAIM

At the request of Frank Sisko, Chief Assessor, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Schillinger & Keith to do title searches in conjunction with the Tax Claim/ 2017 Judicial Tax Sale in the amount of \$135.00 per parcel. This is a pass-through cost as part of the sale.

AGREEMENT...INDIANA TITLE ABSTRACT CORP / TAX CLAIM

At the request of Frank Sisko, Chief Assessor, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Indiana Title Abstract Corp. to do title searches in conjunction with the Tax Claim/ Judicial Tax Sale in the amount of \$135.00 per parcel and up to \$200.00 for coal titles. This is a pass-through cost as part of the sale.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT – ALICE PAUL HOUSE BUILDING PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Stiffler McGraw & Associates a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to into a Stormwater Management Agreement with White Township for the Alice Paul House Building Project. The agreement is one of the conditions required for the final site plan approval of the project.

AGREEMENT...THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) / ICCAP

At the request of Aimee Kemp, Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP), a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve an addendum to the contract dated October 1, 2016. The approval allows the County to designate ICCAP as the Lead agency for the food distribution program. ICCAP will be responsible for operating the program following the federal Guidelines as outlined in the addendum. The contract will expire on September 30, 2021.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK LOAN ON BEHALF OF THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

At the request of Douglas Beri and Jason McGinnis, Indiana County Conservation District, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to pursue a loan on their behalf for construction of a new administrative office and education center to be located on the Indiana County Technology Center campus. The repayment of the loan will be fully satisfied by the Indiana County Conservation District according to the agreed upon payment plan/schedule. It is hopeful the County will be able to secure a tax-exempt bank rate to help reduce the burden of the cost to the Indiana County Conservation District.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 13, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman