

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2020

Commissioner Robin A. Gorman 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, absent
Commissioner Robin A. Gorman, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, present

Also, in attendance were Solicitor Matthew T. Budash, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Chauncey Ross, Josh Widdowson, and Greg Reinbold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gorman asked Josh Widdowson to led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...JANUARY 15, 2020

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 15, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...BLACK HISTORY MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Hess, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim February, 2020 as Black History Month in Indiana County and urged all residents to celebrate that heritage and continue to fight for equality and opportunity for all.

AGREEMENT...PSSU/SEIU LOCAL 668 (COURT APPOINTED)

At the request of John Reilly, Labor Consultant for the County, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and unanimously carried to approve a 4-year contract with PSSU/SEIU Local 668 (Court Appointed). This includes 21 employees at the Magisterial District Judges Offices, Domestic Relations and Probation. The contract will begin January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and includes wage adjustments of 3% in 2020 and 2.5% in 2021, 2022, and 2023. There will be a 7% cap on insurance premiums, therefore if the premiums go in excess of 7% the parties will be required to modify benefits to be within the cap. The sick leave buyout upon retirement with the county will be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per day.

AGREEMENT...DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

At the request of John Reilly, Labor Consultant for the County, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and unanimously carried to approve a 4-year contract with the Deputy Sheriff's Association. This includes 18 employees at the Sheriff's Office. The contract will begin January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and includes wage adjustments of 3% in 2020 and 2.5% in 2021, 2022, and 2023. There will be a 7% cap on insurance premiums, therefore if the premiums go in excess of 7% the parties will be required to modify benefits to be within the cap. The sick leave buyout upon retirement with the county will be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per day.

RESOLUTION...AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES FOR DOTGRANTS PROGRAM / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing Chairman R. Michael Keith and Chief Clerk Robin Maryai to be named as authorized signers in the Dotgrant Program. These changes are necessary because of the new board of commissioners.

ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL CONSENT / AIRPORT

At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Ms. Hess and seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to accept the federal grant once it is offered to complete an Airport Master Plan Study. It has been about 20 years since the last master plan was completed and the FAA requires that a new one be completed in order to receive future grants. This grant in the tentative allocation form which means there needs to be a contract in place, a scope of work completed and approved by PennDOT before the grant is offered. This is a \$400,000.00 grant with a \$20,000.00 local share. The \$20,000.00 will come from non-primary funding from the Federal Government. This is funding set aside for non-primary airports which is what the Jimmy Stewart Airport is considered.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING / ELK COUNTY / JAIL

At the request of Sam Buzzinotti, Warden, a motion was made by Ms. Hess and seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Indiana County and Elk County to house inmates at the rate of \$65.00 per day and any costs associated with medical treatment from Prime-Care Medical, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT...INDIANA TITLE ABSTRACT CORP / TAX CLAIM

At the request of Frank Sisko, Tax Assessment/Tax Claim, a motion was made by Ms. Hess seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Professional Service Contract with Indiana Title Abstract Corp. to provide title searches showing ownership of the properties, tax and municipal claims, liens, mortgages, ground rents, charges, and estates against the properties. These are required by law to conduct a judicial sale of delinquent properties which have not been sold at the annual tax sale or by subsequent private sale.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT...SCHILLINGER & KEITH / TAX CLAIM

At the request of Frank Sisko, Tax Assessment/Tax Claim, a motion was made by Ms. Hess seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a Professional Service Contract with Schillinger & Keith to provide title searches showing ownership of the properties, tax and municipal claims, liens, mortgages, ground rents, charges, and estates against the properties. These are required by law to conduct a judicial sale of delinquent properties which have not been sold at the annual tax sale or by subsequent private sale.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 19-20 / CYS

At the request of Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with, IUP Research Institute, Indiana, 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 unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with, Auberle, McKeesport, 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.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE FUND GRANT / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the annual report from Indiana County LEPC and EMA to PEMA for activities in the 2019 budget year. This report generates the application for the annual Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant. The signature page is recognition that the information in the report is accurate; that the Act 165 funds are expended in accordance with the Act; that County and Private funds contributed are exclusive to HAZMAT related activities; Chemical fees collected are expended in compliance with the Act; that the county maintains records and inventory of our equipment and that the county is grant eligible.

RESOLUTION – COOPERATION AGREEMENT/BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and unanimously carried to approve a resolution authorizing the signing of a Cooperation Agreement with the Blairsville Community Development Authority (BCDA) for the G.C. Murphy Demolition Project. The BCDA and Blairsville Borough have been jointly working towards demolishing the existing structure in order to eliminate the public safety hazard. The BCDA on behalf of Blairsville Borough obtained ownership of property through the courts. The agreement details the responsibilities and duties between the County and the BCDA for the demolition, clearance and re-use of the site. A cooperation agreement is already in place with Blairsville Borough for the project. The agreement stipulates that the County's financial assistance is through grant funds only and at the completion of the proposed activities, the BCDA accepts ownership of the site at no further costs to the County.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of John Kanyan to the Indiana County Redevelopment Authority; term expires January, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gorman commented they have met with many of the departments and agencies during their first month in office. She said they are learning a lot fast, they are hearing the good, the bad and the ugly and everything they are hearing is real. They met with Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and many commissioners of other counties are commenting on different models Indiana County is using. She said it makes her proud to say “yes” we have talked and met with them. Ms. Gorman also commented on the CCAP Priorities for 2020: Increased funding for Mental Health, Solutions for the EMS crisis, County Property Tax Reform, Rural Broadband expansion and Adult Program Funding. Ms. Gorman also recognized that Representative Struzzi has been appointed to the Children & Youth Services Committee and thanked him for stepping up to be on that committee.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...FEBRUARY 12, 2020 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners’ Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 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 10:58 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Robin A. Gorman, Vice-Chairman