COMMISSIONERS’ MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 9, 2019

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:30 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, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were 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…DECEMBER 19, 2018
A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of December 19, 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS
There were no Executive Sessions

ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY OPERATING AGREEMENT…BDHP
At the request of Tammy Calderone, Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Administrative Entity Operating Agreement effective March 2, 2019 replacing the current agreement that has been in place since July 2, 2017. This agreement is between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Developmental Program and BDHP. Through this agreement the program will be identified as the administrative entity for Armstrong and Indiana Counties and will be required to carry out all the administrative functions delegated by the department and related to the consolidated person family directed support and community living laborers and well as the adult autism waiver program. The agreement includes revisions made as a result of comments and recommendations submitted Administrative Entity’s and Pennsylvania Association of County Administrators of Mental Health and Developmental Services.

EASEMENT…WHITE TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY / AIRPORT
At the request of Rick Fuellner, Airport, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an easement to White Township Municipal Authority so that a sewer line can be installed crossing a small portion at the County Airport.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 18-19 / CYS
At the request of Sarah Ross, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with
Children’s Aid Society in Clearfield, Clearfield, PA for FY 18-19 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with George Junior Republic of Pennsylvania, Grove City, PA for FY 18-19 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

**GRANT...RIGHTS AND SERVICES ACT (RASA) / DISTRICT ATTORNEY**
At the request of Linda Callihan, District Attorney’s Office, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock, and carried unanimously to accept the Rights and Services Act (RASA) Grant in the amount of $135,013.00. The term of the grant is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. This grant covers salaries of the Victim Witness Coordinator and Victim Witness Advocate, victim witness notification and all other costs associated with the program.

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT – 2018 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT / PLANNING**
At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve entering into a $145,295.00 contract agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. Indiana County’s service provider for this contract is the Indiana County Community Action Program. This is an 18-month contract that will provide $135,335.00 for Rapid Re-Housing assistance and services; $4,511.00 for data collection and entry; and $5,449.00 for administration expenses. The original application request was for $212,801.00 however due to the statewide requests for assistance DCED reduced the awarded amount by $67,506.00. The ESG award did not provide any operational assistance at the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick and less funds will be available to assist homeless residents with obtaining stable permanent housing. This request includes approval for the Board of Commissioners to sign all necessary paperwork.

**CONTRACT AGREEMENT – 2017 COMPETITIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT / PLANNING**
At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve entering into a $750,000.00 contract agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for a Competitive Community Development Block Grant. The contract award is the final component of the $3.8 million financial package necessary to construct a 16,000 square foot facility for the Alice Paul House to provide emergency shelter for all domestic violence victims with administrative offices for supportive services. We anticipate the project will be advertised for bid beginning February 18th with a proposed construction start date of May 1, 2019. This request includes approval for the Board of Commissioners to sign all necessary paperwork.

**AGREEMENT...KATHLEEN ABBEY-BAKER / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**
At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Kathleen Abbey-Baker to provide consultant services with regard to the Health and Human Services
Subcommittee at the rate pf $15.00 per hour. The term of the contract is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**AGREEMENT...DIANN OVERMAN / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Diann Overman to provide services with regard to the Veteran Outreach Program at the rate of $20.00 per hour. The term of the contract is January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS...CHILDREN’S ADVISORY COMMISSION (CAC)**

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint the following members to the Children’s Advisory Commission (CAC):


Terms will expire December 31, 2021.

**BOARD APPOINTMENT...HIGHRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY**

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the following members to the Highridge Water Authority:

James Mitchell – Term to expire January, 2024
Bonni Dunlap – Term to expire January, 2020

**BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Joseph C. Kinter to the Industrial Development Authority; term to expire January, 2021.

**AGREEMENT...AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. / SHERIFF**

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a 5-year lease agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona for 20 tasers. The total cost of the agreement is $38,088.00.

**COURTHOUSE CLOSED...JANUARY 21, 2019...MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY HOLIDAY**

Commissioner Baker announced the Courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday.
OTHER BUSINESS
Commissioner Hess announced that the Annual Memorial Martin Luther King Jr. March will begin at 10:00 on January 19th at the Courthouse steps and will continue to Grace United Methodist Church where there will be a program of fellowship.

Commissioner Baker recognized an article about featuring Byron Stauffer and the arrival of Urban Outfitters in the Pennsylvania Business Central Magazine.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 23, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.
The next regular scheduled Commissioners’ Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 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 10:53 a.m.

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Sherene Hess, Secretary    Michael A. Baker, Chairman