

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2021

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, zoom

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...JUNE 23, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deborah Shreckengost, Chris Forsha, Val Finnell and Melanie Daum asked that an ordinance be passed by the board declaring Indiana County a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Commissioner Keith said the board is waiting for the proposed ordinance to be sent to the County Solicitor, District Attorney and Sheriff. The group said they would forward the ordinance to their attention.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Indiana County had a PCR rate for the week ending July 9, of 0.4% which is an increase from the previous week, which was 0.0%. The current statewide average is at 1.2%, which is an increase from the previous weeks 1.1%. Indiana County remains in the Low Category. Based on the daily updates from the PA Department of Health website, on reported positive/pending COVID cases, for the week ending July 10, Indiana County had a daily average of 0.71 cases per day. The previous week's average was 0.43 cases per day. Over a three-week period, we are seeing a slow upward progression in positive/pending cases again. COVID testing reduced to an average of 17.29 per day for the week ending on July 10, the previous average was 19.43 per day, for the week ending July 3rd. Vaccinations, as reported on July 9, by PA Department of Health, countywide have seen minimal increases. Fully vaccinated residents, over the age of 10, in Indiana County continue to remain below our neighboring counties by 5% to 14%. Indiana County's vaccination rate is at 37.7%. Statewide, the percentage of the population over 18 years of age, who are fully vaccinated remains at 60.1%, as reported on July 9. NOTE: This does not include Philadelphia's numbers. No additional COVID related deaths were reported last week, the countywide total remains at 179.

2nd EXTENSION OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT...AFFINITY HEALTH CARE / COMMUNITIES AT INDIAN HAVEN

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the 2nd Extension of Management Services Agreement between Affinity Health Care and the County of Indiana. The term of the extension is from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023. This agreement includes a 4% increase and that either Affinity or the County may hire and retain a qualified Director of Nursing who is currently licensed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The employment status of the Director of Nursing will be agreed upon by the parties.

PETITION TO POSTPONE TAX SALE / TAX CLAIM

At the request of Frank Sisko, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve that a petition be filed with Commonwealth Court President Judge Bianco to postpone the upcoming 2021 Upset Tax Sale scheduled for September 20, 2021 be rescheduled until September 19, 2022. This petition is being riled due to a number of issues that have come up from COVID 19 and Personal Service not being completed by the USPS according to Pennsylvania Real Estate Tax Sale Law.

INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT GRANT APPLICATION / PROBATION

At the request of James Decker, Probation Office, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to accept the Intermediate Punishment Grant in the amount of \$135,000.00. This grant is designed to improve adult probation and parole services and the Indiana/Armstrong Alcohol and Drug Commission by providing funding to the Drug Treatment Court Program including officer's salaries and general expenses.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION CDBG-CV / INDIANA COUNTY "OBO" CENTER TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Center Township Supervisors, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a contract modification to Center Township's 2020 CDBG-CV contract. The contract modification will eliminate the \$5,000.00 allocation to the Parks and Recreational Facilities budget line. The original proposal was to purchase two handwashing stations for Township Parks. The \$5,000.00 will be re-allocated to the Interim Assistance budget line for the County Food Bank, increasing the allocation from \$51,400.00 to \$56,400.00. All citizen participation requirements were met, and no adverse comments were received. Upon approval all required paperwork will be submitted to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development for final approval.

PRIVATE PROVIDER CONTRACTS / CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with IRMC Physicians Group Neuropsychiatric Associates, Inc, Indiana, PA for FY 20-21 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Alice Paul House, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with C.A. Hughes and Associates, Greensburg, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Carol A. Patterson, M.Ed., Youngstown, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Counseling Wellness of Indiana County LLC, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Family A.C.T.S., Inc., Ford City, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Family Psychological Associates, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Grand Beginnings Children's Center, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Great Expectations, Blairsville, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Indiana Psychology Associates, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Med-Van Transport, Northern Cambria, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. The Board asked that a follow-up call be placed with Citizens Ambulance, Indiana, PA to see if they can provide services needed.

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Psychological, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with IRMC Physicians Group Neuropsychiatric Associates, Inc, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Shipperville Project Point of Light, Inc., Shipperville, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Terry O'Hara, Ph. D., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with the Care Center of Indiana County, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Unity Family Services, Indiana, PA for FY 21-22 to provide non-placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Auberle, McKeesport, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Children's Aid Society in Clearfield, Clearfield, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with The Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc., Somerset, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with The Children's Home of Pittsburgh, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Diakon Child Family & Community Ministries, Tipton, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Harborcreek Youth Services, Harborcreek, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Keystone Adolescent Center, Greenville, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Professional Family Care, Johnstown, PA for FY 21-22 to provide placement services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD / CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVICES

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Heidi Malin, Indiana, PA to the Citizens Advisory Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Gorman reported that the first installment of the Federal America's Recovery Plan dollars was received. The Board will meet to discuss a plan of action, getting input from the community, prioritizing the needs, reaching out to board & authorities. They will also continue support with the townships and boroughs in attaining their funds and work in partnership in how they utilize their funds. Commissioner Gorman and Hess participated in the National Association of Counties virtual conference and in which there was a lot of discussion regarding the ARP funds.

Commissioner Hess announced there will be a ribbon cutting for the new headquarters for the Conservation District on July 22nd at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Keith announced that the CHIRP checks for restaurants and business have been distributed. He also reminded those who have not received their vaccines to please do so. There are 50 locations in Indiana County where vaccines are being distributed.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING... JULY 28, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 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 11:15 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman