

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JULY 31, 2019

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 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 Josh Widdowson and Chauncy Ross.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...JULY 17, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of July 17, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were Executive Sessions held on July 23, 2019 and July 30, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss legal matters pertaining to a tax issue.

DATA SHARING AGREEMENT...PENNSYLVANIA STATE GEOSPATIAL COORDINATING BOARD / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement for sharing Indiana County GIS Data / Geospatial data with all participating agreement partners in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This agreement intends to provide a Commonwealth-wide database, useful for not just public safety, but economic development and environmental management as well. The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and CCAP Technology Steering committee support this agreement.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM PARTICIPATION GRANT AGREEMENT & ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE / 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 the Medical Assistance Transportation Program Participation Grant Agreement & Assurance Compliance between the State and Indiana County. This contract between Indiana County and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will run from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 with no county match. The total cost of the 6-month contract is \$607,395.00 however, the full amount for FY 19-20 is \$1,214,790.00. The state wants to make sure these funds are designated to Indiana County so that it is covered for the entire year. At the public meeting on April 24, 2019, the board voted to

terminate the Medical Assistance Transportation Program contract with the State because the State Legislature directed the State Department of Human Services to phase in a series of regional brokers to operate MATP beginning January 1, 2020. Whatever agency takes over January 1, 2020 will have access to the other half of the funding to provide MATP services to Indiana County residents.

ADULT PROBATION GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION & STATE OFFENDER SUPERVISION FUND AGREEMENT FY 19-20 / PROBATION

At the request of Michael Hodak, Chief Probation Officer, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the Adult Probation Grant-In-Aid Application & State Offender Supervision Fund Agreement for FY 19-20. The Grant-in-Aid provides for the improvement of the Adult Probation Services in which the county received for FY 18-19 in the amount of \$110,271.00. The Offender Supervision Fund Agreement are fees assessed and collected by the Probation Department in the amount of \$30.00 per month for each offender under supervision. Fifty percent of the monies collected, as a result of the assessment, are kept by Indiana County and the remaining 50% is forwarded to the Commonwealth which will be returned back to Indiana County pursuant to this agreement. In fiscal year 2018-2019 Indiana County received from the Commonwealth \$100,876.00 for offender supervision fees.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS / CYS

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 Grown 'N Learn Child Care LLC, Ford City, 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 Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Terry O'Hara, Ph.D., Pittsburgh, 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 Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with The Care Center of Indiana County, 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. This contract provides for an 8.75% increase over the FY 18-19 contract. Commissioner Ruddock asked Mr. Redd if the agency is ok with the increase and should we still support this agency based on the needs of the clients. Mr. Redd said yes as costs are rising and there are lot of factors to those rising costs. It is noted that this agency has not had an increase for the last few years.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with, Merakey, Harrisburg, 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 Children's Aid Society in Clearfield County, Clearfield, PA for FY 19-20 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 Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 19-20 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 Edmund L. Thomas Adolescent Center, Erie, PA for FY 19-20 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 Family Care Services, Inc., Chambersburg, PA for FY 19-20 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services. This provider is asking for a 4-8% increase over the FY 18-19 contract.

At the request of Terrence Redd, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with LifeSpan Family Services of PA, Punxsutawney, PA for FY 19-20 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 Merakey, Harrisburg, PA for FY 19-20 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 Professional Family Car, Johnstown, PA for FY 19-20 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services. This provider is asking for a 6.27 – 9.41% increase over the FY 18-19 contract.

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 Taylor Diversion Programs, Inc., Tionesta, PA for FY 19-20 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – ICCAP / 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 and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Indiana County Community Action Program, Inc. The MOU will provide match services to ICCAP's 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Continuum of Care Programs, Project PHD Consolidated, thereof as funded by HUD. The services to be

provided through the Office of Planning & Development will be inspection services of the housing units leased through the proposed programs. The match value of the services provided has been established for \$50.00 per hour. The application for the program is due mid- August.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT – 2018 PHARE GRANT AGREEMENT / 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 enter into a grant agreement with the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency for \$100,000.00 of 2018 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Funds (PHARE). The funds will be utilized for the 55+ Roof & Heating System Replacement Program. The program will assist income eligible homeowners over the age of 55 with replacing inoperable furnaces and/or roofs. A ranking system of need will be utilized to identify households to be assisted. This is not a first come first serve program and Ms. Zak said there is a waiting list for this program. Last year the county received \$55,000.00 from this grant.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM APPLICATION / PLANNING

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Borough of Blairsville, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of a Keystone Communities Program (KCP) application. The application will request \$100,000.00 to complete the \$375,000.00 financial package to demolish the former G.C. Murphy Building located in the central business district of Blairsville. Other funds already committed to the project include County CDBG and Blairsville Borough local funds. The application deadline is August 30, 2019.

CONTRACT AWARD- INDIANA MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PROJECT- HOODLEBUG TRAIL EXTENSION / PLANNING

At the request of Josh Krug, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Planning Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to enter into a contract with Ray I. Winters and Sons, Inc. for the construction of the Indiana Multimodal Corridor Project (IMMC) and Hoodlebug Trail Extension.. Project partners include Indiana County, Indiana Borough, White Township, and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In the furtherance and implementation of the Indiana County Comprehensive Plan, the Indiana Community University District Master Plan, the IUP Long Range Campus Facilities Master Plan, the Indiana Borough Comprehensive Plan and the White Township Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of the IMMC project is extend the existing Hoodlebug Trail from its northern terminus, through IUP campus, creating a meaningful and safe connection to downtown Indiana. The contract award is \$344,329.00 for services necessary to complete the scope as discussed. Funding for the project comes from the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) program and local matching funds. This award is the result of a bidding process overseen by the project Steering Committee and County Planning Staff and a recommendation from project consultant.

The Indiana Borough Manager, Michael Foote, was present and Commissioner Ruddock complemented the borough on the 8th Street Parking Lot. Mr. Ruddock asked Mr. Foote if there are any plans or discussions for public restrooms in Indiana Borough. Mr. Foote said he is not aware of any plans or discussions but will relay the message to the Bike/Ped Committee for future grant applications.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Kathy Monko, ARIN IU 28, to the Workforce Investment Board representing Adult Education and Literacy; term to expire September 30, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...AUGUST 14, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 14, 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 11:07 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman