

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2021

Commissioner R. Michael Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:31 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. It is noted that because the courthouse is closed during the Corona Virus Pandemic, the meeting was open to the public via Zoom.com.

ROLL CALL

Chairman R. Michael Keith, present
Commissioner Robin A. Gorman, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, via 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...FEBRUARY 24, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 24, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

COVID 19 UPDATE

Commissioner Keith asked Tom Stutzman, EMA Director, to give a COVID 19 update. Mr Stutzman reported that on Monday March 8th there have been zero increases in pending or positive cases. He also reported that the early warning PCR rate has decreased to 2.8%. IRMC is beginning to report no new cases. As of this date, 20,815 doses have been received in Indiana County.

PROCLAMATION...PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Keith, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to support the Pennsylvania Underground Utility Line Protection Law, PA Act 287 of 1974, as amended, and to proclaim April 2021 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month". It is encouraged that all Pennsylvanians visit the Pennsylvania 811 website at www.pa1call.org for information about digging safety.

AGREEMENT...EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COUNTY PLAN GUIDELINES / DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Assurance & Compliance related to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program County Plan Guidelines. Indiana County has received \$5,529,506.73. The purpose of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is to provide financial assistance to eligible households to pay rent, rental arrears,

utilities, utility arrears, and other related housing expenses incurred due, directly, or indirectly to COVID-19. Anyone unemployed or who has sustained a financial hardship due to COVID-19 is encouraged to apply at www.compass.state.pa.us or by contacting ICCAP at 724-465-2657 for assistance. It is noted that 65% of the budget must be expended by July 31, 2021 or the state will take the remainder of the money back and reallocate it to other counties. This agreement permits grantees to use no more than 9.09% of the funds to provide housing stability services to eligible households and cover administrative costs.

AGREEMENT...ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD, LLC

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to provide technical assistance and advice in relation to the policies, procedures, accountability and monitoring of the expenditures of the various COVID 19 Pandemic related federal and state grant funding programs on a periodic basis at the request of the Board of Commissioners. Services will be billed on an hourly rate ranging from \$100.00 to \$250.00 per hour and is not to exceed \$50,000.00.

AGREEMENT...LINK COMPUTER CORPORATION / INFORMATION SERVICES

At the request of Eric Leonard, Information Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve a three-year agreement with Link Computer Corporation to provide back up and disaster recovery services. The cost is Year 1 - \$15,750.00; Year 2 - \$14,800.00 and Year 3 - \$14, 800.00.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA COUNTY MUNICIPAL SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Anthony Mano, Home, PA to the Indiana County Municipal Services Authority; term to expire January, 2025.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to appoint William Darr, Indiana, PA to the Indiana County Planning Commission; term to expire January 2024.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING... MARCH 24, 2021 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 24, 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 10:56 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

R. Michael Keith, Chairman