

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 13, 2019

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:35 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, 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...FEBRUARY 27, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Hess, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim March as Women's History Month in Indiana County and that women of every age, race, ethnicity and economic background have made historic and significant contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation.

HOODLEBUG TRAIL RESURFACING PROJECT TRANSPORTATION SET ASIDE GRANT / PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the Hoodlebug Trail Resurfacing Project Transportation Set Aside Grant in the amount of \$310,495.00. The match for the project is provided by engineering work that Gibson-Thomas Engineering performed to prepare project design specifications. The project will involve asphalt leveling and a double seal coating of approximately six miles of the trail surface, beginning at the location of the Divine Destiny Church (formerly the Omni) and heading south from that location. This six-mile segment of the Hoodlebug Trail was constructed in the year 2000 and has never been resurfaced since its initial construction. Improvement of the trail surface has been frequently requested by our trail users.

AGREEMENT...TRINITY SERVICES GROUP, INC. / JAIL

At the request of Sam Buzzinotti, County Jail, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve, pending review by the County Solicitor, an extension of the existing food service contract with Trinity Services Group, Inc. by five 1-year

increments. Under the extension, Trinity will upgrade equipment in the jail's kitchen at no additional cost to Indiana County. If for any reason the contract is not extended for another 5 years, Indiana County will pay Trinity for the remaining cost of any equipment that is not depreciated.

AGREEMENT...KEEFE COMMISSARY NETWORK, LLC / JAIL.

At the request of Sam Buzzinotti, County Jail, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve, pending review by the County Solicitor, an extension of the existing commissary services agreement with Keefe Commissary Network, LLC by five 1-year increments. Under the extension the jail will received 25% of commissary sales versus 18% previously.

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 Jennifer Van Wieren, LPC, Indiana, PA for FY 18-19 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

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 The Center for Hearing and Deaf Services, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 18-19 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

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 Family Care for Children & Youth, Milton, 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 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 Family Care Services, Inc., Chambersburg, PA for FY 18-19 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

RESOLUTION...OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 335 AND SENATE BILL 268

Commissioner Baker introduced a Resolution opposing House Bill 335 and Senate Bill 268 which would eliminate the current Behavioral Health Choices Program and remove county management of Behavioral Health Services and merge into General Health Services. Joe Bujdos of Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, said the bills would strip local control over behavioral health and substance abuse programs for people eligible for medical assistance and eliminate "reinvestment dollars" from the current system. Those dollars would not be made available to the counties but would go to a large corporation. Mr. Bujdos said huge physical health providers of services in the commonwealth apparently are interested in taking on behavioral health now." "I was around 20 years ago when they were not."

Commissioner Ruddock said this is the wrong direction to go for communities like Indiana. We have had so much success with the way this was laid out, with what they call "carve out". It gives us an opportunity to use local focus, local fund options to deliver that funding apparatus where it needs to be. Not only would it remove local control over services and funding, it would

turn it over to large corporations and in the long run it would eliminate jobs, revenue and services for county residents.

Commissioner Baker said he recently attended a meeting where there were 20 County Commissioners and CCAP in the room and they adversely oppose the house bill and senate bill.

Commissioner Hess said services are in grave jeopardy and it is a huge concern.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve the Resolution opposing House Bill 225 and Senate Bill 268. Copies will be sent to its legislative delegation, the Commonwealth's Department of Human Services, the Governor's Office and the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

**ORDINANCE...INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND THE PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL
(PCoRP)**

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve Ordinance 2019-0313 authorizing the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Indiana to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement, and authorizing the participation in the Pennsylvania Counties Risk Pool pursuant to the Pennsylvania intergovernmental Cooperation Law as amended.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock said this weekend both the men's and women's basketball teams for IUP Crimson Hawks will be participating in a tournament to determine the National Champion and commended both coaches McDonald and Lombardi and the team players for bringing it to this level of play.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 27, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 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 11:05 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman