

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MAY 25, 2022

Commissioner R. Michael Keith called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman R. Michael Keith, present
Commissioner Robin A. Gorman, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, absent

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...MAY 11, 2022

A motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022.

COVID UPDATE

Thomas Stutzman said CDC reported that all of southwestern PA remains at a low community level for masking indoors. Current trend over the last seven days from CDC for community spread rating has moved all counties in southwestern PA into a high-rate category. Over the last seven-day period ending on May 23rd, Indiana County has had a 7.87% decrease in the covid positive cases. Testing saw an increase of over 52% in data ending on May 17th. Through May 22nd Covid hospitalizations have increase by 21.6%. Department of Health report Indiana County had a total 117 positive cases between May 11th and 17th. There has been no change in the vaccination rate and remains at 0.1%. There have been two additional deaths bringing the total of covid related deaths in Indiana County to 358. Indiana County has had 585 seasonal flu cases documented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

PROCLAMATION...FOSTER CARE MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to proclaim May, 2022 as National Foster Care Month in Indiana County and urged all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of improving the quality of life for all children and families.

PROCLAMATION...CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS MONTH

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to proclaim May, 2022 as Correctional Officers Month in Indiana County and encouraged all citizens to recognize the important role that these dedicated professionals provide in ensuring effective daily operations of the Indiana County Jail.

PROCLAMATION...EMS WEEK

After a proclamation was read, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to proclaim the week of May 15 – 21, 2022, EMS Week in Indiana County and recognized the value and the accomplishments of emergency medical services providers.

GRANT AWARD...ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT & VETERANS TREATMENT COURT / PROBATION

At the request of Jim Decker, Probation, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, and carried unanimously to accept the Grant Award from the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court (APOC) for the Indiana County Drug Treatment Court in the amount of \$6,700.00 and the Indiana County Veterans Treatment Court in the amount of \$6,205.00. The Drug Court grant will supplement the county IP grant and allow for reimbursement of incentive, pay for training and equipment that otherwise the county and probation department would be liable for. The Veterans Court award will reimburse the county for technology upgrades and pay for the drug testing of the program while providing the team members to attend training.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At the request of Robin Maryai, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to appoint Nicole Sipos, to the Indiana County Solid Waste Authority Advisory Committee.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 22-23 / CYS

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Family Pathway, Butler, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Pressley Ridge, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Alternative Living Solutions, Latrobe, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Keith, seconded by Ms. Gorman and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with City Mission-Living Stone (Promise House), Uniontown, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Vicki Weaver, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Gorman, seconded by Mr. Keith and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with Shippenville Project Point of Light, Shippenville, PA for FY 22-23 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

2022-2023 HIGHWAY SAFETY EDUCATION PROJECT GRANT

Commissioner Gorman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Keith, to table this item until the next meeting. This is a five (5) county grant that is for Highway Safety Education activities in response to Indiana County's Crash Picture that the Department of Transportation gathers from counties across state. The five (5) counties have agreed to subcontract with the IUP Research Institute who has done this for many years. Because Ms. Gorman sits on the IUP Research Institute Board, and Ms. Hess is absent from the meeting, she will have to abstain from voting on this agreement.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JUNE 8, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 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 Mr. Keith to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 a.m.

Robin A. Gorman, Vice-Chairman

R. Michael Keith, Chairman