

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 27, 2019

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman 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 was Josh Widdowson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...NOVEMBER 13, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of November 13, 2019.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There was an Executive Session held at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2019 to discuss legal matters regarding the SALDO.

TEMPORARY EASEMENT...SUNOCO PIPELINE PARCEL NUMBER 10-012-105 / PARKS & TRAILS / PARKS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve an extension of a temporary workspace easement with Sunoco Pipeline for Parcel Number 10-012-105 at Pine Ridge Park.

TEMPORARY EASEMENT...SUNOCO PIPELINE PARCEL NUMBER 10-012-117 / PARKS & TRAILS / PARKS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve an extension of a temporary workspace easement with Sunoco Pipeline for Parcel Number 10-012-117 at Pine Ridge Park.

TEMPORARY EASEMENT...SUNOCO PIPELINE PARCEL NUMBER 10-012-117.01 / PARKS & TRAILS / PARKS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve an extension of a temporary workspace easement with Sunoco Pipeline for Parcel Number 10-012-117.01 at Pine Ridge Park.

TEMPORARY EASEMENT...SUNOCO PIPELINE PARCEL NUMBER 10-012-119 / PARKS & TRAILS / PARKS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve an extension of a temporary workspace easement with Sunoco Pipeline for Parcel Number 10-012-119 at Pine Ridge Park.

It is noted that the county received a total of \$14,555.00 for all four easements.

RESOLUTION...MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM / DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Service, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a resolution that Indiana County terminates its administration and oversight of the Medical Assistance Transportation Program and transfer it to the Central Pennsylvania Transportation Authority which is a multicounty regional transportation provider. Rabbittransit will take over all the duties that the Department of Human Services has provided. IndiGO will remain working with Rabbittransit in the capacity that it has been previously. IndiGO will continue to be the subcontractor and hold the contracts with the transportation providers, Med Van and Health Ride. Ms. Spencer said this should be a more cost-effective system and ensure that Indiana County has no financial liability of providing trips for MATP after the end of this year. The state will work directly with Rabbittransit for the MATP contract for Indiana County.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 19-20 /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, Med-Van Transport, Northern Cambria, 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 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, City Mission-Living Stone, Inc., Uniontown, 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 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, Community Specialists Corporation, 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 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, Madison Adoption Associates, Boothwyn, 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 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 Summit Academy, 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.

CONTRACT...SERVICE MASTER CLEAN, RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES / DRO

At the request of Darren Divido, Domestic Relations Section, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Service Master Clean to provide cleaning services for their offices located at 280 Indian Springs Rd., Suite 333, Indiana, PA at the rate of \$595.00 per month.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING...FRANKLIN COUNTY / JAIL

At the request of Sam Buzzinotti, Warden, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a memorandum of understanding between Indiana County and Franklin County to house adult offenders at the county jail at the rate of \$65.00 per day.

CONTRACT AWARD – NORMA BUILDING FIRE WALL & DRIVER’S ENTRANCE PROJECT / PLANNING

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of the Indiana County Development Corporation and Stiffler-McGraw & Associates, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to enter into a contract agreement with BCS Construction, Inc., from Altoona, PA for the NORMA Building Fire Wall & Driver’s Entrance Project. The contract award request in the amount of \$226,050.00 is for the construction of a 2-hour rated masonry fire wall to separate the existing warehouse & shipping area from the manufacturing area of the building and for the construction of a driver’s entrance vestibule area constructed in the shipping area. A total of three responsive proposals were submitted; low bid as stated and a high bid of \$300,000.00. This project is being funded with Redevelopment Capital Assistance Program funds and funds from the Indiana County Development Corporation.

GRANT MATCHING FUNDS COMMITMENT – PENNDOT MTF PROGRAM – HOODLEBUG TRAIL / PLANNING

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of and in collaboration with Indiana County Parks & Trails a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve a resolution to commit matching funds in the amount of \$140,000 of Indiana County Act 44 Transportation Funds as eligible matching funds for a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation – Multimodal Transportation Funds (MTF) Program grant that was awarded in the amount of \$1,702,044 for the Route 22 Pedestrian and Bicyclist Bridge Project. The funding will be utilized for construction and related project activities. The intent of this action item is to preserve the available MTF grant. The motion also authorizes Commissioner Ruddock, as Chairman, the Chief Clerk, and the Executive Director of the Office of Planning & Development to submit the necessary Act 44 encumbrance and for any two Commissioners to execute required MTF documents is also requested.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) / PLANNING

At the request of Matthew Budash, Solicitor, a motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve the sale of real estate to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for building of a Mine Water Treatment Plan that will be located in Buffington Township in the amount of \$2,474.00. David Leiford and Scott Poborsky from DEP were present and explained that the plant will address acid mine discharges in the Blacklick Watershed.

2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the following tentative 2020 General Fund Budget:

Opening Balance	\$5,830,538
Total Revenues	\$40,102,224
Total Expenditures	\$45,932,762

The real estate tax will remain the same. This will allow a real-estate tax rate of 4.445 mills. .81 mill of 4.445 are applied to debt service with the remaining millage of 3.635 to general operating fund. The per-capita tax rate will remain at \$5.00.

2020 CAPITAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Ruddock made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the tentative Capital Fund Budget as follows:

Opening Balance	\$24,221
Total Revenue	\$19,488
Total Expenditures.	\$43,709

2020 LIQUID FUELS BUDGET

Mr. Ruddock made the motion, seconded by Ms. Hess and unanimously carried to approve the tentative Liquid Fuels Budget as follows:

Opening Balance	\$0
Total Revenue	\$571,500
Total Expenditures	\$571,500

BOARD APPOINTMENT...CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Richard D. Stumpf as a Farmer Director on the Conservation District Board; term expires January 2024.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Sherene Hess as the Commissioner member on the Conservation District Board; term expires January 1, 2021.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED...THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28th and FRIDAY NOVEMBER 29th IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the courthouse will be closed on Thursday, November 28, 2019 and Friday, November 29, 2019 in observance of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Representative Jim Struzzi, presented Commissioner Ruddock with a proclamation recognizing his service to Indiana County as Commissioner Commissioner for the last 16 years.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...DECEMBER 18, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 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 Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman