

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

Commissioner Chairman Michael A. Baker called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:31 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, Greg Reinbold and Chauncy Ross.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...AUGUST 28, 2019

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of August 28, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

There were no Executive Sessions.

LEASE...INDIANA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION / DOMESTIC RELATIONS SECTION

At the request of Darren Divido, Domestic Relations Section, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a lease with the Indiana County Development Corporation to provide new office space for the Domestic Relations Section. The rate will be \$18,181.00 per month for the first year with a 12% increase each year after until the end of the lease. The term of the lease is from December 1, 2019 through November 30, 2029.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...PARKS & TRAILS COMMISSION

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve the following members to the Parks & Trails Commission:

John D. McMullen, Armagh, PA (reappointment)
John Somonick, Indiana, PA (reappointment)
John German, Indiana, PA (new appointment)

Terms will expire August, 2024.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to appoint John Somonick, Indiana, PA to the Indiana County Solid Waste Authority; term to expire January, 2022.

**TABLE CONTRACT AWARDS: INDIANA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
NEW OFFICE BUILDING PROJECT**

At the request of David Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Young & Associates Consulting Engineers and the Indiana County Conservation District, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to table all bids received on August 21, 2019, for the Indiana County Conservation District New Office Building Project. This action is requested to allow additional time for the Architect and the Indiana County Conservation District to review and make a recommendation of award based on the bids received. Upon completion of the bid review a recommendation shall be made at the next Commissioners meeting on September 25, 2019.

GRANT APPLICATION – TASA PROGRAM – HOODLEBUG TRAIL

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development on behalf of and in collaboration with Indiana County Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TASA) application be submitted seeking up to a maximum of \$350,000 grant through the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) for 100% construction funding, inclusive of construction inspection and management activities, for various improvements to the Hoodlebug Trail, specifically the section between Cornell Road and the 119 Underpass known as Mile Hill, in southern Indiana County. Indiana County will be responsible for completing all pre-construction activities, including design, engineering, environmental clearance, right-of-way and utility relocation/coordination. PennDOT administers the TASA program. The Authorization allows for Commissioner Baker, the Chief Clerk, and the Executive Director of the Office of Planning & Development to submit the TASA application and for any two Commissioners to execute required documents as needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 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 10:45 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman