

Indiana County Municipal Emergency Services Authority
6PM at the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency (EMA)

Monday, October 6, 2025

Members in attendance: Augie Santini, Danny Sacco, John Kravetsky, Sandi Waldenville, Jeff Gromley, Terry Pierce, Jonathan Smith, Nick Brilhart, Commissioner R. Mike Keith

Members absent:

Guests in attendance: Emelia Rippen, Rob Walbeck, Donna, Mark, Sady Gillette, Rich Neff, Ben Steffy

Consultant Representatives in attendance:

The Meeting was called to order by Jonathan Smith at 6:00 PM.

A Motion to appoint approve agenda was made by Danny Sacco and seconded by Augie Santini. **Motion** was unanimous. **Motion** carried.

A Motion to approve the September 8, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Nick Brilhart and seconded by Sandi Waldenville. **Motion** was unanimous. **Motion** carried.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Presentation & Discussion

Jonathan Smith informed the board that he is excited to see that progress is being made to move this vision forward.

John Kravetsky stated that there was no report from the Treasurer this month.

Danny Sacco informed the board members that he had a conversation with some IRPs. He stated that he thought that board should have a meeting with the IRPs and the QRS units sometime in the very near future. He believes that the meeting will need to be held in a larger venue than the Indiana County Forensic Center. Jonathan Smith explained that he visions this meeting to take place at the beginning of 2026. Jonathan believes that they are an important piece of the EMS service in the county and a meeting will be need with them and the current service providers.

Unfinished Business

Jonathan stated that he had prepared a 2026 Budget for approval. The budget is required for the upcoming fee hearing that is required through the Municipal Authorities Act. Jonathan went over the budget showing the projected income and expenses that will be covered in the upcoming fiscal year. Danny Sacco stated that he believes that the budget should be advertised somewhere prior to the fee hearing. John Kravetsky stated that he found a membership drive application from Avonmore from 1974, and the cost of a membership was \$50, he feels that the \$75 fee is not enough to cover the cost of service. Nick Brilhart stated that at his last district meeting the supervisors from East and West Wheatfield will opt out of the authority if the fee is more than \$60. They feel that \$75 is to much and that \$60 is the max that they want to see their residents pay.

A Motion was made to approve the 2026 Estimated Budget by John Kravetsky and seconded by Sandi Waldenville. **Roll Call** vote was taken. The vote was 7-1. **Motion** carried.

New Business

Jonathan Smith introduced the Service Plan for 2026. He stated that this is also a requirement for the upcoming fee hearing to explain what the mission of ICMESA. John Kravetsky stated that the authority will need to discuss how it will be paying providers with the funds received in 2026. Jonathan Smith stated that it is something that will need to be decided in the very near future. Jonathan explained that the authority will be subsidizing the providers income. The question was asked why the authority would not be giving all the income to the service providers that serve the participating municipalities. Jonathan Smith explained that the service providers will be receiving 83.50 % of the funds collected. The upcoming fiscal year is to build a lasting relationship with the municipalities and the service providers. Jonathan explained that the budget will be close to zero at the end of the 2026 Fiscal year.

Jonathan Smith explained that a flyer will be sent out regarding ICMESA 2026 Service Plan. He has spoken with the Gazette Printing to send the mailer to just the participating municipalities the cost associated will be \$2700 plus postage, to send the mailer to all 38 municipalities the cost associated will be \$6,000. Commissioner Keith stated that the county is willing to accept the invoice for the mailer.

A Motion was made to Approve and Advertise 2026 Service Plan Hearing by Danny Sacco and seconded by John Kravetsky. **Motion** was unanimous. **Motion** carried.

A Motion was made to send the 2026 Service Plan to every resident in Indiana County and every Municipal office by Nick Brillhart and seconded by Danny Sacco. **Roll Call** vote was taken. The vote was 9-0. **Motion** was unanimous. **Motion** carried.

Jonathan Smith also introduced the Request for Proposals for Emergency Medical Services Providers. Danny Sacco questioned if Attorney Houser has reviewed this document, Jonathan explained that he has reviewed the document. Danny also questioned what the penalty will be for not providing performance? He also questioned why are we waiting so long to ask for the proposal to be return? It was explained that Public Safety Service needs to place provider to include IRP and QRS making sure that they work with the current service plan in place. We want to have a positive conflict resolution. Augie Santini asked, who pays the IRP and QRS? Commissioner Keith stated that is a great question, definitely a conversation needed to create a great relationship!

Jonathan Smith stated that he will review the document and bring it back to the authority board.

Executive Session

Commissioner Mike Keith called an executive session to speak about legal matters. The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:53 pm. No other business was discussed.

The next scheduled meeting will be the workshop meeting held on October 20, 2025, and the business meeting will be held on November 3, 2025. Both meetings will begin at 6:00 pm.

A Motion to adjourn was made at 7:54 pm by Nick Brillhart and seconded by Terry Pierce. **Motion** was unanimous. **Motion** carried.

Submitted by:

Jeff Gromley
Secretary