

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:30.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock, present Commissioner Michael A. Baker, present
Commissioner Patricia A. Evanko, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael T. Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai, and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Greg Reinbold and Josh Widdowson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...DECEMBER 17, 2014

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of December 17, 2014 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Ruddock said there was an Executive Session held on December 30, 2015 to discuss real estate matters.

RECOGNITION....ROBERT FYOCK, SHERIFF

Commissioner Ruddock recognized Sheriff Robert Fyock for being elected as President of the Sheriff's Association for Pennsylvania. He said it is a remarkable elected position for Bob to represent the entire county across the state and we are very privileged to have someone like Bob to work for Indiana County on a daily basis as he is a 24/7 committed Sheriff. We often miss the opportunity to thank to those who have stepped up on voluntary bases to do things that would otherwise not get done.

Sheriff Fyock said it is an honor to be the Sheriff's Association President for Pennsylvania. He said law enforcement officers are often projected in a negative light and made out to be the bad guys. He said he tries to do as much public relations work as possible especially with kids to let them see what they are doing. He also takes his K-9 on his visits. He thanked the Commissioners for their continued support.

Commissioner Baker said his relationship in working with Bob goes back to when he was County Coroner. He appreciates all of his help especially with the Suicide Task Force. He echoed Commissioner Ruddock's comment of him be a 24/7 Sheriff and thanked him for his service to the County.

Commissioner Evanko said her first interaction with Bob was when she was County Auditor. She said he was very open with his records and would answer any question she had and had

nothing to hide. That says a lot about a person and congratulated him on his election as President of the Sheriff's Association

H&W GLOBAL INDUSTRIES, INC.

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Baker, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to congratulate H&W Global in receiving the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc. 2014 Employer of the Year Award and recognize that they have brought great credit upon themselves, Indiana County and the Tri-County Workforce.

Commissioner Ruddock said that the emphasis on family-owned business in Indiana County is key to our success story. H&W Global are very strong advocates of manufacturing program in Indiana County and they have built their business through strong business acumen.

J.P. Habets, his wife Sandy and daughter Chantel were present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Haberts said they have been very well received in setting up a business in Indiana County and he said he hopes to expand it even more. He thanked the Board for the recognition.

PROCLAMATION...DIGNITY & RESPECT MONTH 2015

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to recognize January as Dignity & Respect Month with the intent to support and uphold the campaign's goals in the workplace, schools, community, and county.

Commissioner Evanko read a statement from the letter received by Bracken Burns, Chairman of the Dignity & Respect Council of Greater Pittsburgh. "During Dignity & Respect Month in January, we recognize the value and importance of all Americans and celebrate the principle of treating others the way they want to be treated through simple acts of kindness, community service, and the pledge: *I will make the world a better place by treating everyone with dignity and respect.*" Commissioner Evanko encouraged everyone to go online to take the pledge and in honor of a non-profit organization. The non-profit organization that gets the most pledges will get \$1,000 for that agency.

Commissioner Evanko said Barbara Telthorster was nominated and chosen as one of twelve champions for Dignity & Respect. Ms. Evanko said she exemplifies what Dignity and Respect stands for and is proud that she was chosen as a champion for Western Pennsylvania. Commissioner Ruddock and Baker both said they can't think of anyone more deserving of the recognition than Barb. She has been a very strong advocate for those in Indiana County who have need of service to their community and has always stepped up to the plate. Ms. Telthorster was present to accept the proclamation and thanked the Board for their continued support.

DEBT ORDINANCE...2015 FINANCING PROGRAM – PHASE I

Mr. Mark Lundquist, of Financing Ideas, Inc. and is the financial advisor for the county was present and explained that the county has 10 outstanding general obligation loans with the local banks totaling approximately \$50 million. The loans were taken to help finance the county's projects including construction of the new jail, an upgrade of the county's public safety radio system, county-wide reassessment and other capital projects. The loans are with S&T Bank, First Commonwealth, Indiana First, Marion Center, First Summit and Farmers & Merchants. Mr. Lundquist explained that we have the opportunity to refinance eight of the loans to save money for the county on both an upfront annual basis going forward by reducing the debt service

and also by shortening the term of the loans. There are two other loans that will not be refinanced because one already has an attractive interest rate and the other will be done next year. The eight loans will be refinanced in four steps which is required under federal tax law which is very specific about the process and procedure taken. The first Ordinance will refinance two of the loans. He explained that one is a \$9.9 million loan and the other will be a \$3.5 million taxable loan which will be shortened and paid off in the next two years. The banks have offered a tax exempt loan rate of 1.9% (reduced from 2.5%) on the \$9.9 million loan and 2.5% (reduced from 4.6%) on the \$3.5 million taxable loan. The other six loans will be refinanced over the next two months on similar terms conditions. The estimated savings to county will be \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year and about \$2 million over the life of the loans. Mr. Lundquist said that the county is not incurring any new debt for capital projects.

Mr. Chris Brewer, bond counsel for the County, explained that the ordinance includes terms and conditions that have been reviewed by the banks council and the county solicitor. This ordinance will put into place Phase I and the other phases will take place in future meetings.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Debt Ordinance refinancing of Series B of 2012 and Series D of 2012 as presented.

Commissioner Ruddock said this is a win-win situation for Indiana County and are saving significant money. If you are a home owner and you can reduce your interest rate over the life of a long term, this only makes common sense. Commissioner Ruddock said we are not building additional cost or cost of burden of cost to the County and are staying within window of our existing limitations and reducing the length of commitments of payback on the loans. Mr. Ruddock emphasized that the loans are with the local banks and there are very few counties out there that have done what we have done. We believe in rallying the local energies that we have and keep it local.

AGREEMENT LETTER...THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP) / ICCA

At the request, of Jesse Miller, ICCAP, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve and Addendum the contract dated January 1, 2012. The approval allows the County to designate ICCAP as the Lead Agency for the food distribution program. ICCAP will be responsible for operating the program following the Federal Guidelines as outlined in the addendum. The contract will expire on September 30, 2016.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT / TAX CLAIM

At the request of Betty Streams, Tax Claim, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Schillinger & Keith to do title searches in conjunction with the Tax Claim/ Judicial Tax Sale in the amount of \$100.00 per parcel and is a pass through cost as part of the sale.

At the request of Betty Streams, Tax Claim, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Indiana Title Abstract Corp. to do title searches in conjunction with the Tax Claim/ Judicial Tax Sale in the amount of \$100.00 per parcel and is a pass through cost as part of the sale.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 2014 – 2015 / CYS

At the request of Holly Moyer-George, Fiscal Technician II at Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an addendum to the Private Provider Contract with Outside In School of Experiential Education, Inc., Greensburg, PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. The purpose of the addendum is to add two new programs; Multidimensional Family Therapy and Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment. They provide non-placement services.

2013-2014 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION / EMA

At the request of John Pividori, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2014-2015 Emergency Management Program Grant Application in the amount of \$106,205.50 for funding of EMA staff positions. This grant provides for reimbursement of up to 50% of the total amount for staffing of the EMA Director, Deputy Director and a Planner.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT / EMA

At the request of John Pividori, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant. This request for FFY 2015 has been approved at \$46,578.00. The county is responsible to match the grant request with 20% of the project cost, or for FFY 2015 a total of \$11,644.00. The matching funds come from HAZMAT fees paid by local chemical users and county general funds earmarked for HAZMAT planning purposes. This will provide assistance for planning and education of hazardous materials response activities. The performance period of this grant is September 30, 2014 through September 30, 2015

CERTIFICATION FOR AUTHORIZED USE OF 9-1-1 FUNDS / EMA

At the request of John Pividori, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Annual Certification for Authorized of 9-1-1 Funds be submitted PEMA for FY 2015-16. The motion also allows Commissioner Ruddock to sign the necessary document and authorizes Linda Artman, Indiana County 9-1-1 Coordinator submit the necessary application for funding with PEMA.

GRANT OFFER – ADDITIONAL RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY FUNDS – INDIANA COUNTY - JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT

At the request of Tom Robertson, Indiana County Airport Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept a grant offer from the PA Bureau of Aviation for the 2014 non-primary entitlement funds for the Airport. These Federal funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 will be combined with the State share of \$8,333.00 and a local share of \$8,333.00 to make the first reimbursement to the County on the \$600,000.00 Promissory Note for the taxiway work. The Airport Authority has approved the local share contribution.

CHANGE ORDER #2 – IRMC POWER HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

At the request of Dave Morrow, on behalf of the Office of Planning & Development, Stantec Architecture and Indiana Regional Medical Center, a motion was made by Mr. Baker seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #2 with Limbach Company, LLC in the amount of \$7,816.00 on the IRMC Power House Infrastructure Project. Change

Order #2 is to for removal of brick and block at door jamb to accommodate chiller installation; build temporary wall enclosure and replace brick and block at same location. The revised contract amount with Limbach Company, LLC with approval of Change Order #2 will be \$3,122,246.00. This additional cost will be covered by RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) funds and IRMC.

CHANGE ORDER #3 – IRMC POWER HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

At the request of Dave Morrow, on behalf of the Office of Planning & Development, Stantec Architecture and Indiana Regional Medical Center, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #3 with Limbach Company, LLC in the amount of \$10,860.00 on the IRMC Power House Infrastructure Project. Change Order #3 is to for removal of deteriorated lightweight concrete roof substrate. The revised contract amount with Limbach Company, LLC with approval of Change Order #3 will be \$3,133,106.00. This additional cost will be covered by RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) funds and IRMC.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – CLINTON STREET COMMONS VETERANS HOUSING PROJECT

At the request of Dave Morrow, on behalf of the Office of Planning & Development, UpStreet Architects, Inc. and Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 with CNC Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,525.00 on the Clinton Street Commons Homeless Veterans Project. Change Order #1 is for additional excavation, gravel and bank shale fill to address two site items that were uncovered during the grading process. In the eastern sector of the property a hand dug well was discovered and in the northern corner of the site foundation rubble was uncovered. The revised contract with CNC Construction with approval of Change Order #1 will be \$861,197.00. The additional project costs will be covered by one of five funding sources. These funding sources are: CDBG Funds, HOME Funds, HUD Funds, PHARE Funds and Community Donated Funds

RESOLUTION – CDBG COMPETITIVE AUTHORIZATION TO FILE

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the a resolution. The motion also authorizes Commissioner Ruddock to sign all necessary application forms. The resolution authorizes that a Competitive Community Development Block Grant be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The application will request a total of \$750,000.00 of Competitive CDBG funds for the Alice Paul House Building Project. The Indiana County Commissioners allocated \$215,000.00 of their 2014 CDBG funds and propose to commit 2015 CDBG funds. The proposed project will construct a 15,000 sq. ft. facility. The facility will include shelter for domestic violence victims and administrative offices. The estimated total project cost is \$2.3 million. Other funding applications will be submitted to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. All CDBG required public hearings and citizen participation requirements have been met for the application submission.

3 YEAR-ACTIVITY EXTENSION – 2011 CDBG

At the request of LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve that a request be made to

the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for an extension to the 3-Year Project Activity completion requirement of the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program contract. The motion also includes authorization for Commissioner Ruddock to sign the necessary request letter. The request is to extend the 3-Year activity completion date from January 31, 2015, to January 31, 2016 for two uncompleted activities in the 2011 CDBG contract. These activities include the Clinton Street Commons Veterans Housing Project and the Indiana Borough Planning activity.

VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRI STAR MOTORS / PARKS & TRAILS

On behalf of Ed Patterson, Director of Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a 2015 Dump Truck from TriStar Motors, Blairsville, PA in the amount \$66,497.00. The truck is being purchased under the PA CoStars Municipal Vehicle State Contract Program and will replace a 1987 Ford F-600 truck which is being traded in at the amount of \$1,500.00. The truck will be used throughout the county parks & trails system. Funding to purchase the truck is budgeted using a combination of the Parks & Trails Enterprise Fund and General Fund allocation.

BOARD AND AUTHORITIES

After the list was read by Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following appointments and reappointments to various boards and authorities:

AIRPORT AUTHORITY

George R. Bieger, 20 Shady Dr., Indiana, PA 15701
James Calhoun 780 White Farm Rd., Indiana, PA 15701
Term to expire January, 2020

FARM LAND PRESERVATION BOARD

Doug Taylor, 2162 Rte 217 Hwy N., Blairsville, PA 15717
Janis Long, 1219 Hickory Rd., Indiana, PA 15701
Frank Glass, 2801 Grange Rd., Blairsville, PA 15717
Term to expire December 31, 2017

HIGHRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY

Harold Hixson, 34 Clay Pike Rd., New Florence, PA 15944 (new appointment)
Term to expire January 2017

Robert Kunkle, 3368 Campbells Mill Rd., Blairsville, PA 15717
John McMullen, 363 E. Philadelphia St. Ext., Box 175, Armagh, PA 15920
Term to expire January, 2020

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY

Cathy Degenkolb, 315 Sebring Rd., Marion Center, PA 15759
Term to expire January, 2020

HOUSING AUTHORITY

James E. McQuown, 195 Philadelphia St., Indiana, PA 15701
Term to expire January, 2020

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

James E. McQuown, 195 Philadelphia St., Indiana, PA 15701 (new appointment)
Term to expire January 2020

MUNICIPAL SERVICES AUTHORITY

Michael Forberger, P.O. Box 177, Heilwood, PA 15745
Frank E. Holuta, 60 Shyrock Ave., Indiana, PA 15701
Term to expire January 2021

PLANNING COMMISSION

William Cornman, 2029 Whitesell Rd., Home, PA 15747
Delbert Highlands, Box 234, Dayton, PA 16222
Ross Bricklemeyer, 140 N. 8th St., Indiana, PA 15701
Term to expire January 2018

REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Peggy Kinter, 246 S. Walnut St., Blairsville, PA 15717
Term to expire January, 2020

SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

Ken Uber, 645 Ashley Dr., Indiana, PA 15701
Term to expire 2020

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Dave Williams, 127 Adamson Rd., Creekside, PA 15732
Term to expire January, 2020

INDIANA COUNTY UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE BOARD OF APPEALS

William Beck, 5 Whites Wood Trail, Indiana, PA 15701
Term to expire January 2020

ZONING HEARING BOARD

Beth Marshall, 46 Jewell Rd., Homer City, PA 15748
Term to expire January 2018

REAPPOINTMENT OF JANIS LONG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION BOARD

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the reappointment of Janis Long as Chairman of the Indiana County Farmland Preservation Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock commented that there was a meeting with the Realtors and Attorneys regarding the Reassessment Plan for Indiana County to make sure there is business connectivity to the process that is being followed. They are going to meet with the Conservation Board to talk about the Clean & Green Program with the Agricultural Community. In March there will be a public meeting with the Agricultural Community on how they can make an application for

Clean & Green. The object is to get those applicants in place before the county sends out the letters of new valuations which will occur in June or July of this year. They are also working with the Tax Assessment Office and EST (Evaluators Services Technology) Team to locate an area in which the appeal process can work and support the community at large. Indiana County has about 48,000 parcels and it is expected to have about 8,000 appeals. A location is being reviewed at the Indiana Mall which will allow for ample parking and bus service.

Commissioner Ruddock also mentioned that Commissioner Evanko has announced that she will not seek re-election after this term. Commissioner Ruddock said she is a friend and advocate to the county and the citizens of Indiana County. Commissioner Evanko said it has been an honor to serve the public and want to thank the people who have elected her and helped her attain the role of County Commissioner. She said she has a lot of good memories and has met a lot of good people. It was a hard decision to make of not to run but her husband is retired and they want to travel and spend time with family. Her top passion has been 9-1-1, firefighters, emergency responders because they volunteer and rank up there with the veterans. She said she will finish her term through the end.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED... MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the courthouse will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2015 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day Holiday.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 28, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2015 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 11:25 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman