# <u>COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES</u> JANUARY 28, 2015

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

Commissioner Ruddock commented about the tragic loss of Indiana County Native, Elizabeth Kealey, who was killed in a Naval training incident in California

#### **APPROVE MINUTES...JANUARY 14, 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 14, 2015 as submitted.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### RECOGNITION...MARNA CONRAD

Commissioner Evanko introduced Marna Conrad, Blairsville, PA. The Board recognized Marna for winning a first-place ribbon at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show for her butterfly-themed quilt. Commissioner Evanko said that Marna is very active in the Underground Railroad in the Blairsville Area, a member of the Blairsville Historical Society and a veteran in the Air force.

#### SAVIN MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE AGREEMENT / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Linda Callihan, District Attorney's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement between Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Pennsylvania District Attorney's Institute and Indiana County. She explained SAVIN is an automated victim notification system to help victims of crime track the status of an offender housed in any correctional facility. The automated network will allow Pennsylvania residents to receive real-time information about the custody status of offenders. They can register to be notified of an offender's release, transfer, or escape from a county or state facility either by telephone or email, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Commissioner Baker commented that it is a very important and good program.

# GRANT ACCEPTANCE...RIGHTS AND SERVICE ACT (VICTIM NOTIFICATION) / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Linda Callihan, District Attorney's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve acceptance of the Rights and Service Act Grant (RASA) in the amount of \$84,136.00 for FY 2015-2016. The grant money is used to help fund two positions in the District Attorney's Office.

# GRANT AMENDMENT...INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PROGRAM / PROBATION

At the request of Mike Hodak, Chief Probation Officer, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a project modification request to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency regarding the Intermediate Punishment Program Grant for FY 2014-2015. The funds from this grant are passed through by the Commonwealth to the recipient agency, Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission, for the operation of the program. Amanda Schroeder from the Drug & Alcohol Commission was present and explained PCCD requested that any anticipated funding that are not being spent that you voluntarily reduce the amount rewarded. She said they examined the program and treatment spending has been down because of the jail pilot program where clients are leaving jail and are eligible for public assistance. It is noted that by doing so, the program will not be penalized in the next year's allocation. The amount the grant was reduced is \$103,026.00.

# CONTRACT...PA WORKWEAR/INSPIRITEC / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Director of the Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract between the Department of Human Services and InspiriTec, Inc. for the PA Workwear Assurance Program in the amount of \$11,682.00 for January 1, 2015 through June 20, 2015. This program is part of the employment training initiatives for individuals who are on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Referrals are received in the Human Services Office through the County Assistance Office and CareerLink where they are able to utilize these monies as well as donated clothing to help those individuals who are going to job interview or for their first week of work.

Commissioner Evanko asked how many people are served under the program. Ms. Spencer said for the last quarter 12 were served and over the last six months 26. She said they are going to work to get more clients served under the program. Commissioner Baker expressed his concern with regards to the cost of the program and wished there were more referrals. Commissioner Ruddock said that maybe we would be better served with a voucher system with Goodwill and the Salvation Army. A voucher system would be far less the per-individual expenditure but at the same time we don't want to ignore the fact the we want to serve those clients.

# INDIANA FIRST BANK LOAN EXTENSION...CIVIL CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE PACKAGE / PROTHONOTARY

At the request of Randy Degenkolb, Prothonotary, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a loan extension with Indiana First Bank for the Civil Case Management Software Package. An additional \$9,688.42 will be added to the loan and will be funded through Automation Fund. The purpose of the loan is to purchase an electrified cubicle system for his office. The Automation Fund collects \$5.00 for each case filed

in the Prothonotary's office and is to be used towards modernization and automation of the office.

#### 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 Adelphoi Education, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

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 Adelphoi Village, Inc., Latrobe, PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

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 Families United Network, Inc., Muncy, PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

# BOARD APPOINTMENT...BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Administrator of the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Malcolm Gallanar, Indiana, PA to the Armstrong Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program Advisory Board; term to expire December 31, 2017.

# <u>CONTRACT - 2014 EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT / PLANNING</u>

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to enter into a contract agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for the 2014 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The 2014 ESG contract is for \$375,264.00 for operational expenses for the Pathway Homeless Shelter and rapid rehousing funds for homeless prevention. Indiana County is the grantee and the service provider is the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP). The contract date is November 25, 2014, to August 20, 2016. The original application request was for \$434,500.00 but was reduced by \$59,236.00 due to funding cuts and application requests exceeding twice the amount of funding available.

# <u>IRLF LOAN – INDIANA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EXTEND MATURITY DATE / PLANNING</u>

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a 12-month extension of the maturity date for the \$150,000.00 Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund (IRLF) loan to the Indiana County Development Corporation (ICDC). The ICDC utilized the IRLF loan for eligible

project costs at two priority economic development initiatives, specifically at the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park (White Township) and the 119 Business Park / Joseph Land Development (Center Township) to leverage funding through the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) and the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The IRLF was established in 2002 with funding secured by Senator Don White through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The IRLF program was specifically created to finance the up-front engineering and design services necessary for infrastructure projects and community facilities. The \$150,000.00 loan to the ICDC will provide interim financing for the engineering, design and permitting required to successfully deliver these projects. No other terms of the IRLF loan will be modified.

# <u>INDIANA COUNTY ACT 13 IMPACT FEE DISTRIBUTION – 2013 / PLANNING</u>

Mr. Byron Stauffer, Director of the Office of Planning & Development explained that Indiana County has received its notification from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) of the Act 13 Impact Fee Distribution for 2013. The Act 13 Impact Fee Distribution is based on an eligibility formula utilizing a complicated series of criteria based on unconventional gas wells. The PUC has determined for 2013 that there are 40 eligible unconventional gas wells that are located in Indiana County. Under Section 2314(d)(1) of Act 13, Indiana County has been allocated \$259,752.25 for 2013. These funds must be used for one of the thirteen criteria outlined in Act 13 under this section.

Upon an examination of the thirteen criteria under Section 2314(d)(1) and a review of the needs of the County to support various projects and initiatives, the Office of Planning & Development recommended the following expenditures/projects for consideration:

- Criteria 2 \$50,000.00 Funding to upgrade sewer service at the Indiana County Jail;
- Criteria 3 \$30,000.00 Funding for the Indiana County Fire Academy to assist local fire departments and first responders with training for emergency preparedness;
- Criteria 3 \$15,000.00 Funding for HAZMAT / Indiana County EMA Team 900;
- Criteria 4 \$25,000.00 Funding for the Indiana County Farmland Preservation;
- Criteria 8 \$25,000.00 Funding for rural broadband deployment;
- Criteria 11 \$39,752.25 Deposit into County's capital reserve fund to be used solely for a purpose set forth in Act 13 of 2012;
- Criteria 12 \$25,000.00 Funding for the Central Allegheny Challenger Learning Center to be located on the campus of the Indiana County Technology Center;
- Criteria 13 \$50,000.00 Funding for the preparation of a Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO).

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the expenditures and projects as outlined.

Commissioner Ruddock recommended that \$84,536.19 received for the Act 13 Legacy Fund in the amount of \$84,536.19 for the Parks and Trails is set aside for the Cummins Dam Study. A request was received from the Department of Environmental Protection asking the county to

examine the Dam to make sure it is working properly and meets regulations. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the allocation.

#### 2015 CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY FUNDS...FARMLAND PRESERVATION

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Certification of County Funds for 2015 Program Year providing county matching funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements for Farmland Preservation.

#### 2014-2015 PCORP LOSS PREVENTION GRANT APPLICATION / MAINTENANCE

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a grant application be submitted to the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania for the 2014-2015 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program in the amount of \$12,500.00. The grant money will be used to replace the snow melting boiler at the main entrance to the courthouse including the porch, ADA accessible ramp and the veteran's memorial. The current boiler is over 15 years and repair will cost more than its value due to the age and life expectancy.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### NEXT REGULAR MEETING...FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

	the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned
the meeting at 11:13 a.m.	
Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary	Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman