

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2015

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 Patricia A. Evanko, present
Commissioner Michael A. Baker, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Ed 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 Ruddock led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...MARCH 25, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of March 25, 2015 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CHECK PRESENTATION...BPOE #931

Suellen Shick and Robert McClelland from the Indiana Elks presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 towards the Clinton Street Commons Homeless Veterans Housing Project. The money was achieved through a grant from the National Elk Federation Foundation.

After a photo was taken, Commissioner Ruddock recognized Jamie Empfield for winning a second-place award in the 2015 Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors annual News Excellence Competition. It was for a feature photo published in the Gazette on June 7, 2014.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR'S WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Baker and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of April 12 – 18, 2015 as National Telecommunicator's Week in Indiana County and honor the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe. Linda Artman, Jolene Burkhardt and Elizabeth Rocco from the 911 Center were present to receive the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION...DONATE LIFE MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Baker, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim April as National Donate Life Month in Indiana County. Registering to be a donor only takes about 90 seconds, but it can make the difference of a lifetime. Commissioner Baker reminded everyone there will be a flag raising for National Donate Life Month ceremony on the Courthouse steps on Friday, April 10th at 11:30 a.m.

PROCLAMATION...VOLUNTEER WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Baker and unanimously carried to proclaim April 12 – 18, 2015 as National Volunteer Week in Indiana County and urge follow citizens to volunteer in their communities. By volunteering and recognizing those who serve, we can replace disconnection with understanding and compassion. Kim Cobaugh, Communities at Indian Haven and Maureen Pounds, Department of Human Services were present to receive a copy of the proclamation. Commissioner Baker wanted to make special recognition for a volunteer, Sara Chiodo, who passed away recently. Sara volunteered at the Volunteer Information Desk in the lobby for 12 years. Commissioner Evanko said if it wasn't for volunteers we couldn't run county government. Commissioner Ruddock said the services volunteers provide at no cost are unbelievable.

PROCLAMATION...FAIR HOUSING MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Baker, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Indiana County. The declaration is to bring attention to the residents of Indiana County that it is their right to live where they want without prejudice and discrimination. It is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) to discriminate in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, familial status (families with children), or handicap (disability), and, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age and ancestry.

RESOLUTION – FURTHER FAIR HOUSING THROUGHOUT INDIANA COUNTY

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 the a resolution to “Further Fair Housing throughout Indiana County”. The resolution affirms the County’s commitment to Fair Housing that all programs administered by the County of Indiana provides Equal Housing Opportunities regardless of a person’s race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, age, familial status, handicap or disability. Indiana County will undertake actions to include but not be limited to; 1. Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer; 2. Conduct at a minimum one fair housing activity annually educating the public of their rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and 3. Utilizing the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs.

RESOLUTION – FAIR HOUSING OFFICER DESIGNATION FOR INDIANA COUNTY

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 designate Christina Coleman of the Indiana County Office of Planning & Development as the County’s Fair Housing Officer. Mrs. Coleman’s duties will include receiving all complaints on housing discrimination and taking the appropriate action to resolve the complaint as needed. A public notice will be advertised identifying the County’s Fair Housing Officer and the process of filing a complaint.

2014-16 ESG PROGRAM VENDOR SERVICES CONTRACT

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 Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) to provide services for the 2014-16 ESG Program. ICCAP will be designated as the County’s vendor for services through the 2014-

16 ESG contract. The services to be provided include essential and operational services at the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick, financial services for rapid-re-housing, data entry for the Pennsylvania Human Management Information System, (HMIS), and associated administrative services. The contract dates will coincide with the effective dates of the County's contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The contract term began November 25, 2014 and shall end on August 20, 2016 subject to all other provisions.

RESOLUTION RECERTIFYING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)

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 adopt a resolution re-certifying that the Indiana County Revolving Loan Fund is being operated consistent with the existing Economic Development Strategy and is being operated in accordance with the policies and procedures contained in the administrative plan. This is a housekeeping item required by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Our Economic Development Strategy is embodied within the 2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania, which was submitted by SPC and endorsed by EDA.

CONTRACT: 280 INDIAN SPRINGS ROAD SUITE 264 FIT OUT PROJECT

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development, and on behalf of Desmone Architects and the Indiana County Development Corporation, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to table award of the 280 Indian Springs Road Suite 264 Fit Out Project until review and recommendation is received from the Architect on bids received and opened March 31, 2015. Ten bids were received on the project ranging from low bid of \$218,500 to high bid of \$285,784. Funding for this project is through a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Grant and ICDC.

RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION – DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) APPLICATION – COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

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 adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program for engineering and design of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over the Route 22 and Route 119 Intersection in Burrell Township. The application is requesting \$290,000.00 of State grant funds, contingent upon matching funds from other State and local agencies, to provide design services, specifications and bid documents. Gibson-Thomas Engineers has agreed to provide preliminary engineering services and prepare the application. Approval is also requested to have Chairman Ruddock sign all required application forms.

Commissioner Ruddock asked if money from one grant can be used as a match for another grant. Mr. Stauffer said it is not typical but in this case you can.

PCCD COUNTY INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT GRANT FY 15-16 / PROBATION

At the request of Michael Hodak, Chief Probation Officer, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime & Delinquency in the amount of \$220,000.00. The purpose of this grant is for continued funding for the Indiana County Intermediate Punishment and Drug

Treatment Programs for FY 2015-16. The funds for this grant pass through the Armstrong/Indiana/Clarion Drug & Alcohol Commission for operation of the programs. Ms. Nicole Salvo, Case Manage Supervisor of the Armstrong/Indiana/Clarion Drug Alcohol Commissioner was present and thanked the Board for the support of the program.

CONTRACT...FUNCTIONAL PATHWAYS / INDIAN HAVEN

At the request of Kim Cobaugh, Communities at Indian Haven, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a one year contract with Functional Pathways, LLC. Ms. Cobaugh explained that due to changes made by medical providers, revisions to the contract were needed.

CONTRACT...AGING SERVICES, INC. / HUMAN SERVICES

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Aging Services, Inc. to participate in Project Share which is a sharing of database among agencies and churches. Project Share is a collaborative effort by organizations in the faith community to share resources and information to help residents in the county in need. This brings the total number of participant entities to 23. Commissioner Evanko said what a great program this is and especially when multiple agencies can come together and help share the cost even if it is one program in need.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock said they will be meeting with the legislative team and Human Services Agencies to hear about the state's priorities for Human Services. A Poverty Summit was held in cooperation with Dave Reed and the United Way was very active. There was four to five hours of discussion especially regarding the transportation needs of those in poverty.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...APRIL 22, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 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 11:18 a.m.



Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman