<u>COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES</u> <u>MAY 27, 2015</u>

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:38 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...MAY 13, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRI-STAR MOTORS / PARKS AND TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks and Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a 2015 Ford F-150 from Tri-Star Motors, Blairsville, PA in the amount of \$24,524.00. The vehicle will be purchased through the COSTARS and will be paid for from the Parks & Trails Enterprise Fund.

STORAGE BUILDING PURCHASE...LOG CABIN FENCE COMPANY / PARKS AND TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks and Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of two winter road material storage buildings from Log Cabin Fence Company, Amity, PA. The 30' x 30' fabric covered buildings will be purchased through the National Joint Powers Alliance program at the cost of \$27,770. An additional \$6,750 will be used to purchase concrete precast foundation blocks for the building foundations. The total project cost is \$34,250.00 and will be funded from the Liquid Fuels Account. One building will be located at Blue Spruce Park and the second building will be located at Pine Ridge Park.

LEASE AGREEMENT...SALTSBURG BOROUGH / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a lease agreement with Saltsburg Borough. This agreement is for the lease of one portable radio with a total annual fee of \$717.40. This is a four year contract and at the end of this period the radios and all associated equipment become the property of Saltsburg Borough. Mr. Stutzman explained that Saltsburg Borough recently expanded their coverage footprint which required an additional radio.

GRANT APPLICATION...PA WORKWEAR PROGRAM / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Department of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an 18 month contract for the PA Workwear Assurance Program in the amount of \$35,046.00 from January 1, 2016 to June 30, 3017. Ms. Spencer explained that the Department of Human Services is taking back this contract from InspiriTec, Inc. This program is part of the employment training initiatives for individuals who are on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and over the last three years averaged 51 clients. Ms. Spencer said they also received about \$1,500 of donations for the boutique. 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.

RESOLUTION...JAIL HVAC

Commissioner Ruddock explained that the Jail HVAC system has developed a serious system failure with the return temperatures on the Geo Thermal Cooling loops. The existing Fluid Cooler has malfunctioned and a new one must be installed. He further explained that because of time and review of the bidding process, this has created an emergency situation at the jail. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of equipment from the first available supplier/contractor.

CONTRACT AWARD – INDIANA COUNTY JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT

Tom Robertson, on behalf of the Indiana County Airport Authority, recommended to the Board award a contract to Richardson Tree & Landscaping Company, Inc. from New Wilmington, PA, in the amount of \$18,000.00 for vegetative control at the Indiana County – Jimmy Stewart Airport. The work will include the application of herbicide treatments to approximately 38 acres of Airport land where the timber was cut in 2014, and new vegetative growth is appearing in the area. If approved, the \$18,000.00 contract would be paid with revenue received by the County from the 2014 sale of timber at the Airport to D & D Wood Sales, Inc.

Mr. Ruddock said the recommendation is to award a contract that has not been reviewed by the Board or the county solicitor. Out of courtesy to the process, we want to make sure it is reviewed before it is approved. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to table action on the contract until it is reviewed by the board and the solicitor. Mr. Ruddock also said once we see the contract, there can be discussion regarding the funding as to whether it is appropriate to the agreement.

PRESS RELEASE...REASSESSMENT PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

Franks Sisko, Chief Assessor, announced that Indiana County and Evaluator Services have scheduled regional informational meetings in the school districts within Indiana County. The purpose of these meetings is to help property owners know what to expect during the next phase of the countywide reassessment. The meetings will focus on questions about the reassessment, how new property values are determined, understanding the change of assessment notices, and tips to help the community through the process. Because Indiana County has not conducted a countywide reassessment in nearly 50 years, these meetings will provide critical support and educational opportunities to the property owners within each school district. There will be seven

meetings at the school districts located in Indiana County between June 8th through June 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JUNE 10, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M. The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 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 10:53 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman