

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2015

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:30 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 Michael 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...JUNE 10, 2015

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

TAX REASSESSMENT UPDATE

Chief Assessor, Frank Sisko, was present and gave an update on the Tax Reassessment. Mr. Sisko said the county has been holding regional meetings at the school in Indiana County. The reassessment remains on schedule with notices of values scheduled to be mailed on July 1st. Taxpayers with questions, concerns, to schedule informal reviews, or to talk about other property characteristics should call the phone number on the notice. The call center will open to take phone calls and schedule informal reviews on July 2 and the Reassessment Office at the Indiana Mall will open on July 9th and will begin to hear informal reviews. Mr. Sisko said Clean and Green applications can be downloaded from the county's website or can be picked up in the Tax Assessment Office.

Mr. Tim Barr from Evaluators Services and Technology was present and said the public meetings at the schools have been well attended with many good questions and some with concerns. He said the number one thing everyone should be aware of is that because it is a countywide reassessment, millage rates by law must be reduced therefore county, municipal and school districts do not get any new revenue as a result of the reassessment. It is a shift from one property owner to another. For every dollar someone pays more there is someone who is going to pay a dollar less. Mr. Barr again reminded everyone the informal reviews will begin at the Indiana Mall on July 9th which will be scheduled by phone and formal appeals can be scheduled by filing an appeal form by the August 10th deadline. Mr. Barr also said that the guide for Understanding Reassessment, the Tax Payers Guide, and the appeal form are on the county's website. Property owners will also be able to view not only their own property but all properties within the county starting July 1st.

Mr. Ruddock said the county is soliciting names of individuals who would like to serve on the formal assessment appeal boards. The county will hire 15 people to form five three-member appeal boards with at least 8 additional to serve as alternates to fill because of vacation, sickness, etc. He said if anyone is interested in serving, they should contact the Commissioner's Office.

Commissioner Evanko thanked Tim Barr and Frank Sisko and his staff for their participation at the public meetings. She said the board is trying to be open and transparent and this has been done at the public meetings.

Commissioner Baker said he feels the property owners are going away from those meetings with lot better information and are better informed when they leave.

CONTRACT MODIFICATION – 2012 INDIANA COUNTY CDBG ENTITLEMENT

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 a contract modification for the 2012 Indiana County CDBG Entitlement contract. The original 2012 CDBG contract allocations and proposed modifications are as follows:

Activity	Original Allocation	Proposed Modification	Revised Allocation
West Wheatfield Twp Water Line Extension	\$92,500.00	-\$ 17,621.90	\$ 74,878.10
Brush Valley Twp Water Line Extension	\$92,500.00	-\$ 92,500.00	\$ 0.00
Marion Center Fire Hydrant and Water Line Project	\$25,000.00	+\$110,121.90	\$135,121.90
Administration	\$45,840.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,840.00

The required public hearing was conducted on June 11, 2015, for the proposed modification and no adverse comments were received. Upon receipt of approval the required paperwork will be submitted to DCED.

REJECT ALL BIDS - 280 INDIAN SPRINGS ROAD, SUITE 264 FIT OUT PROJECT

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Indiana County 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 reject all bids received on March 31, 2015, for the 280 Indian Springs Road, Suite 264 Fit Out Project. Ten bids were received on the project ranging from low bid of \$218,500 to high bid of \$285,784. Mr. Stauffer said due to some prospect issues the project is not moving forward with the proposed tenant. He said they are going to redesign the project and put it out for bid under a different set of specifications.

LIQUID FUELS ADMINISTRATION

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 that the necessary Liquid Fuels application in the amount of \$35,000.00 be sent to PennDOT District-10 for County Aid on behalf of Burrell Township to offset eligible project costs for road paving projects, specifically to Susan Drive. The total estimated project costs are \$141,748.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 25% of the total estimated project costs.

GRANT APPLICATION - INDIANA MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PROJECT

Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development requested approval from the Board of Commissioners to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Transportation (PennDOT), under the direction of the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA). The total grant amount requested is pending based on the direction of the project partners, Indiana County, Indiana Borough, White Township and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stauffer said the range of dollars will be between \$400,000.00 and \$700,000.00. The purpose of the grant application is to secure the funding necessary to design and construct a Multimodal Corridor that connects the Hoodlebug Trail to the IUP campus, downtown Indiana, and the White Township Recreation Complex. The development of this multimodal corridor is consistent with and recommended in the Indiana Borough Comprehensive Plan (2011), White Township Comprehensive Plan (2008), Indiana University of Pennsylvania Long-range Campus Facilities Master Plan (2011), and the Indiana County Comprehensive Plan (2012).

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a \$30,000 in match funding to be applied to the 30% MTF match requirement. This commitment of match funding is contingent on commitments from all of the project partners, and matching funds (\$30,000) will be secured from sources available to the Indiana County Parks and Trails.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the authorization to submit and execute any additional necessary documentation for the MTF application by the July 31, 2015 submittal deadline.

Commissioner Ruddock said the county wants to invest in this project and feel strongly it is a smart project to take a look at. He said they lean heavily to the Parks & Trails Board to make sure that they were aware of the commitment that the county needs to make in support of overall project and have received overwhelming support from that board.

Laurie LaFontaine, Timothy Kronenwetter and John Somonick from the Parks and Trails Board were present and expressed that the board members felt it was important to extend the hoodlebug Trail into Indiana and the county seat. Not only will local residents be able to use the corridor for convenient travel and recreation, but the corridor is also expected to have a positive economic impact along its route.

CONTRACT...KATHY ABBEY-BAKER / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Director of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Kathy Abbey-Baker in the amount of \$25.00 per hour and maximum of 15 hours per week to provide

consultant services for coordination of the Children's Advisory Commission. This contract shall begin July 1, 2015 and continue until June 30, 2016.

CONTRACT...INDIGO / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Director of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program between Indiana County and Indiana County Transit Authority for the purpose of providing medical assistance transportation to eligible individuals for FY 2015-2016.

2015-2016 HUMAN SERVICES PLAN / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Lisa Spencer, Director of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Assurance of Compliance for the Human Services Plan for 2015-2016. The funds for this plan include Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health, Homeless Assistance Program, Intellectual Disabilities Services, Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission and Human Services Development Fund totaling \$6,854,364.00 with the following allocations:

- Armstrong-Indiana BDHP - \$4,202,425.00
- Intellectual Disabilities Services - \$1,771,581.00
- Homeless Assistance Program - \$223,106.00
- Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission - \$568,667.00
- Human Services Development Fund - \$88,585.00

Ms. Spencer said the figures are the same as last FY 2014-2015 with no expected increase.

TEMPORARY RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENTS...INDIANA BOROUGH

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 request received from Indiana Borough asking for a temporary easement to conduct infrastructure and sidewalk resurfacing for the Streetscape project. It is noted that Mr. Bill Sink and the solicitor have reviewed the agreement.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED...FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2015, INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the Courthouse will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2015 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock recognized Commissioner Evanko for her recent interview in the Pennsylvania County News published by CCAP. He asked Commissioner Evanko to comment on the question "After you leave office for the last time, what is the first thing you are going to do?" She said "She is going to sleep in, dress comfortably and kiss my husband hello instead of good-bye."

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JULY 8, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 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 10:58 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman