

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Baker, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of October 19 – 23, 2015 as National Business Women's Week in Indiana County. Present to accept the proclamation was Roxanne Pease, Betsy Sarneso and Barbara Rado. They thanked the board for the continued support.

PROCLAMATION – COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim October as National Community Planning Month (NCPM). NCPM is a month-long national celebration sponsored by the American Planning Association, its members, chapters, and professional institutes designed to recognize the vital role of planners and planning in improving the welfare of people and their communities by creating more convenient, equitable, healthful, efficient, and attractive places for present and future generations. This year's theme is *Healthy Communities, Healthy People*, which underscores the impact that built environments can have on residents' health. To celebrate NCPM, the Planning Section will be delivering presentations on community involvement in planning at Indiana County schools, interacting with residents by engaging them through social media platforms, and challenging residents to rethink public spaces by supporting, in conjunction with the Planning Student Organization at the IUP Department of Geography and Regional Planning, the organization of a Park(ing) Day event later this month.

ANNOUNCEMENT – VETERANS COMMUNITY GARDENS

LuAnn Zak, Office of Planning & Development was present and explained that the Indiana County Commissioners and the Northern Cambria Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) partnered to construct a six unit permanent housing facility for homeless veterans. The \$1.2 million construction project was funded by multiple sources including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency and Indiana County Housing Trust Funds. However, without the generous donations of our residents, local organizations and municipalities the project could not have been completed as originally proposed.

Matthew Barczak, Executive Director and Vicki Vasile, Program Coordinator of NCCDC was present. Mr. Barczak announced that the grand opening and ribbon cutting of the facility will be held on October 30, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Ruddock said this is an outstanding addition to Indiana County and particularly to demonstrate Indiana County's support to veterans.

RESOLUTION TO FILE APPLICATION – HOME 2015/16

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 Resolution authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Program funds. The motion also includes approval of the Statement of Assurances and authorization for Commissioner Ruddock to sign all necessary application forms. The application request will be for \$500,000.00 for housing rehabilitation activities in the community of Chevy Chase in White

Township. All citizen participation requirements have been completed as required by the HOME regulations.

CONTRACT AWARD – MARION CENTER FIRE PROTECTION PROJECT

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc., a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to enter into a contract agreement with Shadco Excavation & Construction from Marion Center, PA for the Marion Center Fire Protection Project. The contract award request in the amount of \$121,376.00 is for construction of approximately 2,100 l.f. of 8” PVC waterline, 3 Hydrants and miscellaneous valves in the Borough of Marion Center. Five bids were received ranging from \$121,376.00 to \$195,570.00. This project is being funded with 2012 CDBG Entitlement Funds.

LIQUID FUELS ADMINISTRATION – CENTER TOWNSHIP / PLANNING

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 encumber Liquid Fuels funding in the amount of \$561.00 to cover the onsite consultation expense in addition to the original \$14,900.00 Application for County Aid on behalf of Center Township to offset eligible project costs for a 50’ bridge overlay and associated delivery charges for the Long Road Bridge. The onsite consultation was necessary and reasonable for the project. The Long Road Bridge was closed due to a deteriorated decking. The total revised estimated project cost is \$15,461.00 for an eight-month lease of the 50’ bridge. This bridge is on the school bus route and a significant detour will be averted as a result of this project. The Township will cover costs associated with constructing the approaches. The Liquid Fuels County Aid allocation represents approximately 100% of the total estimated project costs paid to the vendor, not including the Township labor and material contributions.

LIQUID FUELS ADMINISTRATION – ARMAGH BOROUGH / PLANNING

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 authorize the submission to PennDOT District-10 the necessary Liquid Fuels Funding Encumbrance Application for county aid in the amount of \$1,008.25 on behalf of Armagh Borough to partially offset eligible project costs for winter maintenance and street lighting expenses. The total estimated project costs are \$1,020.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 99% of the total project costs.

RACP GRANT AMENDMENT – WINDY RIDGE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK

At the request of Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of the Indiana County Development Corporation (ICDC), a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant contract between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Indiana County Commissioners for the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park in order to extend the termination date from October 31, 2015 to October 31, 2016. The motion also includes for authorization for Commissioner Ruddock to sign on behalf of the Board of Commissioners. The \$3,750,000 RACP grant is for partial funding for property acquisition, infrastructure installations, and related site work for business development on the nearly 200-acre property located in White Township, along US Route 422 and SR 286. A Cooperation Agreement between the Indiana County Development Corporation and the Indiana County

Commissioners is in place to administer the project through the Office of Planning & Development. Development of the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park will provide Indiana County with needed pad-ready building sites in a quality business park environment, thereby enhancing the county's ability to be economically competitive within the region to attract and retain quality jobs and capital investment.

AGREEMENT...AFFINITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

At the request of Denise McQuown-Hatter, Affinity Health Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Affinity Health Services. Affinity provides management and consulting services to the Communities at Indian Haven and has been since 1997. The term of the contract is from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2020 the management fees are 2.9% of gross revenues on a monthly basis. The home employs approximately 115 employees and takes care of about 100 people each day.

Commissioner Ruddock said Indiana County is blessed to have this management serves agreement in place and Affinity has done a superb job in managing the Communities at Indian Haven. We are one of the few county-owned facilities in Pennsylvania showing a black instead of red line in our budget and that is impressive and it is because of the leadership team in place. Commissioner Evanko commended the team especially because of her personal experience with both her father and mother-in-law and thanked them on behalf of the citizens of Indiana County and her family for the commitment they make to the residents of the home. Commissioner Baker said he has visited many homes over his career and said the Communities at Indian Haven is the cleanest and nicest kept home and said the management team is responsible for that.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT...PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Solicitor Michael Clark, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a settlement agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Domestic Relation Section (DRS) in the amount of \$27,910.00. DHS will begin to offset the Indiana County's DRS monthly statement of expenditures over the course of 36 months until the offset adjustments equal the settlement amount. The reason for the settlement is because DHS prepared a final audit report that included findings concerning disallowed expenditures for calendar year 2010 and 2011, which required the recovery of excess Federal Financial Participation.

AGREEMENT...KOVALCHICK CONVENTION & ATHLETIC COMPLEX

A motion was made by Mr. Baker seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with the Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex for use of the Toretti Auditorium on this date in the amount of \$450.00 plus costs for security to hold the Commissioners Public Meeting.

OFFICIAL RETURN BOARD

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following to the Official Return Board for the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election:

Margaret J. Karp, Margaret Preite, Phyllis C. Spicher and Darla Coble.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the Toretta Auditorium at the KCAC.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman