

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 12, 2015**

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 a.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 Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai, and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Gina Delfavero and Josh Widdowson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ruddock led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVE MINUTES...OCTOBER 28, 2015**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of October 28, 2015 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Present and making comments regarding the Indiana County Tax Reassessment were Juston Marusa, Tammy Curry, Janice Starry, Pearlina Donahey and Richard Wilhelm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

There were no executive sessions.

**PROCLAMATION...VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Baker and unanimously carried to acknowledge and congratulate Sam Kerr for his award of Volunteer of the Year and for the difference he has made in Indiana County. Sam is committed to his volunteer service and exemplifies the true spirit of volunteering.

**THE HARRY ROBIDOUX AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE...THOMAS STUTZMAN**

The Commissioners recognized Thomas Stutzman as he recently received The Harry Robidoux Award for Excellence from the Keystone Emergency Management Association in recognition of his constant display of all that is right and good in Emergency Management. Mr. Stutzman said the organization that presented him with the award works hand in hand with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency who address legislative issues in providing emergency management and services to the residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**AGREEMENT...ALMY, GLOUDEMANS, JACOBS & DENNE**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Almy, Gloudemans, Jacobs & Denne in the amount of \$41,700.00 plus an optional formal presentation of the final report in the amount of \$2,500.00. The purpose of the agreement is that they will provide an objective, independent review of the recent general

reassessment, particularly the agricultural property value estimates it produced. The preliminary report will be completed by December 31, 2015 and a final report by January 15, 2016.

**AMENDMENT TO TEMPORARY LEASE AGREEMENT...ZAMIAS SERVICES, INC.**

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an amendment to the Temporary Lease Agreement with Zamias Service for temporary space at the Indiana Mall. This agreement will be extended from December 1, 2015 through February 29, 2016 at the rate of \$1,700.00 plus \$500.00 for utilities per month.

**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.

**TIMBER SALE BIDS...110915 / PINE RIDGE PARK**

At the request of Ed Patterson, Director of Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the high bid received from Cameron Lumber in the amount of \$30,558 for the sale of timber from the route of the two Sunoco Logistics pipelines that will be constructed through Pine Ridge Park in 2016. The approved bidder will have until April 15, 2016 to remove all timber from within the 75-foot wide pipeline easement area, which encompasses 12 acres of the park over a total distance of 6,931 feet. It is noted that the 12 acres of timber is being removed from the park only because of the pipeline project.

The company has received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the construction of the pipelines and has been granted the power of eminent domain. A separate easement agreement for the pipeline construction and installation is currently in negotiation and will be presented for final review and consent at a later date.

Because the Pine Ridge Park property was acquired with federal Land & Water Conservation Funds the eight acres within the permanent easement are must be replaced with the purchase of a suitable replacement property as mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. The four acres within the temporary easement area does not require replacement, unless the pipeline construction time period exceeds six months.

It is noted that the bids received ranged from \$17,232.00 to \$30,558.00.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING OF A DCNR PEER-TO-PEER TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION / PLANNING**

At the request of Josh Krug, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to Commissioners approve a resolution to apply for grant funds from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Project to be used in completing three (3) walkability assessments in Glen Campbell Borough, Ernest Borough, and White Township as part of the Indiana County's 2015 WalkWorks Program. WalkWorks is a collaboration between the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public

Health, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Office of Planning & Development to increase opportunities for physical activity in Indiana County. The total grant amount requested will be \$10,000 which will be used to engage IUP Institute for Rural Health & Safety (IRHS) for the completion and submittal of the assessments. The grant program requires a 10% match (\$1,000) from the County which has been secured by leveraging a fund balance from a previous 2015 planning initiative. The Office of Planning & Development requests authorizing this resolution and the signing of additional materials as specified by the program application.

#### **2015 PCOMP SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION**

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 2015 PCOMP Safety Improvement Program Grant Application in the amount of \$1,540.00 through the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania. The grant money will be used to purchase video surveillance equipment to allow continuous monitoring of the Magisterial Offices and the Domestic Relations from the Sheriff's Office.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko, and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Edward D. Kuckuck (Farmer Representative) and Richard D. Stumpf (Public Representative) to the Indiana County Conservation District Board; terms to expire January 1, 2020.

#### **BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to appoint Rodney D. Ruddock as the Commissioner Representative to the Indiana County Conservation District Board; term to expire January 1, 2017.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING...NOVEMBER 18, 2015 AT 10:30 A.M.**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. in the Toretti Auditorium at the KCAC.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman