

COMMISSIONERS' ORGANIZANTIONAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4,2016

Commissioner Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Rodney D. Ruddock, present Commissioner Michael A. Baker, present
Commissioner Sherene Hess, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wellsand Josh Widdowson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Ms. Hess made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Ruddock and carried unanimously to appoint Commissioner Michael A. Baker Chairman of the Indiana county Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Hess thanked Commissioner Ruddock for his exemplary leadership over the past 12 years. She said he has shepherded the county through a number of challenging projects and has put the county in a better place.

It was moved by Ms. Hess, seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously to appoint Rodney D. Ruddock, Vice-Chairman of the Indiana County Board of Commissioners.

It was moved by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Mr. Baker and carried unanimously to appoint Sherene Hess, Secretary of the Indiana County Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tammy Curry, Pearleena Donahey and Bob Colgan were present and made public comment regarding the leadership of the board and the tax reassessment.

MEETING DATES/TIME

Mr. Ruddock made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to continue with the existing schedule of the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. for the Commissioners' Public Meetings.

APPOINTMENT...CHIEF CLERK

It was moved by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Robin Maryai as Chief Clerk.

APPOINTMENT...COUNTY SOLICITOR

It was moved by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Michael T. Clark County Solicitor.

APPOINTMENT...INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD (Public Loss & Liability)

It was moved by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to retain Reschini Insurance Agency as the Insurance Broker of Record for the county.

APPOINTMENT...COUNTY ENGINEER

It was moved by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to retain Gibson-Thomas Engineering, Inc. as the County Engineer.

APPOINTMENT...BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

It was moved by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to appoint Delbert Highlands, Larry Stadtmiller, and Hugh Hudnall to the Board of Assessment Appeals up to a four year term not to exceed January 2020.

COURTHOUSE ELEVATORS MODIFICATIONS

Mr. Bill Sink, Director of County Facilities, was present and expresses his concerns regarding the condition of the elevators in the courthouse. We are currently operating with only one elevator and have been for quite some time. He further explained they are Haughton Elevators and parts are becoming more difficult to get and also use of only one elevator has increased the load covering for two elevators including wear and tear which will become increasingly worse over time. Mr. Sink said it will take up to a year to make the modifications and repairs to the two elevators. Many of the parts will need to be refurbished or fabricated and will take up to six months to repair one elevator.

Mr. Ruddock said when they prepared the budget, monies were put into reserve to help with the cost of repair. The county has experience a complete shutdown of both elevators and when that happens there is shutdown of the county and we are required by law to find another location to conduct business. He explained that Schindler is our current vendor for the elevators, they know our elevators, worked on our elevators and have worked on them on a daily basis and we cannot afford to give anymore time to go out and reconstruct the engineering process because it will take much longer that what we need to get this moving forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess and carried unanimously to approve a Resolution to indicate this is an emergency requirement for the county to move forward to get the elevators upgraded as quickly as possible to serve our county.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Hess, and carried unanimously to approve a contract with Schindler Elevator, Corp in the amount of \$309,800.00 to make the necessary modifications and repairs.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 13, 2016 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Baker adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Sherene Hess, Secretary

Michael A. Baker, Chairman