

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 24, 2010**

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:35 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock, present                      Commissioner David S. Frick, present  
Commissioner Patricia A. Evanko, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael T. Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Jared Stout and Ashley Pribicko.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Ruddock asked Karl Wolfe from Boy Scout Troup 29 to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Karl is in the process of earning his Eagle Scout badge.

**APPROVE MINUTES...JANUARY 27, 2010**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 27, 2010 meeting as received.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PROCLAMATION...90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim and honor the League of Women Voters 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and urged all residents of Indiana County to pay great tribute and respect for all they do to make our community healthy, vibrant and strong. Ms. Sherene Hess was present and thanked the commissioners for their continued support.

**CONTRACT...ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE, INC.**

At the request of John Luko, Director of Information Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Election Systems & Software, Inc. in the amount of 79,825.00 for the purpose of purchasing software necessary to allow the county to do our own election programming. The cost for the software is \$62,500.00 and \$17,325.00 for 11 training days. The Software maintenance and support fees are included for the first year and will be \$18,750.00 for every year following. The cost of this software will be purchased through HAVA funds provided by the state. Commissioner Ruddock said this is a significant undertaking for the county and applauded Mr. Luko for his willingness to step forward to help the county save money and this purchase will pay for itself over the next two years.

**BIDS...PRINTING OF MAY 18, 2010 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY BALLOTS / 021710**

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept the low bid from RBM, Consulting, Chicago, IL at the cost of .268 per ballot which equates to approximately \$9,121.38 for the printing of the May 18, 2010 General Primary Ballots.

### **POLLING PLACE CHANGES**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following polling place changes:

1. Canoe Township, Canoe Township Supervisors Building, 1670 Canoe Ridge Rd., Rossiter, PA
2. Indiana #3/2, Zink Hall, Gym B, IUP
3. White #3/3, Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, 2510 Warren Rd., Indiana, PA 15701

### **ANNOUNCEMENT...PETITIONS FOR DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMEN & WOMEN**

Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, announced that the last day to file petitions for Democratic & Republican Committeemen & women is March 9, 2010.

### **PRIVATE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FY 2009-2010 / CYS**

At the request of Paula McClure, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider contract with Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County, Inc. for FY 2009-2010 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Paula McClure, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider contract with Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries for FY 2009-2010 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

At the request of Paula McClure, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider contract with Cambria County Emergency Shelter Care Facility for FY 2009-2010 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

### **VEHICLE PURCHASE...SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

At the request of Sheriff Robert Fyock, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the lease/purchase of a 2010 Ford Expedition from TriStar Motors, Blairsville, PA in the amount of \$29,080.81 under state contract pricing.

### **AGREEMENT AMENDMENT...HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUNDS**

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve three Agreement Amendments with ICW Vocational Workshop's Supported Employment Program, New Choices Career Development and ICCAP's Housing Counseling Program. The purpose of the amendments is because of a decrease in allocation for the Human Services Development Fund which had been reduced. ICW and New Choices did not operate their programs the first six months of the fiscal year and ICCAP only operated for ten months. The contract amounts are:

New Choices Career Development Center, \$10,687.00  
ICW Vocational Services, Inc., \$6,000.00  
ICCAP, \$14,250.00

### **APPOINTMENTS...CHILDREN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to appoint Tracy Richards, Chris Haggens, Nichole Long and Jan Petro to the Children's Advisory Commission; terms to expire December 31, 2012.

### **APPOINTMENT...SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to appoint Mr. Tom Stutzman, to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee representing the Emergency Management Agency. Both Commissioner Evanko and John Somonick expressed that the Solid Waste and many other agencies in the county have been recognized as model agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

### **RESOLUTION/COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH ICCAP – ESG 2010**

At the request of the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) and the Office of Planning and Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the a resolution to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with ICCAP for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program for 2010.

### **RESOLUTION...AUTHORIZATION TO FILE 2010 ESG APPLICATION**

At the request of the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) and the Office of Planning and Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2010 Emergency Shelter Grant with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. This motion also authorizes Commissioner Ruddock to sign all required application forms. The application is requesting \$152,727.00 in 2010 Emergency Shelter Grant funding to be matched with other federal, state and local funds provided by ICCAP. The project scope of the application includes assistance in providing rehabilitation activities and operation expenses at the Pathway Homeless Shelter. A public hearing was conducted on Friday, February 5, 2010 for the proposed project and no citizen comment was received.

Michelle Faught and Lorna Vite from ICCAP were present and thanked the Commissioners for their continued support of this program. Commissioner Ruddock commented that they recognize the homelessness in Indiana County is much more significant that most realize and are looking for ways to help solve this problem and to help stabilize the environment which they are sheltered.

### **MODIFICATION...2005 INDIANA COUNTY CDBG**

At the request of the Office of Planning and Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a modification to the County's 2005 CDBG Program. The modification request is to add the Countywide Lateral Assistance Program activity to the contract and reallocate \$7,854.54 of unexpended funds from the existing budget line item from the Rexas Sewage Extension Project. The Rexas Project was completed as proposed and the remaining funds need to be expended prior to the contract expiration on June 29, 2010. A public hearing was properly advertised and conducted on Monday, February 1, 2010. No public comment was received for the proposed modification. Upon approval the necessary paperwork will be submitted to the Department of Community and Economic Development for final approval.

### **PURCHASE...9-1-1 COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SOFTWARE**

At the request of Gary Ryan, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a software upgrade for their existing 9-1-1 Computer Aided Dispatch software in the amount of \$41,620.00. This will be funded from the wireline and wireless funds received from the state.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Commissioner Ruddock wanted to make a statement regarding the Broadband application and what the impact of the rejection of that application will do for Indiana and Armstrong Counties. He said he wants to be an optimist that the application supported by the ITIA with the state regarding the Keystone Application which is to harness and provide support for colleges, universities, community colleges, hospitals and libraries across the state of Pennsylvania. He is pleased they are being supported but he has some real concerns that need to be looked upon to make sure that their intent is what our intent was and that is to provide service to those individuals of Indiana County in the unserved and underserved portions with broadband. The challenge that we have is how we can capitalize on that particular application to make sure that they have intent to deliver a service as south as the Wheatfield's and as north to the Mahoning's. That is the key and it is his intent to meet with those who are in charge of that application process and or the companies that are going to deliver the services. Should it not be their intent to deliver service He would be very disappointed that Indiana and Armstrong County proposal was rejected because we feel we had a way to deliver that service.

He said we can submit a second application and we are prepared to do so and are reviewing those options. We would like to think that a second application would carry Indiana County to that unserved region of the county that is presently not identified. With that process we would have to re-look at how we present our application not as a middle mile transport vehicle of fiber but as a last mile service from fiber to the delivered home. We are also looking at an option of pairing with REA Energy who has shown an interest in helping deliver service of broadband in Indiana County. The disappointment the commissioners have is that we thought we had a very solid application and collectively for both Armstrong and Indiana County it was about \$20 million. But he understands when you look at the total application process you try to get the best bang for your buck and that is what ITIA is doing and the Keystone package may do that. But he has concerns that we have had fiber opportunity in Indiana County yet the private companies do not have the willingness or the capital to deliver that service from the harness systems into the rural areas of the county. If they had that, it would have been done in the first place. His question is if we only have a fiber network running through our community how we deliver that service unless there is capital investment and that is what the stimulus dollars are intended for. He is hopeful there will be some reconsideration to the process and he is not going to give up. He said "The most important thing we have is to make sure that our public safety radio system meets and serves the needs of our 9-1-1 agents". The broadband is a nice add on to that process but we have an obligation to the public safety and will not ignore that responsibility and move forward.

Gary Ryan said on behalf of 9-1-1 that we are very fortunate that the Commissioners have supported the endeavors with the broadband potential and how it would aid in public service and enhance the 9-1-1 system.

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 10, 2010 AT 10:30 A.M.**

Chairman Ruddock announced that the next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**ADJOURMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:18 p.m.

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman