

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 11, 2011**

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 acknowledged the untimely death of Clair Pierce, County Auditor and asked those present for a moment of silence.

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

**APPROVE MINUTES...APRIL 27, 2011**

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes April 27, 2011 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kenneth D. Emigh was present and asked the Commissioners to remember the veterans and fallen soldiers from past and present wars in a moment of silence. Commissioner Ruddock said he would at the end of the meeting. However, later Commissioner Ruddock said because the next meeting is closer to Memorial Day, it would take place then.

**PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK**

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of May 9 – 13, 2011 as National Tourism Week in Indiana County. Penny Perman, Director of the Tourist Bureau was present to accept the proclamation and also presented the board with a collection of 14 framed photographs of tourism attractions in the county.

**PROCLAMATION...RENAMING OF THE ARMSTRONG-INDIANA MENTAL HEALTH/RETARDATION PROGRAM**

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to rename the Armstrong-Indiana Mental Health/Retardation Program to Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Development Health Program. This name change is to better reflect the quality of services and progress made by individuals and families receiving assistance

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LETTER FROM CENTRAL INDIANA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY**

Commissioner Ruddock acknowledged the following letter received from the Central Indiana County Water Authority:

“The Central Indiana County Water Authority is requesting you, the Commissioners, to enact stronger regulatory requirements on all Marcellus shale drilling activity and hydraulic fracturing in Indiana County, or perhaps place a moratorium on drilling before any further permits for drilling are issued. We feel this is necessary until the regulating agencies determine the short and long term impact such activity has on environmental conditions and particularly streams, water wells, ponds and all other aquifers.

Although this is a bold request, please be aware that the Central Indiana County Water Authority has approximately 4,000 customers in Homer City Borough, Center Township and White Township that rely on us for safe water hence if our source, Yellow Creek, is tainted due to Marcellus shale drilling activity and hydraulic fracturing the results would be catastrophic.”

Commissioner Ruddock said this letter will be presented to Byron Stauffer, Director of the Office of Planning and Development and discuss with the Planning the Commission the next steps to be considered as part of the ordinance plan.

A meeting was held with Robert Johnson, a member of Governor Corbitt’s Office Southwest Office. They discussed three topics. First was funding for Tourism, second the importance of making sure funding was still in place for infrastructure and to building the economic community. And third was the importance getting support from the State particularly from the Department of Environmental Protection to assist counties like Indiana in developing strategies and plans as we make changes in existing ordinances to provide a better environment for those such as was articulated in the letter from the Central Indiana County Water Authority. Counties like Indiana are not equipped to do that sort of work but depend heavily on DEP to be our source of information and we would hope the State will rise to the occasion and recognize the importance of this particular requirement to affect not only Indiana County but all counties of the State.

#### **COUNTY INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION FORM/PROBATION**

At the request of Denise DeLancey, Chief Probation Officer, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Commissioner Ruddock to sign the County Intermediate Punishment Program Authorization Form. This form is a required part of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crim and Delinquency grant to support the Indiana County Intermediate Program. The IP Grant is a three year grant which began on July 1, 2009 and will end on June 30, 2012. It is for FY 2011/2012 and Indiana County will receive \$8,518.00. The money is used to support the salary of the Senior IP Program Secretary.

#### **AGREEMENT...COMMONWEALTH LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE NETWORK (CLEAN) / PROBATION**

At the request of Denise DeLancey, Chief Probation Officer, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) Agreement and also allow Commissioner Ruddock to sign the agreement. By signing the agreement, the Indiana County Probation Department will be able to continue to obtain criminal history information on adult and juvenile offenders. The

Probation Department has been a CLEAN participant for approximately 20 years and having access is vital to the work that is done by the department.

**VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRI STAR MOTORS / CYS**

At the request of Paula McClure, Director of Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of two vehicles from Tri Star Motors, Blairsville, PA. Both vehicles are under State contract pricing and are as follows:

1. 2011 Grant Caravan Mainstreet - \$19,282.00 (Trade in 2007 Ford Freestyle)
2. 2011 Grand Caravan Mainstreet - \$21, 282.00 (Trade in 2002 Ford Taurus)

**CHANGE ORDERS...BLAIRSVILLE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION / PENN WORKS**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, the Blairsville Municipal Authority and Bankson Engineers, Inc., the Board of Commissioners acted on the following change orders for the Blairsville Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion Project:

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the HVAC Contract Number 09-3/Change Order #2. This increased the contract amount by \$99,500.00 for ventilation system modifications at the Main Pump Station. Design revisions were necessitated by the Class 1, Division 1 hazardous classification code requirements for the pump station. The design revisions resulted in equipment modifications that increased the price of the upgrades. The contact amount is revised from \$151,400.00 to \$250,900.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Electrical Contract Number 09-4/Change Order #7. This increased the contract amount by \$6,518.00 for the installation of a chemical tank level indicator. The total contract amount is revised from \$1,418,526.00 to \$1,425,044.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Electrical Contract Number 09-4/Change Order #8. This increased the contact amount by \$9,541.00 for electrical work to gas meters and waste gas burner in the control building. Upon approval the revised contract amount will be \$1,434,585.00.

The additional funds to cover these change orders will be from the BMA's Penn Vest funding as all of the Penn Works funds allocated to Indiana County have been expended.

**CHANGE ORDER/2009 CDBG COMPETITIVE – INDIANA COUNTY “OBO” BRUSH VALLEY TOWNSHIP**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, the Highridge Water Authority, and Gibson Thomas Engineers, Inc., a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 for a contract with Thomas Contracting Company of Greensburg, PA. The amount of the change order will increase the contract amount by \$79,770.00. The change order will increase the project area by 3,458 linear feet and provide public water service for seven (7) additional households. The water line will be extended 500 additional linear feet on Cresswell Road and 2,958 linear feet on Roundtop Road. Upon approval the contract amount will be revised from \$330,230.00 to \$410,000.00. Sufficient project funds

are available to cover the cost of the change order as the construction costs on the original project were under anticipated costs. The project is funded by Competitive Community Development Block Grant funds through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and local funds from the Highridge Water Authority.

### **INDIANA COUNTY NATURAL GAS TASK FORCE**

On April 13, 2011, the Indiana County Commissioners established the Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force with the appointment of State and local government officials, the business/industry sector, workforce development, academia, service providers, environmental organizations, and private citizens. The role of the Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force should be to help balance the opportunities of a thriving natural gas industry, along with the many challenges that may occur to ensure the focus is not just on the short-term gains. The Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force must constantly keep in mind how to use this opportunity to improve our communities for the long run and poised for the future. Given the localized nature of many of the anticipated impacts, a proactive approach can help ensure that a wide range of the community's interests are represented, and more importantly, taken into account when decisions are made. A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to add the following to be an active member of the Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force.

#### **Names to be Added**

Vernon Blystone, Citizen  
Carson Greene, Jr., Citizen  
Sherri Medivitz, Pennsylvania American Water  
Kenneth Bisbee, Yellow Creek State Park  
Dr. John Benhart, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

#### **Names to be Removed**

Mary Roland, Pennsylvania American Water

The term for the appointment would be for one year. Additional, appointees may be added at a later time. It was also noted that no additional names will be added to the list.

### **COUNTY RETURN BOARD...MAY 17, 2011 MUNICIPAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following for the County Return Board on May 17, 2011:

#### **Republican:**

Darla Coble, Phyllis Spicher, Margaret Babco, LaDonna McCrea

#### **Democratic:**

Margaret Karp, Margaret Preite, Seth Tyger, Karen Smith

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MAY 25, 2011**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2011 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 11:047 a.m.

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman