

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 25, 2011**

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:30 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 Mr. Kenneth Emigh to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag. Mr. Emigh also asked those present for a moment of silence for the veterans.

**APPROVE MINUTES...MAY 11, 2011**

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes May 11, 2011 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**RESOLUTION...GROWING GREENER**

Commissioner Ruddock presented a Resolution received from the Susquehanna Greenway Partnership respectfully asking the Board to show its support for the renewal of Growing Greener by adopting the Resolution. The adoption of the resolution will be letting the Pennsylvania General Assembly and the Governor know how important it is to establish a sustainable revenue stream for planning and project development.

Jim Resh, Soil Conservation Director, was present in support of the Resolution. He said the money goes to help farmland preservation, solving storm water problems in townships, the agriculture community, and the county parks. The Growing Greener program has been a very beneficial program to the county and is funded through the Department of Environmental Protection and has benefits a lot of counties.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to encourage and support the renewal of Growing Greener before the last of the Growing GreenerII bond funds are spent in 2011.

Commissioner Ruddock said a great addition on the environmental side has been the conservation cleanup of the acid mine drainage.

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, constitutes the chief governing body of County, with legislative and policy-making powers that affect each resident's quality of life; and

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County has the responsibility to assure the fiscal health and integrity of Indiana County; and

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County has the responsibility of planning for and implementing projects that accomplish the preservation of open space, economic development, historic preservation, community parks and recreation, and safe water resources; and

WHEREAS Pennsylvania's ability to attract growing businesses and to provide the quality of life this governing body seeks for its residents is hindered by the loss of open space and farmland, the failure to remediate brownfield sites and restore impaired rivers and streams, the deterioration of our state game, forests and park lands, and the resultant financial pressures on local governments; and

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County has learned that Growing Greener II will soon expire and funds for both Growing Greener I and Growing Greener II are precipitously dropping; and that this will affect Indiana County's ability to restore and protect our local environment; and

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County understands that Growing Greener II has helped to preserve nearly 34,000 acres of working family farms in Pennsylvania; conserve more than 42,300 acres of threatened natural areas; restore more than 1,600 acres of abandoned mine lands; and enhance access to outdoor recreation through 234 community park projects and 132 state park and forest infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS Article I, Section 27 of the Pennsylvania Constitution states that, "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people"; and

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County realizes that the Commonwealth is losing three times more forest, wildlife habitat, farmland and other open spaces to development than it is able to preserve; and that the Commonwealth has over 16,000 miles of rivers and streams that are unsafe for fishing and swimming; and more than 2,000 working family farms await protection from encroaching development; and 189,000 acres of abandoned mine lands scar 44 of the Commonwealth's counties; and the grant funds available for community and county recreation, greenways and trails projects have been severely diminished; and

WHEREAS The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County wishes to encourage and support the renewal of Growing Greener before the last of the Growing Greener H bond funds are spent in 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Commissioners of Indiana County supports renewal of Growing Greener by the General Assembly and the new Governor with dedicated, sustainable and long-term funding sources,
2. The signed resolution shall be forwarded to the Governor of Pennsylvania and our respective county and state legislators.

DULY ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Indiana County this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman

ATTEST:

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David S. Frick, Commissioner

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Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

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Patricia A. Evanko, Commissioner

**APCO...LICENSE SOFTWARE**

At the request of Gary Ryan, Deputy Director of 911, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of 800 MHz License Software (6 channels) from APCO International in the amount of \$11,340.00. These licenses will be used in conjunction with the new Public Radio System Upgrade. Commissioner Ruddock commented how important these licenses are to move forward.

**INDIANA COUNTY REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Angela Campisano from the Office of Planning & Development explained that the Indiana County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is a low interest loan program administered by the Office of Planning & Development (ICOPD). When the Indiana County Commissioners established the fund in 1990 a loan review committee was appointed with representation from financial services, economic development professionals, and members of the business community. The role of the Loan Review Committee (LRC) is to evaluate the economic impact of a loan applicant's proposed project; review and make recommendations to approve or deny loan applications; review, select, and recommend loan terms and conditions; and ensure meeting RLF Administrative Plan policies. There currently are vacancies on the LRC and below are the names of individuals that have agreed to serve on the Committee. At the request of the ICOPD a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following new LRC appointments and the removal of the Commissioners as members of the LRC:

New appointments

1. Connie Boiano, Vice President Commercial Business Development, Indiana First Bank (present at the meeting).
2. Jonathan Laughner, Interim County Extension Director, Beaver County Cooperative Extension (present at the meeting)
3. Mark Bartolini, Vice President Business Banking, First Commonwealth Bank
4. Eric Palmer, Adult Education Coordinator, Indiana County Technology Center (present at the meeting)
5. Ron Moreau, Program Manager, Government Contracting Assistance Program, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Names to be Removed

1. Rodney Ruddock, Chairman
2. David Frick, Commissioner
3. Patricia Evanko, Commissioner

Commissioner Ruddock said they have been questioning for some time why the Board is on the committee as he is an officer on the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and felt it was hard to approve the loan requests brought to the board.

**CONTRACT AWARD – COURTHOUSE ANNEX #1 ROOF REPAIR & RENOVATION PROJECT**

Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development explained that sealed bids for the “Indiana County Courthouse Annex #1 Roof Repair & Renovation Project” were opened on May 16, 2011. Three bids ranging from \$101,460.00 to \$49,840.00 were received and reviewed. At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, in collaboration with Bill Sink, Director of County Facilities, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the low bid in the amount of \$49,840.00 be awarded to Quality Construction, Inc. of Homer City, PA, to provide for these repairs. Funding for the project will be provided from the Capital Improvements Fund.

**RESOLUTION/COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH ICCAP – ESG 2011**

At the request of the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) and the Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a resolution to enter into a Cooperation Agreement with ICCAP for the Emergency Shelter Grant Program for 2011.

A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIANA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING THE SIGNING OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND THE INDIANA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM  
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ADMINISTER THE  
2011 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAM  
"ON BEHALF OF"  
THE INDIANA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Indiana County is desirous of obtaining funds through the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, Indiana County is desirous of contracting with the Indiana County Community Action Program to apply "on behalf of" Indiana County and to administer the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That Indiana County agrees to sign a Cooperation Agreement with the Indiana County Community Action Program to submit an application and administer the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant Program "on behalf of" Indiana County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of Indiana County is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of the resolution to the Department.

Adopted this 25th day of May 2011.

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman

ATTEST:

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David S. Frick, Commissioner

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Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

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Patricia A. Evanko, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION – AUTHORIZATION TO FILE 2011 ESG APPLICATION**

At the request of the Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) and the Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the a Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The application is requesting \$97,706.00 in 2011 Emergency Shelter Grant funding to be matched with other federal, state and local funds provided by ICCAP and also for Commissioner Ruddock to sign all required application forms. 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, May 20, 2011, for the proposed project and no citizen comment was received.

**RESOLUTION OF THE INDIANA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH  
THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**WHEREAS**, the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended, authorized the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has received ESG program funds and is making these funds available to units of local governments for eligible emergency shelter activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Indiana desires to submit an application to DCED for ESG Program funds on behalf of homeless shelter housing and service providers.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Indiana County Commissioners that:

1. The proposed rehabilitation and operational activities at PATHWAY Emergency Shelter to be funded by a grant from the Pennsylvania ESG Program are hereby eligible and approved.
2. The County of Indiana on behalf of the Indiana County Community Action Program is authorized and directed to execute an ESG application in the amount of \$97,706.00 to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development.

3. The Indiana County Community Action Program will assume the responsibility for securing the required matching amount of project funds.
4. The County of Indiana will reimburse the Commonwealth for any expenditure found to be ineligible.
5. The County of Indiana is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, and supplemental data or revised data that DCED may request in connection with the application.

Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman

ATTEST:

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David S. Frick, Commissioner

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Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

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Patricia A. Evanko, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION – COOPERATION AGREEMENT/HOUSING ALLIANCE OF INDIANA COUNTY**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution entering into a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Alliance of Indiana County for the application and administration of the HOME-CHDO Program. The Cooperation Agreement delineates the duties and responsibilities of both parties to comply with the HOME program regulations. The project funds will provide the Housing Alliance of Indiana County with operational funding through their HUD designation as a Community Housing Development Organization. Mr. Kevin Barto from the Housing Alliance of Indiana County was present and thanked the Commissioners for adopting the resolution. He explained that the Housing Alliance has spent approximately 60 million dollars since 1995 to provide affordable housing in Indiana County.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE INDIANA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZING  
THE SIGNING OF A COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND THE HOUSING ALLIANCE OF INDIANA COUNTY  
TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ADMINISTER THE  
2011 CHDO OPERATING GRANT HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, Indiana County is desirous of obtaining funds through the 2011 HOME Program, administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development, and

WHEREAS, Indiana County is desirous of contracting with the Housing Alliance of Indiana County to apply “on behalf of” Indiana County and to administer the Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Indiana County agrees to sign a Cooperation Agreement with the Housing Alliance of Indiana County to submit an application and administer the 2011 CHDO Operating Grant HOME Program “on behalf of” Indiana County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of Indiana County is director to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of the resolution to the Department.

Adopted the 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011.

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman

ATTEST:

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David S. Frick, Commissioner

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Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

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Patricia A. Evanko, Commissioner

**RESOLUTION – 2011 CHDO OPERATING HOME GRANT APPLICATION**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development and the Housing Alliance of Indiana County a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution authorizing the filing of a 2011 CHDO Operating Grant HOME Program Application and to have Commissioner Ruddock sign all necessary forms to complete the application process. The application will request \$84,041.00 to fund operating expenses. All required citizen participation requirements have been completed.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF INDIANA FORMALLY  
ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING FILING OF  
THE 2011 CHDO OPERATING GRANT  
HOME PROGRAM APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Indiana is desirous of obtaining Community Housing Development Organization ("CHDO") operating funds through the HOME Investment Partnership ("HOME") Program, administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development ("DCEd"), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for affordable housing activities fundable under Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 112701 through 12839) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 92.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Indiana County has prepared an application for HOME application for CHDO operating funds with the assistance of the Housing Alliance of Indiana County, a certified CHDO; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Indiana County has identified the need to assist the Housing Alliance of Indiana County in funding its operating expenses during the development of its housing communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Indiana County has directed the Housing Alliance of Indiana County to conduct the required citizen participation process; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Alliance of Indiana County has conducted the required citizen participation process in accordance with the HOME Program requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Indiana County formally approved the attached HOME application for CHDO operating expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing Alliance of Indiana County is hereby authorized to file the attached HOME application for CHDO operating assistance with the DCED in the amount of \$84,041.00 and execute all documents necessary for this purpose.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Indiana County at its meeting held on the 25th day of May 2011.

INDIANA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman

ATTEST:

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David S. Frick, Commissioner

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Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk

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Patricia A. Evanko, Commissioner

**CHANGE ORDER/BLAIRSVILLE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION – PENN WORKS PROGRAM**

The Office of Planning & Development, the Blairsville Municipal Authority and Bankson Engineers, Inc. requested that the Board of Commissioners approve 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 Electrical Contract Number 09-4/Change Order #6 with Bronder Technical Services, Inc. The change order increases the contract amount by \$39,764.11 for a revised contract amount of \$1,474,349.11. The change order is due to electrical system modifications at the Main Pump Station based upon Class 1, Division 1 hazardous classification code requirements. The BMA PennVest Funding will be utilized to cover the additional costs as all funds from the County's Penn Works Program Contract have been expended.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve General/Mechanical Contract Number 09-2/Change Order #9 with Galway Bay Corporation, Inc. This is a time only change order for the contract with Galway Bay Corporation, Inc. The contract time extension is for an additional 170 calendar days extending the contract from June 1, 2011 to November 18, 2011. The additional time is required to allow for the delivery and installation of equipment to upgrade the Main Pump Station from Class 1, Division 2 to Class 1 Division 1.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve HVAC Contract Number 09-3/Change Order #4 with Marc Services Inc. Change order #4 is a time only change order for the contact with Marc Services Inc. The contract time extension is for an additional 170 days

extending the contract from June 1, 2011 to November 18, 2011. The additional time is required to allow for the delivery and installation of equipment to upgrade the Main Pump Station from Class 1, Division 2 to Class 1, Division 1.

Commissioner Ruddock commented that the Office of Planning & Development has overseen over 35 million dollars in projects for Indiana County. He commended Luann Zak for her work and oversight of these projects.

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

Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development explained that the following were administratively omitted from the Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force. A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Wally Putt and John Pittman being added to the Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force. The term for the appointment would be for one year.

Commissioner Ruddock announced Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley will be at the first meeting of the Indiana County Natural Gas Task Force on May 26, 2011 at 3:30 at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex. This is an invitation only event and is pleased that he saw how important it is to Indiana County to be here to kick off the task force. There will be a media follow-up at 4:45 p.m.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JUNE 8, 2011**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman