

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2012

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, Stephanie Turka, and Gina DeFavero.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...FEBRUARY 22, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of February 22, 2012 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROCLAMATION...INDIANA COUNTY HERITAGE DAY / NAMING OF COUNTY HISTORIAN

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Frick, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim March 24, 2012, the birthday of Clarence David Stephenson, as "Indiana County Heritage Day. The citizens of Indiana County are encouraged to visit Historical societies, museums, exhibits, and memorials on that day and that such a day is observed annually. The proclamation also declares John Busovicki of Clymer, a student of Clarence D. Stephenson the new Indiana County Historian.

Mr. John Busovicki was present to accept the proclamation. Commissioner Ruddock said he does not know of anyone who has more photographs and recognition of the history Indiana County than John Busovicki. The collection is one thing but the effort and personal touch he has given to bring the historic moments of Indiana County alive through his recollections and effort to bring those photographs to the public has been warmly received by all.

Mr. Busovicki was in second grade when Clarence Stephenson arrived in Clymer as a new school teacher in 1947. Mr. Stephenson formed two groups of students that were interest in history. Mr. Busovicki's project was to gather photographs and postcards from the townspeople. That developed in a lasting hobby and today he has a collection of 20,000 old images from various locations in Indiana County.

Commissioner Evanko expressed that the Tourist Bureau is excited of this role as County Historian thanked Mr. Busovicki for taking the role on for Indiana County.

LEASE AGREEMENT...KISKIMINETAS SPRINGS SCHOOL TOWER SITE

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve a lease agreement with Kiskiminetas Springs School. This is a land lease for a tower site and the term of the lease is for 10 years at an annual fee of \$6,200.00 with an annual increase of 3% thereafter. The county has the option to renew this lease for four additional five-year terms. This was introduced at a prior board meeting and was tabled so that the lease could be renegotiated because the prior lease only cost the County \$1.00 per year. Because the county wants to build a larger building on the site, school officials requested an increase in the lease fee. Commissioner Ruddock said he met with the Kiski School Headmaster and was told the school intends to pass the entire \$6,200.00 annually on the Saltsburg Volunteer Fire Department. Commissioner Ruddock said he can't think of a better way for that money to be spent and would not be sensible to argue down that money and take it out of Saltsburg's pocket. Commissioner Evanko said the commissioners appreciate the support to the Saltsburg Fire Department and passing the money on to the fire company helps all of us.

LEASE AGREEMENT...BANKS TOWNSHIP TOWER SITE

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a lease agreement with Banks Township. This is a land lease for a tower site and the term of the agreement is for 10 years at a monthly fee of \$500.00 per month with an annual increase of 3% thereafter. The county has the option to renew this lease for four additional five-year terms.

LEASE AGREEMENT...YOUNG TOWNSHIP TOWER SITE

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a lease agreement with Young Township. This land lease for a tower site and the term of the lease is for 10 years with the option to renew for four additional five-year terms. The annual fee is for \$1.00 and the county will be providing them with radio equipment that can be used on the new system and is not to exceed \$18,000.00.

RESOLUTION...2011 COUNTYWIDE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2011 Countywide Hazard Mitigation Plan. Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act 2000 requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks and vulnerabilities. Tom said each of the municipalities throughout the county have adopted this plan. This plan was developed by the Indiana County Emergency Management Agency, the Office of Planning & Development and the 38 municipalities in Indiana County. The plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the county and its municipal governments.

APPOINTMENT...MICHAEL SUPINKA / TAX ASSESSMENT/TAX CLAIM BUREAU SOLICITOR

At the request of Martin Medvetz, Chief Assessor, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to appoint Michael Supinka as solicitor for the Tax Assessment/Tax Claim Bureau. Mr. Supinka replaces Jack Merlo who recently passed away.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE AND THE COUNTY OF INDIANA...COMPUTER CRIME TASK FORCE

Commissioner Evanko read the following press release:

The Indiana County Commissioners along with Indiana County District Attorney Patrick Dougherty are pleased to announce that they have joined the Pennsylvania Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force joining with Delaware County, the Pennsylvania State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The purpose of this program is to achieve maximum cooperation in a combined law enforcement effort and at combating Internet Crimes Against Children in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. By joining this task force, Indiana County will benefit from grant resources, joint operations and training opportunities which would otherwise be unavailable to law enforcement in Indiana County and/or the citizens of Indiana County.

The mission of this task force is to investigate and apprehend high technology criminals and to protect our community by preventing high technology crime and national security threats involving computers and computer networks. The specialized resources necessary to investigate these crimes is costly and in order to keep up with the ever changing technology it is necessary to join forces with other law enforcement agencies on a local, state and national level. By joining this, Indiana County has pledged to be on the forefront of fighting cyber-crime.

This program will have no cost to the Indiana County tax payers as it is 100% grant funded and will enable Indiana County to employ a forensic computer specialist with over 20 years' experience working with the Pennsylvania State Police.

For media inquiries please feel free to contact the Indiana County Commissioners and/or Patrick Dougherty Indiana County District Attorney.

Solicitor, Michael Clark said there are three documents that are proposed to be signed: two memorandums of understanding and an Intergovernmental Agreement. Pennsylvania has the Intergovernmental Agreement Cooperation Act that allows governments to enter agreements to cooperate recognizing that it helps to reduce costs. The act requires the governmental unit pass an ordinance authorizing the agreement. His recommendation is to table the agreement and prepare and publish the ordinance so that it can be approved at the next meeting. Commissioner Ruddock said given the nature of this document this is a very important process to follow. A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to table the agreement and authorize the publication of the proposed ordinance in the newspaper.

Matt Ross, Assistant District Attorney was present and said he would pass the information on to the District Attorney, Patrick Dougherty the intent to move forward with this plan but want to do it legally and properly and will do so on March 28th. Commissioner Ruddock said he doesn't want to lose the opportunity to enter into this agreement and Mr. Ross said as long as it is approved in March was the only requirement.

Mr. Ross said the program is a very good program and there are more and more cases being filed based on crimes that are committed over the internet. There is a lot of dissemination of child pornography, solicitation of children for criminal purposes and other cyber-crimes against young

people. There will be a special detective that will work with the task force and will be a great resource.

CHANGE ORDER #2...INTERCHANGE CENTER RENOVATION & REPAIR PROJECT

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evank and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #2 for the Interchange Center Renovation & Repair Project on behalf of the Indiana County Development Corporation. This change order will result in an increase of \$368.00 to a contract with Quality Construction of Homer City, PA. This change order is needed to install a new electric strike as the existing strike is not compatible with the new door frames. The revised contract amount for Quality Construction will now be \$125,198.00. Funding for the project is derived from the Indiana County Development Corporation as part of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant.

AGREEMENT...FAMILY PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES / BDHP

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Acting Director of BDHP, a motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Family Psychological Associates for FY 2011-2012 to provide peer support services. The Mental Health Association of Armstrong County is no longer able to fulfill their current contract therefore requiring BDHP to seek the services from another provider.

REAPPOINTMENT...ARMSTRONG-INDIANA BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

At the request of Tammy Calderone, Acting Director of BDHP, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the reappointment of Dr. Irene Mergen, Indiana, PA to the Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program Board; term is to expire December 31, 2014.

LAST TO REGISTER TO VOTE IS MARCH 26, 2012

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS APRIL 17, 2012

Chief Clerk, Robin Maryai, announced that the last day to register to vote for the April 24, 2012 General Primary Election is March 26, 2012 and the last day to apply for an absentee ballot is April 17, 2012.

Commissioner Ruddock said there is some movement in the state that would require voters to show id when going to vote. Ms. Maryai said it will not be implemented until the fall election should it be signed by the Governor. Commissioner Evanko said that CCAP was not in favor of the new law as it might slow the process on Election Day but the county will do whatever is required and make it a smooth process for the voters. Commissioner Frick said there are those who are alarmed by the requirement and said we don't need to make it tougher for people to vote we need to make it easier.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock said they met with the municipal leaders to discuss Act 13 which is the Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Act by reviewing the provisions of the act and Impact Fee Provision. Jeff Grimm from the Office of Planning Development did a PowerPoint Presentation and will do the same with the Marcellus Task Force. It is the intent of the Board to make a decision on March 28th of either to support or not support the impact fee. They want to be open-minded and

be informed decision makers before making the final decision. This is a prudent step that every county should take in Pennsylvania. There is significant money that will come to the County as a result of that particular act and if used wisely will help Indiana County.

The Board will be attending a meeting in Pittsburgh at the Institute of Politics who is sponsoring a forum for ten counties of Western Pennsylvania to discuss the effects and impact that the legislature has on its budget will have on Human Services. That is an issue that continually needs to be reviewed. Dave Reed hosted a meeting with representatives from Human Services Agencies in reviewing the budget and describing the issues on the Human Services side and will carry back to Secretary Alexander the issues in Indiana County. Dr. Bonni Dunlap and Commissioner Evanko will be looking at ways for the State to help us in reducing our burden of cost. We have reached a point of our ability to fund unless the state realizes there are some funding constraints that can be removed if they change their policies and procedures.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MARCH 28, 2012, 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 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 11:13 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman