

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 11, 2012**

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:38 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, Ashley Dimaio, and Nick Ruffner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Commissioner Ruddock asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Roger Reschini who was a member of the Indiana County Airport Authority. Roger has been a loyalist to Indiana County and his heart to Indiana County was equal to his generosity to Indiana County. He had an especially strong passion for the Jimmy Stewart Airport and was instrumental in drawing dollars into that project that wouldn't have been seen.

**APPROVE MINUTES...MARCH 28, 2012**

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of March 28, 2012 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PROCLAMATION...SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH**

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Frick, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Indiana County and join anti-sexual violence advocates and support service programs in the belief that all community members must be part of the solution to end sexual violence. Diana Rostis from the District Attorney's Office was present to accept the proclamation and said there will be a rally on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in front of the Courthouse.

**PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim April 15 – 21, 2012 as National Volunteer Week in Indiana County and urge fellow citizens to volunteer and "light the way" in their communities. Indiana County will be recognizing volunteers at the Human Services Council of Indiana County's Volunteer Awards Breakfast on April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana County Club.

**PROCLAMATION...HUMAN SERVICES LOCAL LEGISLATIVE WORK WEEK**

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to proclaim April 9 – 13, 2012 as Indiana County Legislative Work Week and have scheduled meetings with local human services administrators and legislators to

discuss how to work their collaboration and deliver quality human service programs. This is an important event across the State of Pennsylvania and every county in Pennsylvania is attempting to bring recognition to the concern that is faced in supporting those in need with reduced funding that is coming down to the counties from the State. Some modifications have to be made to make ends meet and where we don't want that to happen is in the eyes and souls of those who are in desperate need of support.

#### **PROCLAMATION...WAYNE S. LOCKARD**

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to recognize the achievements of the Wayne S. Lockard family and recognize that they have brought great credit upon themselves, and offer personal gratitude and best wishes for the continued success and their community. The proclamation will be presented to the family at a recognition dinner at IUP.

#### **PROCLAMATION...FAIR HOUSING MONTH**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Indiana County so as to bring the attention of the County's residents, their right to live where they want without prejudice and discrimination. That it is against the law to discriminate in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, age, familiar status, handicap or disability.

#### **RESOLUTION – FURTHER FAIR HOUSING THROUGHOUT 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 approve a Resolution to Further Fair Housing throughout Indiana County. This resolution reaffirms the Commissioners commitment to Fair Housing and states that all programs administered by the County provides Equal Housing Opportunities no matter the race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, age, familial status, handicap or disability.

#### **RESOLUTION – FAIR HOUSING OFFICER**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to designate Randy Foster of the Indiana County Community Action Program office as the County's Fair Housing Officer. His duties will include receiving all complaints on housing discrimination and taking appropriate action to resolve them.

#### **RESOLUTION – ADA COORDINATOR**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to designate Dr. Bonni S. Dunlap of the County's Department of Human Services as the County's Coordinator for the American's with Disabilities Act. Her duties will include receiving all complaints on residents having accessibility problems to County services and programs.

#### **RESOLUTION – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE ADA**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the a Resolution for the County's Grievance Procedure in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This resolution

establishes a grievance procedure for any Indiana County resident that believes he or she has been discriminated against in efforts to access Indiana County services and programs due to their disability.

### **REQUIRED CDBG COMPLIANCE REGULATIONS**

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following CDBG Compliance Regulations to be in compliance with Federal and State regulatory requirements mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for all Community Development Block Grant recipients:

- Affirmative Action Plan for Indiana County
- Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability Status  
Designates Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk as Section 504 Coordinator
- Grievance Procedure for Indiana County for any County service or program.
- Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise Plan – Indiana County
- Section 3 – U.S. Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 Employment Opportunities for Local Business and Low Income Persons
- County of Indiana Statement of Goals – Section 3 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1968 for the Community Development Block Grant Program sets forth the County's goals for contracts to Indiana based businesses at 15%.
- County of Indiana Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan

### **GRANT APPLICATION...INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT / 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 a grant application for Intermediate Punishment Program for FY 2012-2013. In the past the grant was an allocation with Indiana County receiving \$8,523.00 for FY 2011-2012. The grant is now competitive and Indiana County will be requesting \$38,177.00. There is no county match and the money can be used to support an existing program. The Intermediate Punishment Program for Indiana County is basically House Arrest with Electronic Monitoring in combination with drug and alcohol testing. During 2011, this program saved 4,159 days of offenders being incarcerated at the Indiana County Jail.

### **GRANT ACCEPTANCE...JUVENILE DEFENDER PROGRAM / COURTS**

At the request of Christy Donofrio, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept a grant for the Juvenile Defender Program in the amount of \$10,000.00.

### **BIDS...SEAL COATING AT BLUE SPRUCE PARK / 040912**

At the request of Ed Patterson, Parks Director, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept the low bid received from Quaker Sales, Johnstown, PA in the amount of \$23,859.75 for the Blue Spruce Park Road Seal Coating Project. This project will be funded through the Indiana County Liquid Fuels Fund.

### **RESOLUTION...INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PROJECT / INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Mr. Jim Carmella, Solicitor for the Industrial Development Authority, was present and said the Industrial Development Authority approved the issuance of a Revenue Bond Series of 2012 in

the principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000.00. The proceeds will be used for the costs of the design, acquisition and construction of a multipurpose recreational facility located between South Seventh Street and Rice Alley, adjacent the Hadley Union Building on the main campus of Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The Student Cooperative Association, Inc. has requested that the Authority issue the Bond and according to the IRS code there is a requirement that approval of the issuance of the Bond by the government unit who has jurisdiction over the area the project is located and in this case it is Indiana County. There was a hearing held this date at 10:00 a.m. and there was no opposition to the Bond.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution for the issuance of the Bond. It is also noted that there is no expense to the county for the Bond.

### **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZATION...GUARANTY AGREEMENT ORDINANCE FOR HIGHRIDGE WATER AUTHORITY**

A request has been received from Highridge Water Authority to authorize proceeding with a legal publication for a Guaranty Agreement Ordinance to refinance their Debt. A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the legal publication of proposed ordinance.

### **ORDINANCE...IMPACT FEE**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an Ordinance implementing the unconventional gas well impact fee in Indiana County. Mr. Ruddock explained the Board wanted to do what was in the best interest for the citizens of Indiana County. There have been two different forums discussing the need, one with the municipalities and also with the Natural Gas Tax Force. The ordinance has been published in the newspaper as required by law on April 2, 2012.

Commissioner Evanko commented that by imposing this impact fee the dollars that will come to the county will not be huge dollars although the impact fee money may help offset some of the cuts in state funding for human services programs in the county. The money will also help the municipalities do things they may not have been able to do other than raising taxes.

### **COUNTY RETURN BOARD...APRIL 24, 2012**

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following members to the County Return Board for the April 24, 2012 General Primary Election.

#### **Republicans:**

Darla Coble, Phyllis Spicher, Margaret Babco, Bernice Lucas

#### **Democratic:**

Margaret Karp, Margaret Preite, Karen Smith, Kim Fatula

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chief Clerk, Robin Maryai explained that she did receive from the State information regarding Voter ID. It will not be in effect for the upcoming primary election however, the poll workers are to ask for photo id to get them ready for the fall election. Information regarding the Voter ID law can be found on [www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com). Commissioner Ruddock also said that it was the hope

that the Veterans ID card issued by the county for the discount program would be allowed to be used for voter id however it will not be an allowable id.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING...APRIL 24, 2012, 10:30 A.M.**

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 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 11:18 a.m.

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman