

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JULY 25, 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, Gina DeFavero and Nick Ruffner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...JULY 11, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of July 11, 2012 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROCLAMATION...NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to proclaim August 2012 as Native American Awareness Month in Indiana County and to support the United Nations efforts to increase awareness of indigenous people's culture and heritage and place in today's society. Pat Sullinger was present to accept proclamation and said that the Native American Festival will be held on August 18 & 19 in Saltsburg, PA.

CONTRACT...JACQUELINE BLACKWELL-McCRACKEN/ COURTS

At the request of Patricia Bracken, Court Administrator's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Jacqueline Blackwell-McCracken to provide representation of parents of children in dependency cases. The contract is for a flat fee of \$1,000.00 per month in lieu of a rate of \$55.00 per hour.

CONTRACT...KATRINA KAYDEN/ COURTS

At the request of Patricia Bracken, Court Administrator's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Katrina Kayden to provide representation of parents of children in dependency cases. The contract is for a flat fee of \$1,000.00 per month in lieu of a rate of \$55.00 per hour. It is estimated that by entering into these agreements, the County will be saving over \$30,000.00 per year.

GRANT APPLICATION...2013 IMPAIRED DRIVING GRANT / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Brad Shields, County Detective, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2013 Impaired Driving Grant in the amount of \$20,000.00. The money will be used to help fund DUI checkpoints, roving patrols and DUI

awareness campaigns throughout the county. The grant also allows municipal police departments and the Sheriff's Office to work together to host checkpoints, ensuring they have enough manpower and funding.

GRANT APPLICATION...RIGHTS AND SERVICES ACT (Victim Witness) / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Linda Callihan, District Attorney's Office, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a grant application for the Rights and Services Act Grant in the amount of \$87,062.00. The purpose of the grant is to provide services to victims such as notification of all court proceedings and court preparation, preparation of a victim impact statement, restitution, SAVIN notification/registration, and referrals to the Alice Paul House.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM CONTRACT...SARAH ROSS / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Sarah Ross for Guardian ad Litem services for the subjects of abuse and dependency petitions filed by the Children & Youth Services on an as needed basis at the rate of \$70.00 per hour.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM CONTRACT...ROGER RORABAUGH / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Roger Rorabaugh for Guardian ad Litem services for the subjects of abuse and dependency petitions filed by the Children & Youth Services on an as needed basis at the rate of \$70.00 per hour.

GUARDIAN AD LITEM / SUBSTITUTE SOLICITOR...THOMAS RIVOSECCHI / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Thomas Rivosecchi for Guardian ad Litem services for the subjects of abuse and dependency petitions filed by the Children & Youth Services on an as needed basis at the rate of \$70.00 per hour and \$90.00 per hour as substitute solicitor.

CONTRACT...FM CLEANING SERVICE / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with FM Cleaning Service, Homer City, PA for cleaning services at the rate of \$550.00 per month.

CONTRACT...B&M LAWCARE / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with B&M Lawncare, Shelocta, PA for Lawn Care at the rate of \$52.50 per occurrence.

CONTRACT...MARC-SERVICE, INC. / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with Marc-Services, Inc. for maintenance on their Heating and Air Conditioning Unit at the rate of \$669.50 per year.

AGREEMENT...CHILD ACCOUNTING & PROFILE SYSTEM / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement for a Child Account & Profile System in the amount of \$27,192.00. This is a child welfare data base for storage and backup of records. This will be paid for from the Information & Technology Grant.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...CITIZEN'S ADVISORY BOARD / CYS

At the request of Teresa Baker, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following reappointments to the Citizen's Advisory Board:

Robert A. Jones, Debra Faloon, Karen King, Kathy Armstrong, Amy Citeroni,
Larry D. Davis, Jr., Sarah P. Ross, Connie Hill, Stephen Lowman, Pamela Voytek,
Judy Woods, Tammie J. Shetler, Helen Mack and Dawn Frederick

AGREEMENT AMENDMENT...THE FOUNDATION FOR INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the request of Betsy Lauber, Director of the Foundation for Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an amendment agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT). The motion was amended authorizing Commissioner Ruddock to sign on behalf of the County. The original agreement provided payment of the initial PILOT for a Phase within thirty days after the first occupancy permit. In compliance with these provisions, the Foundation paid each PILOT by August 30 of each year since 2007. The amendment provides for all PILOT payments to be made on or prior to the end of September instead of August. By extending the date by approximately one month greatly improves the Foundation's cash flow. It is noted that Indiana Borough and Indiana Area School district also need to approve the agreement.

CONTRACT...MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND INDIANA COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program between Indiana County and Indiana County Transit Authority for the purpose of providing medical assistance transportation to eligible individuals for FY 2012-2013.

CONTRACT...HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS BETWEEN INDIANA COUNTY AND INDIANA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM (ICCAP) / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract for the Homeless Assistance Program between Indiana County and Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) for the purpose of providing homeless Assistance Program Services to eligible individuals for FY 2012-2013. Commissioner Evanko asked if these contracts to into consideration the funding cuts by the State. Dr. Dunlap said they have not received their allocation yet but anticipates a reduction of 10% from last year.

CONTRACT...KATHLEEN ABBEY-BAKER / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Kathleen Abbey-Baker in the amount of \$25.00 per hour to provide consultant services for coordination of the Children’s Advisory Commission. This contract shall begin July 1, 2012 and continue until June 30, 2013.

BUDGET REVISION...2007 HOME CONTRACT

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 budget revisions to the County’s 2007 HOME Program Contract. The project activities are completed and all monies have been expended by budget line adjustments are needed to reflect actual program costs. The total contract budget remains at \$500,000.00 but adjusts the budget line items as follows:

<u>Budget Line Item</u>	<u>Original Contract</u>	<u>Revised Contract</u>	<u>Change</u>
Acquisition	\$365,000.00	\$333,792.24	-\$31,207.76)
Substantial Rehab	\$65,000.00	\$103,414.64	+\$38,414.64
Project Delivery	\$24,936.00	\$22,936.00	-\$2,000.00)
Legal Fees	\$4,500.00	\$2,893.12	-\$1,606.88)
Home Ownership Counseling	\$19,800.00	\$16,200.00	-\$3,600.00)
Administration	\$20,764.00	\$20,764.00	\$0.00

CHANGE ORDER...PENN WORKS GRANT/BLAIRSVILLE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT / PLANNING

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 Change Order #18 for the Blairsville Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion Project for the Electrical Contract Number 09-4 with Brodner Technical Services, Inc. Change Order #18 will increase the contract amount by \$5,665.47 for installation of network surge suppression devices. The funds will be provided by BMA through the Penn Vest Loan portion of the program financing. The County Penn Works funds have been expended.

RESOLUTION/COOPERATION AGREEMENT / NCCDC / PLANNING

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 enter into a Cooperation Agreement with the Northern Cambria County Development Corporation (NCCDC) for the proposed Clinton Street Gardens Project. The proposed project is a cooperative effort between the County and NCCDC to secure the financial package and to construct five to six permanent housing units for homeless Veterans in White Township. In March of this year NCCDC secured \$482,639.00 of Supportive Housing Funds from HUD and the County has allocated \$251,000.00 of Community Development Block Grant Funds in 2001 for the proposed project.

RESOLUTION...AUTHORIZATION TO FILE 2012 HOME APPLICATION / PLANNING

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 authorizing the filing of a 2012 HOME Program application including CHDO Operating Grant funds and also allow

Commissioner Ruddock to sign all necessary forms to complete the application process. The application will request \$550,000.00 to provide matching construction funds for the Clinton Street Gardens Project. This amount includes a \$50,000.00 request for operating funds for NCCDC as a HUD designated CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization). The County through the Planning and Development Office will partner with NCCDC to acquire the property on the corner of Clinton Street and N. 5th Avenue in White Township. Both parties will provide for the construction of the housing project with NCCDC assuming ownership at the conclusion of the project. NCCDC will be required to operate and maintain the development and to provide supportive services for the residents. The total financing package will be \$1,283,639.00 with the approval of the HOME application request. All required citizen participation requirements have been completed

AGREEMENT...2012-2013 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM / PLANNING

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to enter into a contract with Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation for the 2012-2013 Unified Planning Work Program. The total amount of the contract is \$14,425.00 which is to be used for administration and support of transportation planning within Indiana County. The contract required that \$3,606.00 or 20% of equivalent staff time be provided as match towards the contract. The contract period is retroactive to July 1, 2012 and runs through June 30, 2013.

RACP GRANT...INDIAN SPRINGS ROAD DEVELOPMENT / PLANNING

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development and the Indiana County Development Corporation (ICDC), a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to enter into a grant contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through its Office of the Budget for a \$500,000.00 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant for the Indian Springs Road Development project. The motion also included Commissioner Ruddock to sign all necessary form to complete the application process. The funds will be used to make various building improvements to the 280 and 300 Indiana Springs Road buildings. All matching funds will be provided through the Indiana County Development Corporation.

CHANGE ORDER...EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT / PLANNING

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 change order in the amount of \$20,676.80 to Salsgiver Telecom for the Emergency Management Radio Communications Project. The change order is for additional work to connect the 801 Water Street Annex to the Indiana County Courthouse through a direct fiber optic line. All costs for the change order will be paid by the Indiana County Development Corporation through a Department of Community an Economic Development grant.

AMENDMENT...SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION (SPC) ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

At the request Commissioner Ruddock who is Chairman of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following amendments to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission Articles of Agreement:

1. ARTICLE 2, Definitions: This Article adds reference to the definition of a Metropolitan Planning Organization as that found in the US Code similar to other designations that are held by SPC and referred to the Articles. SPC is the region's MPO, and the Articles are simply updated to reflect the definition which is already operative.
2. ARTICLE 4, Geographic Are: This amendment specifies the current 10-county members and the City of Pittsburgh geography specifically as opposed to the current "any county in Southwestern Pennsylvania" language.
3. ARTICLE 9, Terms of Commissioners: This amendment changes the current three-year SPC Commissioner terms to four-year terms.

SURPLUS VEHICLE BID...072412

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a bid received by Bob Painter, Lucernemines, PA in the amount of \$87.50 for a 1999 Ford Explorer.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE REPORT / EMA

At the request of Greg Zimmerman, Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Report. The purpose of the report is verifying the information for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Grant. This covers expenses for planning of the Local Emergency Planning Commission and response to hazardous materials incidents.

2012-2013 ADULT PROBATION GRANT IN-AID / PROBATION

At the request of Denise Delancey, Chief Probation Office, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2012-2013 Adult Probation Grant In-Aid Application and Agreement in the amount of \$574,440.00 for FY 2012-2013 which is part of a five-year contract between Indiana County and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole which ends on June 30, 2017.. The exact amount the Indiana County will received will be determined at a later date but should be approximately what was received for this fiscal year which is \$104,051.00.

Also included in the grant is the 2012-2013 Renewal Signature Page for the State Offender Supervision Fees. Indiana County collects supervision fees from adult offenders at a rate of \$30.00 per month. Half of this money is kept by Indiana County and the other half is submitted to the State. The money sent to the State is then returned to the County through the State Offender Supervision Fund Agreement. During the last fiscal year, \$127,304 was returned to Indiana County. This money is used to support Adult Probation Services in Indiana County and is part of the five-year contract.

TIME EXTENSION...T-562 DIXON RUN BRIDGE

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a time extension to complete the remaining work for the T-562 Dixon Run Bridge Project. The additional time is needed to complete final design activities and will be extended from August 30, 2012 to February 28, 2013.

HUMAN SERVICES BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION...DR. BONNI DUNLAP

Dr. Bonni Dunlap explained that when Governor Corbett signed the state budget for 2012-2013, he also signed a Public Welfare Code amendment, which outlined a plan for counties to consider being part of a pilot to test a block grant. The Code specified that 20 counties would be considered for a block grant, which combines seven line items within human services. The

rationale for the creating a block grant program is that counties best know the most efficient and effective way to meet their community needs; they can choose how to spend the money between the line items, which is not possible now.

The seven items and amount for Indiana County projected for 2012-2013 are:

- Mental Health Base funds (\$1,780,825)
- Intellectual Disabilities Base funds (\$826,013)
- Human Services Development Fund (\$84,990)
- Homeless Assistance Programs (\$223,106)
- Behavioral Health Services (\$140,908)
- Act 152 Drug and Alcohol funds (\$171,198)
- Child Welfare Special Grants (\$62,411)

The total of the funds for Indiana County is approximately \$3,386,000.00.

Dr. Dunlap said although there are barriers such as joinder issues and concerns over regulations by departments other than Public Welfare, she recommended that Indiana County submit to be one of the pilot counties for the block grant. Applying for the block grant doesn't imply that we are looking to completely integrate all of the functions of the county's human services systems. There are many different configurations of systems working together, CCAP recently held education forums throughout the state and include panels of administrators who explained how they had incorporated mental health, intellectual disabilities, drug and alcohol, children and youth, homeless, and other streams of human services funding.

As a further clarification, Dr. Dunlap recommended that the County apply for the block grant to use the year to research ways to be more efficient across our system to benefit the clients. Whether we apply or not for the block grant, all counties will be required to work together to submit their plans for 2012-2013 and to report expenditures and clients numbers served. She believes being a pilot block grant county would allow us to open the dialogue for ways to improve structure and/or services. For this year, she recommended that the Board agree to allocate the stated budgeted amounts for special grants within the seven items previously stated.

Dr. Dunlap feels we have a good base for this effort, since we've collaborated on projects such as cross systems training, establishment of an Integrated Children's Services Planning team through the Children's Advisory Commission, submission of a proposal for funding for Multi-Disciplinary Team meetings, initiation of discussion related to federal homeless mental health funds, available client data base system that could be utilized by any agency wishing to use the software to track client services and out comes, and comprehensive needs assessment conducted every five years called Indiana County Speaks Up.

Block grants are not new to counties. We already received funding through block grants including Community Services Block Grant, Community Development Block Grant and HUD funding for homelessness. The assessment of need and determination of services seem to work well for these block grants, and the oversight is provided by one department for administrative functions, such as assessment of needs, budgeting, monitoring and reporting. She believes that a block grant of human services for Indiana County would at least allow us to investigate the possibilities for examining efficiencies, whether it is in shared administrative functions, a more holistic provision of service to clients, or leveraging other funds for services.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko to move forward with discussion of the Human Services Block Grant Application.

Commissioner Ruddock said there have been significant meetings that Dr. Dunlap has led with the different organizations that were part of this line item block grant contribution. He asked her what the recommendations of organizations are. She said there have been meetings with BDHP, Children & Youth and Drug & Alcohol Commission who affected by the block grant. The director of the Drug & Alcohol Commission sighted they are a private entity and are a joinder with three counties and are not interested in being part of the block grant because they are afraid the joinder would affect their operation. The director of BDHP is also concerned and is interested in looking at some of the efficiencies in working together but is leery as to how the block grant will work because of the joinder of the two counties. The director of Children & Youth doesn't see much effect on her department because it is a minimal amount.

Commissioner Ruddock said in his private discussion with some of the members of the Armstrong County Commissioners and they were not going to pursue the pilot program. That would create for us, if moving forward with the 20-county joinder, an issue on reporting requirements because of the joinder relationship with Armstrong County. Dr. Dunlap said even if we don't apply for the block grant, all counties will be required to report fiscal and service numbers on one report and will also be required to do planning together as a group regardless of the block grant.

Commissioner Ruddock said there have been legal considerations given to counties absorbing this role and whether there would be any legal implications should there be a need for additional dollars and where those monies come from and who is liable if the dollars cannot be found. That is an issue that has come across his desk from some of the organizations that are challenging the intent of the pilot program.

Commissioner Frick said one of the things he has learned as a county commissioner is that you can't know everything about all of things you are responsible for making decisions on. When he finds himself in a position like this he has to listen to the people who run the programs or who have run the programs for years. As Bonni said in her opening statement those people are not interested in participating in the program. Therefore for him to contradict them is like disregarding the very people that we have put in position to run the programs and he doesn't think that is a smart move for him to make that is why he is opposed to participating as one of the 20 counties.

Commissioner Evanko said she values Bonni's opinion highly and she values her but CCAP originally agreed that we wanted the flexibility for the seven line items but didn't agree with the funding cut. It came into play that it was 20% and now it is down to 10% across the line items. She said we are in a joinder with Armstrong County Commissioners and they have chosen they do not want to go into the block grant program. In speaking with Tammy Calderone, Kami Anderson and Paula McClure who are the other directors involved, she didn't get from them that they were in favor of going into a block grant program because they didn't know how the joinder will work and there has not been a lot put forward how a joinder will work together on doing the reports and doing everything they have to do as a joinder. She said she is not in favor because of all of the outstanding circumstances of being in a joinder program. She said she has nothing against the block grant program but would rather sit back and wait and see what happens in the next round.

Dr. Dunlap said the Public and Welfare code was passed for this year and for the next round there would have to be another public welfare code passed. There are no more rounds to find yet.

Commissioner Ruddock said Commissioner Evanko represents the Board for Human Services and he said they have talked about this and he is hearing her recommendation. He knows Dr. Dunlap's position and also Commissioner Frick's position. He said he has been very involved with the state on this particular program trying to move it forward on behalf of the interest of the County Commissioners Association and took part in daily meetings for about two weeks. This is a delicate issue for him because he believes the long range plan of the state is to give the counties the authority to oversee these programs and he thinks that is where we eventually need to be. That is exactly what we wanted and that is exactly where we need to be. His concern in this particular recommendation is the funding and was hopeful there would be no reduction for the Human Services Program for the state which would have given us an opportunity if we were to assume the role of monitoring and managing a pilot program we could then make the recommendations back to the state on the basis of that level funding concept as to where we think the best bargain would be for all communities and for the state to move forward. But with the 10% reduction it places counties in an awkward position because we are managing monies that have been reduced and laying those monies off onto organizations that support the plan and really there is not a lot of time to really understand the concept of the pilot to make it work and viable with the dollars that we have. He is of the opinion that we could wait for this first year to occur to see the fallout that comes from the pilot program and see how other communities are reacting to it and then use that time internally to actually go through the same kind of process we would follow normally if we were to assume the pilot responsibility and actually perform the same internal actions and in an essence working with those organizations to find out where monies can best be spent and see if there is redundancy in organizational effort to maintain a quality human service program for our county. He said he understands where Dr. Dunlap is coming from with her recommendation. Down deep inside that is where he wants to be but frankly leaning in favor of what Commissioner Frick said. Those we have spoken to do not totally favor it while he thinks we could make it work. He would rather that we try to draw them in instead of trying to push them. He would lean in the favor of holding off for this first round.

It is his understanding the state will make every effort to give counties a chance to be part of the program in next year's cycle. We have 67 counties in Pennsylvania and the first 20 most likely will come from those counties that are resourced heavily in human services that have a human services director and that have experience in working these programs. It is also his understanding that the 20 counties will most likely have some selection of a joinder kind of team of counties. The fact that we have a joinder with a county that doesn't want to participate makes it a little bit more awkward in terms of getting this approval. Balancing out all of the issues he has raised he would prefer to wait a year and see how things move through the system.

Commissioner Evanko said she doesn't want the public to think that we haven't done our homework because we have. We have been attending meetings across the state and have been on conference calls with CCAP and have met with the human services directors. She said we have thought long and hard on this subject and it is not an easy decision because our legislators were there for us when we asked for the flexibility. We just weren't expecting the funding cut and we are in a joinder with Armstrong County and that puts us in an awkward situation.

Commissioner Frick asked what if they don't get the 20 counties. Dr. Dunlap said there are more than 20 counties interested. Commissioner Ruddock said Indiana County was one of the

counties the state was anticipating would move forward. Commissioner Ruddock said he also wants to support all of the efforts of the legislative team and what they have done to help make this program viable. We want to as well but not sure right now is the right time for us to do that.

Commissioner Ruddock said on the favor of the recommendation from Dr. Dunlap, Human Service Director, she recommended we move forward with the application which needs to be submitted by August 7, 2012. He has the wishes of the board and the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Ruddock voted no; Commissioner Frick voted no; Commissioner Evanko voted no.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock said the Comprehensive Plan will have final public review on July 26th in Blairsville. He said the meeting in Indiana was well attended and there was great discussion about the future planning for Indiana County. There was a lot of great work that went into the plan.

There was a Gas Expo at the KCAC that was well attended. It is nice to know we have a lot of local business who are a part of that program. The supply network for the industry is alive and well in Indiana County. There is a lot of business growth and jobs that will follow and are hopeful that will happen.

Commissioner expressed his personal excitement on the announcement of the Veterans Clinic that will come to Indiana County by 2013. That has been very important to this team of commissioners and he has for the last 8 years tried to make this a reality. He has participated in many meetings, many letters and has traveled to Washington DC. He was very excited to receive the calls from Representative Critz, Representative Shuster and Senator Casey Offices all thanking the board for the efforts. He made a call to find out what the next step is or would be to make the program come to fruition. He spoke to Steve Wolfe and about Indiana Regional Medical Center's involvement. We are excited it is coming we just don't know how it will look and how it will be manned. It is good news to the Veterans. Commissioner Evanko complimented Commissioner Ruddock because he has led this the whole way through his term of office and if it wasn't for his efforts she doesn't think this would have happened. She said her along with Commissioner Frick are both on board and the veterans' mean a lot to us. This is something we really want for the county.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...AUGUST 22, 2012, 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. It is noted the August 8, 2012 meeting is cancelled as the Board will be at the CCAP Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman