

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2013

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 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, Nick Ruffner and Greg Reinbold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...JANUARY 9, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 9, 2013 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE INFORMATION DESK

Dr. Bonni Dunlap was present and explained that the county has been operating the information desk in the lobby of the courthouse since 1991. Since 1991, 45 volunteers have given nearly 20,000 hours of service, greeting visitors fielding 300,000 requests for information and direction. The desk was created before the metal detector and security checkpoint were installed inside the front door. With the installation of the security system, the Deputy Sheriffs are asking most of the questions therefore it has been decided to close the desk. The Board recognized three of the remaining four volunteers with a gift of appreciation. Those present were Beth Ann Kinter, Sara Chiodo and Loretta Dalton. Margaret Karp could not make the meeting.

VETERANS SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR HOMELESS VETERANS AND FAMILIES GRANT / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution for a Veterans Supportive Services for Homeless Veterans and families Grant. Dr. Dunlap explained that the Veterans Administration released a grant last year to help assist veterans and families. Indiana County along with Westmoreland County applied for the grant but did not get it. The grant application was released again this year and we would be applying with Westmoreland, Fayette, Washington and Green Counties.

Commissioner Ruddock asked why we can't apply as a single county. Dr. Dunlap said we can but the strength of the application is based on the number of veterans you would serve. Commissioner Ruddock asked how the money would be distributed. Dr. Dunlap said Westmoreland County will be the lead for the application; they would get the money and then

subcontract the remaining counties to provide money for a case manager for supportive services. Indiana County projected to serve 25 veterans and submitted a budget to do so. She said it will be a tough competition especially when the larger counties apply with a big number of veterans to serve.

APPROVAL OF RFP FOR TAX REASSESSMENT

At the request of Frank Sisko, Chief Assessor, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the RFP for General Reassessment Services and CAMA System. The reassessment team has written this RFP in great detail along with the timeline that was developed. The RFP will be released on February 1, 2013 and due back by March 15, 2013. The review will be done by the reassessment team with possible adjustments that may be needed through negotiations. The recommendation to approve the RFP will be done in April.

Commissioner Evanko commented that she likes how the RFP states there will be local participation for the collection of the data and to bring in as much local support to do the work she feels that is a great statement for Indiana County because there a lot of people who are out of work.

HELEN RUSSELL ESTATE LAND DONATION TO INDIANA COUNTY / PARKS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Director of Indiana County Parks and Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept the donation of 6.17 acre parcel from the Helen Russell Estate. The parcel is located in Buffington Township and is contiguous to the Blacklick Valley Natural Area. The addition of the property will make the Blacklick Valley Natural Area a total of 719 acres in size. The property includes 675 acres previously donated to Indiana County by David and Penny Russell and a 38 acre parcel that Indiana County acquired with the assistance of a DCNR grant. The Indiana County Parks & Trails Advisory Board has reviewed the land donation proposal and is in concurrence with the acceptance of the donation. It is recommended that Solicitor Clark and Attorney John Barbor be authorized to complete the necessary paperwork to finalize and record the transaction.

CONTRACT...THOMAS KAUFFMAN / 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 an agreement with Thomas Kauffman 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 to serve as a Juvenile Public Defender at the rate of \$900.00 per month. As a Juvenile Public Defender he will represent status offenders, truancy and incorrigible youth.

CONTRACT...THE CHILD ACCOUNTING AND PROFILE SYSTEM / 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 a contract for the Child Accounting and Profile System for Version 8 upgrades in the amount of \$4,086.00.

CONTRACT – 2012 ESG PROGRAM

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 agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for the 2012 Emergency

Solutions Grant Program Contract. This request also includes approval for all required forms to be signed by Commissioner Ruddock for contract execution. The contract amount is for \$180,000.00 for operational expenses for the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick. The contract will provide operational expenses for a two year period.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...ICCORS COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of the Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following to the Regional ICORRS Council:

Thomas Stutzman – Representing EMA
Gary Ryan, Jr. – Representing 9-1-1
Randy Thomas – Representing EMS
Charles Kelly – Representing Fire
Louis Sacco – Representing Law Enforcement

The purpose of the Council is to set policy and procedure for the use of the ICCORS equipment as it is shared with Westmoreland and Armstrong Counties. Fayette County has recently joined the group and is in the process of developing their radio network for inclusion of the shared system arrangements.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...INDIANA COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Ruth Kimmel, Homer City, PA to the Indiana County Housing Authority; term to expire January, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Bonni Dunlap announced that the Community Service Drive that was conducted on Martin Luther King Day was very successful. They collected school supplies, cleaning supplies and toiletries for homeless individuals within ICCAP, Alice Paul House, ARIN Intermediate Unit, Homeless Programs and Family Promise. Those that participated will be recognized at the February 13th Public Meeting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JANUARY 23, 2013 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 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 11:00 p.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman