

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 27, 2013

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 Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Nick Ruffner, Ben Cunningham and Greg Reinbold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ruddock asked Sheriff Robert Fyock to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...MARCH 13, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of March 13, 2013 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROCLAMATION...THE REGIONAL CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER PROJECT

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to recognize and support the establishment of a Regional Challenger Learning Center in Indiana County that will encourage students from Indiana County school districts, as well as from districts within our multi-county region to pursue careers in the fields of science and engineering.

The Board further recognized the effort and dedication of Mr. Tom Harley, President of the Indiana Area School District, Vicki Smith, President of the Homer Center School District, Ed Smith, President of the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District and Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro the committee chair of the local CLC development committee, in their efforts to secure funding for the establishment of a multi-county regional Challenger Learning Center. Commissioner Ruddock also added that Walter Schroth was also instrumental in helping get this project started. He also said this program serves a purpose in Indiana County that we have never had before and will carry a message not only to the students of Indiana County but students in the region as well.

Julia Trimarchi Cuccaro who is the committee chair for the program said it is a wonderful opportunity for our region and gives students an opportunity to pursue the opportunities available. She said Cambria and Armstrong Counties support the program also and we are gaining a lot of momentum in the region. Tom Harley, President of Indiana Area School District said he has been pleased by the number of people and organizations donating startup money for the center. Walter Schroth said this is a collaborative effort and the success of the program is

because of the collaboration. He also thanked the Board for their support and also for the technical advice on the application process. Commissioner Evanko said “We have had a lot of projects come before us, but this one really excites me”. Commissioner Frick said he first heard of the project at the Manufacturing Consortium Meeting and was very impressed with the project.

PROCLAMATION...CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to proclaim April 2, 2013 as Child Abuse Awareness Day in Indiana County and also encouraged all fellow citizens to join them in renewing their commitment in supporting the mission and efforts of The CARE Center of Indiana County. Kristina Taylor-Porter from The CARE Center of Indiana County was present and thanked the commissioners for the proclamation and invited the Board and the public to attend their 2nd annual open house on April 3rd.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS’ RIGHTS WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2013 as National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and reaffirm Indiana County’s commitment to respect and enforce victims’ rights and address their needs during this week and throughout the year.

PROCLAMATION...SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Frick, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Indiana County and also to join advocates and communities across the country in playing an active role to prevent sexual violence.

AUTHORIZATION TO SOLICIT BIDS OF GAS RIGHTS ON GHOST TOWN TRAIL / PARKS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Director of Indiana County Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the authorization to solicit bids for exploration and development of oil and gas by way of sub-surface operations under a portion of the Ghost Town Trail located on State Game Lands 276 from Blacklick to Heshbin and is about 100 acres in size. He said on both sides of the trail is State Game Lands and the leasing of gas rights have already taken place on the two properties and the trail happens to be in the middle of the game lands and it is suggested the county solicit bids for the rights on the trail. He also noted that if any drilling or exploration company is interested in the gas under the trail no structures would be built on the trail itself.

GRANT...INTERMEDIATE PUNISHMENT TREATMENT PROGRAM / PROBATION

At the request of Jan Baun, Assistant Chief Probation Officer, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a grant application for the Intermediate Punishment Treatment Program in the amount of \$23,324.00. This will allow the Probation Office to continue the Intermediate Punishment Program which diverts DUI offenders out of jail and place them on house arrest with electronic monitoring and combination of a treatment program.

VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRI-STAR MOTORS / SHERIFF

At the request of Sheriff Robert Fyock, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the purchase of a 2012 Dodge Charger from Tri-Star Motors, Blairsville, PA in the amount of \$28,649.28. It is noted this purchase is under state contract pricing.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT...KATHY ABBEY-BAKER / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Bonni Dunlap, Director of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Kathy Abbey-Baker to provide consultant services for the Suicide Task Force from April 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 at the rate of \$25.00 per hour and ten hours per week. The funds to pay for the services will be coming from the Human Services Development Funds.

CONTRACT – PHARE/INDIANA COUNTY HOMELESS VETERANS PROJECT

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 Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) for the 2012 Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement Fund through Act 105 of 2010 (PHARE). The amount of the contract agreement is \$155,000.00 and is for construction costs associated with the Indiana County Homeless Veterans Housing Project. The proposed permanent housing project will be constructed on the corner of N. 5th Avenue and Clinton Street in White Township. The \$1,406,945.00 financial package for the project is comprised of multiple funding sources that also include Indiana County 2011 CDBG, HUD - Supportive Housing Program funds, HOME program (pending contract award) and local funds from NCCDC (Northern Cambria County Development Corporation). A total of \$1,030,000.00 is allocated to the construction costs. Indiana County in conjunction with its partner NCCDC propose to construct six (6) permanent housing units designated for homeless veterans.

RESOLUTION...AUTHORIZATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION – DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DCNR) APPLICATION – COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP 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 adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnership Program for engineering and design of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over the Route 22 and Route 119 Intersection in Burrell Township. The motion also allows Commissioner Ruddock to sign all required application forms. The application is requesting \$180,000.00 of State grant funds, contingent upon matching funds from other State and local agencies, to provide design services, specifications and bid documents. Gibson-Thomas Engineers has agreed to provide preliminary engineering services and prepare the application.

RESOLUTION...AUTHORIZATION TO FILE AN APPLICATION – DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) – KEYSTONE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT GRANT

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 the a Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the Department of Community and Economic Development's

(DCED) Keystone Public Improvement Grant for engineering and design of a Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge over the Route 22 and Route 119 Intersection in Burrell Township. The application is requesting \$180,000.00 to match the DCNR grant. Approval is also requested to have Chairman Ruddock sign all required application forms.

Jeff Grimm said this project was identified in both the Greenway Plan and the plan for biking and walking with the Comprehensive Plan as priority projects. A study looked at different alternatives to get the Hoodlebug Trail across Route 22 and another was a safety audit that identified this project would improve safety in the corridor.

Commissioner Ruddock asked if one of the grants will serve as a match for the other grant. Jeff Grimm said that is correct. Mr. Ruddock said that is the critical piece because most grants from Harrisburg require a match.

Linda Gwinn from the Armstrong & Indiana Trail Council was present and said that Indiana County Parks & Trails will own and maintain the bridge upon completion. It is noted that Ed Patterson has allocated from Act 13 monies \$10,000.00 and the Conemaugh Conservancy and Cambria and Indiana Trail Council each have contributed \$5,000.00 towards the project. She said they will continue to seek other funds to help reduce the match from DCED which will make the application more competitive. She thanked the Commissioners, the Office of Planning & Development, Gibson Thomas Engineering and Ed Patterson for supportive of this project. There some economic development aspects that can be gained by having longer trail.

Commissioner Ruddock said this is solid and worthy project and should stand as a top priority. Commissioner Evanko said this project is exciting and hope it comes to be. It also connects the Corporate Campus and WyoTech students with a safe connection to cross Route 22.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – WINDY RIDGE LOT 5 GRADING PROJECT

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, Indiana County Development Corporation and Stiffler, McGraw and Associates, Inc., a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 with Adam Eidemiller, Inc., on the Windy Ridge Lot 5 Grading Project. Change Order #1 in the amount of \$6,051.74 is for an increase in the contract amount. This change order is to increase the size of silt sock from 12” to 18” and 30” as directed by the Indiana County Conservation District. Also included in Change Order #1 is to construct an “Air Gap Bridge” over a 10-inch gas transmission line crossing the property owned by Columbia Gas and discovered by One-Call. Columbia Gas has directed the Contractor to build the “Air Gap Bridge” across the line so the heavy equipment can cross without causing damage to the line due to compaction. The revised Adam Eidemiller, Inc., contract amount with approval of Change Order #1 will be \$219,484.77. The additional project cost will be covered with Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant funds.

CHANGE ORDER – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT / WINDY RIDGE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK / PLANNING

At the request of the Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Planning & Development, on behalf of the Indiana County Development Corporation, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a change order #3 in the amount of \$96,650.00 to Salsgiver Telecom, Inc., for the Emergency Management Radio Communications Project. The change order is for additional work to extend fiber optics to the

Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park located at the intersection of U.S. Route 422 and State Route 286 in White Township. All costs related to the change order will be paid by the Indiana County Development Corporation through a PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) grant.

CHANGE ORDER – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT / WINDY RIDGE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK / PLANNING

At the request of the Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Planning & Development, on behalf of the Indiana County Development Corporation, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a change order #4 in the amount of \$3,135.00 to Salsgiver Telecom, Inc., for the Emergency Management Radio Communications Project. The change order is for additional work to extend fiber optics to the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park Lot 5, located at the intersection of U.S. Route 422 and State Route 286 in White Township. All costs related to the change order will be paid by the Indiana County Development Corporation through a PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) grant.

CHANGE ORDER – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT / JOSEPH LAND DEVELOPMENT/119 BUSINESS PARK / PLANNING

At the request of the Emergency Management Agency and the Office of Planning & Development, on behalf of the Indiana County Development Corporation, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a change order #5 in the amount of \$6,379.75 to Salsgiver Telecom, Inc., for the Emergency Management Radio Communications Project. The change order is for additional work to extend fiber optics to the Joseph Land Development / 119 Business Park Lot 5, located at the intersection of U.S. Route 119 and Luciusboro Road in Center Township. All costs related to the change order will be paid by the Indiana County Development Corporation through a PA Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) grant.

CHANGE ORDER...EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT / FIBER CONNECTIVITY TO ICCORS SWITCH / 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 change order #6 in the amount of \$45,000.000 to Salsgiver Telecom for the Emergency Management Radio Communications Project. The purpose of this change order is to complete the fiber connectivity to the ICCORS master site switch located at Westmoreland County Public Safety Agency, Public Safety Drive, Greensburg for primary connectivity of the Indiana County public safety radio system. It will also carry a diverse connection for the Armstrong County public safety radio system as a backup. The change order provides connectivity to the State provided ESINet network, which terminates at E. Brown Street, Blairsville, PA. From this point, Salsgiver Telecom will backhaul connectivity to their facility on N. Walnut Street, Blairsville, PA which will provide for a connection to the Indiana County fiber network. Once in our network we will be able to use the ICCORS master site connection to link in Cambria County for interoperability with the entire ICCORS network.

Commissioner Ruddock said Mr. Stutzman has done a remarkable job in getting to this recommendation. The amount saved in his persistence will save the County about \$300,000.00.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock announced the Gas Task Force Meeting on March 27th at the KCAC from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...APRIL 10, 2013 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 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 11:40 p.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman