

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 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, and Greg Reinbold.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ruddock asked Mike Weaver from Team Red, White and Blue to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

APPROVE MINUTES...APRIL 10, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of April 10, 2013 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENT...19TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY NUTRITION FOOD DRIVE

Lauren Janocha, Alyson Pajak, Adrienne Poper and Autumn Vay, students from IUP, were present to announce the 19th Annual Community Nutrition Food Drive which will be held on May 4, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Collection locations will be Valeski's Fourth Street Bi-Lo, Walmart, Giant Eagle and Big Lots in White Township; Merck's Bi-Lo, Homer City; Tate's Supermarket, Clyer; Shop 'n Save in Saltsburg; and McDonald's restaurants in Indiana, White Township and Blairsville. Last year the IUP students collected 900 pounds of food and more than \$3,600 in monetary donations. The students presented the Board with t-shirts for the food drive. The Board thanked the students and Dr. Rita Johnson for organizing the drive.

ANNOUNCEMENT...TEAM RED, WHITE & BLUE

Mike Weaver was present and announced that he will be running in the Pittsburgh Marathon for the nonprofit organization Team Red, White and Blue to raise money for wounded veterans returning from combat in either Iraq or Afghanistan. He will be carrying the American Flag during the race which was donated by Senator Toomey. His goal was to raise \$1,500 but has reached \$3,200 and hopes to raise more money for this cause.. Donations can be made at www.teamrwb.org.

PROCLAMATION...VOLUNTEER 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 Volunteer Week in Indiana County and also urge fellow citizen to volunteer in the communities.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim the week of May 6 – 12, 2013 as National Nurses Week in Indiana with the theme “Delivering Quality and Innovation in Patient Care”.

PROCLAMATION...NATIONAL NURSING HOME WEEK

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Frick, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim May 12 – 18, 2013 as National Nursing Home Week and also encouraged all to celebrate those that make a positive difference in their lives every day. Kim Cobough and John Bradley were present to accept these two proclamations.

PROCLAMATION...APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Frick, a motion was made, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in Indiana County. The proclamation will bring to the attention of the County’s residents that it is 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, familial status, handicap or disability.

RESOLUTION – FURTHER FAIR HOUSING THROUGHOUT INDIANA COUNTY

At the request of Luann Zak, Office of Planning & Development a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the a Resolution to Further Fair Housing throughout Indiana County. This resolution reaffirms the Commissioners commitment to Fair Housing and it states that all programs administered by the County provide Equal Housing Opportunities no matter the person’s race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, age, familial status, handicap or disability. Commissioner Ruddock commented there is a strong effort through the Housing Authority, Luann Zak, Dave Morrow and Bonni Dunlap to bring housing to Indiana County. There is a critical need in Indiana County for low to middle income earners that has not yet been satisfied.

RESOLUTION – FAIR HOUSING OFFICER

At the request of Luann Zak, 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.

EXTENSION FOR IRLF (INFRASTRUCTURE REVOLVING LOAN FUND) REPAYMENT

At the request of Luann Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Green Township Municipal Authority’s (GTMA) request to extend the deadline for the repayment of the Infrastructure Revolving Loan Funds (IRLF) for an additional three months. The original deadline date was March 31, 2013. If approved the deadline date would be June 30, 2013.

Indiana County provided \$118,000.00 of IRLF funds for GTMA to cover upfront design costs for the submission of a Penn Vest application in February of 2012. The application was submitted and awarded the Penn Vest funding in May of 2012. The IRLF funds are designated for reimbursement from the GTMA's first invoice for Penn Vest funds. The Penn Vest loan closing has been delayed and is the reason for the extension request.

The GTMA project is for the development of a new water source, water storage tank, pump station and line extension in the Commodore area of Green Township. The project will provide public water service to approximately 100 new households in the villages of Lovejoy and Starford and serve existing GTMA customers in Commodore.

APPROVAL – EXTEND OPTION TO PURCHASE AGREEMENT

At the request of Luann Zak, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the County's option to extend the "Option to Purchase" agreement for an additional six month period. The "Agreement" is with Julius J. Triber, Jr. and Eileen F. Triber of Clearwater, Florida for the Clinton Street Property where the Homeless Veterans Housing Project is to be constructed. The original option agreement expires on May 22, 2013, and as per the agreement the County is required to provide a fifteen day notice of the extension.

The extension is needed because the final funding contract has not been executed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. The contract is in the final stages of processing.

RESOLUTION RECERTIFYING THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND (RLF)

At the request of Angela Campisano, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to adopt a resolution re-certifying that the Indiana County Revolving Loan Fund is being operated consistent with the existing Economic Development Strategy and is being operated in accordance with the policies and procedures contained in the administrative plan. This is a housekeeping item required by the Economic Development Administration (EDA). Our Economic Development Strategy is embodied within the 2040 Transportation and Development Plan for Southwestern Pennsylvania, which was submitted by SPC and endorsed by EDA.

CONTRACT...FAMILY PROMISE / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Dr. 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 Family Promise to provide lead case management with individuals needing housing assistance. These individuals would agree to meet regularly with a case manager and attend classes to improve his or her skills for managing personal finances and employability skills. Dr. Dunlap explained the new concept being rolled out will offer a bundle of support services to people who need housing and who need skills to become self-sufficient. The program will be supported through Family Promise, Career T.R.A.C.K., the Indiana County Housing Authority, Indiana County Community Action Program and the Human Services Department.

CONTRACT...OUTCOMES RESULTS SYSTEM DATABASE / HUMAN SERVICES

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Director of Human Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract between Indiana

County and Family Promise allowing them to use the Outcomes Results System which is a county database used to track client outcomes and client demographic data.

BIDS...SUBSURFACE OIL AND GAS LEASE (041713)...INDIANA PARKS & TRAILS

At the request of Ed Patterson, Director of Parks & Trails, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the sub-surface gas lease with XTO Energy and it is noted that it is subject to final clarification of the language by Solicitor Clark. The lease agreement includes a payment of \$1,025 per acre in acreage fees and an 18% royalty on any future gas removed from the property. One bid was received for the leasing of the sub-surface gas rights to the 99-acre tract located at the Ghost Towns Trail and is located in Burrell, Center and Brushvalley Townships. The agreement also stipulates that no facilities will be located on the surface of the property. Mr. Patterson noted it is his hope that the funds will be used to support the parks and trails. However it is noted that it is the final decision of the Board on how the monies are spent.

BIDS...SURPLUS EQUIPMENT (042213)

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept the bids received by the following individuals for surplus equipment.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>VEHICLE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Charles Lydic	1999 Ford Taurus	\$250.00
Bob Painter	2004 Chevrolet Impala	\$1,257.77
Michael McCurdy	2004 Ford Expedition	\$2,650.00

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT

At the request of the Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$32,000.00. This will provide assistance for planning and education of hazardous materials response activities.

RESOLUTION...CERTIFYING LOCAL MATCH FOR INDIGO

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Resolution certifying the County's local match for State operating financial assistance to Indigo in the amount of \$62,000.00.

Commissioner Ruddock said the state as a result of initiatives to bring additional funding for transportation is telling the counties they have to provide 15% of funding support for matches. The \$62,000.00 does not meet that 15% match. He said they will have to look at other funding sources that can be made available. It is important to know that we are way behind the power curve from the state's perspective yet this is where we are.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...MAY 15, 2013 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 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 11:20 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman