

PRIVATE PROVIDER CONTRACT...PRESSLEY RIDGE / CYS

At the request of Paula McClure, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Pressley Ridge, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 2012-2013 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

PRIVATE PROVIDER CONTRACT...INDIANA PSYCHOLOGY ASSOCIATES / CYS

At the request of Paula McClure, Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Indiana Psychology Associates, Indiana, PA for FY 2013-2014 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis.

COMMUNICATION LEASE DEVELOPMENT...LR KIMBALL / EMA

John Luko, Director of Information Services, was present and explained that L.R. Kimball has prepared a proposal to perform work related to a contract for leasing of space on county towers sites. This would include providing the needed contracts and co-location agreements to guarantee that outside agencies leasing space on a county tower will not be interfering with public safety use at any site. He further explained that Verizon is ready to move forward with a contract to lease space on the Banks Township tower site as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Ruddock commented that when the 911 Public Safety Project was started, we know how important it was to make sure that the system operates efficiently and effectively to deliver emergency response networks through all of the 38 townships and boroughs in the County. They also wanted to extend optic fiber as the tower sites were harnessed to make sure strong communication could be delivered among residents of Indiana County and the responders and fiber could be installed effectively and cheaply. Most counties opted for microwave instead of fiber because it has to be run underground or on cable from telephone pole to pole which is what Indiana County chose. The third component that was looked at from the very beginning was that the tower sites be constructed in such a way that they would be able to provide additional harnessing not only of the microwave systems but any other commercial vendors that would want to come into Indiana County and extend their capabilities to the county. They specifically looked at cellular service providers. They had a meeting with representatives from Verizon, Sprint and AT&T and talked to them about how important it is they would recognize they don't have to build a tower, the County will build that tower and all they need to do is come and use that tower for the purposes of providing extended cellular signal in Indiana County. There are many dead spots in Indiana County on cellular signaling especially in the rural sector. We need to find a way to close those dark spots very quickly. We are dependent on those providers to do that because they are private providers. We are saying to them if we have the tower sites we can reduce your costs and still provide a signal.

Commissioner Ruddock introduced the three Banks Township Supervisors, Ronald Smith, William Ruth and Terry Haag. He said they represent that rural connection to Indiana County and the area that is underserved from both an optic fiber and cellular side. Mr. Smith said that they had a gentleman drown about a year ago and there was no cell service. He had to travel 2.5 miles to get to a land line to get help. He said that he is not saying that if they had cell service they would have been able to save him, but he could have been rescued quicker. Two years before that there was a mine that had blown up in Bear Run that washed out the township and

state road. He said he had to travel 6 miles to use the phone to call 911 and PennDOT for assistance to block the roads.

Commissioner Ruddock said that “All you have to do is drive five miles from Indiana and White Township and you don’t have signal. If you were in Blue Spruce Park and you had some sort of medical difficulty, you may not be serviced because you don’t have the ability to make a call. We rely on these providers to help us. He applauds the effort of EMA to keep working this working with John Luko, Director of Information Services and Verizon to make sure to make sure we are able to provide that type of service. It is absolutely critical to the quality of life for the people who enjoy Indiana County. We have a long way to go but if we can get one tower up in Banks Township to extend this signal and we save one life that is all that matters.

Commissioner Ruddock said we have to work out the mechanics of how we do this because we are a new territory for a county and we will reach out to other counties who have done something similar. We are going to rely on our experts from L.R. Kimball who have installed our public safety radio system to make sure that the public safety radio signal is not impinged by the cellular signal that comes out of that same tower site. That is key.

Mr. Steve Watt from L.R. Kimball was present and said that what this proposal addresses is doing an assessment by taking the interested party which provides the scenario of what they would like to do. They will develop implementation guidelines so that they understand when they come onto the site what is expected of them such as proper grounding, utility use, access, security, etc. They will develop a lease agreement, cost sheet and final inspection. The higher you go up on the tower the higher the cost to lease.

Commissioner Evanko asked if this is the final proposal. Mr. Watt said yes. Commissioner Evanko asked about the following statement in the proposal and what is involved. “Any costs imposed by an agency or organization for required information will be reimbursed to L.R. Kimball by the Indiana County. Mr. Watt said that is put in the proposal if someone would request information and costs are incurred that would be billed individually to Indiana County. Commissioner Ruddock asked that we would move forward with this proposal to expedite the deliverable from Verizon but be subject to review of our solicitor. Solicitor Mike Clark said it should say that prior approval is required before any costs are reimbursed by the County. Mr. Watt said he will respond to the Commissioners with that understanding in writing.

Terry Haag asked if AT&T has expressed any interest on coming onto the tower. Commissioner Ruddock said all providers were invited to come on board and perhaps this may expedite this process. William Smith asked if there was a projection of the income to the County and Township. Mr. Luko said it was Tom Stutzman’s projection it would be about \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month. The agreement of distribution of tower plan with Banks Township would be 60-40 split.

Commissioner Evanko asked if any further towers will be added. Mr. Watt said that is undetermined at this time. Commissioner Evanko asked if this agreement is for this tower site only. Mr. Watt said they are developing the documentation to move on any tower in Indiana County. What is unique with this proposal is carrying through with the first set of documents that it would include the final inspection of the site and to make sure that all items of the lease agreements are adhered to and there will be no interference. In the future we would have to

retain a radio engineer to review the submission of the documents at a nominal cost. Commissioner Evanko said she would like a clarification on the actual cost and what it includes.

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the proposal submitted by L.R. Kimball for the Communication Lease Development in the amount of \$12,097 subject to clarification and review of the final proposal.

BUDGET REVISION – 2011 ESG-SECOND ALLOCATION

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development and ICCAP, a motion was made by Mr. Frick seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve of Budget Revision #1 for the 2011 ESG-Second Allocation Program (Emergency Solutions Grant). The requested revision is an adjustment of budget line items within the Rapid Re-Housing Services contract line that has an allocation of \$205,190.00. Within the \$205,190.00 Rapid Re-Housing Services contract line a revision is requested for the Miscellaneous Expenses Category.

The request is to eliminate the allocations to the telephone (\$1,680.00), photocopies (\$630.00), internet (\$210.00) and space cost (\$1,050.00) totaling \$3,570.00. The \$3,570.00 from these line items is to be re-allocated to the travel line. The travel expense line will be increased by \$3,570.00 from \$1,000.00 to \$4,570.00. No changes are requested in the approved contract budget with the Commonwealth. This is a programmatic revision only.

The revision is requested to reflect actual program costs. ICCAP originally anticipated that the case manager for the 2011 ESG-Second Allocation Program would be housed at the main office at 827 Water Street in Indiana, PA. The original allocations were to cover expenses at the Main Office location. However due to staffing changes the case manager has been housed at the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick, PA. The expenses eliminated from 2011 ESG-Second Allocation contract are funded by another funding source at the Pathway Shelter.

CONTRACT AWARD – JOSEPH LAND DEVELOPMENT – GRADING AND UTILITIES PROJECT

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, Stiffler, McGraw & Associates, Inc. and the Indiana County Development Corporation, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to enter into a contract agreement with A. Merante Contracting from Pittsburgh, PA, for the Joseph Land Development Grading and Utilities Project. The contract award request in the amount of \$677,777.75 is for bulk site grading for individual building lots and rough grading for a new access roadway, erosion and sedimentation control, water, sanitary, natural gas, electric and communication utility extensions and implementation of stormwater management facilities. This project is being funded through a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program grant.

RACP GRANT – INDIANA COUNTY CONVOCATION CENTER (KOVALCHICK CONVENTION & ATHLETIC CENTER)

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 of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$1,000,000. The \$1,000,000 RACP grant will provide reimbursements related to property acquisition, infrastructure and related site work for the Indiana County Convocation Center, now known as the Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex. The total project is estimated to cost

approximately \$2,013,950. The matching funds have been previously secured with participation from the Indiana County, Indiana Borough, White Township, and the Indiana County Development Corporation. Work performed by Indiana University of Pennsylvania on the Hawk's Landing parking lot will serve as the construction activity. This request includes specific authorization for Commissioner Ruddock to execute the grant contract on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT – RACP GRANT – INDIANA COUNTY
CONVOCATION CENTER (KOVALCHICK CONVENTION & ATHLETIC CENTER)**

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 Cooperation Agreement between the Indiana County Commissioners and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, as Sub-Grantee, to outline compliance responsibilities of the terms and conditions and the administration of a \$1,000,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The RACP grant will provide funding reimbursements related to property acquisition, infrastructure and related site work for the Indiana County Convocation Center, now known as the Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex. The Office of Planning & Development will be designated to administer the RACP grant. This request includes specific authorization for Commissioner Ruddock to execute the Cooperation Agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT – RACP GRANT – INDIANA BOROUGH – SEGMENT
C STREETScape 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 approve entering into a Cooperation Agreement between the Indiana County Commissioners and Indiana Borough to outline administration responsibilities of a \$3,250,000 Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) grant application/contract with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The RACP grant will provide funding reimbursements related to eligible infrastructure improvements along Philadelphia Street from 6th Street to 9th Street, known as Segment C. The Office of Planning & Development will be designated to administer the RACP grant. Indiana County will not be responsible for any expenditure related to this project.

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT...T-460 AULTMAN BRIDGE #3

Commissioner Ruddock said that the T-460 Aultman Bridge #3 in Blacklick Township needs to be addressed because it has not achieved a sufficiency rating as required. This bridge was selected by the county as part of the state transportation improvement program and supported by Blacklick Township. As part of the agreement, there is a federal, state and municipal cost. Because the municipal cost is about \$65,000.00, Indiana County has agreed to help with the 5% which will be about \$32,500.00 each between Indiana County and Blacklick Township. Commissioner Ruddock said that a cooperation agreement will need to be developed between Indiana County and Blacklick Township for this project. A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the reimbursement agreement for T-460 Aultman Bridge #3.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING REASSESSMENT

Commissioner Ruddock read the following public announcement:

INDIANA, PA, August 12, 2013 -- Indiana County Commissioners will be hosting a public information meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex (KCAC), 711 Pratt Drive, Indiana, PA 15701. All property owners in Indiana County are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to outline the process of the countywide reassessment. The new property reassessments will be mailed in 2015 and take effect in 2016. Indiana County's last property assessment took place 45 years ago. During this span of time, the real estate market has changed differently across the county creating a disproportionate tax burden with some taxpayers paying more than their fair share, while others are paying less than their fair share.

The Indiana County Commissioners, Ira Weiss & Associates, the Tax Assessment Office and Evaluator Services & Technology (EST) will discuss each aspect of the reassessment process and timeline. Specifically, the Commissioners want to ensure transparency during each phase of the reassessment process to provide fair and equitable treatment of all property owners. Time will be made available at the end of the program for questions from the audience.

On August 21st, the day following the public information meeting, data collectors will begin to canvass neighborhoods to measure structures and take pictures of properties. These data collectors have been trained in a state-certified course and will be wearing county identification badges. Data collectors will not go inside homes, but will leave a survey at each residence. Completing and returning this survey will help ensure property information is current.

Public participation is encouraged and there will be ample opportunity for questions. For further information, please visit the reassessment page at www.countyofindiana.org or contact the reassessment office located at 9 North 7th Street, Suite 200, Indiana, PA at 724-471-2671.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...AUGUST 28, 2013 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 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 11:34 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman

