

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 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 T. Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai, and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Gina DeFavero and Josh Widdowson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...NOVEMBER 27, 2013 AND DECEMBER 4, 2013

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of November 27, 2013 and December 4, 2013 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PROCLAMATION...RECOGNITION OF HOMER-CENTER WILDCAT FOOTBALL TEAM

After a proclamation was read by Mr. Ruddock, a motion made, seconded by Mr. Frick and unanimously carried to congratulate the achievements of the Homer-Center Wildcat Football Team in winning the PIAA District VI Class A Championship, are the Heritage Conference Football Champions and were in the PIAA Class A Football Quarter-Finals. The team also had 12 victories this season which is the most in school history and for the first time in school history the team had two 1,000 year rushers in a single season from Ean Lee and Mike Newhouse. Present from the team was: Coaches: Greg Page, Matt Rodkey, Rob Nymick, and Tony Arone. Players: Mike Newhouse, Cody Miller, Shawn Steffe, Lucas Monko, Jim Bence, Anthony Caruso, Bill Grozanick, Kolby Skultety, Tyler Skoff, Tim Zayac, and Bryan Gearhart. Principal Jody Rainey was also present.

Commissioner Ruddock said he is impressed with the talent and leadership present. It speaks volumes about the strength of Indiana County. Recently, Homer Center was recognized through the Blue Ribbon Campaign with their academic success. Mr. Ruddock said he can never separate athletics from academic because if you are not an academic student you are not going to play athletics. He said to be successful in a sport of football; you first of all have to be a team player and you better be able to be counted on every week without having concern weather you are eligible or not to play the next game. Those who have coached know how important that is depend upon the students and their parents to rally around the cause of the team effort and make sure it is done right. That is an important link to success in any organization and particularly athletics.

Commissioner Frick said we are as proud as can be and proud to be a part of the commissioner team to recognize you. Commissioner Evanko there is not enough said about the good things that happen here in Indiana County. When we have students who step forward and do something great they should be recognized.

COMCARE AWARD / JAIL

The Commissioners accepted a Comcare award from recognizing the success of a pilot program that more efficiently gets jail inmates needed drug and alcohol treatment and will save the county money. Many departments in Armstrong, Clarion and Indiana Counties have collaborated on the Medical Assistance Jail Pilot to identify county jail inmates that need inpatient drug and alcohol treatment and assist them in applying for HealthChoices eligibility, effective on the date of their release. That timing allows inmates to participate in drug and alcohol treatment programs available through the HealthChoices program which is reimbursed about 50 percent by the federal government. Without being eligible for HealthChoices, an inmate's treatment costs would be paid 100 percent by state or county funds.

Nicole Salvo and Mike Krafick from Armstrong & Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission was present to present the award and thanked the Commissioners, Warden Sam Buzzinotti, Margaret Disidero from the Assistance Office, Judge Martin, District Attorney Patrick Dougherty, Chief Probation Officer Mike Hodak and staff at the Drug & Alcohol Commission for their support on this program.

As of August 31, 2013, 85 clients had been referred to the program and 52 were ruled eligible to participate in the program saving Armstrong, Clarion and Indiana counties more than \$203,000 for the costs of treatment in the first nine months of the pilot program.

Commissioner Ruddock thanked Commissioner Evanko for nominating the County for the award and also all of those involved in making the program work.

GRANT APPLICATION...JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT / COURTS

At the request of Christy Donofrio, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2013-2014 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant supporting Mr. Thomas Kauffman from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

CONTRACT...THOMAS KAUFFMAN / COURTS

At the request of Christy Donofrio, Court Administrator, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Thomas Kauffman in the amount of \$25,000.00 effective April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015. Mr. Kauffman will represent delinquent and dependent children in the Indiana County Juvenile Court as assigned by the Juvenile Court Judge. This contract is partially funded through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant.

GRANT OFFER – AWOS III UPGRADE PROJECT – INDIANA COUNTY/JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT

At the request of Ron Anderson, Chairman of the Indiana County Airport Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept an amended aviation development program grant offer proposing State participation in the amount of \$94,764.00 for improvements to the Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) at the Airport. The Board of Commissioners originally approved on November 27, 2013, a Grant Offer Request of \$87,710.00 with a local share of \$29,237.00 for this project. The local share of costs for the construction work is \$31,588.00 and will be paid by the Airport Authority. A grant must be officially awarded by the State and accepted by the County prior to the award of a contract to the low bidder on the project. An executed grant agreement will be provided to the County prior to the award.

GRANT OFFER – WETLAND MONITORING – INDIANA COUNTY/JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT

At the request of Ron Anderson, Chairman of the Indiana County Airport Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to accept an aviation development program grant offer proposing State participation in the amount of \$18,750.00 for monitoring wetlands that were constructed to replace the wetlands destroyed during the runway construction project. The local share of costs for the construction work is \$6,250.00 and will be paid by the Airport Authority.

\$600,000.00 RLF LOAN TO THE INDIANA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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 \$600,000.00 term loan from the Indiana County Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to the Indiana County Development Corporation (ICDC) and certify that the ICDC is recognized as an official economic development organization operating with the County and eligible to receive RLF funding. The loan proceeds will be used to partially fund the acquisition and engineering of real estate located at the intersection of US Route 422 and SR 286 in White Township, identified as the Windy Ridge Business & Technology Park. The interest rate will be fixed at 2.75% for a term of 180 months. The RLF funds are leveraged by funds from owner financing and from the ICDC. The RLF loan application has been reviewed and approved by the Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee.

BUDGET REVISION – HOME 2009 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 budget revision #2 for Indiana County's 2009 HOME contract. The HOME contract is for a total of \$500,000 for the county wide Affordable Homeownership Program and housing rehabilitation activities in the Region I area of Indiana County. The Region I area consists of Glen Campbell and Cherry Tree Boroughs and the Townships of Bank, Canoe, Grant, Green and Montgomery. The Planning & Development office is requesting a budget line adjustment of \$40,000.00 between Budget Line (2b) Substantial Rehab and Budget Line (1) Acquisition. The requested revision reduces the Substantial Rehabilitation line from \$180,000.00 to \$140,000.00 and increases the Acquisition line from \$120,000.00 to \$160,000.00. The total contract amount will remain at \$500,000.00.

The budget revision is requested because all funds in the Acquisition line have been expended to assist first time homebuyers. The additional funds will enable the County to assist additional applicants with homeownership. The PA Department of Community and Economic Development has approved the proposed revision contingent upon approval by the Board of Commissioners.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN VALUE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OF PA, INC. (VBH-PA) AND THE COUNTIES OF ARMSTRONG, BUTLER, INDIANA, LAWRENCE, WASHINGTON AND WESTMORELAND / BDHP

and

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHWEST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MANAGEMENT, INC. AND INDIANA COUNTY / BDHP

A motion was made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to table action on both items for BDHP as they are to be on the December 18, 2013 agenda.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT...INDIANA COUNTY DETECTIVE ASSOCIATION

At the request of John Reilly, the County's Labor negotiator, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the contract for Detective Association. This is a four year contract. The healthcare would continue at a 10% contribution rate. Wage increases will be 2% - 2013; 2.5% - 2014 and 2015; 3% for 2016.

CONTRACT...WESSELL & COMPANY / TAX COLLECTORS

A motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Wessell & Company to perform an audit on the tax collector for Blairsville Borough. The cost of the audit will be between \$6,500 and \$9,500 and will be prorated between Indiana County, Blairsville Borough and Blairsville Saltsburg School District. The cost to the county should not be more than \$1,995.00.

LEASE AGREEMENT...F.N.B. COMMERCIAL LEASING / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of EMA, a motion was made by Mr. Frick, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a 48-month lease agreement with F.N.B. Commercial Leasing in the amount of \$32,480.00 with a \$1.00 buyout at the end. On September 25, 2013 the purchase of a 2014 Ford F350 from Tri-Star Motors was approved. Mr. Stutzman explained that because they have not received their funding yet from PEMA, the lease is necessary for the purchase of the vehicle. The funds are expected to be received by the end of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...DECEMBER 18, 2013 AT 10:30 A.M.

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 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 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman