

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2014

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:33 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock, present
Commissioner Patricia A. Evanko, present

Commissioner Michael A. Baker, present

Also in attendance were Solicitor Michael T. Clark, Chief Clerk Robin Maryai, and others. Members of the news media present were Randy Wells, Greg Reinbold and Josh Widdowson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVE MINUTES...JANUARY 22, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Evanko, seconded by Mr. Ruddock and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of January 22, 2014 as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioners Patty Evanko and Mike Baker read a resolution issued by the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission to honor the services of Commissioner Rodney Ruddock as SPC's outgoing Chairman. Commissioner Ruddock was also presented with a replica picture done by Tom Straub who did a series of photographs for each of the 10 counties in the SPC Region.

Commissioner Ruddock commented regarding the retirement of State Representative Sam Smith. He said that Representative Sam Smith and specifically as Speaker of the House has played a key and vital role in shaping the policies and funding needs of Pennsylvania but locally we will lose a strong voice and advocate in addressing the needs of our rural sectors of Pennsylvania. We know that Indiana County has grown and largely as influenced by his commitment and leadership at the state level. It came as a surprise but wishes him well. Commissioner Evanko echoed Rod's comments and said that anytime we needed him he has been there for Indiana County.

Commissioner Ruddock said the board attended a United Way Breakfast and was impressed with the leadership of our Solicitor Michael T. Clark of leading the meeting and the effort of his team over the last year resulted in surpassing the prior campaign goal of over \$737,000.00 which is impressive. He thanked Mike on behalf of Indiana County.

GRANT AWARDS – INDIANA COUNTY/JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT

Tom Robertson, Manager at the Jimmy Stewart Airport was present and said that the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation has awarded grants for three new projects at the Indiana County/Jimmy Stewart Airport. The Indiana County Airport Authority recommended that the Board of Commissioners accept grant awards for the following projects:

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the grant for Automated Weather Observation System (AWOS) III Upgrade Project in the amount of \$87,710.00 for the project. The local share of project costs for the improvements will be \$29,237.00. The Airport Authority has officially taken action to provide the local funds, and have them deposited in the project account. Mr. Robertson explained that AWOS is an automated weather observation system which broadcasts the weather as picked up by the National Weather Service. It is used by pilots trying to land at the airport.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the grant for the Wetland Monitoring Project 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 project costs for the improvements will be \$6,250.00. The Airport Authority has officially taken action to provide the local funds, and have them deposited in the project account.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the grant for the Obstruction Removal Project in the amount of \$116,768.00 to identify obstructions that need addressed for the future design of approaches to the Airport by FAA. The local share of project costs for the improvements will be \$2,995.00. The Airport Authority has officially taken action to provide the local funds, and have them deposited in the project account.

CONTRACT AWARD – AWOS III UPGRADE PROJECT – INDIANA COUNTY / JIMMY STEWART AIRPORT

Tom Robertson explained that the Board of Commissioners approved a “conditional” contract award on November 27, 2013, to Bronder Technical Services (Prospect, PA) for the AWOS III project. The conditions on the award were the receipt of a grant award and concurrence with the contract award from the PA Bureau of Aviation. Since both conditions have been met and at the request of the Indiana County Airport Authority, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract award without conditions to Bronder Technical Services in the amount of \$80,600.00. It is noted that bids were received and opened on November 15, 2013 and there were a total of three bids received.

CONTRACT AMENDMENT...L.R. KIMBALL / EMA

Tom Stutzman, Director of the Emergency Management Agency, was present and explained that L.R. Kimball has been working with Indiana County since 2005 on the Public Safety Radio Project. Because of unexpected delays, L.R. Kimball’s staff has continued to work with the county beyond the allotted time that was originally outlined in the contract to provide the deliverables that are under their current contract at no cost since April of 2013. Mr. Stutzman said this is a critical time in the project and it is important that we have the L.R. Kimball staff on hand to oversee the technical review and final assessment of installations and system performance that will take us to the full implementation. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve adding a ceiling of \$12,097.17 in continuous work to finish the project through April 4, 2014.

2013-2014 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the 2013-2014 Emergency Management Program Grant Application in the amount of \$101,918.00 for

funding of EMA staff positions. This grant provides for reimbursement of up to 50% of the total amount for staffing of the EMA Coordinator and EMA Operations & Training Office. For this period, the request includes funding for the Planning and Logistics Officers Position. For the 2012-2013 EMPG Grant Indiana County is scheduled to receive approximately \$66,000.00 in reimbursements.

VEHICLE PURCHASE...TRI STAR MOTORS / EMA

At the request of Tom Stutzman, Director of Emergency Management Agency, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the lease to own with a \$1.00 buyout of a 2014 Ford Expedition from Tri-Star Motors, Blairsville, PA in the amount of \$33,861.00. The purchase is under state contract pricing through Tri-Star Motors and replaces a 2002 Chevrolet Blazer.

BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS...BEHAVIORAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

At request of Tammy Calderone, Director of Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, a motion was made by Mr. Baker seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the re-appointments of Donna Clayton and Donna Balewick to the AIBDHP Advisory Board; terms to expire December 31, 2016.

BOARD APPOINTMENT...HOUSING AUTHORITY

A motion was a made by Mr. Ruddock, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the appointment of Mr. John W. Fordyce, Indiana, PA to the Indiana County Housing Authority replacing John Hammerle; term to expire January, 2016. It was noted that Mr. Hammerle's presence will be sorely missed.

CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY FUNDS...FARMLAND PRESERVATION

A request was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture certifying that Indiana County's match towards farmland preservation. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the Certification of County Funds for 2014 Program Year stating that Indiana County provides no match.

BIDS...SURPLUS VEHICLES / 021014

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the following bids received totaling \$6,357.00 for surplus vehicles:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1986 GMC Truck	JC Auto Sales	\$803.00
1989 Chevrolet Truck	JC Auto Sales	\$703.00
1990 Chevrolet Truck	Mike Aikens, Sr.	\$1,650.00
2002 Chevrolet Blazer	Clymer Volunter Fire Dept.	\$3,000.00
1975 Artic Cat Snowmobile	JC Auto Sales	\$201.00

CONTRACT...ZELENKOFKSKE AXELROD, LLC

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC to extend services to prepare an Indirect Cost Allocation Plan for Indiana County to recoup costs form both

federal and state grant programs. The fee for 2014 will remain the same as 2013 in the amount of \$17,655.00. Each year thereafter the cost will include a 1% (2015), 2% (2016) and 3% (2017) inflationary increase. Commissioner Evanko thanked Zelenkofske Axelrod for helping to keep the costs down for this audit.

NOMINATION PETITIONS FOR THE MAY 20, 2014 GENERAL PRIMARY

Chief Clerk Robin Maryai announced that February 18, 2014 is the first legal date to obtain signatures for candidate's nomination petitions and March 11, 2014 is the last day to circulate and file nomination petitions.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED...MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2014 PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the Courthouse will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2014 in observance of the President's Day Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the Veterans Clinic has moved up one step in the VA's procurement process from the pre-solicitation phase to the solicitation phase. What this means bids will be requested and received by March 31, 2014. The goal is to try and get a Veterans Clinic in Indiana County by fall of this year which is pretty aggressive. He was fearful there would be a funding cut but that has not happened.

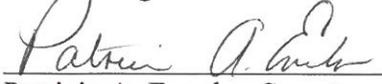
Commissioner Evanko commented that the Board attended a meeting with the Institute of Politics for a seminar regarding healthcare and Steve Wolfe from Indiana Regional Medical Center was on a panel representing Indiana County.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING...FEBRUARY 26, 2014 AT 10:30 A.M.

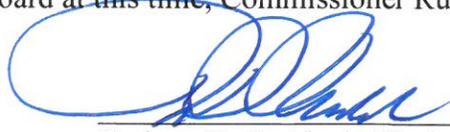
The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Ruddock adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m.



Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary



Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman