

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 28, 2014**

Commissioner Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock called the regular meeting of the Indiana County Commissioners to order at 10:32 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Rodney D. Ruddock, present                      Commissioner Michael A. Baker, 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, Greg Reinbold and Josh Widdowson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

In honor of her birthday, Commissioner Ruddock asked Chief Clerk Robin Maryai to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**APPROVE MINUTES...May 14, 2014**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of May 14, 2014 as submitted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Overdorff, Sam Kerr and Scott Overdorff from Brushvalley Township were present seeking funding support from the county for a township bridge. Commissioner Ruddock asked if they have sent in a request for funding and they said they have not. Commissioner Ruddock said they need to send in a request to the Byron Stauffer, Office of Planning & Development so that discussion can be made for their request. Commissioner Ruddock also asked if they have applied for their portion of the recent distribution from liquid fuels and they said they have already done so.

The supervisors also wanted to express their displeasure of the possibility of the detox center that is proposed to go in at the former Eastern Orthodox Foundation in Cherryhill Township. The hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board will be held on June 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the courthouse annex.

**PROCLAMATION...PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM SECONDHAND SMOKE MONTH**

After a proclamation was read by Ms. Evanko, a motion was made, seconded by Mr. Baker and unanimously carried to proclaim the Month of May, 2014 as Protect Our Children From Secondhand Smoke Month and encourage all residents of Indiana County to educate themselves, their families and their communities about the effects of secondhand smoke to the health and vitality of our children. Carrie Bence and Jessica Smell from the Armstrong Indiana Drug and Alcohol Commission were present to accept the proclamation.

**GRANT APPLICATION...PCORP LOSS PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM**

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 grant application for the 2013-2014 PCoRP Loss Prevention Grant Program in the amount of \$12,500.00. The Loss Prevention Grant Program is

designed to support our safety committee and administration by awarding grants to offset the costs of enhancing safety, maintenance and risk management programs. It is noted that there is a 50% match for the grant; \$800.00 will be used to purchase two defibrillators and the remaining \$11,700 will be used towards elevator door replacement in the courthouse. Deputy Sheriff, Chris Cusimano was present and said the safety committee endorses the request. Commissioner Ruddock said he would like the defibrillators to be mounted outside where they are accessible to the public. It makes sense to have them visible to demonstrate the commitment the county has made for safety and well-being.

#### **CONTRACT...DATABASE SHARING / HUMAN SERVICES**

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Marion Center Presbyterian Church to participate in Project Share which is a sharing of database among agencies and churches.

#### **CONTRACT...KATHY ABBEY-BAKER / HUMAN SERVICES**

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Kathy Abbey-Baker in the amount of \$25.00 per hour and maximum of 15 hours per week to provide consultant services for coordination of the Children's Advisory Commission. This contract shall begin July 1, 2014 and continue until June 30, 2015.

#### **CONTRACT...INDIGO / HUMAN SERVICES**

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract for the Medical Assistance Transportation Program between Indiana County and Indiana County Transit Authority for the purpose of providing medical assistance transportation to eligible individuals for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$1,322,520.00. Dr. Dunlap said the grant has been reduced by about \$52,000.00 because of a new rule. She explained that people who are 65 and older must sign up through Indigo through the Shared Ride Program. This is a major change to the program where they have to get an application and show proof of age before any trips can be scheduled. Letters have been sent out to those who are 65 and older and it is effective July 1, 2014.

#### **CONTRACT...INDIANA COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM / HUMAN SERVICES**

At the request of Dr. Bonni Dunlap, Human Services Director, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Indiana County Community Action for the provision of Homeless Services for FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$205, 382.00. This provides rental assistance, homeless case management, bridge services and emergency shelter to residents of Indiana County.

Commissioner Ruddock announced that Dr. Dunlap's last day with Indiana County is May 30<sup>th</sup> as she is retiring. He said she has been a very strong advocate for the citizens of Indiana County. The Board thanked her for her service to Indiana County and wished her well on her new leadership role with the Indiana County Housing Authority.

### **PRIVATE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FY 2013-2014 / CYS**

At the request of Holly Moyer-George, Fiscal Technician II at Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Centre County Service Bureau, State College, PA for FY 2013-2014 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

At the request of Holly Moyer-George, Fiscal Technician II at Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Private Provider Contract with Pressley Ridge, Pittsburgh, PA for FY 2013-2014 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide placement services.

### **LEASE AGREEMENT...INDIANA SUITES / CYS**

At the request of Holly Moyer-George, Fiscal Technician II at Children & Youth Services, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract with Indiana Suites, Indiana, PA in the amount of \$450.00 per month. This service provides housing to youth who left CYS care after attaining the age of 18 years. CYS is mandated to provide services to youth who age out of care after the age of 18 up to 21 if the youth requests these aftercare services.

### **MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR COOPERATION AGREEMENT / PLANNING**

At the request of Zach Norwood, Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to authorize the signing of a cooperation agreement between Indiana Borough, White Township, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and the County for the preliminary engineering phase for the development of a multimodal corridor. This corridor would connect the existing Hoodlebug Trail with destinations in Indiana Borough and IUP's main campus and ultimately terminate at the White Township Recreation Complex. Indiana Borough, White Township, IUP and the County will each provide \$5,000.00 to hire an engineering firm to develop a preliminary engineering study. Indiana County's share of the project will be funded through the Indiana County Parks & Trails budget.

### **CHANGE ORDER #1 – IRMC POWER HOUSE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT / PLANNING**

At the request of Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development and on behalf of Stantec Architecture and Indiana Regional Medical Center, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #1 with Limbach Company, LLC, in the amount of \$16,430.00 on the IRMC Power House Infrastructure Project. Change Order #1 is to provide cross connection capability between three chillers and three cooling towers. The revised contract amount with Limbach Company, LLC with approval of Change Order #1 will be \$3,114,430.00. This additional cost will be covered by a RACP (Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program) funds and IRMC.

### **LIQUID FUELS ADMINISTRATION / PLANNING**

Dave Morrow, Office of Planning & Development requested that the Board approve the following actions for the administration of the County Liquid Fuels funding:

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a \$53,792.23 application to PennDOT District-10 from liquid fuels on behalf of Rayne Township to partially offset eligible project costs to reclaim, tar & chip Brocius, Snyder, and Kinter roads. The total estimated project costs are \$61,950.60. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 87% of the total project costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a \$37,763.98 application to PennDOT District-10 from liquid fuels on behalf of Conemaugh Township to partially offset eligible project costs for the purchase of a truck. The total estimated project costs are \$70,000.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 54% of the total project costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a \$28,282.71 application to PennDOT District-10 from liquid fuels on behalf of Canoe Township to partially offset eligible project costs to replace Lunger Road Bridge and sealcoat of various roads. The total estimated project costs are \$30,000.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 94% of the total project costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a \$28,447.39 application to PennDOT District-10 from liquid fuels on behalf of Blairsville Borough to partially offset eligible project costs for the purchase of a new truck. The total estimated project costs are \$74,020.00. The proposed County Aid allocation represents approximately 38% of the total project costs.

#### **CONTRACT AMENDMENT/2012 EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT CONTRACT / PLANNING**

At the request of Luann Zak, Office of Planning and Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a contract amendment to reduce the existing contract by two days for the 2012 Emergency Shelter Grant Contract (ESG). The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development has reduced the contract termination date from August 22, 2014 to August 20, 2014. All 2012 ESG grantees in the Commonwealth have been requested to approve the contract date amendment. No changes have been made to the monetary award of \$180,000.00 that provides operational funds for the Pathway Homeless Shelter.

#### **APPOINTMENTS...U.S. ROUTE 119 IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE / PLANNING**

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to table action on this item until a future meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Dave Overdorff, Brushvalley Township Supervisor, gave a report to the Board regarding Senate Resolution 29 which is the analysis of potential demand for the extension of expansion of natural gas distribution infrastructure in Pennsylvania. He said they are trying to get natural gas lines developed in Brushvalley from interested residents of Brushvalley Township. That list was sent to Peoples TWP. Peoples TWP sent an estimate back to the township with an enormous cost to the residents. He was asking if there was anything the Commissioners could do to help with the cost and if they have seen Senate Resolution 29. Commissioner Ruddock said they would

review the report and through CCAP there is an interest to try and capitalize on the gas that we have locally.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING...JUNE 11, 2014 AT 10:30 A.M.**

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

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Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

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Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman