

Plan” (CPP) rule with the stated intention of reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change. The CPP rule will lead to the closure of coal-burning power plants throughout the United States, resulting in the loss of more than 52,000 jobs in the coal, utility and railroad industries by 2020. These job losses will have a ripple effect in the communities throughout the coalfields and beyond. Commissioner Ruddock said we support the importance of industry through energy resourcing, we also have to be protective of the environment. He also said we understand the role that the Environmental Protection Agency provides. But what we want to make sure of is that they don’t overstep their bounds, and they take into consideration the economic values against that environmental control system. That is absolutely critical.

Commissioner Evanko said this kind of hits home a little bit as both her husband and father-in-law both worked in the coal mines. I do support alternative energy, but let’s face it, we all want clean air with a balance. We don’t want to destroy our economy and our families while these standards are going into effect. She also said if the regulations are implemented, it would put thousands of people in the county out of a job, it would also be a strain on the human services the county offers, with people searching for ways to support themselves and their families in their unemployment.

Commissioner Baker said he spent five years underground in the mines himself out of high school. The truth of the matter is, not only can our economy here in Indiana County and around the United States not sustain itself based on what the EPA is trying to do here, families are going to be severely, severely affected by this. Even if the EPA plan is followed to the letter, it would reduce greenhouse emissions by an estimated one percent. That is not a drop in the bucket, but we’re going to pay a huge economic and societal price for doing that. I’m all for clean air and clean water but we’ve got to have jobs, and we’ve got to have a sustainable economy, and this is not the way to do it.

The Resolution calls on the U.S. EPA to either withdraw the proposed rule or revise it to eliminate the economic shocks that will occur to critical coalfield communities throughout the United States. It also calls upon the U.S. EPA to schedule public hearings in the coalfields. A copy of the Resolution will be sent to the federal elected officials.

GRANT APPLICATION...RIGHTS AND SERVICES ACT (VICTIM WITNESS) / DISTRICT ATTORNEY

At the request of Patrick Dougherty, District Attorney, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a grant application for the Rights and Services Act Grant in the amount of \$84,136.00. The purpose of the grant is to provide services to victims such as notification of all court proceedings and court preparation, preparation of a victim impact statement, restitution, SAVIN notification/registration, and referrals to the Alice Paul House.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT...WHITE TOWNSHIP

At the request of Milt Lady, White Township, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Right of Way Easement for the Robertshaw-IUP sewer line project in the amount of \$1.00. The current line is over 100 years old and in need of replacement.

RIGHT OF WAY EASEMENT...PEOPLES NATURAL GAS

At the request of Minnie Zhukas, Peoples Natural Gas, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a Right of Way Easement on property owned by the County in Center Township to provide gas service to an adjacent parcel in the amount of \$1.00.

AGREEMENT...MUNICIPAL/PROTHONOTARY

At the request of Randy Degenkolb, Prothonotary, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve an agreement with MuniPay for the acceptance of credit cards for use in the Civil Division of the Prothonotary's Office. The fees for use of the credit card service will be paid for by the card holder with no service fee to the County. There will be an \$85.00 cost for two card readers which will be paid for through the Automation Fund. It is noted that this service can be expanded to other offices in the county in the future.

PRIVATE PROVIDER AGREEMENTS FY 2014 – 2015 / 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 Alternative Living Solutions, Latrobe, PA for FY 2014-2015 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 LifeSpan Family Services of PA, Punxsutawney, PA for FY 2014-2015 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 MHY Family Services, Mars, PA for FY 2014-2015 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 The Care Center of Indiana County, Indiana PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-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 The Center for Hearing and Deaf Services, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-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 Great Expectations, Blairsville, PA for FY 2014-2015 to provide services to Children & Youth Services and Juvenile Probation on an as needed basis. They provide non-placement services.

PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AFTER ACTION REPORT/IMPROVEMENT PLAN / EMA

Commissioner Ruddock said there was a task force organized under the guidance of the Commissioners' Office and IUP to examine unsponsored celebratory event activities in Indiana County and a report has been received from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. This report builds upon the initiatives and successes already taken by the affected municipalities, IUP, and other affected stakeholders. Because this study has a significant impact on how business is done in Indiana County, the board wants to make sure this is a matter of public record and is available for view in the Commissioner's Office. A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to recognize that the report has been received and reviewed by the Board and is available for view by the public.

Commissioner Ruddock said the report is very well done and actually creates a timeline of expectations on how we move forward as a community and it places some responsibility on the shoulders of many stakeholders. It is noted that even though the study is done, meetings continue to be held so that sharing of information can continue.

CHANGE ORDER #6...SALSGIVER TELECOM / EMA

Tom Stutzman, Director of EMA, explained that the public safety side of the fiber project is complete. The last hurdle was the completion of the fiber from Blairsville to Indiana along Route 119. He said that initial testing was done and two viable paths are being utilized and the remaining 10 strands of fiber acquired from Salsgiver Telecom will be available shortly. As part of the process was the potential that existed in those twelve strands of fiber for something greater than public safety and that is to expand to all county agencies. The connection of all county agencies to the fiber network would allow the transition of IT networks, telephone services, television and anything that the county can save money on instead of purchasing individually and be under the control of the Information Services Office.

Commissioner Baker said this final push on the project has been a long time coming. He said Tom has been speaking on behalf of the Public Safety side of the project, now we need to be talking about the Public Service side of it. That is what connecting all of the buildings and facilities is going to bring to this project. The cost initially began at about \$340,000.00 to connect all of the buildings. They have worked with the vendor to bring that cost down, without compromising in any way the capabilities of the system, to about \$140,000.00. In addition to that we will get a return on investment instead of having to piece mill out those services. There will be a tremendous amount of savings on a monthly basis of at least \$5,000 to \$6,000 per month and potentially even more. He thanked Tom Stutzman, John Luko, Lauren Salsgiver and their staff for working together on this project.

John Luko, Director of Information Services, said there will be even more savings of \$3,500.00 annually on the Clean Line with the Probation Office. He said with this connection we will have one provider and it will be a good system.

At the request of John Luko, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #6 with Salsgiver Telecom in the amount of \$53,928.00. This change order is for the connection of the Jimmy Stewart Airport, Indiana County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Indiana County 911, Human Services, Indian Haven, Indiana County Jail, Clymer Magistrate, Blue Spruce Park, Children & Youth Services and Domestic Relations.

CHANGE ORDER #7...SALSGIVER TELECOM / EMA

At the request of John Luko, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve Change Order #7 with Salsgiver Telecom in the amount of \$54,855.00. This change order is for the hardware and installation.

CONDITIONAL CONTRACT AWARD...MACKIN ENGINEERING COMPANY – INDIANA MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING STUDY / PLANNING

At the request of the Office of Planning & Development, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve a conditional contract award to Mackin Engineering Company to complete a Preliminary Engineering Study for the Indiana Multimodal Corridor project. The contract is not to exceed \$20,000.00. The project is funded by the four (4) local planning partners: Indiana Borough, White Township, Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), and Indiana County. The County's portion is being funded through the Parks and Trails Department.

The Preliminary Engineering Study will provide information necessary to develop a scope of work, budget, and schedule to develop a Multimodal Corridor that connects the Hoodlebug Trail with the White Township Recreation Complex via the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex, IUP's campus, and downtown Indiana. The condition on the award is approval of the contract by the County Solicitor. Upon approval by the County Solicitor the Board of Commissioners will execute the contract.

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROGRAM OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TRUST

At the request of Robin Maryai, Chief Clerk, a motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve recently approved changes to the UC Trust Agreement, which serves as the bylaws for the program. The motion also includes the authorization for Mr. Ruddock to sign the necessary document. The changes to the Trust Agreement/bylaws reflect the board's decision to offer remuneration for UC claims that involve litigation beyond the administrative hearing level. It is noted that by signing a new Participation Agreement does not change the terms of your current agreement with the UC Trust. It simply acknowledges your receipt and approval of the changes discussed above.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS...INDIANA COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS

A motion was made by Mr. Baker, seconded by Ms. Evanko and unanimously carried to approve the appointments of John D. McMullen, Robert Rittle and John Somonick to the Indiana County Parks & Trails Board; terms to expire August, 2019.

COURTHOUSE CLOSED...MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Commissioner Ruddock announced that the Courthouse will be closed on Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Ruddock announced that today, August 27, 2014, is Indiana County Day at the Indiana County Fair. The support given by the county allows senior citizens and military members to get in the fair at no cost.

Commissioner Baker announced that wireless services is now available at the Indiana Courthouse.

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

The next regular scheduled Commissioners' Public meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 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 11:30 a.m.

Patricia A. Evanko, Secretary

Rodney D. Ruddock, Chairman