

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
January 17, 2013**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013 AT 1:30 PM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner David K. Battaglia, Commissioner Robert T. Bower, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Brenda George – Armstrong County Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Rich Palilla - Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Mike Coonley – Armstrong County Department of Economic Development, Jo Ellen Bowman - Executive Director, HAVIN, Ron Steffey – Allegheny Valley Land Trust, Josie Schultz – EQT, David Rupert – District Manager, Armstrong Conservation District, Jessica Schaub – Armstrong Conservation District, Representing Armstrong Conservation District Board Members: Chelsea Walker, Spurgeon Shilling, Dennis Hawley, Terry Bowser, Jerry Longwell, Michelle Hickman, DeJay Claypoole.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 3, 2013 Public Meeting were approved as amended by Mr. Battaglia.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2013-1 Stalking Awareness Month

Ms. Bowman expressed her appreciation to the Board for their support. She stated that stalking is one of the least reported crimes that has been greatly enabled by technology and the internet. Ms. Bowman detailed a few applications and how global positioning systems are embedded in the program.

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Proclamation 2013-1 Stalking Awareness Month.

Proclamation 2013-2 50th Anniversary Armstrong Conservation District

Mr. Rupert recognized the board members in attendance and expressed appreciation for all the support and acceptance they have received over the past 50 years.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board adopted Proclamation 2013-2 50th Anniversary Armstrong Conservation District.

BID AWARD

Current Waves

Ms. Johnson explained that the County had allocated money from the 2010 Community Development Block Grant to be used for the Bradys Bend Township Water & Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements Project. They collected bids for the electrical upgrades and she reports that Current Waves of Slippery Rock presented the lowest bid of \$37,483.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of the Bradys Bend Township Water & Sewer Authority and pending the review of the county solicitor, the Board awarded the East Brady Sewage Improvement Bid to Current Waves.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

INFOCON Corporation

Ms. George stated that this agreement will allow stored images for criminal and civil cases to be stored on the county's computer server at a cost savings to the county.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and INFOCON Corporation.

Amateur Armstrong Hockey League Ice Agreement

Mr. Montebell stated that this agreement and the following three are for the current season.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the ice agreement for the Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and Amateur Armstrong Hockey League.

Amateur Armstrong Hockey League Concession Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the concession agreement for the Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and Amateur Armstrong Hockey League.

Freeport Hockey League Ice Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the ice agreement for the Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and Freeport Hockey.

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League Ice Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the ice agreement for the Belmont Complex between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Interscholastic Hockey League Ice Agreement.

Mr. Bower described the crowds that he has seen enjoying the Belmont Complex and encouraged everyone to utilize the facility.

Comcast Enterprises Services

Mr. Baustert stated that this agreement will provide a temporary short term connection to Westmoreland County 911 in order to begin programming and training for the new 911 system. He explained that the cost will be \$608.00 per month and that the money is provided through a grant received for training from local fire company, Kittanning Hose Company #6, noting that the money must be spent by February 2, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Comcast Enterprises Services.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2013-2 Marcellus Legacy Fund

Ms. Cowan quoted that \$58,489.60 has been received from the Marcellus Legacy Funds and that in following the guidelines for usage this resolution will provide \$30,000.00 to the Kittanning Revitalization Project.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved Resolution 2013-2 Marcellus Legacy Fund.

Resolution 2013-3 Revision to the County's FFY 2010 CDBG Budget

Ms. Johnson stated that the project for the Bradys Bend Township Water & Sewer Authority – Sewage Treatment Plant Improvements Project was revised to include electrical upgrades only and that the resolution was required to reflect the revision.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the solicitor the Board approved Resolution 2013-3 Revision to the County's FFY 2010 CDBG Budget.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

Ms. Schaub introduced Mr. Shilling and Mr. Bowser, two of the board members that were present.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointments of Mr. Spurgeon Shilling, 151 Farm Path Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242, Mr. William Kronen, 188 Iron Bridge Road, Freeport, PA 16229, Mr. Ed Dilick, 1241 Ridge Road, Apollo, PA 15613, to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire March 1, 2016.

Armstrong County Public Participation Panel

Mr. Palilla stated that the committee works with the commissioners and the Southwest Planning Commission to address traffic and transportation needs within the county.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointments of the following to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel for a term to expire December 31, 2014:

- Mr. Dan Goldinger, 121 Walkchalk Road, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Jack Wilmot, 331 Glorietta Hill Road, Apollo, PA 15613
- Ms. Patty Baker, 220 North Grant Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. John Fair, 410 Main Street, Ford City, PA 16226
- Ms. Shannon Franklin, 2668 River Road, Vandergrift, PA 15690
- Ms. Nancy Wright, 326 Water Street, Suite 1, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Ms. Mary Spagnola, 11670 SR 85, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Paul Rearick, 2384 Lincoln Way, Ford City, PA 16226
- Ms. Mary Jentry, PO Box 213 Freeport, PA 16229
- Mr. Gregg Smith, 130 Smith More Cove, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Fred Bowser, 420 Washington St, Parker, PA 16049
- Ms. Lynda Pozzuto, 125 Market Street, Suite 1, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Ms. Diana Brothers, 205 Beautiful Lookout Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointments of the following to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel for a term to expire December 31, 2014:

- Mr. Randy Arduini, PO Box 13, Rural Valley, PA 16249
- Mr. Tom Bradigan, PO Box 995, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Harry Breski, 1381 Butler Road, Worthington, PA 16262
- Mr. Randy Brozenick, 450 East Market Street, Suite 104, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Paul Durancik, 1124 Erie Avenue, Vandergrift, PA 15690
- Mr. William Hamilton, 1 Nolte Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Leonard Meneely, Progressive Workshop, 301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201
- Mr. Harold Mateer, 298 Mountain Trail Road, Templeton, PA 16259
- Ms. Jean Ruffner, 651 Maple Street, Worthington, PA 16262
- Mr. Sean Taladay, 1412 State Route 268, Cowansville, PA 16218

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Fink announced that he will be donating the net amount of his 2013 wage increase to the Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Advisory Committee Special Fund. He described this fund as providing emergency needs of children and families such as food or clothing or whatever is needed.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:48 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 1:30 pm.