

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 2, 2012**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 2, 2012, 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, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Tammy Calderone – Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, David Hogue – Warden, Tammie Gaff – First Deputy Controller, Billie Marconi – Chief Auditor, Gary Montebell – Director Belmont Complex, Wendy Buzard – Director of Elections, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director Planning & Development, Maryanne Koleny – Human Resource Director, David Mansour – Director Health Center, Beth Costanzo – Health Center, Janet McKinley – Health Center, Public Attendance by: Regina Liermann, Sandra Hockenberry, Denise Minton, Joe Shellem, Jolene McIlwain, Vince Politi, Pete Hess, Matthew Valasek, Mike Rogalski, Mark Zilner.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 19, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

**AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

**Change Order #1 Belmont Complex and Senate Engineering Company**

Ms. Johnson stated that upgrades to the Belmont Project will increase the contract amount to \$66,192, and to extend the contract period to December 31, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Change Order #1 to the engineering / inspection contract of Senate Engineering Company for the Belmont Complex.

**Addendum Mission Pharmacy Extension**

Mr. Mansour explained that this is a thirty day extension of pharmacy services with Mission Pharmacy to maintain pharmacy services and compliancy until a new pharmacy contract has been signed. The extension lasts until February 29, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Addendum of the previous Termination of Existing Pharmacy Agreement between Armstrong County and Mission Pharmacy Services.

**Armstrong County Jail Generator Maintenance Agreement**

Mr. Hogue stated that this is a three year Agreement, for the generator that services the entire Armstrong County Jail and does include routine maintenance.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Equipment Maintenance Agreement between Armstrong County and Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company Inc.

Contract with Jeff Jessell, Voting Machine Technician/Programmer

Ms. Buzard explained that Mr. Jessell is a contracted employee working with the Election Office twice a year to prepare the election ballots.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the contract between Armstrong County and Jeff Jessell, Voting Machine Technician/Programmer for the year 2012.

Renew Contract Assistant District Attorneys Office

Ms. Koleny stated that these contracts are renewals and that the only change is an increase in rate.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the contract renewal for the Armstrong County Assistant District Attorneys between Armstrong County and Attorneys: Cindy Calarie, Kathleen Charlton, George Kepple, and Chase McClister, effective date January 1, 2012.

Renew Contract Public Defender's Office

Ms. Koleny confirmed that these contracts are renewals with a change in rate.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the contract renewal for the Armstrong County Public Defender's Office between Armstrong County and Attorneys: Charles Pascal, James Wray, Preston Younkens, and Debra Yost.

Renew Contract Independent of the Public Defender

Ms. Koleny explained that due to a small difference in language this is a separate contract from the other Public Defenders.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the contract renewal between Armstrong County and Paula Caruso LaStrapes, Esquire, Independent of the Public Defender.

Contract Armstrong County Constable Edward Hawk

Ms. Calderone described that the Constable is on an as needed basis for client transfers. She stated Mr. Hawk will be an additional constable and is at no additional cost 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 Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Contract between Armstrong County Constable Edward Hawk and Armstrong – Indiana BDHP.

#### Horizon Information Systems Software Maintenance Agreement

Ms. Miller stated that Horizon is the provider of the county's retirement software and other financial needs of the county.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Horizon Information Systems Software Maintenance Agreement and End User License Agreement.

### **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

#### Southwestern Pennsylvania Commissioner (SPC)

- On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of David Battaglia, Chair, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners, 450 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Board of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission in the County Commissioner category for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2014.
- On a motion by Mr. Battaglia, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Richard Fink, Secretary, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners, 450 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Board of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission in the County Commissioner category for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2014.
- On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Robert Bower, Vice Chair, Armstrong County Board of Commissioners, 450 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Board of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission in the Local Elected Official category for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2014.
- On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the re-appointment of Mr. Mark Snyder, Snyder Associated Companies, PO Box 1022, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Board of Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission in the Citizen category for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2014.

### **BID AWARD**

#### Bids for the Armstrong County Health Center Pharmacy Service Provider

Mr. Battaglia opened the meeting to comments:

Mr. Shellem, of Omnicare Pharmacy, expressed his interest in submitting a bid and his disappointment as having missed the deadline. He stated that the bid was not posted on the county website and subsequently went unnoticed by their company.

Representatives from both Mission and Diamond Pharmacies described their reasons supporting their services. Several of the comments involved pricing and the availability of electronic documents. The potential loss of jobs in the county was also debated.

Staff members from the Armstrong County Health Center described their reasons for recommending the change in providers and issues with their current provider.

The Commissioners each stated their thoughts and opinions as to retention of Mission Pharmacy or changing to Diamond Pharmacy. They all described the numerous letters, calls, emails and visitors they have had from people wishing to voice their thoughts and opinions. Mr. Bower stated he supports the hometown local option whenever it is available, but admitted that it is a tough decision in which one must weigh all the pros and cons. Mr. Fink described how in previous years the Health Center was appropriated \$250,000 a year in the county budget and stated that in recent years they have been self sufficient. He stressed the need to remain cost effective while maintaining an excellent level of care. Mr. Battaglia stated that he is most concerned about the impact the decision will make on the county and stressed that the best decision is an informed decision.

The Commissioners concurred that there are too many factors for a decision to be made today. On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously it was approved that a three member panel, comprised of one selected representative from each Commissioner, will be formed to review and select the pharmacy provider for Armstrong County Health Center. The panel will be selected by February 15, 2012 and will have their decision within six months. The Board of Commissioners agreed to commit to whichever pharmacy the panel determines as the best choice.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Liermann requested clarification on the recent hiring for Marketing and Public Relations positions and how the positions' salaries are being financed. Mr. Battaglia explained that the Public Relations is a part time temporary position and that there have been recent changes in employment that will assist in financing the new position. Ms. Liermann then questioned the necessity of a regional airport. Mr. Battaglia responded that the airport is only being investigated as a possibility among other ideas to improve and enhance the county.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the Financial Transactions for January 2012.

#### **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 3:15 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 1:30 pm.