

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING  
February 7, 2013**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2013 AT 1:30 PM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner David K. Battaglia, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk, Bridgid Beatty – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Rich Palilla - Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Randy Brozenick – Director, Armstrong County Public Safety, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Mary Anne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Julie Nortrup – Clerk I, Voters Registration, Roy Cigola – Progressive Workshop of Armstrong County, Josie Schultz – EQT, Frank Matis – Mission Critical Partners

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Bower was absent from the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 17, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID OPENING**

**NG911 CPE WestCORE**

Mr. Brozenick stated that this is a Region 13 project that Armstrong County has taken the lead on in regards to the phone system known as the Customer Premise Equipment. Mr. Matis explained that the WestCore is comprised of 12 counties in Western Pennsylvania that are working together to replace and upgrade their 911 equipment.

Ms. Miller opened the following five proposals:

Windstream	Oklahoma	\$6,887,172.98
Solacom	Chicago, IL	\$9,989,635.00
Verizon	Pittsburgh, PA	\$6,850,088.44
Intrado	Longmont, CO	\$6,033,419.80
Centurylink	Butler, PA	\$8,610,123.47

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Board tabled the bid proposals for review and tabulation. Mr. Matis stated that a group will review with each county and study the technical aspect and budget of each proposal before making their recommendation. Mr. Matis estimated the process would be completed in March.

### **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

#### **Grant Agreement with County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania**

Mr. Mansour requested acknowledgement of acceptance of grant money to assist in paying for the elevator work and sprinkler system upgrades.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the grant agreement between Armstrong County and County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

#### **Transfer Agreement with Butler Memorial Hospital**

Mr. Mansour requested acknowledgement of the approval to include Butler Memorial Hospital as an acceptable transfer hospital for residents in need of care.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the transfer agreement between Armstrong County and Butler Memorial Hospital.

#### **Amendment #001 RSSC Architectural**

Ms. Johnson explained that the Amendment is in the amount of \$1,150.00 to provide for the permit and approval of a reconfigured storm drain at the Belmont Complex.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged Amendment #001 between Armstrong County and RSSC Architectural.

#### **Jeffrey Jessell**

Ms. Koleny explained that Mr. Jessell is an Independent Contractor for the Voter Registration and Election Department, primarily working on the voting machines.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Jeffrey Jessell, independent contractor.

#### **Armstrong County Assistant District Attorneys**

Ms. Koleny stated that this request was approved at the February 5, 2013 work session and is to renew the current contract with the Assistant District Attorneys.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the contract renewal between Armstrong County and Armstrong County Assistant District Attorneys Cindy Calarie, Kathleen Charlton, George Kepple and Chase McClister.

#### Armstrong County Public Defender's Office

Ms. Koleny stated that this request was approved at the work session of February 5, 2013, and that all four contracts are being renewed.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the contract renewal between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Public Defenders; Charles Pascal, James Wray, Preston Younkens and Debra Yost.

#### Paula Caruso LaStrapes

Ms. Koleny stated that Ms. LaStrapes' contract is a little different due to the scope of work that she performs. She affirmed that it was also approved at the February 5, 2013 work session.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the contract renewal between Armstrong County and Paula Caruso LaStrapes, Esquire, independent of the Public Defender's Office.

Mr. Battaglia announced that the preceding three contract groups did include a two percent wage increase which was approved in a two to one vote in work session with him voting against the increase.

#### Horizon Information Systems & Gallagher Fiduciary Advisor

Ms. Miller explained that Horizon Information Systems provides the software program they use to assist in retirement calculations. She noted that the fee did not increase from last year's contract.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Horizon Information Systems & Gallagher Fiduciary Advisor.

Ms. Miller added that the Gallagher Fiduciary Advisor contract provides consulting for the retirement fund and that it is also the same cost as the previous contract year for \$24,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Gallagher Fiduciary Advisor.

### **RESOLUTION**

Resolution 2013-4 MS 340 Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Funds

Mr. Palilla stated that this resolution encumbers the Liquid Fuels fund in the amount of \$380,000.00 for the purpose of repainting the West Hills Bridge.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Board approved Resolution 2013-4 Application to Encumber Liquid Fuels Funds.

Resolution 2013-5 Marcellus Legacy Fund Bureau of Farmland Preservation

Ms. Cowan stated that this resolution will allocate \$4,000.00 of the Marcellus Legacy Fund to the Bureau of Farm Preservation. She explained that any allocation the Bureau attains will receive a match of 100% by the State.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the solicitor the Board approved Resolution 2013-5 Marcellus Legacy Fund Bureau of Farmland Preservation.

Resolution 2013-6 Modifications of County's 2008, 2009 and 2010 CDBG Program

Ms. Johnson explained that funds will be reallocated between the County's 2008, 2009 and 2010 CDBG Program from the Ford City Borough Municipal Sewage Department Authority and the Applegold Borough Sanitary Sewer Improvements to the West Kittanning Municipal Authority – Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project and the First Avenue Water Line Replacement Project. She stated that because of this modification / revision, the County would rescind its resolution dated May 27, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, pending the review of the solicitor the Board approved Resolution 2013-6 Modifications of County's 2008, 2009 and 2010 CDBG Program.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP)

Mr. Palilla stated that Ms. Martin is the candidate recommended by the Strongland Chamber of Commerce.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Julia Martin, PO Box 225, Vandergrift, PA 15690, for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

2013 Municipal Primary Election

Ms. Nortrup announced that the listing of offices up for election for the Primary Election to be held on May 21, 2013 is provided on the county's website and posted in the Election Office. She added that petitions and instructions to have your name placed on the ballot for any of the offices

will be available starting the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. The first date to circulate and file petitions is February 19, 2013 and must be filed no later than March 12, 2013. Anyone with questions is instructed to call the Elections office at (724) 548-3222.

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

Ms. Schultz of EQT announced that they are hosting an awareness presentation for emergency responders and elected officials on February 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Kittanning Hose Company No. 6. This will provide information on what to do in an emergency situation or provide more information on the two wells that they have planned for Armstrong County.

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for January 2013.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:10 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 1:30 pm.