

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
March 15, 2012

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 15, 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, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director Planning & Development, Sally Conklin – Planning Division Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Dennis Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, JoEllen Bowman – Executive Director, HAVIN, Tammy Calderone – Acting Director, Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral Development Health Program, Representative Jeff Pyle, Representative Donna Oberlander, Jeremy Dias – Aide in Senator White's Office, Public Attendees for Commendation, Retirees and Presidential Service Award: Larry Prugh, Linda Prugh, Penny McKain, Donna Wilson, Paul Wilson, Nancy Dragan, Kathy Peat, Carol Delp, Nancy Barker, Darlene Cooper, Brenda Richardson, Tim Harkleroad, Toni Ainsworth, Cory Visnesky, Mark Haneke, Joanne Haneke, Amanda Freeman, Maxine Rupp, June McElwain, Chad Harkleroad, Scott Harkleroad, Dave Marshall, Vanessa Haneke, Kirk Weber, Betty Pare, Benita Haneke, Bob Gilberti, Donna Wilson, Paul Wilson, Kim Vorpe, Marlene Kunselman, James Kunselman, Sarah Heppenstall, Sarah Heppenstall, Charley Younkins, Mel Carney, Reatha Carney.

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 February 29, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

RECOGNITION, AWARDS & COMMENDATIONS

Ms. Miller presented the attending retirees with plaques that recognized their years of service to the county. She commented that today's retirees represent 378 years of cumulative service.

RECOGNITION OF 2011 RETIREES

Denotes Meeting Attendees *

Barbara J. Baksis	Courts	23 years	1988 to 2011
Nancy L. Barker	Belmont	9 years	2001 to 2011 *
Darlyne R. Bonnett	Courts	18 years	1970 to 1989
Patricia L. Carli	District Justice	12 years	1993 to 2006
Darlene K. Cooper	Health Center	30 years	1979 to 2011 *
Cortland A. Crawford	Jail	16 years	1994 to 2011
Nancy D. Dragan	Health Center	33 years	1973 to 2011 *
Patricia A. Frerotte	Health Center	26 years	1984 to 2011 (decd)
Mark S. Keller	Jail	30 years	1980 to 2010
Theresa M. Kunselman	Health Center	30 years	1981 to 2011 *
Penny L. McKain	Health Center	16 years	1988 to 2011 *

Kathy A. Peat	Health Center	28 years	1983 to 2011 *
Lawanna J. Rehak	Public Works	10 years	2000 to 2010
Cindy L. Riggle	Health Center	34 years	1977 to 2011 *
Gayle A. Sigler	Area Agency Aging	9 years	2002 to 2011
Barbara J. Smith	Tax Claim	10 years	2000 to 2010
Kimberly C. Vorpe	Veterans Affairs	27 years	1991 to 2011 *
Donna J. Wilson	Health Center	17 years	1993 to 2011 *

Certificates to:

Kenneth L. Anthony	Jail	2 years	2009 to 2011
Melda Helfferich	Health Center	10 months	2010 to 2011

Present Certificates of Commendation

The Board of Commissioners wished to acknowledge the life saving efforts of six local men who rescued a four year old child trapped in an icy creek following an automobile accident. Carman Bills was trapped on February 13, 2012 in Plum Creek Township, Armstrong County until the following gentlemen came to her rescue:

- Scott Harkleroad, Rural Valley Construction Company
- Chad Harkleroad, Rural Valley Construction Company
- Tim Harkleroad, Rural Valley Construction Company
- Brandon Richardson, Rural Valley Construction Company
- Dave Marshall, Rural Valley Construction Company
- Chief Mike Pearson, Elderton Police Department

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the commendation and on behalf of the Board of Commissioners expressed appreciation for their heroic acts.

Ms. Oberlander and Mr. Pyle honored the men and thanked them for their service. Mr. Dias stated that Senator White will be requesting a meeting with the gentlemen to express his appreciation.

Mr. Fink stated that it is a great day in the county and stressed how important all of today's honorees are.

Ms. Joanne Haneke, Recipient of the President's Volunteer Service Award

Reverend Heppenstall read aloud the biography of Ms. Haneke. She has been very involved in the 4-H club, the local Horseman Association, supporting the troops and also several local children's organizations. Reverend Heppenstall noted that the letter was signed by President Obama.

The Board of Commissioners congratulated Ms. Haneke and expressed astonishment at how she balanced it all. She credited her family for assisting and thanked everyone.

Mr. Pyle presented a commendation on behalf of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Dias stated that Senator White will be contacting Ms. Haneke with a presentation from his office.

PROCLAMATIONS

Adopt Proclamation 2012- 2 HAVIN Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2012 – 2 HAVIN Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Commissioners recognized Ms. Bowman for the work she and HAVIN perform throughout the county. Ms. Bowman described the “Champions in Action” grant that HAVIN received last year from Citizens National Bank. She invited everyone to attend an upcoming local conference at Lenape Heights Golf Course and described how funding that HAVIN receives has been useful throughout the county, namely in “pass through funding” for an assistant district attorney and detective for the county to assist in domestic violence issues.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Data Conversion and Implementation of CAPS (Child Accounting & Profile System) with Avanco International, Inc.

Mr. Demangone stated that the federal government is requiring all the states to have a statewide system; Pennsylvania is certifying select systems, and Armstrong County has chosen to use the CAPS system with Avanco International, Inc. Mr. Fink inquired if the mandated change included any funding to assist with the change. Mr. Demangone affirmed that it did include funding out of the information technology budget.

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 Agreement between Armstrong County and Avanco International, Inc.

Registration for the 2012 “Hard to Recycle” Day Collection Events with the Department of Environmental Protection

Ms. Conklin stated that in order to receive Department of Environmental Protection Reimbursement for the cost of the Waste tire Collection portion of “Hard to Recycle” Day the county must submit an Application for Registration with a copy of a signed contract with a waste tire transporter.

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 Agreement between Armstrong County and the Department of Environmental Protection.

Waste Tire Contract for “Hard to Recycle” Day Collection Events Mahantango Enterprises, Inc.

Ms. Conklin explained that this contract is necessary to meet the above mentioned DEP Reimbursement and will provide proof of contract with a waste tire transporter.

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 Agreement between Armstrong County and Mahantango Enterprises, Inc.

North Buffalo Township Water Line Extension, with North Buffalo Township and Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority

Ms. Johnson stated that the County of Armstrong on behalf of North Buffalo Township recently was awarded \$500,000 through a Fiscal Year 2010 Competitive Community Development Block Grant Program for the Glade Run Road Area and By-Pass Road Area Water Line Extension Project. She explained that these funds along with \$99,683 allocated from the County of Armstrong's FY 2010 CDBG Program and \$270,317 in funding provided by Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority will be used to construct a public water line to service approximately 25 housing units in the designated project area.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendations of North Buffalo Township, the Commissioners approved the Agreement among Armstrong County, North Buffalo Township and Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority.

Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Contract for Peer Support Services for the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (BDHP) with Family Psychological Associates

Ms. Calderone stated that this contract is necessary because the previous provider is unable to fulfill its obligation. She quoted the amount of the contract as \$40,000.00.

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 Fiscal Year 2011 – 2012 Contract for Peer Support Services for the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (BDHP) between Armstrong County and Family Psychological Associates.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Industrial Development Authority

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Lisa Bowers, Northwood Real Estate, 107 Arch Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to a five year term, to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Carl Waugaman, PO Box 69, Worthington, PA 16262, to a five year term, to expire December 31, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the postponement of adoption of Ordinance 2012-02 Act 13 – Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Ordinance. They stated that they will re-advertise and plan to adopt at the April 5, 2012 meeting.

Mr. Fryer requested clarification of how the money will be disbursed throughout the municipalities. The Commissioners have offered to have something prepared by the Public Information Director to describe the process and outline the regulations for usage of the funds.

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 2:24 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, April 5, 2012 at 1:30 pm.