

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
April 5, 2012

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, April 5, 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, Tammie Gaff – Armstrong County Controller's Office, Cherrio Miller - Armstrong County Controller's Office, Tammy Calderone – Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, Kevin Shepard – Deputy Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Gary Montebell – Director, Belmont Complex, Rich Palilla – Executive Director Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, David Mansour – Director, Health Center, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Mark Stitt – Armstrong County Health Center, Michael Malak – Senate Engineering, Ron Steffey – Allegheny Valley Land Trust, Eden Gonano – Fire Protection, Rich Baer – Fire Fighter System, Gary Bittner – Sprinkler Fitters Local Union 669, Dwight Claypoole – Resident and Worthington / West Franklin Joint Municipal Authority, Robi Lombardo – FE, Attending for the Ruth McVay Proclamation: Marie Everhart, Robert Everhart, Doris M. Cogley, Ruth McIntyre, Public Attendance by: Angelo Bleggi

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 March 15, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

Armstrong County Health Center Sprinkler Project

Ms. Gaff announced that they have received the following four bids for the Sprinkler Project:

Bidders	City	Envelope titled & Sealed	Bid Bond or Check	Total Bid	Alternate Bid
Aven Firesystems, INC	New Castle	Yes	Yes	\$843,300	
Fire Fighter Sales & Service Co.	Warrendale	Yes	Yes	\$437,000	\$405,000
Preferred Fire Protection, INC	Pittsburgh	Yes	Yes	\$325,900	\$310,925
Quick Response Fire Protection	Hastings	Yes	Yes	\$385,640	\$378,000

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the bid opening for the Armstrong County Health Center Sprinkler Project was tabled for review and tabulation until later in the meeting.

After review and tabulation Mr. Malak recommended that the bid be awarded to Preferred Fire Protection, INC of Pittsburgh at the bid price of \$325,900.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Commissioners approved the bid award for the Armstrong County Health Center Sprinkler Project to Preferred Fire Protection, INC of Pittsburgh.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Battaglia announced that the Chamber of Commerce has selected their recipients of the 2012 volunteers, business and teachers of the year. He stated in recognition of their achievements, the Board of Commissioners presented the following recipients with proclamations at the recently held annual chamber's luncheon:

- Proclamation 2012-03 Armstrong Chamber of Commerce 2012 Junior Volunteer Citizen of the Year (Conner Link)
- Proclamation 2012-04 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Senior Volunteer Citizen of the Year (Mary Ann Guequen)
- Proclamation 2012-05 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Volunteer Citizen of the Year (Clement Rosenberger)
- Proclamation 2012-06 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Chamber Business of the Year (Farmers & Merchants Bank of Western Pennsylvania)
- Proclamation 2012-07 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education (Lisa Serrao)
- Proclamation 2012-08 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education (Paul Treacy)
- Proclamation 2012-09 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education (Kirk T. Lorigan)
- Proclamation 2012-10 Armstrong County Chamber of Commerce 2012 Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Education (Heather Simpson)

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the above proclamations.

Adopt Proclamation 2012-11 Ruth McVay Day 100th Birthday

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2012-11 Ruth McVay Day in honor of her 100th Birthday. The family expressed their appreciation for honoring their mother.

Adopt Proclamation 2012-12 Volunteer Recognition Week April 15 - 21, 2012

Ms. Talerico stated that last year there were 239 volunteers at the Area Agency on Aging alone with over 24,000 hours donated. She expressed her appreciation to all the volunteers.

Mr. Fink stated that Armstrong County is blessed with many individuals and groups who give so much to the community as volunteers.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2012-12 Proclaiming the week of April 15 - 21, 2012 as Volunteer Recognition Week.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Supplemental Engineering Agreement with Senate Engineering Company

Mr. Palilla explained that it is a federal requirement to perform bridge inspections; this agreement will fulfill the requirement. He stated that the cost of the inspections is dependent on the amount of work that is required and that the total cost of \$528,773.75 is the maximum cost.

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 Supplemental Engineering Agreement between Armstrong County and Senate Engineering Company.

Reimbursement Agreement for NBIS Bridge Inspection Program with Penn DOT

Mr. Palilla stated that this agreement will provide reimbursement from the state and federal government for 80% of the bridge inspection work. He affirmed that the remaining cost will be covered by liquid fuel funds and that the bridge inspections will be at no cost to the county.

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 Reimbursement Agreement for the NBIS Bridge Inspection Program between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Belmont Complex Upgrades Project

Ms. Johnson described the need for acknowledgement of the following actions that had been approved at the public work session on March 20, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the award of the general construction bid to Francis J. Palo in the amount of \$317,000.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the rejection of bids received from Armstrong County Electric and McRandel Company as the project scope will be revised and rebid.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the re-advertisement for bids for the electrical and HVAC portions of the project as the project scope for both contracts was revised. It was announced that the bid opening will be held April 18, 2012.

2012 Lease with MMA / Boxing

Mr. Montebell stated that this is a MMA boxing event that is being held for entertainment, this has been reviewed by the solicitor approved by the insurance company.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink, and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the 2012 lease between Armstrong County and MMA / Boxing.

Belmont Recreational Grants 2012

Mr. Montebell explained that this is an annual event and that provides money to area groups for improvements to their facilities. He recited that this year had 59 applications requested, 18 were returned, but one not postmarked by the deadline. Of the 17 eligible applicants, Mr. Montebell stated that they were ranked by points; he recommended that the following 14 groups be awarded funding:

- Apollo Borough \$2,000.00
- Elderton / Plumcreek \$5,000.00
- Roaring Run Watershed \$5,000.00
- Ford City Borough \$5,000.00
- Freeport Borough \$3,450.00
- Gilpin / Leechburg \$5,000.00
- Kittanning Borough \$5,000.00
- Leechburg Borough \$1,258.75
- Redbank Township \$2,681.21
- Pine Township \$1,250.00
- East Franklin Township \$1,090.01
- Ding – A - Lings Sports Club \$1,090.01
- Greenwall Community Park \$1,090.01
- Kittanning Little League \$1,090.01

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower, and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell, the Commissioners approved the Belmont Recreational Grants for 2012 as presented.

Elderton Senior Center Lease with Donald C. & Roseline G. Smeltzer

Ms. Talerico described this as a continuation of the lease for the Elderton Area Senior Center which is located in the Towne Hall building owned by the Smeltzers. She stated that it is a three day a week center and quoted the monthly rent as \$355.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower, and carried unanimously based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Elderton Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and Donald C. & Roseline G. Smeltzer.

Freeport Senior Center with the Freeport VFW

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a two year lease for the Freeport Senior Center that is held five days a week at the Freeport VFW.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower, and carried unanimously based on the review of the solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Freeport Senior Center Lease between Armstrong County and the Freeport VFW.

Public Safety Backhaul Network Contract with Alcatel-Lucent

Mr. Brozenick explained that this contract is for the fiber to inter-connect all of the towers together for the radio tower project.

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 Public Safety Backhaul Network Contract between Armstrong County and Alcatel-Lucent.

Change Order #01-001 ARCON Contracting, Inc. for Repair of Water Line

Mr. Brozenick explained that this is necessary to repair water lines that were damaged due to incorrectly marked lines at the site of the new Emergency Operations Center.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged Change Order #01-001 between Armstrong County and ARCON Contracting, Inc. for the repair of a water line.

Change Order #01-002 ARCON Contracting, Inc. for Casework

Mr. Brozenick described the change order as work to the casework in the break room and copy room at the new Emergency Operations Center.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged Change Order #01-002 between Armstrong County and ARCON Contracting, Inc for changes in casework.

Change Order #04-001 with Right Electric, Inc.

Mr. Brozenick stated that this change order will delete the temporary phone installation at the new Emergency Operations Center.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged Change Order #04-001 between Armstrong County and Right Electric, Inc.

Armstrong County Jail Fire Alarm / Sprinkler System Agreement with Simplex Grinnell

Mr. Hogue stated that title 37 requires the sprinkler system; Simplex Grinnell was the lowest of the four bids received.

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 Fire Alarm / Sprinkler System Agreement between Armstrong County and Simplex Grinnell.

Lease Agreement with Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

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 lease agreement between Armstrong County and Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, Inc.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2012-02 Act 13 – Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Ordinance

Mr. Claypoole expressed concerns about recent regulations on well restrictions. Mr. Battaglia described the difference in payments that the county will receive on vertical versus horizontal wells.

Mr. Bleggi gave his recommendations that any money that the county may receive would be utilized to lower property taxes.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2012-02 Act 13 – Unconventional Gas Well Impact Fee Ordinance.

Ordinance 2012-03 Authorizing Residential Tax Abatement in Wayne Township

Mr. Palilla stated that the supervisors of Wayne Township have passed a ten year, graduated tax abatement for the entire township.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2012-03 Authorizing Residential Tax Abatement in Wayne Township.

Ordinance 2012-04 Authorizing Commercial & Industrial Tax Abatement in Wayne Township

Mr. Palilla explained that as the previous ordinance this is also in Wayne Township and is necessary to designate that industrial and commercial property is also eligible for the abatement.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2012-04 Authorizing Commercial & Industrial Tax Abatement in Wayne Township.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program Advisory Board

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Linda Jacques, 215 Locust Lane, Kittanning, PA 16201, and Roderick Groomes, M.D., One Nolte Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program Advisory Board for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2014.

Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointments of Alice Graham, PO Box 68, Elderton, PA 15736, Mary Huth, 118 Washington Street, Freeport, PA 16229 and Larry Baudino, 351 Madison Avenue, Leechburg, PA 15656, to three year terms, to expire December 31, 2014.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Mr. Battaglia announced some important dates for the upcoming election. The last day to apply for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, April 17, 2012 and all absentees must be received by April 20, 2012. He stated that the Elections office will remain open until 5:00 pm both days.

Mr. Steffey requested a status update on the Commissioners' study for the Allegheny Valley Trail. The Commissioners stated they have recently received the information and that it is being reviewed.

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 2:19 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 1:30 pm. **Please note this is a day earlier than the normally scheduled meeting on the third Thursday.