

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
June 21, 2012**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 2012 AT 1:30 PM IN THE COMMISSIONERS' CONFERENCE ROOM WITH THE FOLLOWING IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner David K. Battaglia, Commissioner Robert T. Bower, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Rich Palilla – Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Len Meneely – Armstrong County Progressive Workshop, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Tammy Calderone – Administrator, Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, Wayne Kucich – Department of Environmental Protection.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

It was announced that Commissioner Fink was absent from today's meeting due to his attendance in Harrisburg for meetings of the County Commissioners' Association of Pennsylvania.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the minutes for the June 7, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

CDBG Cooperation Agreement with Hose Company #4

Ms. Johnson explained that this is a standard agreement that is necessary when the funds are being transferred from one project to another. She stated that Kittanning Borough and Hose Company #4 agree with the transfer.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the CDBG Cooperation Agreement between Armstrong County and Hose Company #4.

Progressive Workshop Lease

Mr. Palilla stated that this is for the lease of property at Armsdale and some of the equipment at the Recycling Center; it is a three year lease and provides \$25,000 to the Progressive Workshop for the operation of the center and an additional \$10,000 to cover any deficits or to be placed in to escrow. Mr. Palilla explained that the money is from collection by the county for landfill administrative fees. Mr. Meneely stated that since their association with the county in 1995 they have collected approximately 36 million pounds of product that would have gone into a landfill.

Mr. Bower commended the Progressive Workshop on the excellent job they perform at the Recycling Center.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the lease between Armstrong County and Progressive Workshop.

Liquid Fuels County Aid Application for Kittanning Borough

Mr. Palilla detailed the allocation of \$120,000 from the 2011 Liquid Fuels Fund and \$50,000 in State Regional Economic Development Grant Money for a total of \$170,000 that was to be used in Kittanning Borough for street repairs; he also stated that \$50,000 was awarded to South Bend Township for bridge replacement. He explained that it was not possible to complete the Kittanning project within the time required in the state grant. Therefore, the state grant money was utilized on the South Bend project and their \$50,000 was reallocated to Kittanning Borough.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Liquid Fuels County Aid Application between Armstrong County and Kittanning Borough.

Joseph Lehman, Inc. Agreement

Mr. Palilla stated that the agreement is for the county owned Lower Pine Run Bridge in Redbank Township and that it was originally set for \$323,000 until the determination was made of whether the bridge could be rehabilitated or if it needed to be replaced. He affirmed that the bridge is eligible for rehabilitation and that the cost of the project has reduced to \$203,688.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Joseph Lehman, Inc.

Senior Service America, Inc. Agreement Amendment

Ms. Talerico stated that this amended agreement will expand the cost of the current contract by \$4,500 and expand the hours of employment of people in the program from 15 hours to 20 hours.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement amendment between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc.

Four Year Plan of the Area Agency on Aging

Ms. Talerico explained that the agency is required by the State Department of Aging to submit a plan every four years outlining the upcoming four years. They performed a community needs assessment, looked at statistics, housing programs and held a public hearing to discuss future plans. They have determined that the Senior Centers will be the “go to” location to get information out to area seniors and plan to provide programming on financial savings and improved communications. She noted that 25 percent of Armstrong County Residents are over the age of 60.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Four Year Plan between Armstrong County and Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging.

Ms. Talerico expressed her appreciation to the press, community and staff for their assistance and participation in the recently held Senior Games. She also announced that they are looking to honor county residents who are becoming 100 years old or older and asking residents to help them compile a list of names.

Windstream Communications Agreement

Mr. Montebell stated that this is the standard advertising in the white pages of the Windstream phone book.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Windstream Communications.

Comcast Agreement

Mr. Montebell explained that this is an upgrade to their internet service by bundling with their television service. He stated it will increase speed and save money.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Comcast.

Motorola Solutions Agreement

Mr. Baustert stated that this agreement provides software from Motorola for use by the 911 center at no extra cost to their existing contract.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Motorola Solutions.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tri-County WIB, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of Mr. William Moulfair, BWDP Central Region Director, South Central WIB, 4201 Crums Mill Road, Suite 200, Harrisburg, PA 17112 to the Board of the Tri-County WIB, to finish out the term of Mr. Joe Stratico, to expire September, 30, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of Mr. Frank Amato II, Partner of Amato Financial Services, 165 Third Street, Leechburg, PA 15656 to the Board of the Tri-County WIB to finish out the term of Mr. Walt Elmquist, to expire September 30, 2013.

Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc.

Ms. Calderone explained that this appointment will enable her to serve on a board comprised of six counties working together.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the appointment of Ms. Tammy Calderone, 124 Armsdale Road, Suite 105, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Board of the Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kucich introduced himself and described a few of the services that he provides with the Department of Environmental Protection. He stated that the website is www.depweb.state.pa.us and invited everyone to contact him if he can assist in anyway.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:53 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 1:30 pm.