

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
July 5, 2012**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JULY 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, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Marianne Hileman – Armstrong County Register & Recorder, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Randy Brozenick – Director, Armstrong County Public Safety, Ken Heilman – Executive Director, Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Linda Cornman – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Dan Dodd – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Allison Ball – Director of Marketing and County Enhancement Specialist.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried with Mr. Fink abstaining due to his absence while attending a meeting in Harrisburg, the minutes for the June 21, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Amerigas

Mr. Baustert stated that the Dominion Concord Church Tower Site in Wayne Township will have an underground propane tank installed to power a back-up generator. He explained the fees from Amerigas as a one-time installation fee of \$1,300.00, an annual inspection fee of \$279.00 and a \$10.00 per month user fee. He confirmed that this agreement is in place at other sites and that as in those sites, the County will also be responsible for any overages above their allotted usage.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Agreement between Armstrong County and Amerigas.

American Towers LLC License Agreement

Mr. Brozenick explained that there had been an agreement with American Towers LLC but that it did not originally include a cable line; this agreement reflects the adjustment at no additional cost.

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 Agreement between Armstrong County and American Towers LLC.

EOC Change Orders with Right Electric, Inc.

Mr. Brozenick stated that this is Change Order #04-004 Bollards, additional fiber conduit and transformer location at a cost of \$15,073.56. He detailed the Change Order #04-006 Upgrade from CAT5 to CAT6 cabling at an additional cost of \$2,836.58, this will allow for more use of the fiber in the building.

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 EOC Change Orders between Armstrong County and Right Electric, Inc.

EOC Change Order with ARCON Contracting, Inc.

Mr. Brozenick stated that this is a credit to the county for \$850.00. He explained that Change Order #1-004 covers the deletion of drywall on block walls above the ceiling in rooms 101A & 103A in the new EOC building.

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 EOC Change Order between Armstrong County and ARCON Contracting, Inc.

Change Order #1 with Francis J. Palo, Inc.

Ms. Johnson stated that this Change Order #1 with Francis J. Palo, Inc. involves a wall at the Belmont Complex that needs to be torn down. She confirmed that the cost is not to exceed \$53,000.00 bringing the contract amount to \$370,000.00.

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 Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and Francis J. Palo, Inc.

Change Order #2 Engineering Design Contract with Senate Engineering Company

Ms. Johnson detailed Change Order #2 which addresses the additional work to be done at the Belmont for an additional cost of \$3,500.00 for a total of \$69,692.00.

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 #2 Engineering Design Contract between Armstrong County and Senate Engineering Company.

Change Order #2 Construction Contract with Francis J. Palo, Inc.

Ms. Johnson explained Change Order #2 for the Construction Contract with Francis J. Palo, INC. is necessary to deduct the taxes that they erroneously included in their bid giving the County a deduction of \$12,440.40 from the contract. Ms. Johnson then described an upgrade in the hardware of the dashboard gates that will cost an additional \$2,500.00 which brings the total credit to the County to \$9,940.40.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Change Order #2 Construction Contract between Armstrong County and Francis J. Palo, Inc.

Belmont Demolition Bid Award

Mr. Montebell stated that the bids were for the removal of an existing dehumidification unit and related equipment at the Belmont Complex. He detailed the three bids that were received and stated that Professional Mechanical Sales and Service of Cheswick, was the lowest received at \$13,300.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Demolition Bid Award between Armstrong County and Professional Mechanical Sales and Service of Cheswick.

Cooperation Agreement City of Parker CDBG Funds

Ms. Johnson stated that Parker City, being an entitlement, city wishes to continue to utilize the services of the County to administer its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. She explained that this contract is a requirement to allow for this administration; the County will receive an administrative fee of 15% of the City's \$301,473.00 or a total of \$45,220.00.

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 City of Parker.

2008 Home Grant Mechling Shakley Veterans Center

Ms. Johnson explained that the County was awarded a 2008 HOME grant in the amount of \$208,396 to be used in conjunction with a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant that was awarded to Mechling Shakley Veterans Center for partial funding for the purchase and installation of five modular units for the Mechling Shakley Veterans Center upon contingency of a portion of a local match. She stated that at this time the center has decided not to pursue the modular homes and the grant needs to be deobligated.

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 deobligation the 2008 HOME grant awarded to Armstrong County from DCED.

Agreement with East Franklin Township

Ms. Johnson stated that East Franklin Township received a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant in the amount of \$25,100 to be matched with in-kind services and cash in the amount of \$25,600. She explained that they have asked the County to administer the funds, but noted that when working with DCNR grants an administrative fee is not offered.

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 East Franklin Township to administer the DCNR funds.

Addendum to Contract with Affordable Services, Inc.

Ms. Johnson explained that this is for work with the Housing Rehab Program, and is a continuation of a current contract, addendum #2, for two years and not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00 which is within the budget.

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 Affordable Services, Inc.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2012-09 ESG-H Second Allocation Grant

Mr. Dodd explained that Community Action Agency would be applying on behalf of the County for 2011 funds that will last through 2014. He compared them to the HPRP funds that were previously received and can be used for housing and rent. He did caution that this is a competitive grant, so the awards are uncertain.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-09 ESG-H Second Allocation Grant.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Redevelopment Authority Board (RACA)

Ms. Johnson stated that Mr. Shreckengost was first appointed in 2006 to fill an unexpired position and was reappointed to a full term, this will be his second full term. The Board recognized his dedication as a board member. They also asked the press to announce that there are still two openings on the RACA Board and the Non-profit Housing Board.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Richard Shreckengost, 130 Maple Street, New Bethlehem, PA 16242, to a five year term to expire on May 29, 2017.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Announcement from the Pennsylvania Recorder of Deeds Association

Ms. Hileman has been elected as the President of the Pennsylvania Recorder of Deeds Association. She will serve through June 2014. The Board recognized Ms. Hileman's achievement and extended their best wishes.

Financial Transactions

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

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 1:52 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 1:30 pm.