

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
August 2, 2012**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 2, 2012 AT 1:31 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, Brandi Stretavski – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carly Cowan – Financial Management, Jim Miccirone – ESS, Tyler Woodside – Kittanning Firemen's Band, Bill Steim – Kittanning Fireman's Band.

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 July 19, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

BID AWARD

Apollo Borough Industrial & Business Park Access Road Project

Mr. Palilla stated that a re-bid opening was held at the July 19, 2012 Public Meeting; four bids were opened and Gregori Construction & Engineering, Inc. of Sarver, PA submitted the lowest bid at \$298,468.00. He noted that the project is being funded by the FFY 2006 and FFY 2009 Economic Development Initiative Grant Programs.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the recommendation of Olsen & Associates, Ltd and Apollo Borough Council, the Board acknowledged the bid award between Armstrong County and Gregori Construction & Engineering Inc. for the Apollo Borough Industrial & Business Park Access Road Project.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation

Mr. Palilla stated that this is an annual agreement with the, Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation, the regional planning agency, that provides the county with funds to assist in regional

transportation planning and updating improvements. He quoted that this year's amount is \$13,086.00.

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 Southwestern Pennsylvania Corporation.

Apollo Borough Handicap Ramps Improvement Project

Ms. Johnson explained that this is the standard co-op agreement; the county has awarded Apollo Borough Community Development Block Grant money for the improvement and construction of handicap ramps in their main intersection.

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 CDBG Cooperative Agreement between Armstrong County and the Borough of Apollo for the Apollo Borough Handicap Ramps Improvements Project.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Non Profit Housing Board

Ms. Johnson stated that there are two vacancies on the Non Profit Housing Board and that the two appointees have requested to be appointed.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and approved unanimously, the board approved the appointment of Mr. Philip E. Tack, 316 St. Patrick Road, Worthington, PA 16262 to the Non Profit Housing Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and approved unanimously, the board approved the appointment of Mr. David Mansour, 265 South McKean Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Non Profit Housing Board for a term to expire December 31, 2014.

Redevelopment Authority Board (RACA)

Ms. Johnson stated that Mr. Tack also requested appointment to serve on the RACA board.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and approved unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Philip E. Tack, 316 St. Patrick Road, Worthington, PA 16262 to the Redevelopment Authority Board (RACA) for a term to expire May 29, 2013.

Industrial Development Authority Board

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and approved unanimously, based on the recommendation of the Industrial Development Authority Board, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Ryan Wells, 2125 Madison Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242 to the Industrial Development Authority Board for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Woodside expressed his appreciation to the Board of Commissioners for their support of the Kittanning Firemen's Band and their recent trip to Washington D.C. to honor Armstrong County veterans. Mr. Steim explained that they have compiled a DVD and a CD of the presentation, including an original composition by Drew Fennel entitled "Letters From Home" which contains portions of actual letters being read within the song. Mr. Bower thanked the band and stated that the recordings are much appreciated and that he will look forward to enjoying it with the collection of other past recordings. Mr. Steim relayed a story of a park volunteer who expressed admiration for the work that was done to accomplish the performance and honoring of veterans. Mr. Fink expressed his appreciation to the members who worked so diligently to make the trip a reality and to all of the people and businesses who donated towards the project. He stated that Armstrong County is a giving county and this is just another example. The Board congratulated the Kittanning Firemen's band on a job well done!

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 1:49 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 1:30 pm.