

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
August 16, 2012



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 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, Josh Walzak – 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, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Mike Renosky – Director, Armstrong County Assessment, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex.

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 August 6, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Rhino Construction, Inc. Change Order #1

Mr. Palilla stated that earlier this year Rhino Construction was contracted for repairs to two county bridges for \$12,750.00. An inspection of the Saint Charles Bridge revealed a crack that would cost \$1450.00 to repair. He explained that this Change Order would permit the repairs and that the funding would come from Liquid fuels.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and Rhino Construction, Inc.

CDBG Cooperation Agreement with Rayburn Township Municipal Authority

Ms. Johnson explained that funding from the Community Development Block Grant for the 2011 to 2012 year has been allocated to be used in the lateral sanitation project in Rayburn Township. She stated that \$160,657.00 will be used to assist 62 low to moderate income, owner occupied households.

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 CDBG Cooperation Agreement between Armstrong County and Rayburn Township Municipal Authority.

CDBG Cooperation Agreement with Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority

Ms. Johnson detailed the need for a new well to be located and drilled for the Margaret Well Development Project that will connect with the existing water treatment plant. She stated that CDBG Funds from 2010 to 2011 will cover the \$170,000.00 cost.

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 Cooperation Agreement between Armstrong County and Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority.

Right of Way Agreement with West Penn Power

Ms. Johnson stated that part of the existing Belmont improvement project includes an upgrade in the electrical service; this agreement will grant access to West Penn Power for those improvements.

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 Right of Way Agreement between Armstrong County and West Penn Power.

Electrical Service Agreement with West Penn Power

Ms. Johnson stated that this is part of the upgrade to the electrical system at the Belmont; it will cost \$14,169.16 to complete and cost an additional \$111.96 for 16 months from the date of permanent service.

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 Electrical Service Agreement between Armstrong County and West Penn Power.

Change Order No. 1-005 ARCON Contracting, Inc.

Mr. Brozenick explained that Change Order No. 01-005 is credit to the county for \$1,900.00 in regards to work on the gas line at the new Emergency Operating Center.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Change Order No. 1-005 between Armstrong County and ARCON Contracting, Inc.

Change Order No. 01-006 ARCON Contracting, Inc.

Mr. Brozenick explained that this Change Order is necessary once it was determined that a Knox Box was not needed at the new Emergency Operating Center since it will be staffed around the clock. He noted this is a savings of \$305.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved Change Order No. 01-006 between Armstrong County and ARCON Contracting Inc.

Memorandum of Understanding with Alcatel

Mr. Brozenick explained that this Memorandum of Understanding is for the monitoring of the fiber network and the microwave network. Indiana County will purchase and share with Armstrong County the service activity monitor (SAM), this will present a cost savings to both counties.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the Indiana County Solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged the Memorandum of Understanding among Armstrong County, Indiana County and Alcatel.

Xerox Corporation

Mr. Bleakney stated that the contract would replace ten units within the county. Each unit will provide a cost savings in materials and also provide a scanning feature which will save paper. The scanning feature is offered at no extra cost for service. He explained that the enhanced machines will decrease the need for desktop printers.

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 Xerox Corporation.

NTT Data Long-Term Care Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Mansour stated that NTT Data Long-Term Care Solutions, Inc. offers accounting and clinical software. He quoted the initial start up cost as \$12,550 but noted that it will save \$2,070 per a year with a one-time savings of \$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 Addendum between Armstrong County and NTT Data Long-Term Care Solutions, Inc.

Alma Health LLC d/b/a MedStaffers

Ms. Talerico stated that this annual contract provides a selection for the county consumers in their caregivers.

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 Home Health Agreement between Armstrong County and Alma Health LLC d/b/a MedStaffers.

Concordia Visiting Nurses

Ms. Talerico stated that this is another option of vendors and was pleased to announce it was renewed at the same rate as last year.

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 Home Health Agreement between Armstrong County and Concordia Visiting Nurses.

Interim Health Care

Ms. Talerico reiterated that this provider gives the consumers another option.

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 Home Agreement between Armstrong County and Interim Health Care.

County HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers

Ms. Talerico explained that County HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers provides home support, personal assistance and personal care; they are not a healthcare agency.

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 County HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers.

Helpmates Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that Helpmates Inc. providing home support and personal care, has been a vendor for many years and that once again the rate did not increase.

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 agreement between Armstrong County and Helpmates Inc.

Nutrition, Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that Nutrition, Inc. provides meals to the senior centers and the home delivery meals.

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 Meal Agreement between Armstrong County and Nutrition, Inc.

VNA Services & Foundation

Ms. Talerico stated that the VNA Services and Foundation is another option for consumers to select.

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 VNA Services and Foundation.

Attorney Preston Younkins

Ms. Talerico explained that Attorney Younkins will provide legal services to senior citizens in need; she stated that he extended his contract at the same rate as previous years.

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 Legal Services Agreement between Armstrong County and Attorney Preston Younkins.

Outreach Services for Community Action Agency

Ms. Talerico explained that by partnering with Community Action Agency as an annual contract they save money by not duplicating and staffing services that Community Action Agency provides.

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 Outreach Services Agreement between Armstrong County and Community Action Agency.

Town and Country Transit

Ms. Talerico stated that Town and Country Transit will provide medical transportation services to the area seniors at no increase of cost from last year.

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 Medical Transportation Service Agreement between Armstrong County and Town and Country Transit.

AccessAbilities, Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that this is actually a pass thru that provides services from AccessAbilities, Inc. thru the Area Agency on Aging.

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 Service Agreement between Armstrong County and AccessAbilities, Inc.

Protective / Pre-admission Services for Area Agency on Aging

Ms. Talerico described these services and contracts as necessary for emergency cases during hours when the offices are closed or unavailable. She stated the choices are also useful if there is a conflict of interest with the primary service selection.

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 Protective / Pre-admission Services Agreement between Armstrong County and the following:

- Dr. Doerfler for Physician Consultant
- Attorney James Favero for Legal Services
- Attorney James Favero for Conflict of Interest
- Boarding Home Emergency Placement Agreement with Melody Manor
- Nursing Home Placement Agreement with Armstrong County Health Center

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Talerico for the extensive work she did to prepare all the preceding contracts.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Housing Authority Board

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Reverend John Snyder, 603 North Crescent Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Housing Authority Board for a term to expire February 1, 2017.

Belmont Complex Advisory Committee

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Mary F. Turner, 105 Murphy Bottom Road, Freeport, PA 16229, to the Belmont Complex Advisory Committee for a term to expire August 31, 2013.

Assessment Appeals Board

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Daniel Burk to the Assessment Appeals Board for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

Agricultural Land Preservation Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Paul Stubrick, 291 Cravener Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire March 1, 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

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

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 1:52 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 1:30 pm.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai
County Administrator & Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary