

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
November 15, 2012**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 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, Amanda Hiles – Armstrong County Treasurer, Tammie Gaff – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Rich Palilla- Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Denny Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Carly Cowan – Armstrong County Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Ron Baustert – 911 Coordinator, Sally Conklin – Armstrong County Planning & Development, Planning Coordinator, Tammy Calderone – Administrator, Behavioral Development Health Program, Suzanne Boarts – Armstrong County Extension of 4-H, Pauline McCutcheon – 4H, Deb Wilhelm – 4H, Amanda Schaub – Otis Elevator, Josie Schultz – EQT, David Rupert, Armstrong Conservation District, Becca Crytzer – Cyber School, John Crytzer – Citizen, Jane Sheffield – Executive Director, Allegheny Ridge Corporation, Laura Hawkins – Greenway Coordinator, Mary Jendrey – Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group (FLAG) Manager.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board acknowledged the cancellation of the November 1, 2012 Public Meeting due to the weather conditions during Hurricane Sandy.

On a motion by Mr. Bower seconded by Mr. Fink and carried, with Mr. Battaglia abstaining, the minutes for the October 18, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

Armstrong County Health Center Elevator Service Provision

Ms. Gaff opened the two bids received:

Company Name	Location	Bid Bond	Upgrade	Total Project
Otis Elevator	Pittsburgh, PA	Yes	\$52,752.98	\$122,987.98

Easter Elevator Services	Windber, PA	Yes	\$20,285.00	\$59,985.00
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On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to table the bids for elevator service for review and tabulation.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation 2012- 24 4-H 100th Year Celebration

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

Ms. Boarts stated that she was accompanied by two volunteers that have been with the 4H organization for over 35 years. They will be celebrating with a banquet on November 30th at Achievement Night where they will be honoring over 200 members and their leaders.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved Proclamation 2012-24 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of 4-H.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Audit Proposal with Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC

Ms. Cowan stated that this letter is the standard outline of audit services that Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC will be performing.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners acknowledged an audit proposal between Armstrong County and Zelenkofske Axelrod, LLC.

KRONOS Inc.

Ms. Cowan explained that this is the contract for service and maintenance of the time clocks used by 911 and the Belmont Complex.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved a contract renewal between Armstrong County and KRONOS, Inc.

Change Order #2 Preferred Fire Protection

Mr. Mansour stated that in order to meet the Department of Health regulations this change order will allow for improved and additional sprinkler heads.

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 #2 between Armstrong County and Preferred Fire Protection.

New World Systems' Corporation

Mr. Baustert stated that this contract will provide support for the CAD system that is utilized by the 911 Center. He explained that this system will be moved to the new operating center and the service agreement will provide the necessary remote technical support.

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 additional service agreement between Armstrong County, and New World Systems' Corporation.

Armstrong / Indiana County and Butler County Mental Health / Early Intervention / Intellectual Disabilities Program

Ms. Calderone explained that this is to cover an administrative oversight of work performed for the nine counties that work together and will provide a payment of \$5,400 retro-actively.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved a service agreement between Armstrong County, and the Armstrong / Indiana County and Butler County Mental Health / Early Intervention / Intellectual Disabilities Program.

Senate Engineering – Update Belmont Complex Existing Conditions Survey

Mr. Palilla explained that during the recent upgrades at the Belmont Complex it was discovered that the survey did not properly detail the storm drainage. He stated that this agreement will provide the necessary information.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved an update to the Belmont Complex Existing Conditions Survey between Armstrong County, and Senate Engineering.

2012 CDBG Grant Contract with DCED

Ms. Johnson stated that these are the contracts sent by the state to approve the execution of applications that were submitted earlier this year for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Contract with Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

Avanco International, Inc.

Mr. Demangone explained that this is an upgrade by Avanco International, Inc. to the Child Accounting and Profile System program that is used across the state. He stated that the total cost of the upgrade is \$225,000.00 but that it is divided among all the subscribers so Armstrong County will be responsible for \$3,600.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved a service agreement between Armstrong County, and Avanco International, Inc.

KidsPeace FCCP

Mr. Demangone explained that this contract is necessary to permit adoption through an organization that the County has not previously signed an agreement with.

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

Mr. Demangone reminded everyone that in recognition of National Adoption Day there will be an Adoption Informational Fair at the Belmont Complex on November 17th beginning at 11:30 am. The goal is to provide information to families interested in adoption and to match them with available agencies.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2012-15 Allegheny Ridge Heritage Area Management Action Plan Update

Ms. Sheffield and Ms. Hawkins gave an overview of their organization's goals and accomplishments including their work with the Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group (FLAG). Mr. Rupert added that the outline of future plans is based on a foundation for growth and development of the Kiskiminetas River that was developed in the 1970's and it is great to see it coming into place.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-15 Allegheny Ridge Heritage Area Management Action Plan Update.

Resolution 2012-16 Kiskiminetas Valley Greenway, Trails and Downtown Connectivity Study

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-16 Kiskiminetas Valley Greenway, Trails and Downtown Connectivity Study.

Resolution 2012-17 Modification of the FY 2009 State Competitive Community Development Block Grant Funds

Ms. Johnson stated that this modification of the FY 2009 State Competitive Community Development Block Grant Funds on behalf of East Franklin Township is necessary to reallocate the funds that remain at the completion of the project.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-17 Modification of the FY 2009 State Competitive Community Development Block Grant Funds pending the solicitors review.

Resolution 2012-18 Revision Armstrong County 2009 CDBG

Ms. Johnson described the resolution as necessary to reappoint remaining funds of \$37,000.00 from the recently completed Applewold Borough Sanitary Improvement Project to the Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project in West Kittanning.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried with Mr. Bower abstaining, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2012-18 Revision Armstrong County 2009 CDBG.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tri-County WIB, Inc. Board

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved to re-appoint Mr. Mike Coonley, Executive Director, Armstrong County Department of Economic Development, 124 Armsdale Road, Suite 205, Kittanning, PA 16201; Mr. Steven Atwood, Assistant Business Agent / Organizer, Iron Workers Local Union #3, 2201 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; Ms. Janet Talerico, Executive Director, Armstrong Area Agency on Aging, 326 South Water Street, Kittanning, PA 16201; Dawn Kocher-Taylor, Director, Lenape Technical School, 2215 Chaplin Avenue, Ford City, PA 16226 to the Board of the Tri-County WIB, Inc. for terms to expire September 30, 2015.

Armstrong County Hospital Authority

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. John Graff, 123 Hazel Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Board of the Hospital Authority, for a term to expire January 1, 2018.

Armstrong County Conservation District

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried with Mr. Battaglia abstaining, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. David Battaglia, 137 Zambotti Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong Conservation District as a County Commissioner Director, for a one year term to expire December 31, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Ms. Michelle Hickman, 231 Schall Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Conservation District as a Farmer Director, for a four year term to expire December 31, 2016.

Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Robert L. Engel, 950 N. McKean Street, Kittanning, PA 16201; Ms. Kathy Snyder, 537 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA 16201; Ms. Ruth Stubbs, 505 Harrison Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services' Advisory Committee, for a two year term to expire December 31, 2014.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation of the Preliminary Budget for Public Inspection

Ms. Cowan described some of the positive aspects of the budget as increased real estate millage, revenue from Marcellus Shale Act 13 and the decrease in capital allocation as there are not as many necessary improvements to be made. She detailed some more challenging aspects to the budget as increased wage adjustment, increased healthcare cost, an increase to the ARC (Annual Retirement Contribution) Payment and the loss of revenue from housing out of county inmates at the Armstrong County Jail. Ms. Cowan noted that some challenges were unavoidable expenses as the State mandated the 911 and Broadband Improvement Projects, or areas that money must be spent, citing the allocations for Greenways as one example. She credited the department heads and elected officials as working diligently to decrease their office expenses.

Mr. Fink extended his congratulations to Ms. Cowan for the work she has accomplished on the preliminary budget and acknowledged the fact that this is her first budget. He vowed that the Board is committed to continue working to improve the budget and noted that Armstrong County is not the only county facing this situation, affirming that the State mandated improvements and the loss of revenue at the jail do provide two large challenges. He expressed appreciation to all the departments for their efforts to make cost cutting measures.

Mr. Bower expressed his appreciation to Ms. Cowan, stating that it has not been an easy task to this point, but he is impressed by the job she has done.

Mr. Battaglia stressed that as announced he is asking everyone to please keep in mind that this is the preliminary budget and that the Board and Ms. Cowan will be diligently working on it until the final budget is approved.

Mr. Fryer requested clarification on the types of revenue the Marcellus Shale will provide to the County. The Board stated that they are not ready to discuss all the details yet.

Mr. Weaver asked what some of the allocations were from 2012 that will not be included in the 2013 Budget. Ms. Cowan responded one major one was the upgrade to the phone system.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Preliminary Budget for 2013.

Financial Transactions

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the Financial Transactions for October 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 2:20 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 1:30 pm.