

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING  
December 6, 2012**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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, Brigid Beatty – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Randy Brozenick – Director, Public Safety, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Carly Cowan – Armstrong County Financial Advisor / Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Vince Cappel – Hazmat Coordinator, Armstrong County Department of Public Safety, Steve Haasch – Kittanning.org

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried, unanimously, the minutes for the November 15, 2012 Public Meeting were approved.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**Proclamation 2012- 25 Recognizing the Generosity of Armstrong Residents**

Mr. Cappel explained that this was a group effort of business owners from Armstrong and Indiana Counties who provided generators to residents in Ocean County, New Jersey who lost power due to the destruction of Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved Proclamation 2012-25 Recognizing the Generosity of Armstrong Residents.

Mr. Fink expressed the importance of recognizing those who reached out to help those affected by Hurricane Sandy. He detailed a story he recently read in which Manor Township Volunteer Fire Company donated their used tanker truck, some equipment and food items to a fire company on the coast that lost everything. Mr. Fink encouraged others to let the Board know of these types of activities so they can be recognized.

## **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

### **Change Order #04-009 Right Electric**

Mr. Brozenick explained that this is an upgrade for the wiring and circuitry to accommodate the generator.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged Change Order #04-009 between Armstrong County and Right Electric.

### **McCauley Bridge Inspection**

Mr. Palilla stated that the McCauley Bridge is a county owned bridge in Boggs Township. He explained that this supplemental agreement would provide bridge inspection with Senate Engineering throughout construction at a cost of \$99,759.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the Supplemental Engineering Agreement for McCauley Bridge Inspection.

### **Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc.**

Mr. Palilla explained that this agreement will provide Geotechnical investigation to the area of the Belmont Complex Upgrade planned for next year at a cost of \$2,860.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc.

### **Change Order #1 Faul Construction, LLC.**

Ms. Johnson stated that Kittanning Borough used a grant from Community Development Block Grant to replace the roof on Hose Company #1 Firehouse. She explained that the change order is necessary for an additional cost of \$3,791.00 that will be paid for by Kittanning Hose Company #1.

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

### **Change Order #1 Gregori Construction & Engineering, Inc.**

Ms. Johnson stated that Apollo Borough is using funds from Housing and Urban Development to build an access road in the Industrial Park and this change order will decrease the budget by \$8,338.30 changing the total cost to \$291,129.70.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously pending the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and Gregori Construction & Engineering, Inc.

Change Order #3 Francis J. Palo, Inc.

Ms. Johnson described the upgrades to the Belmont Complex and stated that the Change Orders #1 and #2 increased the amount of the original project of \$317,000.00, but that Change Order #3 will decrease the total amount of the project by \$1,727.72.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved Change Order #3 between Armstrong County and Francis J. Palo, Inc.

Senior Service America, Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a nine month agreement that will provide job training for residents over the age of 65.

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

WESTcore RFP Sponsorship

Mr. Baustert described the project named WESTcore, that includes eight counties in the Western Pennsylvania Region 13 group, to replace the outdated phone switches for the 911 project. He stated that Armstrong County has agreed to serve as the procurement agency at no additional cost to the county. He assured that any cost incurred will be divided by all of the counties involved.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Armstrong County and WESTcore RFP Sponsorship.

Agricultural Land Preservation

Ms. Cowan referenced the memo from Ms. Jessica Schaub, of Farmland Preservation, requesting that the \$8,000.00 earmarked for the George Kepple farm be released. She affirmed that the money had been approved and set aside by the previous board at \$4,000 each on two consecutive years.

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 funding for the Agricultural Land Preservation.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board

Ms. Talerico expressed her appreciation for the appointees' time and willingness to serve. She stated that there is an opening on the board for the Bradys Bend / Parker area.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Thomas Deal, 144 Stitt Hollow Road, Ford City, PA 16226 to the Consumer Representative Category on the Advisory Board of the Area Agency on Aging, for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Ms. Victoria Benton, 159 Butler Road, Suite 1, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Organization / Agency Representative Category and Mr. William McCall, 517 South Jackson Avenue, Parker, PA 16049 to the Locally Elected Official Category on the Advisory Board of the Area Agency on Aging, for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

Tri-County WIB, Inc.

Mr. Fink explained that when a vacancy occurs it is up to the Commissioners to recommend a replacement to serve on the board.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved to appoint Mr. Anthony C. Roppolo, Southpointe Energy Resources Group, 127 San Avenue, New Stanton, PA 15672 to the Board of Tri-County WIB, for a term to expire September 30, 2015. It was noted by Mr. Bower that his business address is out of the county, but that Mr. Roppolo does indeed reside in Armstrong County.

Armstrong County Housing Authority

Mr. Bower affirmed that Mr. Crissman is a local resident and an excellent re-appointment to the board.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved to re-appoint Mr. Todd Crissman, 238 Cedar Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Housing Authority of the County of Armstrong for a term to expire February 1, 2018.

**BID AWARD**

9-1-1 Moving Bid

Mr. Baustert described the moving process that will be completed in three phases to avoid interruption of service. There were five bids were received; the one from Don Farr Moving was not accepted as a responsible bid, it lacked a total cost and the hourly rate presented was considered too low to be acceptable for the work expected.

Company	Town	Amount
Don Farr Moving & Storage		\$324.00 to \$399.00 for phase one / Phase 2 & 3 estimated at \$524.00 to \$624.00 each
Parks Moving and Storage		\$4,540.00
Weleski Transfer	Tarentum	\$4,263.00

Nicholas Moving & Storage	Butler	\$4,525.00
George's Moving	Cranberry	\$3,800.71

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert, the Board approved to award the bid for 9-1-1 moving to George's Moving of Cranberry for \$3,800.71. Mr. Fink noted that besides presenting the lowest bid George's Moving came with the best references and experience.

Armstrong County Health Center Elevator Service Bid

Mr. Mansour explained that the upgrades to the elevator service including sprinklers garnered two bids. He reviewed the bids with Senate Engineering, Jerry McGraw and Health Center maintenance staff; they collectively recommend that the bid from Eastern Elevator for \$20,285.00 be approved. He confirmed that it was the lower of the two responsible bids received.

In a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved to award the bid for the elevator service at the Armstrong County Health Center to Eastern Elevator.

West Kittanning Municipal Authority Northern Ave. Water Line Replacement Project

Ms. Johnson requested that the Board award the West Kittanning Municipal Authority Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project to Tim Fouse Excavating, in the amount of \$108,535.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried with Mr. Bower abstaining, the Board approved to award the bid for the West Kittanning Municipal Authority Northern Avenue Water Line Replacement Project to Tim Fouse Excavating.

**OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Battaglia conveyed a message from Regina Liermann that she is opposed to the proposed increase in taxes and the wage increase to the county employees.

Financial Transactions

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the Financial Transactions for November 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 1:55 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 1:30 pm.