

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
December 15, 2011

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 1:30 pm in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioner Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Commissioner Richard L. Fink, Commissioner James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Jim Kuemmerle – Administrator & Executive Director, Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Don Pepler – Armstrong County Financial and Special Projects Manager, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, William Kegel – Account Executive, IKON Office Solutions, Inc., Public Attendance by: David Battaglia – Commissioner Elect

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the minutes for the December 1, 2011 Public Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Bear Creek Bridge Inspection Agreement with Butler County

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Bear Creek Bridge Inspection Agreement between Armstrong County and Butler County. Mr. Palilla explained that this agreement assigns the responsibility of bridge inspection to Armstrong County with the understanding that Butler County will reimburse half the cost.

Kittanning Borough Traffic & Safety Study Agreement with WR&A

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Kittanning Borough Traffic & Safety Study Agreement between Armstrong County and Witman, Requardt & Associates, LLC. Mr. Palilla stated that this agreement will utilize a \$300,000.00 grant that was accepted earlier this year. He quoted the cost of the agreement as \$290,034.74 and that they anticipate that the project will last approximately ten to twelve months.

Income Reutilization Plan for CDBG and HOME Funds

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Income Reutilization Plan for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Funds. Ms. Johnson stated that the Department of Community and Economic Development requires that all grantees of CDBG and HOME Funds adopt a formal Program Income Reutilization Plan that stipulates that the grantees will follow DCED's regulations. She explained that Armstrong County was in need of an update and that the last plan had been adopted in 1992.

UPMC Health Plan

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Health Network Rates for Children, Youth and Family Services between Armstrong County and UPMC Health Plan. Ms. Koleny stated that the renewal for Highmark was an approximate 45 percent increase in cost and added that the county and the union both agreed to investigate other options. Mr. Fink described that the agreement with UPMC will provide savings to both the employees and the county.

Crown Benefits Administration, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Crown Benefits Administration Inc. Ms. Koleny stated that Crown Benefits Administration, Inc. will provide the COBRA benefits free of administration charges.

IKON

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Copier Agreement between Armstrong County and IKON. Mr. Kegel described the benefits of the copiers being used in the most efficient manner and summarized features that are now available. Mr. Skamai complimented IKON for their customer service.

Distant Senior Lease

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Distant Senior Lease for the Area Agency on Aging between Armstrong County and Mahoning Township. Ms. Talerico stated that they have been in the Distant Center for five years and that this is a five year agreement. She described the experience as positive and added that they are one of the highest utilized centers. Mr. Fink reminisced that when the center opened there was uncertainty as to the interest; he is pleased with the participation.

Brady's Bend Senior Lease

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Brady's Bend Senior Lease for the Area Agency on Aging between Armstrong County and American Legion Bishop Madden, Post 488 Home Association. Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year lease with a thirty day option to terminate.

2012 Armstrong County Canine (K9) Policy & Procedures

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the 2012 Armstrong County Canine (K9) Policy and Procedures. Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that it is a continuation of the previous contract with a few adjustments to the canine's certification.

Applicable Elected Representative County of Armstrong

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Applicable Elected Representative County of Armstrong. Ms. Kirkpatrick explained that Passavant Homes has recently refinanced their properties with tax exempt mortgage notes, including two locations within Armstrong County. She stated that the purpose of this paperwork is to make the county aware of the refinancing and that the appropriate public hearings have been held.

Constable John A. Hawk, Jr.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Program Contract between Armstrong County and John A. Hawk, Jr. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that this is a contract that is on an as needed basis if they ever need a constable to assist in transporting individuals.

Center for Community Resources, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Program Contract between Armstrong County and Community Resources, Inc. Mr. Kuemmerle explained that this agreement will expand their services to provide overnight coverage for telephones and crisis management services.

The Open Door of Indiana

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Program Contract between Armstrong County and The Open Door of Indiana. Mr. Kuemmerle explained that this agreement provides daylight and evening coverage for the telephones.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2011-26 Modifications to the FFY 2008 and FFY 2009 CDBG Programs

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-26 Modifications to the FFY 2008 and FFY 2009 CDBG Programs to complete the Kiskiminetas Township Building Renovation Project and Fund the Shady Plain Road Water Line Extension Phase I Project. Ms. Johnson stated that the 2008 modifications will transfer \$15,168.80 from FFY 2008 Jackson Drainage Area Phase I Sanitary Sewer Project to the Kiskiminetas Township Building Renovations Project. The resolution also transfers \$6,921.21 from FFY 2008 Jackson Drainage Area Phase I Sanitary Sewer Project to the Shady Plain Road Water Line Extension Phase I Project. She explained that the 2009 modifications will transfer \$60,764.79 from FFY 2009 Jackson Drainage Area Phase I Sanitary Sewer Project to the Shady Plain Road Water Line Extension Phase I Project. Ms. Johnson confirmed that the required hearings have been held and that the township supervisors have met and approved the change order.

Resolution 2011-27 GASB 54

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2011-27 GASB 54. Mr. Pepler explained that this is a required expansion of governmental accounting standards on the previous categories from two basic groups of restricted or unrestricted to five more detailed groups. He stated that it is essentially being adopted to meet compliance and for the Board of Commissioners to adopt a policy of responsibility.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Housing Authority Re-appointment

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Ms. Roxanna Dunn, 100 Valley View Drive, Apt. 126, Ford City, PA 16226, for a five year term to expire February 1, 2017. The Board of Commissioners acknowledged that Ms. Dunn has been an active and contributing member.

Non-Profit Housing Re-appointment

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Dr. John K. Smith, II, 125 Myers Acres Road, Leechburg, PA 15656 to a five year term to expire December 31, 2016. Ms. Johnson stated that Dr. Smith has served since 1986.

Planning Commission Re-appointments

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the Planning Commission Re-appointments of Mr. Harry L. Breski, 1381 Butler Road, Worthington, PA 16262, Mr. Harry Brennerman, III, 142 McKean Road, Freeport, PA 16229 and Mr. Dean Shakley, Box 185, Jackson Street, Parker, PA 16049 to four year terms that will expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Palilla recognized the gentlemen for their service and announced that Mr. Shakley has served twelve years, Mr. Breski served 24 years and Mr. Brennerman has served for thirty four years.

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member Appointments & Re-appointments

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the appointment of Consumer Representative to Ms. Carol Whitehouse, 411 Riverside Drive, Apt. 619, Freeport, PA 16229 for a three year term to expire December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Consumer Representative Ms. Roseline G. Smeltzer, 500 Barks Hill Road, Creekside, PA 15732 and Organization / Agency Representative, Charita L. Cox with Cindy Rearick as the alternate, Department of Public Welfare, Armstrong County Assistance Office, 1280 North Water Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to a three year term to expire December 31, 2014. Ms. Talerico stated that Ms. Whitehouse is a very active volunteer at the Senior Center as well as Ms. Smeltzer. She stated that Ms. Cox had been an alternate and was now accepting nomination for the appointment.

Ms. Kirkpatrick recognized the efforts of the citizens who volunteer to serve on the various boards throughout the county. She expressed hope that the younger generations will see the volunteers as role models and to continue their efforts.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Scahill described his fond childhood memories that included the Lantzy family.

Mr. Scahill read aloud the proclamation

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2011-28 honoring the 100th Birthday of Edna Lantzy. Mr. Scahill stated that he will personally deliver the proclamation tomorrow at a celebration in Mrs. Lantzy's honor.

ADOPTION OF THE 2012 ARMSTRONG COUNTY BUDGET

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the 2012 Armstrong County Budget. Mr. Pepler gave an overview of the budget. Ms. Kirkpatrick reminded everyone that the budget is available for public inspection. She stated that there has not been a tax increase and that fiscal responsibility has been the top goal of the current Board of Commissioners. Ms. Kirkpatrick discussed the recent public comments on the budget, most notably the three percent raise that has been included. She stated that the raise is up for approval at the Salary Board Meeting to be held in January 2012, noting that it is open to the public.

Armstrong County - 2012 Budget

		<u>2011</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>%</u>
Total General Fund Budget	18,976,609	18,424,251	552,358	3.0%
Area Agency on Aging				
Liquid Fuels	3,109,623	3,163,262	(53,639)	-1.7%
Domestic Relations	1,002,300	1,418,000	(415,700)	-29.3%
Belmont	593,682	593,682	-	0.0%
911	2,761,160	1,642,772	1,118,388	68.1%
HazMat	1,353,091	1,236,744	116,347	9.4%
Records & Improvements	62,049	60,989	1,060	1.7%
Children, Youth & Family Services	22,400	22,400	-	0.0%
Community Action Agency	4,372,895	4,486,769	(113,874)	-2.5%
Act 137 Affordable Housing	5,174,540	5,454,495	(279,955)	-5.1%
Law Library Fund	86,700	86,600	100	0.1%
County Records Improvement Fund	101,000	98,000	3,000	3.1%
Offender Supervision Fund	20,450	20,450	-	0.0%
Juvenile Probation Restitution	100,000	100,000	-	0.0%
Hotel Room Rental Tax Fund	1,020	1,500	(480)	-32.0%
Capital Projects Fund	50,000	39,000	11,000	28.2%
Debt Service	256,750	350,000	(93,250)	-26.6%
Health Center	3,970,331	3,016,609	953,722	31.6%
Tax Claim	9,263,591	8,643,806	619,785	7.2%
	6,841,400	6,841,400	-	0.0%
TOTAL:				4.3%
		<u>58,119,591</u>	<u>55,700,729</u>	<u>2,418,862</u>

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledgement of Armstrong / Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged that the Armstrong / Indiana Behavioral & Developmental Health Program Meeting went into Executive Session at 10:00 am.

Announce Department of Public Safety Website

Mr. Baustert announced the new website for the Department of Public Safety. He explained that the previous use of the county website provided inadequate space; therefore a new solo site has been created. He invited everyone to view the site and give him their suggestions.

Ms. Kirkpatrick opened the meeting to comments.

Mr. Battaglia noted that the upcoming Salary Board Meeting will be held on January 9, 2012.

Mr. Scahill reviewed some of the many projects and changes that he was involved with in his twenty years as a Commissioner. He expressed his appreciation to everyone and thanked them for the memories. He cautioned that everyone must work harder on the task forces for military affairs as our soldiers return from Iraq. He suggested a change of name from Veteran's Affairs to Military Affairs to make it more inviting and friendly to those in need of their services. Mr. Scahill intends to continue his work for Veterans. He closed by extending his best wishes to the new board.

Mr. Battaglia complimented Mr. Scahill; he said that he was impressed by the high regard and respect that Mr. Scahill was held in by members at the recent County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fink discussed the upcoming Congressional redistricting in Armstrong County. He recognized the benefit of Congressman Critz sending a representative weekly to meet locally with constituents and expressed hope that Congressman Kelly would follow suit. Mr. Fink stated that he has spoken with Congressman Kelly and feels positive that the county will work well with him.

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve and that she will miss her colleagues. She feels blessed for the opportunity to have worked with so many wonderful people. She extended her best wishes for the future and the challenges that are to be faced. She reminded everyone of the reorganizational meeting to be held January 3, 2012.

Mr. Fink concurred with Ms. Kirkpatrick's comments. He stated that over the eight years they have worked together, they have become close friends. He recognized that at times they have spent more time together than with their families.

Mr. Scahill closed by announcing that Pittsburgh will be hosting the NACo (National Association of Counties) from July 13 to 19, 2012. He stated he hopes Armstrong County will assist Allegheny County due to the large amount of work it takes to host the conference.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:20 pm. An organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 11:00 am. The next regular Public Meeting will be held Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 1:30 pm.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

James V. Scahill, Secretary

ATTEST: _____
George J. Skamai
County Administrator & Chief Clerk