

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
May 20, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Renatta Signori – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Amanda Hiles – Armstrong County Deputy Controller, Roy Carney – Director, Armstrong County Public Works, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Janet McKinley – Armstrong County Health Center, Dave Hogue – Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Mark Campbell, Deputy Warden, Armstrong County Jail, Cassie Nuzzo – Armstrong / Indiana MH / MR / EI, David Miele – Armstrong / Indiana MH / MR / EI.

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 May 6, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Extension of Jail Food Services Agreement with Nutrition Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the extension of the Jail Food Services Agreement between Armstrong County and Nutrition, Inc. Warden Hogue stated that this agreement will be in effect for three years with a price increase of 2.8% to \$2.21 per meal the first year, 2.7% to \$2.27 per meal the second year and 2% to \$2.31 per meal the third year. He explained that using cost effective selections with identical nutritional values the meals remain affordable and meet the nutrition guidelines.

“Welcome Package” Insurance Application and Forms with CIGNA

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the “Welcome Package” Insurance Application and forms between Armstrong County and CIGNA. Ms. Koleny explained that this contract will become effective June 1, 2010. She stated the new contract will provide a savings of over \$15,000 during the two year time period.

Ratification of the SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania CTW, CLC Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the ratification of the SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania CTW, CLC Agreement. Ms. Koleny explained that this agreement is for all Nurses' Aides, Maintenance, LPN's, Dietary and Laundry Aides. The agreement increases employee benefits during time missed from work due to illness.

Aetna Facility Services Agreement and Electronic Funds Transfer Application

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Facility Services Agreement and Electronic Funds Transfer Application between Armstrong County and Aetna Facility Services for the Health Center. Ms. McKinley stated that the Health Center approached Aetna for approval as a service provider. She explained that it will give the Armstrong County Health Center the opportunity to provide Aetna Services at their facility.

Renovation of Courthouse Stairs with Francis J. Palo, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the County Commissioners acknowledged the agreement for renovation of the courthouse stairs between Armstrong County and Francis J. Palo, Inc. Mr. Carney stated that the bid had been awarded at the May 6, 2010 meeting and this agreement will commence construction.

Execution of the Community Development Block Grant Contract on behalf of East Franklin Township with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania DCED

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Contract on behalf of East Franklin Township with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania DCED. Ms. Johnson stated that this grant will assist single dwelling owner occupied homes of low to moderate income with their connection to the sewage project. The Board thanked Ms. Johnson for her efforts and success at obtaining the competitive grant.

Change Order #1 on behalf of Mahoning Township's Sewage Project Phase II – Village of Seminole Project with Rankin & Son Excavating, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Change Order #1 on behalf of Mahoning Township's Sewage Project Phase II – Village of Seminole Project with Rankin & Son Excavating, Inc. Ms. Johnson explained that this project has been delayed due to inclement weather. She stated the project is still within budget, and that the change order will permit a sixty day extension.

Mid County Transit Authority Agreement and Resolution

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Mid County Transit Authority. Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that the agreement is in effect from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$5,886.00 to fund a portion of the Mid County Transit Authority.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-8 by Armstrong County certifying Provision of Local Match for State Operating Financial Assistance to Mid County Transit Authority.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2010-9 Authorization of the Filing of 2010 Community Development Block Grant Application

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-9 authorizing the filing of 2010 Community Development Block Grant Application. Ms. Johnson detailed the usage by the three municipalities and the county. Kiskiminetas Township will use their allotment for sewage improvements and to renovate their municipal building to meet handicapped accessible guidelines. Kittanning Borough will continue to make street renovations with their allotment. Manor Township will utilize their allotment for housing rehabilitation. The County will provide funding for county programming and sewage / building improvements. Ms. Johnson stated that the required public meeting has already been held.

Resolution 2010-10 The Annual Fair Housing Resolution

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-10 The Annual Fair Housing Resolution. Ms. Johnson explained that in conjunction with their annual CDBG application they must have a Fair Housing Resolution.

Resolution 2010-11 Modification of the County's 2007 CDBG Application

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-11 Modification of the County's 2007 CDBG Application. Ms. Johnson explained that the 2007 CDBG fund had an excess of \$23,000 in remaining funds. This resolution will allow them to modify the application and allocate the excess money to this year's account.

Resolution 2010-12 Authorization of a HOME Application

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-12 Authorization of a HOME Application. Ms. Johnson explained that the application will be submitted for \$500,000.00 with a \$33,000.00 match from the Act 137 funds; it is a housing rehab program for the Village of Cadogan.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 2010-4 Kittanning Township Industrial LERTA

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved ordinance 2010-4 Kittanning Township Industrial / Commercial LERTA. The Township and School District have both approved the LERTA. It will be in effect for twenty years with a ten year abatement schedule of ten percent per year.

Ordinance 2010-5 Kittanning Township Residential LERTA

On a motion by Mr. Fink seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved ordinance 2010-5 Kittanning Township Residential LERTA. The residential program follows the same schedule as the industrial program. The Board recognized several of the municipalities that have already approved the program.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation 2010-15 Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation

Ms. Nuzzo explained how mental illness can affect anyone, regardless of age, race, education or economic background. Mr. Miele stated that MH / MR believes that with the proper support and programs, mental illness will not prevent people from experiencing vital and full lives.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2010-15 Mental Health Awareness Month May 2010.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Warden Hogue recognized Deputy Warden Mark Campbell for twenty years of service at the Armstrong County Jail. Deputy Warden Campbell will retire on May 21, 2010 and stated he has enjoyed his time and will miss everyone. The Board of Commissioners recognized Deputy Warden Campbell for his dedication and service to the county.

Mr. Scahill recognized Deputy Warden Campbell for several things, but noted his part in organizing an Armstrong County softball team to represent the county in tournaments. Mr. Scahill commended Mr. Scott Kloes of Town and Country for traveling throughout the county and promoting their transportation mission. Mr. Scahill closed his comments by recognizing his youngest daughter Katherine Maureen "Katie" on her 23rd birthday. He also expressed his thanks to everyone who voted.

Mr. Fink reviewed Deputy Warden Campbell's past work experience on the railroad and commended him on his work ethic. He referenced the West Virginia mine accident and shared a letter that he received from Cecil Roberts, the President of the United Mine Workers. Mr. Robert's letter concurred with Mr. Fink that an investigation should be opened so that future tragedies may be prevented. Mr. Fink's fellow Commissioners then thanked him for his efforts.

Ms. Kirkpatrick reviewed the LERTA plan beginning with its inception in Ford City Borough. She commended the participating municipalities for their insight and the improvements that the community enjoys. Ms. Kirkpatrick thanked Ms. Johnson and the entire Planning & Development Department for their efforts in assisting in these improvements. She detailed the Community Development Block Grants available for 2010, totaling over \$373,000.00 for improvements throughout the county to roads, sewage and water lines, fire departments and other areas of improvements.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:10 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, June 3, 2010 at 1:30 PM.