

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**June 5, 2014**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2014 AT 9:00 AM 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, County Administrator/Chief Clerk, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Kevin Shepard, Deputy Warden of Administration, Armstrong County Jail, Jonathon Weaver, Kittanning Paper, Carly Cowan – Armstrong County Financial Advisor/Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Ron Baustert- 911 Coordinator, Mike Rensosky- Chief Assessor, Sally Conklin- Planning Division Director, Gary Montebell – Director, Belmont Complex, Scott Walter- Mark TK Welding, Judy Stewart- Windstream, Dan Shirley – Area Agency on Aging, Laurie Johns – HAVIN, Tracy Montgomery – HAVIN, Dennis Duym – Windstream, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Planning and Development, Terry McMaster – SBI, Jeff Miller- SBI, Larry Bussard- United Way of Armstrong County, Jeanne Englert, Director - Tax Revenue, Bill Rush – State Farm, Michael Stivason- Intern, Brad Pedersen- Leader Times, Robert Snyder – Windstream, Jim Venturini, Director – Armstrong County IT Department

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 May 15, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID OPENING**

**Real Estate Property Bid Route 85**

Mr. Skamai explained that the land is located across from Mark TK Welding along Route 85; it is approximately 37 acres which is a subdivision of a 155 acre plot of land.

Ms. Miller opened the only bid that was received; the bid was from Glade Park Gas LP, Kittanning PA 16201 in the amount of \$80,000.00.

Mr. Skamai stated that ten proposals went out and the land is assessed at \$1800.00 an acre.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved to table the bid for review until the June 19<sup>th</sup> public meeting.

**PROCLAMATION**

**Adopt Proclamation # 2014-17 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day**

Mr. Shirley stated that the number of elder abuse is rising due to increased drug use and he thanked HAVIN for all the help that they provide when AAA is called to go to the home of the elderly. Ms. Johns stated that they would like people to know that HAVIN does help with the Area Agency on Aging with the same kind of abuse, and they want this proclamation to raise awareness about abusive individuals.

Mr. Fink read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2014-17 World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

## **ORDINANCE**

### **Adopt Ordinance 2014-2 County of Armstrong Authorizing Participation in the Inter-County Regional Radio System (ICORRS) Interoperability Project**

Mr. Baustert stated that Armstrong County entered into an agreement with four other counties to participate in a public safety radio system known as ICORRS. The solicitor has recommended that an ordinance be passed adopting this agreement. Mr. Bower asked Mr. Baustert to explain what ICORRS stands for and what it does. Mr. Baustert explained that ICORRS stands for Inter-County Regional Radio System and it provides first responders in five counties with culpable radio systems that allow all counties to communicate across the entire region.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2014-2 Authorizing Participation in the Inter-County Regional Radio System (ICORRS) Interoperability Project.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Adoption of Resolution # 2014-9 Revision to the FY 2009 CDBG Funds**

Ms. Johnson stated that the County had allocated portions of the 2009 CDBG funds to the West Kittanning Municipal Authority First Avenue Water Lines Replacement Project. This project is under budget and there is \$34,000.00 that needs to be used before October of this year. Ms. Johnson asked the Board of Commissioners to approve a revision to transfer \$17282.00 into the Ford City Central Business District Alley Reconstruction Project and \$17581.00 into the Center Hill Sewage Project. This must be approved by a resolution which is being reviewed by the County Solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Resolution 2014-9 Revision to the FY 2009 CDBG Funds pending solicitor review.

## **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

### **2014 Clean and Green Use Values**

Mr. Renosky stated that the 2014 Clean and Green Use Values were recently provided by the State. The Forest Reserve County Average Value to use for next year is \$174.51 per acre. The current value being used is \$175.00. We cannot use a value that is higher than the value determined by the state. Mr. Renosky made a recommendation that we use the value of \$174.00 for Forest Reserve Land for tax year 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the recommendation of Mr. Renosky of 174.00 per acre for the 2014 Clean and Green Use Values.

### **New World Systems**

Mr. Baustert explained that this agreement is to update the CAD System; the 2008 equipment is due for an upgrade of software. The new software has been approved by our IT Department and the cost for this upgrade is approximately \$122,000, with another cost in the near future of approximately \$12,000. All these costs will be refunded by the wireless program, which is already in the budget for this year.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and New World Systems, pending solicitor review.

### **Mid-County Transit Authority dba Town & Country Transit**

Ms. Cowan explained that this agreement is for the county's contribution toward the fixed route bus service for fiscal year 2014-2015. The cost is \$7,223.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Mid-County Transit Authority dba Town & Country Transit.

### **Windstream Communications**

Ms. Cowan stated this agreement is to update our telephone system. The county will finance the equipment for a 5 year period after which there would be a \$1.00 buyout. There will also be a maintenance agreement with Windstream; this will include all county offices.

Mr. Venturini explained that this system will centralize our resources and we will have a savings of at least \$3000.00 monthly, which will begin immediately.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Windstream Communications.

#### Westlaw Agreement Thomson Reuters

Mr. Shepard stated this is a renewal of an existing agreement that is a requirement under Title 37. The County is required to provide inmates with legal access. We have been with this company for several years. Their typical renewal terms are 5% increase every year but this year we are only paying a 2% increase.

Mr. Fink stated that this is a service we are required to provide to people who are incarcerated and this is our most economical way to meet that requirement.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Westlaw agreement between Armstrong County and Thomson Reuters.

#### KidStuff Coupon Book

Mr. Montebell explained that this is an annual Education Coupon that is sponsored by the State. KidStuff distributes 35,000 books as fund raisers and over the course of this they have raised over 8 million dollars which goes to Pennsylvania schools.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and KidStuff Coupon Book.

#### Department of Environmental Protection

Ms. Conklin stated that this is an Act 101 Section 902 grant, in the amount of \$66,488 for the purchase of equipment, and supplies to help make improvements for the recycling center.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and the Department of Environmental Protection.

#### Department of Environmental Protection Record of Operations Reimbursement Hard to Recycle Day

Ms. Conklin explained that the Record of Operations Reimbursement will allow for the County to get reimbursed from the annual spring recycle day event held on May 17, 2014. We will get 50% reimbursement from the Department of Environmental Protection for the tire portion of the event.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and the Department of Environmental Protection for Reimbursement for Hard to Recycle Day.

#### Nestor Resources, Inc.

Ms. Conklin stated that Armstrong County was awarded a Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Act 101 Section 901 Grant in the Amount of \$63,675 to cover consultant costs associated with the revision of the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. The grant contract between the county and Nestor Resources, Inc. is not to exceed \$63,675 for revision. The total project amount is \$79,594. The majority of the match will come from staff time, legal support from the County Solicitor, development of maps, printing and distribution of materials for the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and municipal officials, value of the meeting space and volunteer time of the WSWAC members.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Nestor Resources, Inc.

#### Change Order # 1 W Construction

Ms. Johnson stated due to the location of utilities, installation of additional pipe was necessary. The original contract with W construction for the Shady Plain Road Water Line Extension Project Phase I/II was in the amount of \$160,420.60. We are in receipt of change order #1 to W Construction's contract in the amount of \$4,204.00, which will increase the contract to \$164,624.60.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and W Construction, pending solicitors review.

Change Order #1 Tim Fouse Excavating

Ms. Johnson stated we are in receipt of change order #1 from Tim Fouse Excavation due to unforeseen costs associated with open cutting the S.R. 3007 and installing five service connections. The Change Order has been reviewed and approved by the Kittanning Suburban Joint Water Authority. This is for the Glade Run Road and Bypass Road Water Line Extension Project

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and Tim Fouse Excavating, pending solicitor review.

Cowanshannock Twp. Municipal Authority

Ms. Johnson stated that the county allocated a portion of its CDBG funds to the Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority for the development of a well in the Margaret area. The county will need to put some additional funds for that project so an amended Cooperation Agreement is required. The agreement has been approved by the Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority, and it has been reviewed and approved by our solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority.

Cowanshannock Twp. Municipal Authority and the Kittanning – Plumcreek Water Authority

Ms. Johnson stated that the county allocated a portion of its CDBG funds to the Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority for the Village of Margaret Water Treatment Plant Improvements and Water Interconnect Project. The regulations necessitate a Cooperation Agreement among the County of Armstrong, Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority and the Kittanning-Plumcreek Water Authority. Both Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority and Kittanning-Plumcreek Water Authority has approved the agreement and it has been reviewed and approved by our solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement among Armstrong County, Cowanshannock Township Municipal Authority and the Kittanning-Plumcreek Water Authority.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Vonne Andring, 170 Laurel Way, Spring Church, PA 15686 to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (Citizen Category) to finish out the term of Mark Snyder to expire December 31, 2014.

Mr. Battaglia gave thanks to Mr. Snyder for his service.

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Dr. Arthur Dupstadt, 84 Second Street, Leechburg, PA 15656, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Corey Heller, 257 Linde Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Dr. Kenneth Beer, 1655 Orr Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Kenneth Blake, 1309 State Route 1025, New Bethlehem, PA 16242, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. William McCall, 517 South Jackson Ave. Parker, PA 16049, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Leonard Meneely, 301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Brad Minemyer, Sr., 260 Laurel Ridge Road, Johnstown, PA 15909, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Paul Rearick, 2348 Lincoln Way, Ford City, PA 16226, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Terry VanDyke, 403 Iron Bridge Road, Freeport, PA 16229, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. John Williams, PO Box 796, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Andrew Peters, 1516 Orr Avenue, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Neil Andritz, 3158 River Road, Leechburg, PA 15656, to the Armstrong County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

**OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Battaglia on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, would like to thank all our veterans and their families. We appreciate all that has been done; we wouldn't be here if it wasn't for them, and we want to honor them.

**Acknowledge Financial Transactions for May 2014**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for May 2014.

**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 9:30 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, June 19, 2014 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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George J. Skamai  
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

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Richard L. Fink, Secretary