

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
June 19, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 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, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Ron Baustert- 911 Coordinator, Linda Hemmes- Allegheny River Development Corporation, William Rupert-Sheriff, Tom Parsons-Administrator Health Center, Michael Stivason – Intern, Richard Palilla, Executive Director- Planning and Development, David Hogue – Warden, Jeanne Englert – Tax Revenue, Tom Brewer – Citizen, Linda Brewer- Citizen, Cindy Pennington – Citizen, Terry McMaster – Citizen, Jeff Miller – Citizen, Billie Kirkpatrick- Chief Accountant/Auditor

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 June 5, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

NuMine Property Bid

Ms. Kirkpatrick stated that there was only one bid received and no bond was required. The bid was from Steve and Cindy Pennington from NuMine for \$200.00.

Mr. Fink stated that this is the old Election House in NuMine. The past the past Board of Commissioners had attempted to give the old election house to the Township for \$1.00 and they didn't want it. After this the county put it out for bid and there was one bidder, but they didn't follow through, so we are putting it out for bid again.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the bid, contingent upon solicitors review.

PROCLAMATION

Adopt Proclamation # 2014-18 Allegheny River Development Corporation

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2014-18 Allegheny River Development Corporation.

Ms. Hemmes stated that at this time the proposal is with the House and Senates appropriations committee who will grant us permission to negotiate. Ms. Hemmes also stated that the fund raising is going well.

RESOLUTION

Adoption of Resolution #2014-11 Recycled Sheriff's Department County Car

Mr. Rupert stated that this is the Sheriff's oldest car and is no longer road worthy. He doesn't want it out in the public because of a cracked frame so he wants to recycle it at the scrap yard. All usable parts were taken out of this car and used.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Resolution 2014-11 Recycled Sheriff's Department County Car.

Adoption of Resolution #2014-12 Adopt a Highway

Mr. Rupert stated that this resolution will allow inmates to clean the highways. PennDot requires us to have this resolution to go with the agreement.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Resolution 2014-12 Adopt a Highway.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

New World Systems Corporation

Mr. Baustert stated that this is a five year maintenance agreement and it is time to be renewed. The current agreement is \$35,000.00 a year; this one is lower at \$31,890 for the first year with a 3% escalator every year for the next five years.

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

Renick Brothers

Mr. Hogue stated that this is the maintenance agreement for the chiller system at the jail; this agreement has savings over the previous vendor agreement.

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

Diamond Pharmacy Services

Mr. Parsons stated that this is the renewal of the privacy agreement with Diamond Pharmacy and the Health 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 Diamond Pharmacy Services.

Allscripts

Mr. Parsons stated that this is a referral source from the hospital systems. This is the way that the referrals get sent out to nursing homes. Currently we do not subscribe, so what we receive is via fax and we only receive sporadic referrals that are either difficult to place or specific for us. This system goes out electronically and we can now access the system and have access to new referrals. The annual fee for this is \$3,000.00. With just one referral the system would pay for itself; one Medicare referral generates approximately \$12,000.00 of income for the Health Center. This system goes out to every UPMC Hospital out there.

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

Commonwealth

Ms. Johnson stated that the county has received additional funds of \$350,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). The funds have been received by an amendment to our existing HOME contract. Ms. Johnson stated that because of time sensitivity this agreement was approved at the public work session on 6/17/14. The solicitor has reviewed and approved the amendment. The funds will be used for housing rehabilitation. The existing program is in Cadogan Township.

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

Amended Cooperation Agreement

Ms. Johnson stated the County was able to allocate additional Community Block Grant Funds to Ford City Borough for their Alley Reconstruction Project. We revised our co-op agreement and the agreement has been approved by Ford City Borough and is being reviewed by the county solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Amended Cooperation Agreement between Armstrong County and Ford City Borough pending solicitor review.

White's Paving

Mr. Palilla stated that this is an agreement with White's Paving of Worthington, for patching the pot holes and resurfacing the Belmont road, South. This is one of the two access roads to the Belmont. White's Paving was the lowest price per proposal of \$6,905.00. This will be paid for by Liquid Fuels, not county general funds.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and White's Paving.

BID AWARD

Ford City Borough Central Business District Alley Reconstruction Project

Ms. Johnson stated that bids went out for the Ford City Borough Central Business District Alley Reconstruction Project and the only bid received was from A. Folino Construction, Inc. from Oakmont PA in the amount of \$92,695.00. Ford City Borough has made recommendation to the county to accept that bid.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners awarded the bid to A. Folino Construction Inc. pending review from the county solicitor, pending receipt of the Environmental Review Clearance and DCED's approval of the County's 2009 CDBG Revision.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Tabled Real Estate Property Bid Route 85

Mr. Battaglia stated on behalf of the Board of Commissioners that we are awaiting additional information from our county solicitor, and we will set a deadline for our answer as July 3, 2014 at the public meeting.

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 9:22 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, July 3, 2014 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary