

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
July 3, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JULY 3, 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, Debra K. Whiteman, Secretary, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Michael Stivason – Intern, Brad Pedersen – Leader Times, Terry McMaster – SAC, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Myra Miller – Controller, Chris Jaros – Planning & Development, Suzanne Boarts – Penn State Extension, Amy Anders – Penn State Extension, Josie Schultz – EQT, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor/Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Ryan McLaughlin – Kittanning Paper, Ken Heilman – Community Action Agency, Kim Pivetta – Community Action Agency

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 19, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation #2014-19 100th Anniversary of Cooperative Extension

Ms. Boarts stated that it is an honor to have the opportunity to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Cooperative Extension and there will be a celebration on July 16th.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Proclamation 2014-19 100th Anniversary of Cooperative Extension.

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2014-10 Emergency Solution Grant

Mr. Heilman stated that the resolution will help the homeless and the near homeless. The grant will go to Community Action Agency in the amount of \$310,000. HAVIN will receive \$60,000.00. This is a two year grant and it is for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.

Mr. Battaglia stated that due to time sensitivity the resolution was approved at the June 24th public work session.

Mr. Bower read aloud the Resolution.

Ms. Pivetta stated that this program is very worthwhile for the county and Community Action Agency is very glad to have the opportunity to apply for this grant.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners acknowledged the adoption of Resolution #2014-10 Emergency Solution Grant.

Resolution #2014-13 in Support of the Lead Role of States in the Regulation of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Power Plants

Mr. Fink stated that it is his honor to read this resolution. This resolution has the potential to dramatically affect our economy here in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, Appalachia and in the coal fields of the United States. The Board of Commissioners extensively discussed this issue and they totally support the actions that are being taken here.

Mr. Fink read aloud the Resolution.

If these regulations pass to be fully imposed it has potential to affect about ½ million jobs. We need to send a message to the EPA and Administration that this is unacceptable. It will kill our industry and the real issue is about sustainable energy, our environment is very important to us. We need clean coal technology development.

Mr. Bower stated that two years ago the EPA shut down the only power plant in Armstrong County and 60 or 70 jobs were lost because of the EPA's unattainable undue regulations. Mr. Bower and Mr. Battaglia also fully support this resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted Resolution #2014-13 Support of the Lead Role of States in the Regulation of Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Existing Power Plants.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Acknowledge 2014-2015 County Human Services Plan

Mr. Heilman stated that this is a County Block Grant for Human Services including Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities, Child Welfare, Drug and Alcohol, Homeless Program, and the Human Services Development Program; this plan is required by the state.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the action made at public work session on June 24, 2014 for the 2014 – 2015 County Human Services Plan.

Acknowledge 2012 ESG Budget Revision

Mr. Heilman stated that this is an emergency Service Grant for the current period. It started in 2012 and will end August 20, 2014. Community Action Agency has reviewed the budget and is requesting a budget revision transferring from Rapid Rehousing to Homeless Prevention Program and Utilities.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the action made on June 24, 2014 for the 2012 Emergency Service Grant (ESG) Budget Revision.

A&D Services/Mark Stephens

Ms. Cowan explained there are two agreements, one for the main courthouse and one for the administration building. The agreements will be the same as the one that was enacted for the ATM machine at the Belmont Complex. A&D Services is a local company operated by Mark Stephens. There is no cost to the county, and the county will receive a commission based on the number of transactions per month.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and A&D Services/Mark Stephens pending solicitors review.

Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc.

Warden Hogue was not present so Mr. Fink being the president of the Prison Board stated that the Armstrong – Indiana – Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission is required to do this annually under their guidelines. The manager recovery specialists work with the county inmates to do referrals and release forms.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Armstrong-Indiana-Clarion Drug and Alcohol Commission, Inc. pending solicitors review.

White's Paving

Mr. Jaros is requesting that a revision be made to add an additional \$2,000.00 to the White's Paving agreement for the Belmont Complex due to ponding on the road. A total of about 200 square yards of tar and chipping was added and 7 tons of patching.

Mr. Bower stated that the updating at the Belmont Complex is going really well, the road was in very poor shape, but is shaping up nicely.

Mr. Battaglia stated that the funding is from Liquid Fuels and it did not come from the County's general fund.

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

FY 2014 USDA, Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program Application

Ms. Johnson stated that the County will apply for a Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant. The grant amount is \$65,000.00, to be matched with Act 37 funds for a \$130,000.00 project. Under the Housing Preservation Grant, the county would have the ability to assist approximately 11-12 very low income owner occupied households at \$10,000.00 per unit.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the application between Armstrong County and FY 2014 USDA, Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program.

Non Profit Housing Corporation

Ms. Johnson stated the County has an administrative agreement with Non Profit Housing to administer to various housing programs and periodically we update the agreement so it is up to date.

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

New World Systems

Mr. Lucovich stated that this is the next generation software system for Human Resources that manages the benefits, payroll and all the county employees information.

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 solicitors review.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Tabled Real Estate Property Bid Route 85

Mr. Battaglia stated the County was approached by a company inquiring about purchasing this property, so it was put out for bid. Only one bid was received from Glade Park East. The Board of Commissioners met with the county solicitor and other expert council regarding mining rights, etc. The County has not at this time received a full report back from them and the Board of Commissioners is not ready to move forward at this time so they are rejecting all bids.

Mr. Fink stated that he felt in all fairness to the bidder and the county tax payers that if the county has the mineral rights we need to retain those and that at this time we should reject all bids.

Mr. Bower concurred.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners rejected all bids for the Real Estate Property Route 85.

Financial Transactions for June 2014

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Financial Transactions for June 2014.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 9:40 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary