

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
February 5, 2015



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015 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, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Brad Pederson – Leader Times, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Myra Miller – Controller, Linda Kindoll - ESS Insurance, Tammy Calderone – Armstrong-Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program, Richard Palilla – Planning and Development, Bill McCall- Parker, Carly Cowan – Finance Department, Tom Parsons – Health Center, Carmen Johnson – Planning and Development, Ron Baustert – 911, Patty Kirkpatrick – Citizen, Jay Wenger – Susquehanna Group, Chris Brewer – Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 12, 2015 Public Meeting were approved.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #2015-06 Resolution to Include Lawrence County in ICORRS

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert and the Solicitors review, adopted Resolution # 2015-06 to Include Lawrence County in ICORRS.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2015-01 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Cowan, adopted Ordinance # 2015-01 Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2015.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Cowan, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Susquehanna Group Advisors, Inc.

Family ACTS, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich and the Jail Solicitor's review, acknowledged the approved agreement between Armstrong County and Family ACTS, Inc.

Jeffrey Jessel, Independent Contractor

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Buzard, acknowledged the approved agreement between Armstrong County and Jeffrey Jessel, Independent Contractor.

International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert and the Solicitor's review, approved the Master Service agreement between Armstrong County and International Business Machines Corporation (IBM).

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On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert and the Solicitor's review, approved the Client agreement between Armstrong County and International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)

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On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert, approved the Schedule for Service Elite Agreement between Armstrong County and International Business Machines Corporation (IBM)

Mission Critical Partners

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert and the Solicitor's review, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Mission Critical Partners.

ESS Insurance Group

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Kindoll and the Solicitor's review, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and ESS Insurance Group.

United Healthcare Insurance Company

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Parsons and the Solicitor's review, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and United Healthcare Insurance Company.

Central Kittanning Dialysis Center

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Parson and the Solicitor's review, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Central Kittanning Dialysis Center.

Therapy House, LLC.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Calderone and the Solicitor's review, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Therapy House, LLC

Health Ride Plus, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Calderone and the Solicitor's review, approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Health Ride Plus, Inc.

Therapy House, LLC

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Calderone and the Solicitor's review, approved the Infants, Toddlers and Families Medicaid Waiver Infant/Toddler Early Intervention Program and Provider agreement between Armstrong County and Therapy House, LLC.

Change Order #1 Bison Construction Inc.

Mr. Palilla stated that during the Belmont Complex Storm Pipe Replacement Project, due to the slope at the project area, the contractor was required to conduct additional excavation as well as place additional fill at the project site. As a result, it is necessary for the project cost to increase by \$3,174.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Palilla and the Solicitor's review approved the Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and Bison Construction Inc.

Balancing Change Order

Ms. Johnson stated that the County of Armstrong allocated a portion of its FFY 2009 and 2012 CDBG funds to the Ford City Borough Central Business District Alley Reconstruction Project. The project has been completed under budget by \$23,155.45. This will decrease the Ford City Borough Central Business District Alley Reconstruction Project to \$69,540.20.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Ms. Johnson and the Solicitor's review approved the Balancing Change Order between Armstrong County and Ford City Borough Central Business District Alley Reconstruction Project.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP)

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Matt Ardeno, VP of Marketing, Progressive Workshop, 301 Oak Avenue, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Alfred Kammerdiener, Boggs Township Supervisor, 145 Gaswell Road, Templeton PA 16259, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Rob Svitek, FLAG, PO Box 213, Freeport PA 16229, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Dane Potts, Rosebud Mining, 13173 US Route 422, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Dan Goldinger, 121 Walkchalk Road, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Patty Baker, 220 North Grant Avenue, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Jon Fair, 181 Heritage Park Drive, Suite 2, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Franklin Shannon, 2668 River Road, Vandergriff PA 15690, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Nancy Wright, 326 Water Street, Suite 1, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Mary Spagnola, 11670 SR 85, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Paul Rearick, 2384 Lincoln Way, Ford City PA 16226, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Gregg Smith, 130 Smithmore Cove, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Lynda Pozzuto, 308 Pittsburgh Mills Circle, Tarentum PA 15084, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Diana Brothers, 205 Beautiful Lookout Road, New Bethlehem PA 16242, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Randy Arduini, PO Box 13, Rural Valley PA 16249, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Tom Bradigan, PO Box 995, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Harry Breski, 1381 Butler Road, Worthington PA 16262, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Randy Brozenick, 131 Armsdale Road, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Paul Duriancik, 1124 Erie Avenue, Vandergrift PA 15690, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. William Hamilton, 1 Nolte Drive, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Jean Ruffner, 651 Maple Street, Worthington PA 16262, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Sean Taladay, 1412 State Route 268, Cowansville PA 16218, to the Armstrong County Public Participation Panel (PPP) for a term to expire December 31, 2016.

Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC)

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. David K. Battaglia, 450 Market Street, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Robert T. Bower, 450 Market Street,

Kittanning PA 16201, to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Mr. Richard L. Fink, 450 Market Street, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

Armstrong –Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program (AIBDHP)

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Dr. Roderick B. Groomes, Armstrong County Memorial Hospital, One Nolte Drive, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointment of Ms. Linda Jacques, 215 Locust Lane, Kittanning PA 16201, to the Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program for a term to expire December 31, 2017.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Scheduled Meeting Dates

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the following scheduled meeting dates starting in February 2015.

- A. Commissioners' Public Meetings - First & Third Thursdays of each month at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room
- B. Commissioners' Work Session Meetings - Every Tuesday of each week at 9:30 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room
- C. Salary Board Meetings – Second & Fourth Wednesdays of each month at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room
- D. Retirement Board Meetings – Third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Commissioners' Conference Room
- E. Prison Board Meetings – Second Thursday of each month at 8:30 AM in the Jail Conference Room, 171 Staley's Courts Road, Kittanning PA 16201

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voter Registration / Elections

Ms. Buzard announced that Petitions for running for Public Office will be available February 13, 2015. They can be circulated and filed starting February 17, 2015 and ending March 10, 2015. A list of offices to be elected is available on the County Website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for January 2015

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for January 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kirkpatrick comments see attachment.

Mr. Battaglia stated that we can only discuss the bond rating that came from 2014; we can't discuss the current rating. We were rated "A+" for year 2014.

Mr. Battaglia addressed Ms. Kirkpatrick's first comment regarding the debt being four times the annual budget. This is not just the past eight years; the debt goes back 20 years and it should be understood that if you look at the DCED website 70% of the counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have less debt than our county and 12 counties entire debt is less than one year of our payments.

Mr. Battaglia stated as far as the Tourist Bureau Lease, there is a 30 day opt-out clause and we could do something in May or September. We received a letter from Kittanning Borough and we haven't had time to review it yet, we will forward it to the Tourist Bureau Board of Directors because they will be making the decision. Our goal was for rather than take cash out of our pockets, we would give them an opportunity to move to the Belmont and save us whatever the amount was for the rent and equipment, etc. as a service to them. We are just presenting them with a financial option. Mr. Battaglia stated that the Board of Commissioners are prepared to back the Tourist Bureau Board decision.

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 9:35am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 19, 2015 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai,
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary