

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**November 16, 2015**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Brad Pedersen – Leader Times, Dan Lucovich – Director Human Resources, Rich Palilla, Executive Director – Planning and Development, Myra Miller – Controller, Pat Fabian – Manor Twp., Matt Roofner – Acting Warden, Wesley Tosh – Jail, Dennis Demangone – Administrator, Children, Youth and Family Services, Jennifer Long – Financial Director, Amanda Hiles - Treasurer

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the November 5, 2015 Board of Commissioners' Meeting were approved.

**RESOLUTION**

**Adopt Resolution # 2015-27 Personal Liability of Elected Officials**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, adopted Resolution # 2015-27 Personal Liability of Elected Officials.

**AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

**Change Orders # 1-2-3 Fred L. Burns, Inc.**

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 pending the County Solicitor's review, acknowledged change orders #1, #2 and #3 between Armstrong County and Fred L. Burns, Inc.

**Shallow Creek Kennels Inc.**

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Rupert, and the County Solicitor's review, acknowledged the contract services between Armstrong County Sheriff's Office and Shallow Creek Kennels Inc.

**Patrick J. Zirpoli LLC (Auditor)**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Roofner, and pending the County Solicitor's review, approved the contract between Armstrong County and Patrick J. Zirpoli LLC (Auditor).

**SAVIN**

SAVIN Maintenance and Service Agreement between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute was presented. No action was taken.

Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Roofner, and pending the County Solicitor's review, approved the Agreement between Armstrong County and Cornell Abraxas Group, Inc.

Mr. Fink and Mr. Battaglia recommended that Mr. Roofner continue to research more for more groups so we have more options available for housing of youths.

Memorandum of Understanding HAVIN

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Roofner, and pending the County Solicitor's review, approved the Memorandum of Understanding between Armstrong County and Helping All Victims in Need (HAVIN).

Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Roofner, and pending the County Solicitor's review, approved the Preventive Maintenance Proposal between Armstrong County and Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors.

Family ACTS, Inc.

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

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

Armstrong Conservation District

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Dennis Hawley, 125 Monterey Street, Kittanning PA 16201, as the Public Director for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Spurgeon Shilling, 151 Farm Path Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242, as the Farmer Director for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

Children, Youth and Family Services' Advisory Committee

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the re-appointment of Ms. Rosemary Johnson, 2249 Manor Drive, Ford City, PA 16226, to a two-year term, to expire on December 31, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the re-appointment of Ms. Marilyn Smal, 260 Forks Church Road, Leechburg, PA 15656, to a two-year term, to expire on December 31, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the re-appointment of Ms. Jean Swartz, 789 Mahoning Road, Templeton, PA 16259, to a two-year term, to expire on December 31, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, approved the re-appointment of Ms. Mary Ann Wuyscik, 728 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Apollo, PA 15613, to a two-year term, to expire on December 31, 2017.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Presentation of the 2016 Preliminary Budget for Public Inspection

Ms. Long presented the 2016 Preliminary Budget and described the process of meeting with Department Heads. She highlighted some points of interest. The County is proposing an increase in our millage rate, increasing 3 mills, ½ mill toward the debt service and the other 2½ to balance general fund. Ms. Long stated that there has not been a millage increase since 2013. Ms. Long stated that the preliminary budget will be available for review and the final budget will be passed on December 17, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Board of Commissioners' Meeting at 9:19 am. The next Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held December 3, 2015 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