

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
December 17, 2015



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 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, Jonathon Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Dan Lucovich – Director Human Resources, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Planning and Development, Myra Miller – Controller, Jennifer Long – Financial Director, Jorn Jensen – Taxpayer, Regina Lierman – Taxpayer, Dan Lynch – Taxpayer, John Shellhammer – Taxpayer, Tammy Calderone – Administrator, Armstrong Indiana BDHP, Greg Mallory – Taxpayer, Gene Sappe – Taxpayer, Charlotte Ishman – Taxpayer, Angelo Bleggi – Taxpayer, Tom Parsons – Health Center, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Planning and Development, Connie Gaiser – Taxpayer, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Tony Arduini – Director IT, Sarah Hepler – Kittanning Paper, Amanda Hiles - Treasurer

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were several County taxpayers that expressed their opposition to a tax increase in 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the December 3, 2015 Board of Commissioners' Meeting were approved.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Miller, and pending the Solicitor's review the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the contract between Armstrong County and Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC.

RICOH

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Arduini, and as reviewed by the County Solicitor the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and RICOH.

Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Calderone, and the review of the County Solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Administrative Services agreement between Armstrong – Indiana Behavioral and Developmental Health Program and the Southwest Behavioral Health Management, Inc.

Cintas

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Lucovich, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Cintas.

Amended Leechburg Center Lease

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, and the review of the County Solicitor the Board of Commissioners approved the Amended Leechburg Center Lease (11/1/15 – 12/31/15).

Leechburg Center Lease Parks Township

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, and the review of the County Solicitor, the Board of Commissioners approved the Leechburg Center Lease Agreement between Armstrong County and Parks Township Volunteer Fire Department (1/1/16 – 12/31/18).

Farmers Market Nutrition Program

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Talerico, and the review of the County Solicitor, the Board of Commissioners approved the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Agreement between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (5/1/15 – 12/31/19).

Armstrong County Housing Authority

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert, and the review of the County Solicitor, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County 9-1-1 and Armstrong County Housing Authority.

Housing Authority of Armstrong County

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, and the review of the County Solicitor, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Housing Authority of Armstrong County

Ford City Hose Co. #1 Medical Transportation

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Parsons, and the review of the County Solicitor, the Board of Commissioners' approved the Medical Transportation Service Agreement between Armstrong County and Ford City Hose Co. #1 Ambulance.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Nonprofit Housing

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Philip E. Tack, 316 St. Patrick Road, Worthington, PA 16262, for a term to expire December 31, 2020.

Mr. Bower abstained.

Planning Commission

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Harry Breski, 1381 Butler Rd. Worthington PA 16262, for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Harry Brenneman, 142 McKean Rd, Freeport PA 16229, for a term to expire December 31, 2019.

Housing Authority

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. Larry Ondrizek, 3144 Sportsmen Road, Apollo PA 15613 for a term to expire February 1, 2021.

Area Agency on Aging

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Dorothy Neal, 137 Cadogan Slate Lick Road, Kittanning PA 16201, for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Ms. Mary Lou Shuster, 330 Main Street Apt. 2, Leechburg PA 15656, for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. William D. Schmidt, 520 Washington Street, #A, Parker PA 16049, for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Ms. Victoria Benton, District Manager Social Security Administration, 159 Butler Road, Suite 1, Kittanning PA 16201, for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Mr. William McCall, Mayor, 517 S. Jackson Ave. Parker PA 16049, for a term to expire December 31, 2018.

ADOPTION OF THE 2016 ARMSTRONG COUNTY BUDGET

Ms. Long explained that the county's year over year change is about \$643,157 which is up 3%. We are asking for a tax millage increase from 17.5 mills to 19.00 mills which is a 1.50 increase, that is an increase of 8%.

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

Mr. Battaglia opposed.

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 10:05 am. The next Board of Commissioners' organizational Meeting will be held January 4, 2016 at 11:00 am. The next regular Board of Commissioners' Meeting will be held January 7, 2016, at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai,
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary