

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

July 18, 2013



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013 AT 1:30 PM 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, Brigid Beatty – Leader Times, Carly Cowan – Director, Armstrong County Finance Department, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Michael Stivason – Intern, Armstrong County Commissioners' Office, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Rich Palilla – Executive Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Mike Renosky – Director, Armstrong County Assessment, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Walter Smail – Project Manager, Armstrong County Economic Development, Mike Coonley – Armstrong County Industrial Development Council, Public Attendance by: Regina Liermann.

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 20, 2013 Public Meeting were approved.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 2013-10 Requesting Years Four and Five Regional Main Street and Facade Program funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's New Communities Program

Mr. Palilla stated that this Resolution will authorize the County on behalf of the Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo, Group (FLAG) for a continuation of years four and five of previously granted funding for the Regional Main Street and Facade Program funding.

Mr. Battaglia asked Mr. Palilla for clarification on the procedure, that a property benefited from the funding were to be sold to another owner. Mr. Palilla explained that a five year lien would be in place against any property receiving improvement money with an annual decrease of 20 percent on the amount owed. If the property were to be sold before the end of the five years then the amount still owed would be applied for repayment.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-10 Requesting Years Four and Five Regional Main Street and Façade Program funding through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's New Communities Program.

Resolution 2013-11 the Filing of an Application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for its Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for the Belmont Complex Upgrades Phase IV Project

Mr. Montebell explained that this resolution would apply for financing for the Phase IV of the Belmont Complex Upgrades Project through the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board adopted Resolution 2013-11 The Filing of an Application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority through the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for its Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program for the Belmont Complex Upgrades Phase IV Project.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Commitment Letter between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development

Mr. Montebell stated that this is a follow up to Resolution 2013-11 that is requesting funding for the Phase IV of the Belmont Complex Upgrades Project through the Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the commitment letter between Armstrong County and Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania

Mr. Mansour requested that the Board approve the collective bargaining agreement for the Armstrong County Health Center for the time period of January 1, 2013 until December 31, 2016. He noted that the agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Armstrong County Human Resources Director and Labor Consultant.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania.

Armstrong County Memorial Hospital and Armstrong Center for Medicine and Health

Mr. Palilla stated that the Armstrong County Memorial Hospital has been awarded a 1.5 million dollar grant for improvements to the Emergency Room Department. He explained that the County is involved as the money must be administered through a government agency.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement among Armstrong County and Armstrong County Memorial Hospital and Armstrong Center for Medicine and Health.

Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group (FLAG)

Mr. Palilla explained that this is an agreement between the County and FLAG stating that both parties will comply with the stipulations of resolution 2013- 10.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group (FLAG).

Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority

Mr. Smail stated that the Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority has been invited by Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant for the Northpointe Technology Center II project. He quoted the amount of available funds as \$950,000.00 to complete a grading project intended to develop the retail / commercial property located at the entrance of Northpointe.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the cooperation agreement between Armstrong County and Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority.

Roland Mellish Lease

Mr. Baustert explained that in 2011 the County signed a lease agreement to place a tower for the radio project on the land of Mr. Mellish, this lease will amend the original lease and allow the county to lease tower space to commercial traffic and provide ten percent of the revenue to Mr. Mellish.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the amendment for the lease between Armstrong County and Roland Mellish.

Gary Rupert Lease

Mr. Baustert stated that the lease with Mr. Rupert is the same concept as Mr. Mellish but Mr. Rupert's lease will provide for ten percent of the gross revenue not the net revenue.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the amendment for the lease between Armstrong County and Gary Rupert.

First Data

Ms. Cowan explained that First Data would provide credit card services at the Belmont Complex at a lesser rate than the company currently being utilized. She noted that it is the same company used by all four of the County's District Justices.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board approved the agreement between Armstrong County and First Data.

Mary Anne Koleny Consulting Agreement

Mr. Battaglia described the need for the consulting agreement with Ms. Koleny on an as needed basis until a new Human Resources Director can be hired.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Mary Anne Koleny.

Sterling Contracting LLC Change Order #8

Mr. Battaglia explained that the Change Orders were approved at a public Work Session, prior to the Public Meeting for the sole fact that they had short time frame for approval.

Mr. Montebell stated Change Order #8 is associated with changes to the bleacher walkway supports in the amount of \$8,811.59.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged Change Order #8 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting LLC.

Sterling Contracting LLC Change Order #9

Mr. Montebell stated Change Order #9 is for \$2,637.21 to add a riprap storm water channel and additional cover for the pipe crossing of the existing road.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged Change Order #9 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting LLC.

Sterling Contracting LLC Change Order #10

Mr. Montebell requested Change Order #10 to replace the 8 inch tube steel columns and new footings at a cost of \$20,806.15.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged Change Order #10 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting LLC.

Sterling Contracting LLC Change Order #11

Mr. Montebell stated that Change Order #11 is needed to add changes to the vestibule and south wall footings at a cost of \$14,722.57.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged Change Order #11 between Armstrong County and Sterling Contracting LLC.

The Board clarified that the money for the change orders will be paid out of the grant money from a ten percent reserve that is held for contingencies.

Baily, Raabe & Associates

Ms. Miller explained that their auditors require actuarial services for the county's self insurance.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the solicitor's review, the Board acknowledged the contract between Armstrong County and Baily, Raabe & Associates.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Gail Steck, 100 Margaret Street, New Castle, PA 16101, to finish out a term to expire September 30, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Linda Schell, 255 Elm Street, Oil City, PA 16301, to finish out a term to expire September 30, 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for June 2013

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for June, 2013.

Ms. Liermann described a letter appearing in the Valley News regarding the Clean and Green program and requested clarification. Mr. Renosky described the change in assessment to the owners of property that qualified for the Clean and Green program. Mr. Fink addressed the inaccuracies that were listed in the letter and discussed how Act 319 was used for correcting the tax rate.

Ms. Liermann also expressed concern over money being spent on Rails to Trails. The Board of Commissioners offered to review the article she was referencing.

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 2:05 pm. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 1, 2013 at 1:30 pm.