

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**August 7, 2014**



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 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, George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk/County Administrator, Dan Lucovich – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Rich Palilla – Director, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Michael Stivason – Intern, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Carly Cowan – Financial Advisor/Marcellus Shale Coordinator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Roy Carney – Director, Public Works, Julie Anderson – Tax Payer, Janet Talerico- Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Julie Nortrup- Sheriff's Office, Daniel Dodd-Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Linda Cornman- Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Ken Heilman – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Ronald Baustert – 911 Coordinator

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 July 17, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

**BID AWARD**

Vehicle Bid

Mr. Carney requested that the Board of Commissioners award the Vehicle Bids to, Charles Bracken, 281 Elbow Run, Ford City PA, as follows: 1999 Crown Victoria \$325.00, 2003 Crown Victoria \$530.00, 2004 Ford Explorer \$750.00, 2004 GMC Envoy \$715.00, Salt Spreader \$425.00.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the Board of Commissioners awarded all bids to the highest bidder, Charles Bracken, 281 Elbow Run, Ford City, PA .

**AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

Solicitor Contract James A. Favero, Esquire

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the solicitor contract between Armstrong County and James A. Favero, Esquire.

Southwestern PA Emergency Response Group (SWPERG)

Mr. Baustert stated that Venango County is working with Armstrong County on the West Core Project and they have decided to be a part of Region 13 and a new agreement needs to be signed by all counties.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the amended agreement between Armstrong County and Southwestern PA Emergency Response Group (SWPERG)

Legal Services Preston Younkins

Ms. Talerico stated that the Legal Service Agreement with Preston Younkins is a one year contract extension and there is no increase from last year.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Preston Younkins.

Protective Services James A. Favero, Esquire

Ms. Talerico stated that the Protective Services agreement is on an as needed basis and it is a requirement under the Department of Aging.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Protective Services agreement between Armstrong County and James A. Favero, Esquire.

Conflict of Interest James A. Favero, Esquire

Ms. Talerico stated that the Conflict of Interest agreement is also on an as needed basis and is for fiscal year 2014 - 2015 with the same rates.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Conflict of Interest agreement between Armstrong County and James A. Favero, Esquire.

Senior Service America, Inc.

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a renewal contract for fiscal year 2014-2015 with Senior Service America and this contract helps fund the older workers program and the rates are the same as last year.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Senior Service America, Inc.

Outreach Services

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year extension contract and this is a door to door service with Community Action Agency and rate is the same as last year.

Mr. Fink stated that this is where our human service agencies coordinate and work together so that it eliminates duplication and waste. Mr. Fink stated that this is a very valuable service and he thanks all our human services agencies for what they do in this area.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Outreach Services.

Temple University

Ms. Talerico stated that this is for a grant that will provide technology and speedy reporting to the state for the Elderton Senior Center. The funding grant is for \$10,000.00; it has been reviewed by the County Solicitor.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Temple University.

Dr. Doefler

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year fiscal agreement at the same rate as last year and is required by the state.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Dr. Doefler.

Dr. Rein

Ms. Talerico stated that this agreement is for psychological evaluation on an as needed basis and Dr. Rein has been a provider for a number of years.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Dr. Rein.

Nursing Home Placement

Ms. Talerico stated that this agreement is under our protective services in a case of elder abuse and used when an investigation is being done and the individual cannot remain in the home. This provides temporary housing for the individual in the Health Center.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Nursing Home Placement.

Geidel's Personal Care Home

Ms. Talerico stated that this agreement is for individuals, in cases of abuse, who would need nursing home assistance this is in an as needed basis.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Geidel's Personal Care Home.

Melody Manor

Ms. Talerico stated that this is the same kind of agreement as Geidel's Personal Care home but in the central region and only used on an as needed basis.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Melody Manor.

Change Order #1 Process Contracting Co. Inc.

Ms. Johnson stated that this is an as built change order #1 for the First Avenue Water Line Replacement Project in West Kittanning with Process Contracting Co., Inc. of North Huntingdon, PA, increasing the contract by \$8,400.50, subject to the Solicitor's review and approval.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia, abstained by Mr. Bower, the Change Order #1 between Armstrong County and Process Contracting Co. Inc. was approved pending solicitor review.

PHARE – PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement

Mr. Heilman stated that \$66,500.00 has been allotted to the County for emergency housing. Community Action Agency has been working with other care provided services. They are planning to rent nine houses. They are applying for an additional \$125,000 and are targeted to rent houses beginning October 2014. The funding comes from Marcellus Shale Industries and will provide emergency housing to homeless Armstrong County residents.

Mr. Fink stated that he is in complete support of Community Action Agency in applying for these funds..

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the PA Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation Enhancement proposal between Armstrong County and PA Housing Finance Agency.

Shaffer Painting

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged the agreement between Armstrong County and Shaffer Painting.

Change Order #1 St. Charles Bridge

Mr. Palilla stated that significant work needs to be done on the St. Charles Bridge to make it safe. The amount of the change order is \$38,390.00, which half will be paid by Clarion County.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners acknowledged Change Order #1 St. Charles Bridge.

**OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for July 2014

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for July 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 9:20 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, August 21, 2014 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