

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

September 4, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 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, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Jeanne Englert-Director, Tax Revenue, Brad Pederson – Leader Times, Ron Baustert – 911 Coordinator, Tammie Gaff – Deputy Controller, Christopher Jaros – Planning Coordinator, Dan Cooper –911 Dispatcher, Roy Carney - Director, Public Works, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Area Agency on Aging, Dan Lucovich- Director, Human Resources, William Rupert – Sheriff, Bernie Bowser- West Kittanning Fire Department, Charlie Goldinger – West Kittanning Fire Department, Earl Kline – Kittanning Hose Company #4, Heather McClafferty – Resident, Catherine Dunmire – 2014 Secretary County Project, Marc Mantini – Ford City, Sandy Hutchison – Ford City, Christopher Shultz –Citizens Ambulance

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the minutes for the August 21, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING

Public Safety Radio Equipment

Ms. Gaff opened the single bid received from Tempest, Telecom Solutions, Santa Barbara CA, for \$3500.00.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners tabled the bid for review.

Mr. Baustert updated the group on the measures taken to repair the emergency power failure system at 911.

2014 County Bridge Maintenance Project

Mr. Jaros stated the four county bridges have had some past flooding issues that required removing debris and replacing “rip-rap”. Also a portion of the ground around the Forringer Bridge guardrail has washed away and needs replaced.

Ms. Gaff opened the bids received; they were as follows:

- Francis J. Palo Clarion PA Bid Bond \$48,028
- RL Johnson Construction Kittanning PA Bid Bond \$45,960
- Rhino Construction Lower Burrell PA Bid Bond \$47,844

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners tabled the bids for review and tabulation.

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation #2014-21 First Responders

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Baustert explained that they have received variety of calls from the public over the years and they wanted to make sure that the public gets recognized for all the accurate information that they give the 911 operators. This really helps us to do our jobs on a daily basis. Mr. Cooper also stated that he is very thankful that the dispatchers have good education and work well together, they get updates and practice scenarios, to keep changing with the times.

Mr. Bower read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation #2014-21 First Responders.

RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2014-18 Armstrong County Health Center Vehicle Recycling

Mr. Carney stated that the normal procedure to dispose of County Vehicles is a bid process, but if the vehicle is not safe for the road the county begins a recycling process by resolution. This will ensure that this vehicle have to use an R-Title.

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the resolution.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution # 2014-18 the recycling of the Armstrong County Health Center vehicle.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit (7/1/14 to 6/30/15)

Ms. Talerico stated that the fare has remained the same as last years' agreement, and the county solicitor has reviewed the agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and Mid-County Transit Authority, d/b/a Town and Country Transit (7/1/14 to 6/30/15).

Alma Health LLC d/b/a MedStaffers (7/1/14 to 6/30/15)

Ms. Talerico stated these are one year contract extensions. The county solicitor has reviewed the contract.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Home Health Service, Home Support Service, Personal Assistance Service and Personal Care Service agreements between Armstrong County and Alma Health LLC d/b/a MedStaffers (7/1/14 to 6/30/15).

Concordia Visiting Nurses (7/1/14 to 6/30/15)

Ms. Talerico stated that these are one year contract extensions at the same rate as last year, and the county solicitor has reviewed the agreements.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Home Health Service, Home Support Service, Personal Assistance Service and Personal Care Service agreements between Armstrong County and Concordia Visiting Nurses (7/1/14 to 6/30/15).

HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers (7/1/14 to 6/30/15)

Ms. Talerico stated these are one year contract extensions. The county solicitor has reviewed the contract.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Home Support Service, Personal Assistant Service and Personal Care Service agreements between Armstrong County and HomeMakers, Inc. d/b/a Armstrong County HomeMakers (7/1/14 to 6/30/15).

Visiting Nurses Association, Western Pennsylvania

Ms. Talerico stated that this is a one year contract extension, at the same rate as last year, and the county solicitor has reviewed the agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Home Health Service agreement between Armstrong County and Visiting Nurses Association, Western Pennsylvania (7/1/14 to 6/30/15).

Ford City Center Leases (7/1/14 to 6/30/17)

Ms. Talerico stated these are 3 year leases with an Opt-Out Clause, and the county solicitor has reviewed the leases.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Leases between Armstrong County and Donald P. McCarthy and PRR Holdings, Inc. (7/1/14 to 6/30/17).

Worthington Center Lease (7/1/14 to 6/30/15)

Ms. Talerico stated this is a 1 year extension and it is at the same rate as last year. The county solicitor has reviewed the lease.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the Lease between Armstrong County and Worthington-West Franklin Joint Parks and Recreation Authority (7/1/14 to 6/30/17).

W. Construction Change Order #2

Ms. Johnson stated that this change order #2 is for the Shady Plain Road Water Line Extension Project Phase I/II with W. Construction of 204 Laura Curt, Jeannette, PA, decreasing the contract by \$3,080.20, subject to the solicitor's review and approval.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #2 between Armstrong County and W. Construction.

R. A. Monzo Construction Change Order #4 Contract #11-3

Ms. Johnson stated that this change order #4 is for contract 11-3 for the WHAWPCA Sanitary Sewerage System Project with R.A. Monzo Construction Co. Inc. of Latrobe, PA, decreasing the contract amount by \$386,186.62 from \$3,212,233.95 to \$2,826,047.33, to adjust for actual installed quantities, subject to solicitor's review and approval.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #4 between Armstrong County and R. A. Monzo Construction.

Mortimer's Excavating, Inc. Change Order #3 Contract 11-1

Ms. Johnson stated that this change order #3 is for contract 11-1 for the WHAWPCA Sanitary Sewerage System Project with Mortimer's Excavating, Inc. of Pulaski, PA, decreasing the contract amount by \$42,050.91, from \$965,353 to \$923,302.09, to adjust for actual installed quantities, subject to solicitor's review and approval.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #3, Contract 11-1 between Armstrong County and Mortimer's Excavating, Inc.

Mortimer's Excavating, Inc. Change Order #1 Contract 11-2

Ms. Johnson stated that this change order #1 is for contract 11-2 for the WHAWPCA Sanitary Sewerage System Project with Mortimer's Excavating, Inc. of Pulaski, PA, decreasing the contract amount by \$186,204.27, from \$1,193,743.90 to \$1,007,539.63, to adjust for actual installed quantities, subject to solicitor's review and approval.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the Board approved Change Order #1, Contract 11-2 between Armstrong County and Mortimer's Excavating, Inc.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong County Airport Authority

Mr. Bower stated that the Airport Authority will expire after 50 years in October of this year, 2014. To continue having an Airport Authority we must appoint new members because the previous board has since all passed away. After appointing the new members they will be required to pass a resolution and then the Board of Commissioners must pass the same resolution at another public meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Anthony Ferrante, 210 Ferrante Place, Vandergrift, PA 15690 to the Armstrong County Airport Authority, for a term to expire September 30, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Robert Yobp, 873 Bear Rd, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Airport Authority, for a term to expire September 30, 2015.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Mark Kozlosky, 702 S. Harrison Street, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Airport Authority, for a term to expire September 30, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. John Lindsey, Iron Bridge Road, Freeport, PA 16229 to the Armstrong County Airport Authority, for a term to expire September 30, 2016.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Walter Sell, Jr., 1068 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Airport Authority, for a term to expire September 30, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Mr. Brian Morris, 530 E. Brady Road, Kittanning, PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Airport Authority, for a term to expire September 30, 2017.

Mr. Battaglia stated that he wanted Mr. Bower to be recognized for all his hard work at getting the Airport Authority back together.

Tri-County Workforce Investment Board Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Kenneth Heilman, Executive Director, Armstrong County Community Action Agency, 705 Butler Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, for a term to expire September 30, 2017.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the re-appointment of Ms. Gail Steck, District Administrator, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation New Castle District Office, 100 Margaret Street, New Castle, PA 16101, to the Tri-County Workforce Investment Board, for a term to expire September 30, 2017.

Assessment Appeal Board

A motion was made by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink, with Mr. Battaglia abstaining, to acknowledge the appointment of Ms. Larena E. Mazurek, PO Box 69, Worthington, PA 16262, to the Armstrong County Assessment Appeals Board, for a term to expire December 31, 2015.

Mr. Battaglia asked Ms. Englert why the appointment was done at a work session? Ms. Englert stated that there is a deadline that appeals have to be heard by October 31, 2014. Assessment has to have an appeal board in place so that they can set dates for the appeals. Ms. Mazurek is replacing Bill Serena who has resigned.

Mr. Battaglia explained that he abstained due to the fact that he was at a Job Summit and could not attend the work session. It did not appear on the work session agenda and he feels it should have appeared on the agenda, and that he would have voted no, not to the person but on the fact he believes as he stated prior to the meeting, not knowing of any time restraints, nothing against the individual but he believes in professional cultural diversity. It was talked about at the CCAP agricultural meeting and he would have liked to have seen an agricultural lender on this board. I do believe we need professional agricultural diversity to give credibility to the process.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Acknowledge Financial Transactions for August 2014

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board acknowledged the financial transactions for August 2014.

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 9:30 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 9:00 am.

ATTEST:

ARMSTRONG COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

George J. Skamai
County Administrator/Chief Clerk

Richard L. Fink, Secretary