

**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
December 3, 2009**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick and Richard L. Fink, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Chad Puz – Family Life TV, Nate Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Amanda Hiles – First Deputy, Armstrong County Controller's Office, Dennis Demangone - Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family Services, Roy Carney – Director, Armstrong County Public Works, Gary Montebell – Director, Armstrong County Belmont Complex, Mike Coonley – Executive Director, Armstrong County Economic Development, Walter Smail – Project Manager, Armstrong County Economic Development, Sally Conklin – Planning and Recycling Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning and Development.

Mr. Scahill was absent due to his attendance at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board Meeting.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the November 17, 2009 Public Meeting were approved.

BID OPENING / AWARDS

Mr. Carney stated that there were four items advertised for bids: a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, a 1994 Ford Explorer, an ONAN Gas Generator and an antique pigeon hole filing system. The following bids were received:

	1999 Ford Crown Vic	1994 Ford Explorer	ONAN Gas Generator	Antique Pigeon Hole Filing System
Name of Bidder				
Charles Bracken	\$500	\$350	\$300	
Brad Younkins			\$130	\$42
James Thomas				\$211
Kevin Bruner			\$450	
Jane McGaffery		\$700		
Sully Motors	\$329	\$268	\$27	
James Sokol	\$358	\$858	\$478	
Amy Sokol		\$1,023		

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Carney, the County Commissioners approved to award the following bids: Charles Bracken the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria for \$500.00, Amy Sokol the 1994 Ford Explorer for \$1,023.00, James Sokol the ONAN Gas Generator for \$478.00 and James Thomas the antique pigeon hole filing system for \$211.00. Ms. Hiles stated that due to the lack of being properly identified as a bid, one bid was erroneously opened prior to the meeting and therefore rejected. The bidder was notified immediately, and offered the opportunity to rebid. As a point of interest, Mr. Carney stated that the date on the antique pigeon hole filing system was 1886.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Northpointe Technology Center II Project

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the absence of Mr. Scahill, and the desire to review with the county solicitor, the County Commissioners tabled the cooperation agreement for the Northpointe Technology Center II Project between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority (ACIDA).

Armstrong Amateur Hockey League Concession Lease

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Montebell and the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the concession lease between Armstrong County and the Armstrong Amateur Hockey League. Mr. Montebell described this as a new lease that will end April 30, 2010. He stated that this year they will be tracking the attendance of the events and the operational hours of the concession stand. The lease states that the Armstrong Amateur Hockey League will pay the County a rental fee is \$180.00 per week.

Armstrong County Children Youth and Family Services Professional Service Providers Contracts for FY 2009 to 2010

Mr. Demangone described the contracts as covering a variety of different services ranging from sign language and interpretation for the hearing impaired, specialized mental health evaluations and treatments, income and family support services, day services for youth and students and legal services. He stated that these contracts are repetitive of previous years and offer a continuation of services.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Demangone, the County Commissioners approved the Professional Service Providers Contracts for FY 2009 to 2010 between Armstrong County and the following nineteen providers:

- a. Adagio Health
- b. Adelphoi Village Inc.
- c. Behavior Management Consultants
- d. Brenda Manno, LW LSW
- e. Carol Patterson M. Ed.

- f. Center for Hearing & Deaf Services
- g. Clover Psychological Association
- h. Family Psychological Associates, Ltd.
- i. Family Services of NW PA
- j. Glen Mills Schools
- k. Holy Family Social Services
- l. James Favero, Esq.
- m. Family A.C.T.S.
- n. Parental Stress Center
- o. Parents Anonymous
- p. Paula LaStrapes, Esq.
- q. Project Point of Light
- r. Specialty Outreach Services, Inc.
- s. Wesley Spectrum

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Committee Appointments

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the appointment of Mr. Mike Fabik, Instigator Racing, 120 McVile Road, Freeport, PA 16229, to the Off Highway Vehicle Committee (OHV). Ms. Conklin stated that Mr. Fabik will be replacing Mr. Barnhart on the steering committee. She explained that Mr. Barnhart is unable to serve due to employment obligations.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Financial Transactions

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners acknowledged the approval of financial transactions for November 2009.

Mr. Fink expressed his gratitude to Ms. Conklin and the volunteers who comprise the Off Highway Vehicle Committee. He stated that he appreciates their efforts and is confident of a successful completion to the project.

Ms. Kirkpatrick discussed the November issue of Borough Magazine which featured an article detailing the efforts of the Freeport, Leechburg, Apollo Group (F.L.A.G.) and the successes that they have obtained due to their combined strength. Ms Kirkpatrick stated that on December 4, 2009 she will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) where a residential apartment building will be named after local resident Gealy Wallwork. Ms. Kirkpatrick recognized him as a great volunteer and presence in the community, also noting that he is a trustee and board member of IUP. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed words of congratulations for Mr. Wallwork's honor.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 1:51 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 1:30 PM; the 2010 Budget is scheduled for adoption at that time.