

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
December 17, 2009

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, December 17, 2009, at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners' Conference Room with the following in attendance: Commissioners Patricia L. Kirkpatrick, Richard L. Fink and James V. Scahill, George J. Skamai – Chief Clerk, Renatta Signorini – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Chad Puz – Family Life TV, Dave Croyle – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Mike Coonley – Executive Director, Armstrong County Economic Development, Sally Conklin – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning and Development, Darin Alviano – Planning Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Janet Talerico – Executive Director, Armstrong County Area Agency on Aging, Jim Kuemmerle – Administrator, Armstrong – Indiana Mental Health / Mental Retardation, Maryann Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Mike Renosky – Chief Assessor, Armstrong County Assessment, Mark Campbell – Deputy Warden of Administration, Public Attendance by: William Tatters – Disabilities Investigative Group (DIG), Lilly Houston, Valerie Critchlow - AccessAbilities

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick, and carried, the minutes for the December 3, 2009 Public Meeting were approved. Mr. Scahill abstained due to his previous absence while attending a National Association of Counties (NACo) Board Meeting.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Tentative Agreement Teamsters Local 538

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously the County Commissioners ratified the tentative agreement between Armstrong County and the Teamsters Local 538. Ms. Koleny stated that this was a three year agreement that includes annual salary increases and an increase in employee healthcare contributions from seven percent to ten percent. Also included is a stipulation for mandatory drug testing post all accidents. It was noted that all other details remain the same.

Northpointe Technology Center II Project Cooperation Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Coonley, the County Commissioners acknowledged the Northpointe Technology Center II Project Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Coonley stated that the agreement is a requirement of the state for the redevelopment capital assistance, a two million dollar grant, to assure that the proper payments of funds are guaranteed by the taxing body.

Steri-Safe Medical Waste Service Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously the County Commissioners tabled the Medical Waste Service Agreement between Armstrong County and Steri-Safe. Upon Mr. Campbell's arrival the issue was reopened. On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Campbell the County Commissioners approved the Medical Waste Service Agreement between Armstrong County and Steri-Safe. Mr. Campbell stated that it is a state requirement to provide a sterile removal of medical waste.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Agreement with The Arc of Indiana County

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously the County Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2009 – 2010 Agreement with the Arc of Indiana County for Armstrong – Indiana Mental Health / Mental Retardation. Mr. Kuemmerle explained that the extended impasse of the State Budget delayed the approval of this agreement.

Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Mental Retardation County Plan for Armstrong – Indiana Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously the County Commissioners approved the Fiscal Year 2010 – 2011 Mental Retardation County Plan for Armstrong – Indiana Mental Health / Mental Retardation Program. Mr. Kuemmerle stated that this is an annual exercise required by the Department of Public Welfare that displays the goals of the Mental Health / Mental Retardation Programs.

Electronic Access Contract with Penn DOT

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Alviano, the County Commissioners approved the Electronic Access Contract between Armstrong County and Penn DOT. Mr. Alviano explained that this contract will enable the county to manage the liquid fuel funds and submit reports electronically.

Lower Pine Run Project Design Consultant Selection of P. Joseph Lehman Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Alviano, the County Commissioners approved the Lower Pine Run Project Design Consultant Selection of P. Joseph Lehman Inc. Mr. Alviano stated that the designs and studies by the consultants and the construction will be completed by 2014. He confirmed that the current available funds totaled approximately \$200,000.00 and an additional \$120,000.00 will be added in 2012.

Census 2010 Partnership Agreement and Funding Application

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously the County Commissioners approved the Census 2010 Partnership Agreement and Funding Agreement. Ms. Conklin explained that the Census 2010 has made funding available to pay for the printing and associated costs of preparing flyers and posters to be distributed. The application submitted by the County requests funding of \$300.00.

IAS Renewal Contract with Tyler Technology

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of Mr. Renosky, the County Commissioners approved the IAS Renewal Contract between Armstrong County and Tyler Technology. Mr. Renosky stated the agreement costs \$34,230 annually. Mr. Scahill explained that this is a patented system.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong Conservation Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Mr. DeJay Claypoole, 169 Lyn-Haven Lane, Worthington, PA 16262, to the Armstrong Conservation District as Farmer Director, and Mr. Jerry Longwell, 11697 SR 85, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong Conservation District as Public Director, both are four year terms that will begin January 1, 2010 and expire December 31, 2013.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried, with Ms. Kirkpatrick abstaining, the County Commissioners approved the re-appointment of Ms. Patricia Kirkpatrick, 450 East Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong Conservation District as Public Director, for a one year term that will begin, January 1, 2010 and expire December 31, 2010.

Housing Authority of Armstrong County

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Housing Authority of Armstrong County Board re-appointment of Mrs. June Renfro, 301 South McKean Street, Apt #6D, Kittanning, PA 16201, for a five year term to expire February 1, 2015.

Non Profit Housing Board

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Non Profit Housing Board re-appointment of Mr. Daniel Dodd, 104 Meadow Lane, Kittanning, PA 16201, for a five year term to expire January 1, 2014.

Planning Commission

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Mr. David Klingensmith, 111 Apple Drive, Spring Church, PA 15686, and Mr. Peter Kimmel, 353 East Brady Road, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Planning Commission; both appointments are four year terms that will expire December 31, 2013.

Industrial Development Authority

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Ms. Kirkpatrick and carried, with Mr. Scahill abstaining, the County Commissioners approved the Industrial Development Authority board appointment of Mr.

James Scahill, 450 E Market Street, Suite 200, Kittanning, PA 16201, for a five year term that will expire December 31, 2014.

Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board

Ms. Talerico expressed her appreciation of the individuals who serve on the Advisory Board. She was pleased to announce that they will have a full board with no vacancies.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member Re-appointment of Ms. Elsie Hiding, 930 Fifth Avenue, Rear, Ford City, PA 16226, to the position of Consumer Representative for a three year term that will expire December 31, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Member appointments of Mr. Ralph DeBacco, 1002 Main Hill Street, Karns City, PA 16041, to the position of Consumer Representative, Ms. Victoria Benton, District Manager, Social Security Administration, 159 Butler Road, Suite 1, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the position of Organization Agency Representative and Mr. William McCall, Mayor, 517 South Avenue, Parker, PA 16049, to the position of Locally Elected Official, all are for three year terms that will expire December 31, 2012.

2010 ARMSTRONG COUNTY BUDGET

Adoption of the 2010 Armstrong County Budget

Mr. Pepler summarized the packets that attendees at the meeting were given. He highlighted the fact that the County's budget was balanced without an increase in taxes to the County's property owners. Mr. Pepler credited the savings to several factors including that the County-owned Health Center is operating at a profit this year and will not need an allocation from the County's General Fund, and that savings were created by restructuring the employees' healthcare program.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners adopted the 2010 Armstrong County Budget. The Board reaffirmed their fiscal responsibility to the residents of the County. They extended their gratitude to Mr. Pepler, the elected officials, department heads and all county employees for their cooperation and cost saving efforts.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Houston requested to meet with Mr. Fink outside of the Public Meeting. Mr. Fink was agreeable to meeting with her following the Public Meeting.

Mr. Scahill described his recent trip to California where he served as a representative to the National Association County Officials National Board of Directors. He reviewed the NACo Prescription Drug Card Program that provides discounts to approximately 200 county residents every month. He stated that the discounts will soon include dental programs. He proceeded to express his thoughts of concern for the Secretary of Transportation Mr. Allen Biehler who fell during an ice storm at the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Fall Conference. Mr. Scahill described the project of the reconstruction of County Bridges and the federally funded

money that will be used. He stated that more bridges could be reconstructed if the criteria of reconstruction were set at more realistic levels that more accurately reflect transportation needs.

Mr. Fink discussed the Christmas program that is operated by Community Action, which offers the opportunity to "Adopt a Family" for Christmas to benefit area children. He stated that no child should awake Christmas morning to the absence of presents. Mr. Fink requested the press to assist in bringing awareness that there are still approximately 45 families in the area in need of assistance. Mr. Scahill recognized that several local coal companies, area businesses and unions have joined in the efforts to assist in covering the shortfall.

Ms. Kirkpatrick expressed gratitude to the county employees for their donations to local programs from the dress down fund. She extended her wishes to everyone for a blessed Christmas that is peaceful and free from worry.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:19 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 1:30 PM.