

# COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING

December 18, 2014



THE ARMSTRONG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Brad Pederson – Leader Times, Dan Lucovich, Director- Human Resources, Rich Palilla, Director – Planning & Development, Myra Miller – Controller, Jo Ellen Bowman- HAVIN, Janet Talerico, Director – Area Agency on Aging, Stephen Haasch- Republican Committee, Carly Cowan – Marcellus Shale Coordinator/ Financial Advisor, Josie Schultz – EQT, Ron Baustert -911 Coordinator, Sandie Egley – Lennon Smith Souleret Engineering Inc., Kevin Andrews – Director of Tourism, Randy Brozenick – Director of Public Safety, Regina Liermann, Taxpayer

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 December 4, 2014 Public Meeting were approved.

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Proclamation #2014-28 Dignity & Respect**

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 #2014-28 Dignity & Respect Month.

Ms. Leirmann and Mr. Haasch objected to this proclamation.

Commissioner Battaglia spoke on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, stating their beliefs, that by adopting this proclamation, in regards to adversity, acceptance and inclusion, we look at this as others having no recourse against our expressing Christian faith at this table.

### **Proclamation #2014-29 Stalking Awareness Month**

Mr. Battaglia read aloud the proclamation.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners adopted Proclamation #2014-29 Stalking Awareness Month.

## **RESOLUTION**

### **Resolution #2014-30 Armstrong County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Brozenick, adopted Resolution # 2014-30 Armstrong County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

### **Resolution #2014-31 Marcellus Legacy Fund Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Project**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Palilla and pending County Solicitor's review, adopted Resolution # 2014-31 Marcellus Legacy Fund Downtown Kittanning Revitalization Project.

## **AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS**

### **Amendment Agreement Motorola Solutions, Inc.**

Mr. Baustert stated that the amendment is to extend the original contract by 2 years and increase the price from \$2,658,799.00 to \$2,994,562.85, and will be paid out of the wire line and general fund money.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert and pending County Solicitor's review, approved the Amended Agreement between Armstrong County and Motorola Solutions, Inc.

### **Service Agreement Motorola Solutions, Inc.**

Mr. Baustert stated that this service agreement is to add two more counties and the pricing is from 1-1-15 through 12-31-24 at the cost of \$2,230,360.79 which will be split between the six counties.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners, based on the recommendation of Mr. Baustert and pending County Solicitor's review, approved the Service Agreement between Armstrong County and Motorola Solutions, Inc.

### **Change Order #3 M and B Services, LLC**

Mr. Palilla explained that this is for drainage work on the Kittanning Business District Market Street Revitalization Project. This is an increase of \$3500.00 and Mr. Palilla is asking for approval, pending county solicitor's review.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending county solicitor review, the Board of Commissioners approved Change Order #3 between Armstrong County and M and B Services, LLC.

### **Change Order #4 M and B Services, LLC**

Mr. Palilla explained that this change order is to the construction contract for the Kittanning Business District Market Street Revitalization Project, increasing the contract time frame by 120 days, due to the delay in manufacturing and shipping of the project light poles and traffic signal poles. Mr. Palilla is asking for approval, pending county solicitor's review.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, pending county solicitor review, the Board of Commissioners approved Change Order #4 between Armstrong County and M and B Services, LLC.

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

### **Nonprofit Housing**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Battaglia and carried unanimously, the reappointment of Mr. Michael T. Aimino, 179 South Miller Rd., Dayton PA 16222, to the Nonprofit Housing Board for a five-year term to expire December 31, 2019 was approved. Mr. Bower abstained.

### **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Larry Baudino, 351 Madison Avenue, Leechburg PA 15656 as a Consumer Representative, to the Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Mary Huth, 118 Washington Street, Freeport PA 16229 as a Consumer Representative, to the Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. James Gradwell, 396 Pyrra Road, Ford City PA 16226 as a Consumer Representative, to the Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Charita L. Cox, 1280 North Water Street, Kittanning PA 16201 as an Organization/Agency Representative, to the Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Rev. Wade R. Berkey, 301 N. Jefferson Street, Kittanning PA 16201 as an Organization/Agency Representative, to the Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for the remainder of a three-year term to expire December 31, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board approved the appointment of Ms. Amy Dukes, 1100 Liberty Ave, Ste. E-201, Pittsburgh PA 15222 as an Organization/Agency Representative, to the Agency on Aging Advisory Board, for the remainder of a three-year term to expire December 31, 2016

#### **Tourist Bureau Board**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Jack Bennett, 115 Crane Drive, Kittanning PA 16201 to the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau Board for a term to expire December 31, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Ms. Connie Jerich, 301 Logan Ave., Leechburg PA 15656 to the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau Board for a term to expire December 31, 2017

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board approved the reappointment of Mr. Neill Andritz, 3158 River Road, Leechburg PA 15656 to the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau Board for a term to expire December 31, 2017

#### **ADOPTION OF THE 2015 ARMSTRONG COUNTY BUDGET**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the 2015 Armstrong County Budget.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Liermann had concerns regarding loaning money to FLAG. Mr. Palilla explained that we are the grant recipient on the grant funds for FLAG. The County will loan the money to FLAG and then be repaid by FLAG as they raise the funds.

Mr. Fink stated how proud he was of the communities that formed the FLAG organization. He stated he would support any municipality wishing to join together to leverage resources.

Mr. Bower wanted to make note and thank Mr. Patrick Collar of Burnt Ridge, for the donation of a historic Courthouse picture regarding Armstrong County back in 1867.

#### **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 10:03 am. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, January 12, 2015 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