

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
February 22, 2010

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Monday, February 22, 2010, 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, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Chad Puz– Family Life TV, Nathan Lasher – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller –Armstrong County Controller, Maryanne Koleny – Director, Armstrong County Human Resources, Denny Demangone – Administrator, Armstrong County Children, Youth and Family, Mike Coonley, Director, Armstrong County Economic Development, Justin Nolder – Assistant Business Manager, Armstrong County Economic Development, Marianne Hileman, Register & Recorder, Armstrong County, James Venturini, Director, Armstrong County IT Department, Darin Alviano, Project Coordinator, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson, Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Don Pepler – Manager, Armstrong County Finance, Jessica Schaub, Farmland Preservation Coordinator, Public Attendance by: Richard Lipski

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the February 4, 2010 Public Meeting were approved.

CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS

Southwestern Pennsylvania Business Retention and Expansion Program

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the letter agreement between Armstrong County and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Business Retention and Expansion Program. Mr. Nolder explained that this program helps maintain and create jobs in the county. The Commissioners designate and receive the money for distribution to area businesses. The Board of Commissioners noted that in the past three years cuts in state funding have decreased the money available to approximately one third of the previous amount.

LANDEX / IMR Limited

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the agreement between Armstrong County and IMR Limited. Ms. Hileman stated that the change in document management providers will change the current plan of \$5,000 monthly, indefinitely, to an ownership plan that involves two yearly payments of \$57,000. Mr. Venturini estimated a yearly savings of approximately \$90,000. The Board of Commissioners noted that the records improvement fund will pay for a portion of the program, and that IMR Limited is a Costars approved company.

Armstrong County Detectives

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 Ms. Koleny, the County Commissioners approved an agreement between Armstrong County and the Armstrong County Detectives pending approval by the Salary Board. Ms. Koleny stated that this is a three year agreement and also noted that the Detectives requested that the county's policy on random drug and alcohol testing be added to their contract.

Joint Bridge Maintenance with Clarion County

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners adopted ordinance 2010-1, authorizing Joint Bridge Maintenance between Armstrong County and Clarion County. Mr. Alviano described the joint bridges that the county shares with Clarion County. This Ordinance will permit the Commissioners to sign the cooperation agreement for maintenance on the bridge.

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved the Joint Bridge Maintenance between Armstrong County and Clarion County. The commissioners stated that the costs will be split equally for bridge maintenance. Mr. Scahill described the necessary repairs to the conduit for lighting on the Parker Bridge that is currently underway.

Ordinance 2010-2 Bridge Lighting Cooperation Agreement with Clarion County

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2010-2 Bridge Lighting Cooperation Agreement between Armstrong County and Clarion County.

City of Parker for the 2009 CDBG and 2009 CDBG-R Programs

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Cooperation Agreement between Armstrong County and the City of Parker for the 2009 CDBG and CDBG-R Programs. Ms. Johnson explained that the county has acted on behalf of Parker to administer its Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and its FFY 2009 CDBG-R Program. The approval of this cooperation agreement allows the administration of funds to continue.

Memorandum of Agreement under IDIS / Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program with Community Action

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the approval of Community Action, the County Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Agreement under Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) pertaining to the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program between Armstrong County and Armstrong County Community Action Agency. Ms. Johnson stated that Community Action will work with the County through the Planning and Development Department to administer and process the disbursement of money.

Grant Agreement for the Apollo Borough Brownfield Site with HUD

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the solicitor's review, the County Commissioners approved the Grant Agreement for the Apollo Borough Brownfield Site between Armstrong County and Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Johnson described the new access road that will be constructed in Apollo Borough Brownfield Site utilizing funding from the 2009 Economic Development Initiative (EDI) grant and unallocated 2006 EDI funds and by additional state / federal funding to be determined.

Change Order #5 Applewold Borough Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Phase II with S & E Utility Contracting Inc.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, pending the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners approved Change Order #5 of the Applewold Borough Sanitary Sewer Improvements Project Phase II between Armstrong County and S & E Utility Contracting, Inc. Ms. Johnson stated that this final change order will increase the project by \$27,664,34 to a total amount of \$245,308.04.

Ford City Borough Administration Agreement

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and approval of Ford City Borough, the County Commissioners approved the Administration Agreement between Armstrong County and Ford City Borough. Ms. Johnson explained that Ford City Borough has asked the County to disperse the Pennsylvania Conservation Corp Grant of \$15,000 on their behalf.

Professional Service Provider Contracts for 2009 – 2010 for Children Youth and Family

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Professional Service Provider Contracts for 2009 – 2010 for Children, Youth and Family between Armstrong County and Allyson Pottmeyer Children's Roundtable Coordinator. Mr. Demangone stated that the need for a coordinator was requested by the Courts; he has contracted Ms. Pottmeyer to fulfill that request.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Professional Service Provider Contracts for 2009 – 2010 for Children, Youth and Family between Armstrong County and The Thomas Organization. Mr. Demangone described the Thomas Organization as a support provider to children who are still in their family homes.

Child Placement Provider Contracts for 2009- 2010 for Children Youth and Family

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Demangone, the County Commissioners approved the Child Placement Provider Contracts for 2009 – 2010 for Children, Youth and Family for the following thirty three providers:

- a. Abraxas
- b. Adelphoi
- c. Alternative Energy Youth Farm

- d. Alternative Living Solutions
- e. Cambria County Detention Center
- f. Cambria County Shelter
- g. Centre County Youth Service Bureau
- h. Crossroads
- i. Family A.C.T.S., Inc.
- j. Gateway Rehabilitation
- k. George Jr. Republic
- l. Glade Run Lutheran Services
- m. Glen Mills Schools
- n. Harborcreek
- o. Hermitage House
- p. Keystone Adolescent Center
- q. Laura Walker Project
- r. Mars Home for Youth
- s. Northwestern Human Services
- t. PA Mentor
- u. Pathways
- v. Perseus House
- w. Pressley Ridge
- x. Professional Family Care
- y. Pyramid Healthcare
- z. Roselia
- aa. Sarah Reed
- bb. Summit Academy
- cc. The Thomas Organization
- dd. VisionQuest
- ee. Westmoreland Co. Regional Detention Center
- ff. Yes Academy
- gg. Youth Service Agency

Mr. Demangone has stated that these providers will be utilized as needed and that not all of the providers will be utilized. The contracts will end June 30, 2010 and are all per diem.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2010-2 Kiskiminetas Township FFY 2009 CDBG for Jackson Drainage Sanitary Sewer Project

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-2 modification to Armstrong County on behalf of Kiskiminetas Township's FFY 2009 Community Development Block Grant for the Jackson Drainage Sanitary Sewer Project. Ms. Johnson explained that the Jackson Drainage Area Sanitary Sewer Project was completed under budget. The modification would permit the extension of the project an additional 1,550 feet to service nine to twelve additional households for a Phase II project.

Resolution 2010-3 Capital Expenditure Reimbursement

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved Resolution 2010-3 Capital Expenditure Reimbursement. Mr. Pepler stated that the resolution will permit the county to reimburse itself once the tax exempt bonds have matured. The money will fund the broadband expansion and the state mandated radio conversions.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Children Youth and Family Board Re-appointments

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Children, Youth and Family Advisory Committee Re-appointments of:

- a. Ms. Rosemary Johnson, 2249 Manor Drive, Ford City, PA 16226, to a two year term to expire December 31, 2011
- b. Ms. Marilyn Smail 260 Forks Church Road, Leechburg, PA 15656, to a two year term to expire December 31, 2011
- c. Ms. Jean Swartz, 789 Mahoning Road, Templeton, PA 16259, to a two year term to expire December 31, 2011
- d. Ms. Mary Ann Wuyscik, 728 Fourth Street, Apollo, PA 15613, to a two year term to expire December 31, 2011

Mr. Demangone stated that these re-appointments will be a part of a nine member board. He extended the invitation to anyone interested in serving and especially noted need for members in the Elderton Area. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the work and efforts that the board puts forth.

Armstrong County Agricultural Preservation Board Re-appointments

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the County Commissioners approved the Armstrong County Agricultural Preservation Board Re-appointments of:

- a. Mr. Spurgeon Shilling, 151 Farm Path Road, New Bethlehem, PA 16242, to a three year term to expire March 1, 2013
- b. Mr. William Kronen, 188 Iron Bridge Road, Freeport, PA 16229, to a three year term to expire March 1, 2013
- c. Mr. Ed Dilick, 1241 Ridge Road, Apollo, PA 15613, to a three year term to expire March 1, 2013

Ms. Schaub stated that the board has been successful in their efforts and will soon have another farm added to the preservation list.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Kirkpatrick discussed the diversity that the Board of Commissioners works with. She credited the Department Heads and staff for their work and how it assists the Commissioners. She then described a business that was to open in Ford City, but did not experience a successful completion. Mr. Coonley described the work that the County did to assist the business, and the

amount of effort and hours that were spent. The Board is hopeful that the county may be of assistance in helping to provide an alternate location within Armstrong County.

Mr. Scahill discussed the recent snowfall that has accumulated in the County. He praised the efforts of all departments and agencies for their part in keeping things operating and providing facilities and services for those in need.

Mr. Fink discussed the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission and state funding, detailing where we currently stand as a country, state and county. He described regional issues including the recent closings of two businesses and the availability of the "Community Trade Assistance" (C.T.A.) Program. Mr. Fink requested that the press assist in informing the community of the opportunities that dislocated workers would receive under the C.T.A. Program.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that Armstrong County has received a \$117,260.00 state grant to aid recycling effort. The money will be used to improve equipment, purchase a new baler, more recycling trailers and event bins. She expressed the need to reinstate the two dollar usage charge to assist in the Recycling Center's operating costs.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 2:20 PM. The next Public Meeting will be held Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 1:30 PM.