

COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING
January 19, 2012

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, January 19, 2012, at 1:30 pm 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, Mitch Fryer – Leader Times, Josh Walzak – Leader Vindicator, Jonathan Weaver – Kittanning Paper, Myra Miller - Armstrong County Controller, Rich Palilla - Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, David Mansour – Administrator, Armstrong County Health Center, Janet McKinley – Finance Director, Armstrong County Health Center, Beth Costanzo – Director of Nursing, Armstrong County Health Center, Ron Baustert – Coordinator, Armstrong County 911, Mike Renosky – Director, Armstrong County Assessment, Miranda Shoemaker – Director, Armstrong County Tourist Bureau, Daniel Dodd – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Linda Cornman – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Ken Heilman – Armstrong County Community Action Agency, Dave Rupert – Armstrong Conservation District, Michael Nortrup – ICP Pharmacy, Sandy Hockenberry – Mission Pharmacy, Denise Minton – Mission Pharmacy, Vince Politi – Mission Pharmacy, Mike Rogalski – Diamond Pharmacy, Paul Daisley – Diamond Pharmacy, Matt Valasek – Diamond Pharmacy.

Mr. Battaglia announced that this meeting is being recorded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the minutes for the January 5, 2012 Public Meeting were acknowledged.

BID REVIEW

Pharmacy Bids for Armstrong County Health Center

Mr. Mansour described the process of advertising and holding a pre-submission meeting with interested pharmacies. He verified that the county solicitor has approved that the correct process of bidding and advertising has been followed.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners entered into executive session at 1:50 pm and returned at 1:58 pm.

Mr. Mansour recommended that pricing was one of five points of criteria; the other points include electronic medication, experience, Medicare B billing, and services offered. Each Commissioner stated that they would like more time to review before committing to such an important decision. Mr. Mansour cautioned that the current pharmacy service, Mission Pharmacy, has been given a 60 day termination notice and that the end date is January 31, 2012. He stated that without a pharmacy contract the health center would be in violation and lose their license. Mission Pharmacy has agreed to a thirty day extension, to provide time for the Commissioners to review.

Other discussion from the pharmacies in attendance included:

Mr. Nortrup suggested that bids and upcoming contract renewals be posted on the county website.

Ms. Hockenberry stated that Mission Pharmacy is an Armstrong County business; that they pay taxes and has employees who reside in the county, who also pay taxes and make purchases to support other businesses. She also referenced some of the services that she felt may not have been noted in Mission's proposal.

Mr. Rogalski noted that Diamond Pharmacy also has employees from within Armstrong County and that they are prepared to step in and provide pharmacy services on January 31, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Commissioners tabled the Armstrong County Health Center Pharmacy Bid Award for review and tabulation until the February 2, 2012 Public Meeting.

AGREEMENTS / CONTRACTS

Sprinkler System Upgrade at the Armstrong County Health Center with the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

Mr. Mansour explained that this is a grant from County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) and is for capital improvements at Armstrong County Health Center, specifically for a Sprinkler System Upgrade to meet the Department of Health Life Safety Standards.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved the CCAP grant for the Sprinkler System Upgrade at the Armstrong County Health Center.

Nurses' Aide Program Agreement with Lenape Area Vocational – Technical School

Mr. Mansour requested the approval, citing that the contract is a renewal.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Nurses' Aide Program Agreement between Armstrong County and Lenape Area Vocational – Technical School.

Change Order #1 Applewold Pump Station Pump Replacement Project with Ferri Contracting Company Inc.

Ms. Johnson explained that the county had allocated \$50,000 of its 2009 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the Applewold Pump Station Pump Replacement Project. She stated that the project is completed and a final adjustment change order noted a net decrease of \$2,069.00. They are requesting a decrease in the contract price from \$74,062 to \$71,993.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor and the recommendation of the West Hills Area Water Pollution Control Authority, the Commissioners approved Change Order #1 to the Applewold Pump Station Pump Replacement Project between Armstrong County and Ferri Contracting Company.

Budget Revision for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP)

Mr. Heilman stated that Community Action Agency has been operating the Re-Housing Program for two years; he requested that the excess funds be transferred to the Financial Assistance area to help their clients in other ways.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the budget revision for the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP).

Memorandum of Understanding Under 340B Drug Pricing Program with ACMH Hospital

Mr. Fink stated that the county is providing sponsorship to the hospital for the 340B Drug Pricing Program. He explained that the hospital will be eligible for discounted costs and other grant programs, but needed the county to provide written support of the program. He clarified that the county has no obligation, financial or otherwise.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Memorandum of Understanding Under 340B Drug Pricing Program with ACMH Hospital.

Proposal for Quality Assurance Testing – EOC with Construction Engineering Consultants, INC.

Mr. Baustert explained that throughout the construction phases of the new EOC building the state requires special inspections. He stated that they have selected Construction Engineering Consultants, INC. to perform the inspections.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the Proposal for Quality Assurance Testing – EOC with Construction Engineering Consultants, INC.

ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2012-1 Authorizing Joint Bridge Inspection Agreement with Butler County

Mr. Palilla described the agreement that was previously signed to share the expense for inspecting Bear Creek Bridge, a bridge that is jointly owned between Armstrong County and Butler County. He stated that under the Pennsylvania Government Cooperation Act an ordinance is required to authorize this type of agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2012-1 Authorizing the agreement for Joint Bridge Inspection with Butler County.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Armstrong Conservation District

Mr. Rupert described the composition of the Armstrong Conservation District, including the one year term that is served by a County Commissioner.

On a motion by Mr. Bower, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointment of Commissioner David K. Battaglia, 450 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong Conservation District as a County Commissioner Director for a one year term from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

Board of Assessment Appeals

Mr. Renosky confirmed that the three members are all real estate professionals and that each has served since 2004.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Ms. Lisa Bowers, 107 Arch Street, Kittanning, PA 16201, Mr. Parks Denardo, Jr., 128 Main Street, Ford City, PA 16226, Mr. William J. Serena, 219 North Warren Avenue, Apollo, PA 15613, to the Board of Assessment Appeals each for four year terms to expire December 31, 2015.

Tourist Bureau Board of Directors

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the re-appointments of Mr. Neill Andritz of The River's Edge Canoe and Kayak, 3158 River Road, Leechburg, PA 15656 and Mr. Jack Bennett of Jack's Tracks, 115 Crane Drive, Kittanning, PA 16201, to the Armstrong County Tourist Bureau Board of Directors, each to a three year term to expire December 31, 2014.

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously, the Board of Commissioners approved the appointments of Mr. Chuck Rupp of Nautical Mile Marina and Campground, P.O. Box 334, Templeton, PA 16259 to serve the remainder of a vacancy to expire December 31, 2012; and Mr. Jason Renshaw of Renshaw Family Farms, 318 Ford City Road, Freeport, PA 16229, to serve the remainder of a vacancy to expire December 31, 2013.

OTHER BUSINESS / PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Battaglia opened the meeting to comments.

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Bower and carried unanimously; the Commissioners adjourned the Public Meeting at 2:25 pm. The next regular Public Meeting will be held Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 1:30 pm.