

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETING**  
**June 18, 2009**

The Armstrong County Board of Commissioners' Public Meeting was called to order on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. 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, Myra Miller – Armstrong County Controller, Don Pepler- Armstrong County Financial and Special Projects Manager, Carmen Johnson – Assistant Director, Armstrong County Planning & Development, Chad Paz – Family Life TV, Tiffany Chaffee - Kittanning Paper.

Ms. Kirkpatrick announced that this meeting is being recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill, and carried unanimously, the minutes for the June 4, 2009 Public Meeting were approved. .

**CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

**R.E.D. Mantini Lease Agreement**

On a motion by Mr. Scahill, seconded by Mr. Fink and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Mr. Pepler, and the review of the county solicitor, the County Commissioners acknowledged the lease agreement between the County of Armstrong and R.E.D. Mantini. Mr. Pepler described the remodeling that increased the safety and expanded the space in District Justice DeComo's Courts. The lease was signed for ten years, which is described as a standard practice, and will expire in 2020.

**Change Order #3-R**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, based on the recommendation of Ms. Johnson, and subject to the review of the county solicitor, the Commissioners approved the change order #3-R Armstrong County on behalf of North Buffalo Township FFY 2006 Competitive CDBG Program and the County of Armstrong's FY 2003 CDBG Program, Skinall Area Sanitary Sewer Line. Ms. Johnson detailed Change Order – 3 Revised as decreasing the contract by \$10,750.94 which reflects the adjustment for final quantities. This change order brings the total contract to \$588,352.55.

**OTHER BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Scahill described the upcoming PA Hero's Walk that will begin on Saturday in Philadelphia, following the walk across the state by General John Forbes. Mr. Fink thanked Mr. Scahill for representing the Board of Commissioners on the walk. Mr. Scahill responded that he views his participation as an honor.

Mr. Fink requests that everyone remain hopeful that both parties involved in the state budget will work together and find a solution that benefits everyone. He voiced concern over the options of raising taxes or cutting programs, including some that are mandated.

Ms. Kirkpatrick extended her best wishes for everyone involved in the "PA Hero Walk", wishing them a blessed and safe journey. Ms. Kirkpatrick then referenced an article in the Valley News, regarding the state budget, which included a graph entitled "What Does It Mean to You?". The average taxpayer saw an increase of \$736, with significant increases in public welfare, education and corrections. She encouraged everyone to become educated as to where their money is being spent.

Mr. Fink stated that much of the money spent on public welfare is returned to programming, legislations and mandates.

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Mr. Fink, seconded by Mr. Scahill and carried unanimously, the Commissioners moved to adjourn the Public Meeting at 1:40 PM until Thursday July 2, 2009 at 1:30 PM.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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James V. Scahill, Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
George J. Skamai, Chief Clerk